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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

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 12/01	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jikoen Bodhi Day & Shotsuki Memorial Service Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama• Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Time: after service, Location: Temple Hondo
Sun 12/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HBC Joint Bodhi Day Service at Hawaii Betsuin (NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN) Guest Speaker: Dr. Manulani Aluli Meyer, UH West Oahu
Sun 12/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sangha Family Service Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama• JBWA Monthly Membership Meeting Time: after service, Location: Temple Hondo
Sun 12/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lay Speaker Sunday Speaker: Pete Doktor
Sun 12/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN
Tue 12/31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Year's Eve Joya-E Service (see page 9 for more details) Time: 6:00 p.m., Location: Temple Hondo, Speaker: Rev. Nishiyama



HAPPY NEW YEAR! 新年明けましてお目出度うございます!



Sun 1/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sangha Family Service Speaker: Guest Minister (TBA)• Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Time: after service, Location: Temple Hondo
Sun 1/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ho-onko (Shinran Shonin's Memorial Service) & Shotsuki Memorial Service Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama
Sun 1/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lay Speaker Sunday Service (speaker TBA)• JBWA Monthly Meeting Time: after service, Location: Temple Hondo

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Sun
1/26

- **Sangha Family Service**
- **General Membership Meeting, Installation of Officers**
Time: after service, Location: Temple Hondo
- **Shinnen Enkai — New Year Party** (see page 3 for more details)
Time: 10:30 a.m., Location: Jikoen Hongwanji Hall

JIKOEN ANNUAL SCHEDULE FOR 2020

January

- 1 • New Year's Day (Observed)
- 5 • Sangha Family Service – Guest Minister
- BOD Meeting
- 12 • Shinran Shonin's Ho-onko Memorial & Shotsuki Service – Rev Nishiyama
- 19 • Lay Speaker Sunday Service – Speaker TBA
- JBWA Meeting
- 26 • General Membership Meeting, Installation of Officers, and New Year's Party

February

- 2 • Shotsuki Memorial Service – Rev. Nishiyama
- BOD meeting
- 7-8 • 108th HHMH Legislative Assembly 2020 at Hawaii Betsuin
- 8 • 108th HHMH Leg. Assembly Aloha Luncheon & Living Treasures Recognition
- 9 • JBWA Dana Day Service – Guest Speaker TBA
- 15 • 1st Semi-Annual Drive-Thru BBQ Chicken Sale
- 16 • Sangha Family Service – Rev. Nishiyama
- JBWA Meeting
- 23 • Sangha Family Service – Guest Minister TBA

March

- 1 • Spring Ohigan, Hongwanji Day, and Shotsuki Memorial Service – Rev. Nishiyama
- BOD Meeting
- 8 • Sangha Family Service – Guest Minister TBA
- 15 • Lay Speaker Sunday Service – Speaker TBA
- JBWA Meeting
- 22 • Sangha Family Service – Rev. Nishiyama
- 29 • Sangha Family Service – Rev. Nishiyama
- 29-30 • Jikoen Bazaar – Prep Hall & Courtyard

April

- 1-3 • Jikoen Bazaar – Prep Hall & Courtyard
- 4 • Jikoen Annual Bazaar
- 5 • HBC Hanamatsuri (*No Service at Jikoen*)
- BOD Meeting
- 12 • Jikoen Hanamatsuri & Shotsuki Memorial Service – Guest Minister TBA
- 19 • Sangha Family Service – Rev. Nishiyama
- JBWA Meeting
- 26 • Intergenerational Sunday – Hosted by Jikoen Dharma School

May

- 3 • Shotsuki Memorial Service – Rev. Nishiyama
- BOD Meeting
- 10 • Mother's Day & Eshinni-Kakushinni Service hosted by JBWA – Speaker TBA
- 17 • Sangha Family Service – Guest Minister TBA
- JBWA Meeting
- 24 • Shinran Shonin's Birthday Gotan-E
- 27-28 • World Jodo Shinshu Coord. Council Meeting (Hawaii)
- 31 • Sangha Family Service – Rev. Nishiyama

June

- 2-4 • 62nd State Ministers' Assn. Seminar (Oahu)
- 7 • Shotsuki Memorial Service – Rev. Nishiyama
- BOD Meeting
- 14 • Baccalaureate Service & Dharma School Recognition Ceremony
- 21 • Jikoen Father's Day Service – Rev. Nishiyama
- Irei no Hi Battle of Okinawa Memorial Service – Speaker TBA
- JBWA Meeting

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- 28 • Sangha Family Service – Lay Speaker TBA

