

# Monthly Newsletter

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## THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Due to the uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic, all in-person services, activities, and events are canceled until further notice. All dates and times may be subject to change without notice.

Sun 12/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN</b></li> <li>• <b>Hawaii Buddhist Council Virtual Bodhi Day Service via Zoom</b> Time: 9:30am, HBC YouTube Channel (<a href="https://bit.ly/3pHKOsD">https://bit.ly/3pHKOsD</a>) Guest speaker: Dr. Kenneth Tanaka (Professor Emeritus of Musashino University)</li> </ul>
Mon 12/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Remembering Pearl Harbor ~ Honoring Our WWII Heroes (details on page 7)</b> Time: 11:30am - 12:30pm</li> </ul>
Sun 12/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shotsuki Memorial Service with Rev. Nishiyama via Zoom</b> Time: 9:00am, Please contact the office for access information</li> </ul>
Wed 12/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Living Dharma Gathering via Zoom with Rev. Nishiyama</b> Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm</li> </ul>
Sun 12/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NO SERVICE</b></li> <li>• <b>Virtual Board of Directors Monthly Meeting via Zoom</b> Time: 10:30am</li> </ul>
Thu, 12/24 thru Fri, 12/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Christmas Eve and Day Holiday (Office and Preschool closed)</b></li> </ul>
Sun 12/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NO SERVICE</b></li> </ul>
Thu 12/31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Virtual Joya-E New Year's Eve Service via Zoom</b> Time: 6:00pm, Please contact the office for access information</li> </ul>
 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR! 新年明けましてお目出度うございます!</b> 	
Fri, 1/1 thru Fri, 12/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NO SUNDAY SERVICES AT JIKOEN FOR JANUARY</b></li> </ul>
Fri 1/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New Year's Day Observed (Office and Preschool closed)</b></li> </ul>

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Mon 1/18	• <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed (Office and Preschool closed)</b>
Wed 1/20	• <b>Living Dharma Gathering via Zoom with Rev. Nishiyama</b> Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm



**Please mark/adjust your calendars for these upcoming events (subject to further change due to coronavirus)...**

- **Drive Thru BBQ Chicken Fundraiser**  
**Saturday, February 20, 2021**  
*Please note new pick up location: 50th State Poultry*  
Details and full info to follow in January newsletter and mail out
- **Annual Jikoen Bazaar**  
Postponed from April, 2021 to **Saturday, October 16, 2021** (more info to follow)
- **Jikoen New Year's Party**  
Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Jikoen Shinnen Enkai New Year's Party on Jan 31, 2021 has been **cancelled**. There will be no service at Jikoen.

***Please continue to keep safe.***

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Doris Oshiro*