July

- 4 • Jikoen Hatsubon Memorial Service – Rev. Nishiyama
- 5 • Jikoen Bon Memorial Service – Rev. Nishiyama
• BOD Meeting
- 12-16 • Bon Dance Set-up (*No Service at Jikoen*)
- 17-18 • Jikoen Annual Bon Dance
- 19 • Bon Dance Cleanup (*No Service at Jikoen*)
- 26 • Sangha Family Service – Lay Speaker TBA

August

- 2 • *No Service at Jikoen*
• BOD Meeting
- 9 • *No Service at Jikoen*
- 16 • Annual Temple Cleanup (*No Service at Jikoen*)
- 23 • *No Service at Jikoen*
- 30 • Fall Ohigan & Shotsuki Memorial Service – Rev. Nishiyama
• BOD Meeting

September

- 6 • NO SERVICE – Okinawan Festival
- 7 • Labor Day HOLIDAY
- 11-13 • 57th State Lay Assn. Convention – Honolulu
- 12 • (*tentative*) 2nd Semi-Annual Drive-Thru BBQ Chicken Sale (pending approval from Kapalama School)
- 13 • Shotsuki Memorial Service – Rev. Nishiyama
• BOD Meeting
- 19 • (*tentative*) 2nd Semi-Annual Drive-Thru BBQ Chicken Sale (pending approval from Kapalama School)
- 20 • Autumn Ohigan & UN Int'l Day of Peace Service
• JBWA Meeting
- 22 • Lay Speaker Sunday Service – Speaker TBA
• JBWA Meeting
- 26-27 • Choral fest (Hawaii Betsuin)
- 27 • Sangha Family Service – Rev. Nishiyama

October

- 4 • Shotsuki Memorial Service – Rev. Nishiyama
• BOD Meeting
- 9-11 • Minister's Lay Ass't Retreat (BSC)

- 11 • Intergenerational Activity Service – Jikoen Dharma School
- 18 • Sangha Family Service – Guest Minister TBA
• JBWA Meeting
- 25 • Sangha Family Service – Rev. Nishiyama

November

- 1 • Shotsuki Memorial Service – Rev. Nishiyama
• BOD Meeting
- 8 • Veterans Day Service – Lay Speaker TBA
- 15 • Jikoen Eitaikyo Sangha Memorial Service with Keirokai Recognition – Rev. Nishiyama
• Thanksgiving Brunch & Fall Specialties Fair
- 22 • Thanksgiviing Service – Guest Speaker
- 26 • Thanksgiving Day HOLIDAY (CLOSED)
- 27 • Thanksgiving Family Day (Office & Preschool CLOSED)
- 29 • No Service for the Thanksgiving Weekend

December

- 6 • HBC Joint Bodhi Day (*No Service at Jikoen*)
- 8 • Bodhi Day
- 13 • Jikoen Bodhi Day & Shotsuki Memorial Service – Rev. Nishiyama
• BOD Meeting
- 20 • Sangha Family Service – Guest Minister TBA
- 25 • Christmas Day Holiday (JIKOEN CLOSED)
- 27 • Year-End Temple Clean Up (*No Service at Jikoen*)
- 31 • New Year's Eve Service – Rev. Nishiyama

***All dates may be subject to change without notice.*

Jikoen Shinnen Enkai New Year's Party

Date **Sunday, January 26, 2020**

Time **9:00 a.m. Service & General
Membership Meeting**

10:30 a.m. Party (after meeting)

Program.... There will be the
usual great food,
entertainment and
lucky number prizes.

**RSVP by January 17. Please call
the office at 845-3422 or email
jikoen.info@gmail.com**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Doris Oshiro

As we near the end of another year, I want to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who keeps Jikoen thriving. I can't believe how fast the years have gone by.

From 2015-2019, the Hongwanji Statewide slogan was to "Embrace Change."

In 2020, we start our new theme and slogans and the necessary changes to keep Jikoen thriving for our members and community! We will focus on "Building Healthy Sanghas," those who are nurtured by the Buddha-Dharma and receive the teachings with deep appreciation and gratitude.

The next five-year theme is "Building Healthy Sanghas" with these 5 slogans:

2020: "Embracing Generosity and Openness"

2021: "Nurturing Empathy and Respect"

2022: "Connecting with Others"

2023: "Sharing Joy Together"

2024: "Sharing Nembutsu Moments"

These slogans, together with the Buddha's teachings, help build healthy Sanghas to move forward together and to look to the future.

Let us continue to support our temple and the community. There are many who deserve our deepest appreciation because they keep Jikoen going. The Board members put in countless hours setting policies, solving problems, and getting things done. Most importantly, I need to thank Rev. and Mrs. Nishiyama for their dedication and continued support to Jikoen and Lumbini Preschool.

Let us also remember the sacrifices and service of those who came before us and to those who continue to practice the Buddhist teachings to ensure the survival of our temples and Sanghas.

I would like to thank all of you for your support and kindness shown me throughout my 6 years as president. I am truly grateful for your patience and understanding. There is no way to express my gratitude for your loyalty and dedication. I humbly ask for your continued support.

Please join us on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 for our Joya-E Service (New Year's Eve Service) and on Sunday, January 26, 2020 for our New Year's General Membership meeting, Installation of Officers and New

Year's Luncheon.

Happy Holidays to all of you! Namo Amida Butsu. In Gassho.

TEMPLE NEWS

November 17 Eitaikyo Service and Keirokai Recognition

Eitaikyo Service

The observance of Eitaikyo allows us to remember and thank those who came before us to share the Nembutsu teachings.

We chant in the memory of all those who have passed and when we acknowledge our Dharma connection to them, it empowers us to journey together with the Buddha, the Dharma and Our Sangha, as we are all truly interconnected.

The word Eitaikyo is a contraction of the formal term, Ei-tai dok(u)-kyo. "Ei" means eternal. It comes from the Chinese Characters for a river with many tributaries that flows on and on. "Tai" means generations. "Doku" means to read or chant. "Kyo" means sutras of the words of the Buddha.

Thus, the meaning of Eitaikyo is to eternally chant the sutras on behalf of not only our loved ones that have passed, but also for generations to come.

Keirokai Recognition

This year, our Keirokai Recognition was held in the social hall to accommodate our super seniors!

We honored our elders and thanked them for their selfless sacrifice, service and long dedication to Jikoen Hongwanji.

"Kei" means to honor or respect and "ro" means elderly, thus Keiro means to "honor the elderly."

We also honored and paid tribute to the elder members who were unable to join us that day. Among the 27 in attendance was centenarian 103 year old **Toshio Arakaki** and 97 year old **Eleanor Nakamoto**. Mr. Arakaki is the artist who donated the paintings of the Kannon Bodhisattva hanging on the walls of the hall.

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Honored were members, **Florence Nagai, Natsue Oshiro and Nancy Tome** who observed their 88th Birthday. Also recognized for their dedication to Jikoen were keirokai members who were 80 years or older.

Although unable to join us, we also honored centenarians, **Kiichi Oshiro and Hiroko Shimabukuro** who observed their 100th birthday this year!

To our Keirokai honorees, much mahalo for all you have done for Jikoen and for your long history of hard work, sacrifice, and hardship endured to keep Jikoen for future generations.

Special Jikoen Hongwanji gift bags donated by the Jikoen Buddhist Women Association, were presented to our super seniors by Dharma School students and congratulated by Rev. Shindo Nishiyama and Doris Oshiro, Kyodan President. Thank you to Mrs. Nishiyama for making the beautiful leis for our honorees.

Thank you, again to our food service volunteers headed by the JBWA, Dharma School volunteers, Sandy Toma (Chair) for the Specialties Fair and those who donated food, monetary donations, silent auction items, hand crafted items and those who supported this special service by purchasing items.

President Doris Oshiro thanked Rev. and Mrs. Nishiyama for the delicious breakfast/brunch of miso soup, scrambled eggs, sausage and taco rice with condiments.

Rev. Nishiyama's special brunch and Dharma message, our Fall Specialties Fair, "Special" (Wine/Sake) Picks and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

From setup to cleanup, a big mahalo to everyone! All proceeds were donated to Jikoen's Ukajidebiru Capital Campaign Improvement Fund.

Fall Specialties Fair by Sandy Toma (Chairperson)

Thank you very much to the following donors and volunteers who made this year's Fall Specialties Fair such a success.

Donors:

Rev. Shindo & Mrs. Suzie Nishiyama, Terry Jean Arakaki, Joyce Fujimoto, Lillian Higa, Myrtle Hirayama, Alice and Masuo Kino, Earl and Esther Kita, Judy Muramoto, Jon Nishihara, Kenneth and

Drive-Thru BBQ Chicken Fundraiser

Saturday, February 15, 2020

Pick-up Time: 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Cost: \$12.00 (whole chicken)

Other food items on sale: sushi, takuan, and andagi

- **Drive-Thru Service!**
- **Please pre-pay your chicken and sushi order to guarantee availability.**
- **Come early as items do sell out quickly.**

Order Deadline: February 3, 2020

- **Volunteers needed to facilitate Drive-thru Service, parking, packing, selling, and clean-up!**
- **Tickets and order forms will be mailed to you soon.**



Please feel free to call the office at 845-3422 or email jikoen.info@gmail.com

Myrna Nishihara, June Nakamasu, Doris Oshiro, Karen Sakuda, Karen Tamanaha, John Toguchi, Wayne and Sandy Toma, Janet Wakakuwa, Grant Ito and Jo Ann Yosemite and several anonymous donors.

Volunteers helping with the set up, cashiering, manning the Specialties section, Silent Auction and the "Surprise" (Wine/Sake) Picks and for cleaning up:

Pete and Monique Doktor, Cordelia Fukuhara, Sydnie Ito (even from afar!), Ann, Marcie and Kaycie Moribe, Zina Nagamine, Dorene Niibu, Jaryd Oshiro, Jean Oshiro, Ai and Bradon Ogata, Mirei, Reina, and Manami Ogata, Jazmin Horio, Amy Saito, Sarah Tashima, Jimmy Toma, Pieper

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and Lois Toyama, Chase Urasaki, Kylie Urasaki, Katsuo and Jean Yamashiro, as well as many of the donors who not only brought donations but helped throughout the Fair.

Thank you also to those who helped but whose names were inadvertently missed. We are truly grateful for this wonderful "village" Jikoen Hongwanji!

Jikoen Supports Okinawa's Shuri Castle Restoration

As many of you know, Hawaii United Okinawa Association (HUOA) is raising funds to benefit Okinawa's Shuri Castle Restoration efforts after a fire on October 31 destroyed this famous 600 year-old World Heritage site. We are asking for your help with this fundraising drive.



Donations can be mailed to: Jikoen Hongwanji, 1731 N. School Street, Honolulu, HI 96819

Please make your check payable to JIKOEN HONGWANJI with a memo for "Shuri Castle Fund." We will then forward one check to the HUOA.

Online Donations: For those who wish to donate online, please visit the HUOA GoFundMe campaign at <https://www.gofundme.com/ffshuri-castle-fire-restoration> (Note: GoFundMe.com takes 2.9% of your donation plus \$.30 per donation in transaction fee).

Your kokua is greatly appreciated. We encourage you to support this fundraising drive. If you already made a donation, we thank you very much.

Yutasarugutu Unigeesabira. Yoroshiku onegai itashimasu.

SCAM WARNING: Jikoen or HUOA will **NOT** call you or make a door-to-door solicitation. We will **NEVER** ask for

your personal information, bank account or social security information. If you receive a suspicious donation request on behalf of HUOA or Jikoen, please notify us immediately.

Memorial Service Schedules for Year of 2020 (January-June)

1st Year Memorial Service Died in 2019

Mr. Archie Atsushi Fujitani (94)February 11, 2019
Mrs. Michiko Shimazaki Doctor (84)..... March 2, 2019
Mr. Seichi Kubota (101)..... March 8, 2019
Mrs. Clara Mieko Nakasone (98)April 1, 2019
Mr. Masao Kinjo (90)April 14, 2019
Mr. Rodney Goda (75).....April 22, 2019
Mr. Derek Ichiro Shiroma (57).....April 27, 2019
Mrs. Jeanette Misae Oshiro (73).....April 30, 2019
Mr. Sherman Akira Futenma (81)May 9, 2019
Mrs. Sandra Sueno Enokawa (72)May 19, 2019
Mr. Grant Kosei Onaga (96)June 1, 2019
Mrs. Jane Kimie Matsumoto (100).....June 12, 2019
Miss. Jacqueline Noborikawa (21)June 15, 2019
Mr. Howard Tadashi Asato (68)June 20, 2019
Mrs. Flora Shizuko Moriyama (94)June 22, 2019

3rd Year Memorial Service Died in 2018

Mrs. Barbara Mitsue Yamada (90)January 12, 2018
Mrs. Janet Setsuko Sasaki (88).....January 18, 2018
Mrs. Mitsuko Aka (97).....January 22, 2018
Mrs. Naoye Kaneshi (90)January 30, 2018
Mrs. Sally Hatsuko Arakawa (93)January 31, 2018
Mrs. Tomiko Tomi Masaki (83).....February 2, 2018
Mrs. Yoshiko Tokeshi (93).....February 10, 2018
Mr. Richard Hideo Kaneshiro (87)....February 10, 2018
Mrs. Fumi Afuso Iha (97) March 4, 2018
Mr. Kenneth Masatoshi Kaneshiro (76) March 17, 2018
Mrs. Lorraine Yasuko Toma (101) March 21, 2018
Mrs. Nancy Haruko Zaha (96)..... March 30, 2018
Mr. Gerald Kazuo Yoza (73) April 10, 2018
Ms. Karen Hatsuyo Uyehara (54)..... April 12, 2018
Mrs. Mildred Kimie Kaneshiro (103) April 23, 2018
Mr. George Isao Hieda (90)..... April 30, 2018
Mrs. Alice Masako Tokuda (93) May 7, 2018
Mrs. Natsuko Kaneshiro (85) May 11, 2018
Mr. Takeo Tengan (93) May 26, 2018
Dr. Nadhipuram Bhagavan (86) June 17, 2018

7th Year Memorial Service Died in 2014

Mrs. Toshiko Noji (84)..... January 3, 2014

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Mr. Yoshinori Isa (94) January 7, 2014
Mr. Terry Masaji Toguchi (66)..... January 23, 2014
Mr. Gary Tadashi Shimabukuro (84) ... January 26, 2014
Mrs. Helen Hanako Yamaguchi (91) ... January 27, 2014
Mrs. Sonoko Sakai (76) February 2, 2014
Mr. Kenneth Tamotsu Sakamoto (68) ... February 6, 2014
Mrs. Ethel Tokiko Minei (94) February 13, 2014
Mrs. Miyoko Miyashiro (87) February 21, 2014
Mr. George Hideo Tanahara (75) February 28, 2014
Mrs. Haruko Yamashiro (93)..... March 3, 2014
Mr. Yoshiichi Uyehara (88) March 16, 2014
Mrs. Kiyoko Ishikawa (98) April 6, 2014
Mr. Edward Kiyoshi Tomasu (81)..... April 15, 2014
Mr. Lionel Masao Jakahi (71) April 14, 2014
Mrs. Harriet Utome Goya April 25, 2014
Mrs. Jane Kiyono Nakasone (89)..... May 7, 2014
Mrs. Myrtle Yukiko Oshiro (77)..... May 9, 2014
Miss. Dawn Yoshie Isa (55) May 19, 2014
Mr. Herbert Hironobu Onaga (89) May 24, 2014
Mr. Shunichi Lefty Kina (83) June 8, 2014
Ms. Florence Kiyoko Kamimura (90) June 17, 2014
Mrs. Tomiye Fukuhara (92)..... June 19, 2014
Mrs. Tsuruko Doris Taira (97)..... June 21, 2014
Mr. Richard Hiroshi Zukemura (92) June 28, 2014

13th Year Memorial Service Died in 2008

Mr. Lawrence Kaoru Shinsato (60) January 14, 2008
Mr. Bert Shigeo Uyehara (87) January 11, 2008
Mr. Earl Seisho Shima (93) January 22, 2008
Mrs. Elizabeth Betsy Sugihara (85) January 22, 2008
Mr. Alfred Kanji Tatsuguchi (87)..... January 24, 2008
Mr. Masamori Archibald Teruya (90) . January 30, 2008
Miss. Sallie Tsuruko Onaga (90)..... February 9, 2008
Mrs. Shizue Oyadomari (86) February 7, 2008
Mrs. Masako Kaneshiro (95) February 12, 2008
Mrs. Fumiko Miyashiro (95) February 12, 2008
Mr. Kokichi Tokuda (54) February 15, 2008
Mrs. Chiyoko Ige (91)..... February 25, 2008
Mrs. Mildred Matsue Uchima (91) ... February 28, 2008
Mrs. Fuki Tanno (102) March 6, 2008
Miss. Dawn Fumie Miyashiro (50) March 7, 2008
Mr. James Kiyoshi Isagawa (67)..... March 8, 2008
Mrs. Kameko Taba (93)..... March 10, 2008
Mrs. Kazuko Kaneshiro (89) March 12, 2008
Miss. Fujiko Cynthia Kobashigawa (49) March 16, 2008
Mr. Larry Eimei Shimabukuro (81)..... March 24, 2008
Ms. Emiko Yagi (83) March 27, 2008
Mr. Shigeo Tamanaha (84) March 30, 2008
Mr. Wilfred Ryoshin Kaneshiro (85) March 31, 2008
Mr. James Yoshio Kotani (78)..... April 9, 2008

Mrs. Yoriko Daikoku (85) April 16, 2008
Mrs. Chiyoko Tokuda (87) April 17, 2008
Mrs. Chiyoko Jean Tamayoshi (83) April 18, 2008
Miss. Tsuruko Shimabukuro (80) April 20, 2008
Mrs. Fusa Iha (92)..... April 24, 2008
Mrs. Shizuko Kohagura (92) April 30, 2008
Mr. Seichi Takahashi (82)..... May 1, 2008
Mr. Kensaburo Oshiro (94)..... May 26, 2008
Ms. Yoshiko Kotani (72) May 28, 2008
Mrs. Sueko Kunishige (97) May 30, 2008
Mr. Robert Katsumi Miyashiro (80) June 2, 2008
Mrs. Nancy Mistue Higa (83) June 10, 2008
Mrs. Kimie Shikina (92)..... June 10, 2008
Mr. Ernest Seijin Tamashiro (87)..... June 27, 2008

17th Year Memorial Service Died in 2004

Mr. Tokutaro Miyahira (101) January 2, 2004
Mr. Stanley Shojin Moriyama (90) January 8, 2004
Mr. Walter Hisao Shinkawa (76) January 19, 2004
Mrs. Helen Haruye Nakamura (79) January 27, 2004
Mrs. Louise Toshie Wakakuwa (63) January 29, 2004
Mr. Kageyoshi Richard Koja (84) February 23, 2004
Mr. Yasuo Nagamine (88) February 23, 2004
Mrs. Agnes Kimiko Isa (81) February 27, 2004
Mr. Seiji Sesoko (80) March 7, 2004
Mrs. Helen Hatsumi Fujimoto (91) March 24, 2004
Mrs. Fusae Shimabukuro (79) March 29, 2004
Ms. Sadako Matayoshi (84)..... April 19, 2004
Mrs. Yoshiko Ishimine (87) May 4, 2004
Mr. Shozen Higa (79)..... May 8, 2004
Ms. Yukiko Uyehara (81) May 11, 2004
Mr. Ryozen Alfred Nakama (90) May 11, 2004
Mr. Kendall Seiko Sakihara-Okajima (26) May 13, 2004
Mr. Eiji Watanabe (78)..... May 22, 2004
Mr. George Hiromi Takara (76) May 23, 2004
Mr. Senan Miyashiro (90) May 24, 2004
Mrs. Thelma Hideko Higa (79)..... June 13, 2004

25th Year Memorial Service Died in 1996

Mr. James Masayuki Kagami (65)..... January 19, 1996
Mrs. Kamado Agena (97) January 23, 1996
Mrs. Harue Shinsato (61)..... January 27, 1996
Mrs. Ethel Kiyoko Zahi (82) February 4, 1996
Mrs. Kamaru Okuhara (97) February 16, 1996
Mr. Kamesaburo Uyehara (91) March 7, 1996
Mrs. Yasuko Tengan (82)..... March 9, 1996
Mrs. Kimiko Minahira (80)..... March 25, 1996
Mrs. Ethel Umeko Shichida (87)..... March 27, 1996
Mr. Seizen Kaneshiro (74)..... April 3, 1996
Mrs. Yasuko Takamine (104)..... April 10, 1996

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Mr. Eisuke Asato (74)	April 22, 1996
Mrs. Mitsue Nakama (80)	May 1, 1996
Mr. Toshio Kinjo (78)	May 10, 1996
Mr. Thomas Choson Oshiro (57)	May 14, 1996
Mrs. Mary Kikue Ishihara (65)	May 14, 1996
Mrs. Tsuruyo Yara (82)	May 25, 1996
Mr. Harold Yahiku (81)	May 31, 1996
Mr. Tomoyoshi Tomisato (84)	June 24, 1996
Mr. Paul Kotoku Nagamine (82)	June 28, 1996
Mr. Choko Oshiro (92)	June 28, 1996



HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES

(November, 2019)

Bishop's Corner

Bishop Eric Matsumoto



As we enter the last months of the year, you might be thinking "Where did the year go?" Soon, a new year will be upon us. For the past 5 years, our theme has been "Embrace Change," but though we will be starting a new series beginning in 2020, it does not mean that we should stop being guided by our current theme of embrace change. However, the time has come for the start of a new set of Theme and Slogans. Thus, from 2020-2024, our new theme will be "Building Healthy Sanghas" with a series of slogans for each year. Our Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, next 5 Year Theme and Slogans are:

- 2020: Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity and Openness;
- 2021: Building Healthy Sanghas: Nurturing Empathy and Respect;

- 2022: Building Healthy Sanghas: Connecting with Others;
- 2023: Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together; and
- 2024: Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments.

We will be focusing on the Sangha. A Sangha that is nurtured by the Buddha-Dharma. As a Sangha, the thoughts, words and actions of every individual, ministers and lay, are very important and makes a difference.

In the book, "The Teaching of Buddha" by BDK, it shares about ministers that *"Those who wish to teach the Buddha's teachings...must be concerned about four things: first, they must be concerned about their own behavior; second, they must be concerned about their choice of words when they approach and teach people; third, they must be concerned about their motive for teaching and what they wish to accomplish; and fourth, they must be concerned about great compassion."*

For lay people, it shares *"Lay followers should not only believe in the Three Treasures...by themselves, but also...help others...to awaken...an unshakable faith in the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha, so that they, too, may share in Buddha's compassion."*

However, how do we share the Nembutsu Teaching? I recall Rev. Masao Haneda having said, we are "looking at becoming another example of the workings of true compassion." Let us, the Sangha, clergy and lay, jointly together share our awareness, understanding, joy and gratitude of the Buddha-Dharma by becoming that evidence that Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion is indeed true and real and working in this world.

Recently, my eyes rested on a message by Gomonsu in which he said, *"Shinran Shonin is the person who shows us how we can live our lives despite our egocentric tendencies. Although we might not be able to completely eradicate our blind passions, within the embracing light of Amida Buddha (underline is mine) we can live each moment of our lives with true meaning."*

Rather than simply live day in and day out as if we are just "going through the motions," in the teaching's illuminating light (underline is mine) we can find clarity and meaning in our lives. Not separating ourselves from society; it is important that we live within the priceless interconnections that we have with one another and support each other." Gomonsu has been emphasizing or focusing on how we live as

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Nembutsu Followers. Yes, I am imperfect and negative impulses and self-centered thoughts do not disappear until birth in the Pure Land, but there is also something happening as we live our life, day to day.

I have been emphasizing that the life of a Shin Buddhist is one of responding in gratitude to the Wisdom and Compassion of Namo Amida Butsu by reciting the Nembutsu and trying to live our life guided by the Dharma as it is one of the Ten Benefits we receive in the present life. However, our responding in gratitude is also the workings of Amida Buddha. To be sure, it is I who is responding in gratitude, but further I am also being nurtured by the Light of Amida Buddha. In fact, the source of anything positive or good comes about because of Amida Buddha's Light(s) which is illuminating us. In the Larger Sutra, it says that *"Sentient beings who encounter this light have the three defilements swept away, and they become soft and gentle in body and mind. They dance with joy, and the good mind arises (underline is mine) in them. When those suffering pain and travail in the three evil courses see this light, they all find respite and are freed of afflictions. After their lives have ended, they all gain emancipation."* The key words here are "find respite" and "freed from the afflictions" and the Chinese character for "see" which also has the meaning of to "meet" or "encounter." We are being nurtured and encouraged by Amida Buddha's 12 Lights.

Let us, as individuals, but also, collectively, as the Hongwanji Sangha respond in gratitude! The Sangha must come to life! What is most important is reciting the Nembutsu in awareness, joy and gratitude and trying to live guided by the Dharma. In order to do this, we must know what the Dharma or Teaching is saying. Thus, I humbly ask that you together with other family members and friends come to listen to the Buddha-Dharma which can enrich all of lives. Imperfect as we may be, it is our humble, respectful, warm and harmonious relationships and interactions with people that is one of the crucial elements in the sharing of Jodo Shinshu with others.

Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion.

Condolences

Mrs. Roseline Tsuyuko Yano, a member of Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission, passed away on September 15, 2019. She served as President of the Wahiawa Hongwanji Sunday School known today as Dharma School. She was

involved with Sr. YBA, Jr. YBA and 4-H Club and was a Bon Dance instructor. In 1992, she was elected Wahiawa Hongwanji Kyodan President. She was the first woman to be elected to this office and served for ten years. She was also President of the Wahiawa BWA and Oahu District BWA.

Annual Appreciation Gathering for the Retired Ministers and Their Spouses

The annual appreciation gathering for the Retired Ministers and their spouses was held on November 6, 2019. 13 retired ministers and spouses attended this year's gathering. The Opening Service was held Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. At the service, Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Mr. Pieper Toyama expressed their appreciation on behalf of the current active ministers and the members of HHMH.

Jikoen Joya-E New Year's Eve Service

December 31, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Please join us with family and friends to greet the New Year on Monday, December 31 at 6:00 p.m. for Jikoen's New Year's Eve Service and ringing of the bell.

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 the life we have at the present time!

Come and celebrate the end of 2019 and welcome the beginning of 2020 with us!

Refreshments of saimin, sparkling cider and sweets will be served following the service.

*Hope to see you!
Everyone welcome!*



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, December 1:

Kathy Yoko Arakaki ~ Dec. 15, 1998 (63)
 Yoshino Azama ~ Dec. 17, 2016 (94)
 Kikumi China ~ December 24, 2009 (83)
 Masayoshi Chinen ~ December 2, 2015 (88)
 Wallace Seiko Chinen ~ Dec. 17, 2002 (87)
 Kathleen Fukumoto ~ Dec. 25, 2017 (98)
 Shizuko Okita Furumoto ~ Dec. 3, 2006 (98)
 Iris Fusako Hayashida ~ Dec. 20, 2009 (55)
 Masanobu Higa ~ Dec. 10, 2006 (92)
 Teisho Higa ~ Dec. 30, 2011 (89)
 Uto Higa ~ Dec. 24, 2006 (99)
 Teisho Higa ~ Dec. 30, 2011 (89)
 Violet Chiyoko Iha ~ Dec. 31, 2008 (99)
 Kenneth Kenji "Ken" Horio ~ Dec. 11, 1999 (74)
 Bill Yoshikiyo Isa ~ Dec. 22, 2016 (66)
 Herbert Masaru Isa ~ Dec. 22, 2012 (82)
 Lance Isa ~ Dec. 28, 2015 (53)
 Kanye Izumigawa ~ Dec. 16, 1999 (95)
 Shizuko Jakahi ~ Dec. 12, 2012 (96)
 Charles Tetsuichi Jitchaku ~ Dec. 22, 2012 (91)
 Gail Setsuko Kaneshiro ~ Dec. 11, 2014 (84)
 Harold Bokuichi Kaneshiro ~ Dec. 29, 2006 (90)
 Jean Kimiko Kawakami ~ Dec. 14, 2011 (68)
 Rosaline Sumiko Kotani ~ Dec. 5, 2016 (88)

Ted Katsumi Matsuura ~ Dec. 26 (72)
 George Moribe ~ Dec. 31, 2007 (82)
 Jiro Muramoto ~ Dec. 14, 2006 (86)
 Hatsu Nagamine ~ Dec. 20, 2002 (85)
 Richard Shigeru Nakamura ~ Dec. 29, 2016 (79)
 Stanley Kiyoshi Nakasone ~ Dec. 12, 2016 (79)
 Tsuruko Nakasone ~ Dec. 26, 2011 (101)
 Kiyoshi Nanbu ~ Dec. 21, 2014 (91)
 Toyoyuki Oda ~ Dec. 31, 2008 (85)
 Toshio Onaga ~ Dec. 16, 2018 (99)
 James Kazumi Ono ~ Dec. 11, 2013 (71)
 Daniel Koyei Oshiro ~ Dec. 9, 2013 (89)
 Masaichi Oshiro ~ Dec. 29, 1992 (67)
 Lillian Eiko Sato ~ Dec. 16, 2014 (86)
 Haruko Oyama ~ Dec. 2, 2014 (96)
 Janet Setsuko Sasaki ~ Dec. 18, 2017 (88)
 Chiyo Shinsato ~ Dec. 18, 2015 (97)
 Hisako Shimabukuro ~ Dec. 5, 2008 (85)
 Phyllis Keiko Shimabukuro ~ Dec. 31, 2009 (62)
 Sumiko Shiroma ~ Dec. 12, 2014 (96)
 Frank Takemori Sueyoshi ~ Dec. 23, 2016 (97)
 Chiyoko Takara ~ Dec. 22, 1999 (89)
 David Kenzo Takushi ~ Dec. 26, 2016 (87)
 Iris Yoshiko Tamashiro ~ Dec. 4, 2009 (99)
 Hideko Toguchi ~ Dec. 26, 1999 (85)
 Albert Mitsuo Tomei ~ Dec. 13, 2015 (59)
 Masao Uchida ~ Dec. 19, 2013 (89)
 Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno ~ Dec. 13, 2014 (85)
 Brian Yasuhide Yoshimoto ~ Dec. 30, 2007 (92)

Namu Amida Butsu

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

Hawaii Buddhist Council Bodhi Day Service

Date: Sunday, December 8, 2019

Time: 9:30 am

Speaker: Dr. Manulani Aluli Meyer

Title: Ho'oulu: This Time of Transformation

Place: Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Temple (1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu HI 96813)

Free and Open to the Public



Dr. Manu Aluli Meyer is the fifth daughter of Emma Aluli and Harry Meyer. The ohana lived beside many cousins on the shores of Mokapu and Kailua. The Aluli-Meyer family is dedicated to justice, education, health, law, transformative economics, arts education, aloha aina, food security, philosophy, and Hawaiian music. She will be speaking on the

Dharma of sustainability, Hawaiian culture and the radical potential of the kapu aloha, called forth from within the aloha aina movement on Maunakea.

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Offertory

October 6, 2019.....	\$406
October 13, 2019.....	\$125
October 20, 2019.....	\$181
October 27, 2019.....	\$153
November 3, 2019	\$163
November 10, 2019	\$151
November 17, 2019	\$235



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HONPA HONGWANJI 108TH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

- *Dates: February 7 and 8, 2020*
- *Place: Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin*
- *Living Treasures Luncheon: February 8*
- *Honorees: more information to follow*
- *Delegates: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama,
Wayne Toma, and Eric
Yosemori*
- *Observers: Dorene Niibu, Doris Oshiro,
and James Toma*
- *Tickets and tables of 10 will be available
for purchase.*

*Please call the office at 845-3422 or
email jikoen.info@gmail.com if you would
like to attend the Living Treasures Luncheon.*

Office Hours

Jikoen's Office is staffed by volunteers and a part-time office assistant; therefore, regular office hours are not guaranteed.

The office will be closed December 24 thru 26, 2019 and December 31, 2019 thru January 2, 2020.

Please call the office at 845-3422 before planning to visit the temple or to make an appointment.

Leave your name and contact number and we'll be happy to get back to you.

Nokotsudo (Columbarium)

To visit the Nokotsudo, please call the office at 845-3422 at least two days in advance to make arrangements to open the Nokotsudo for you.

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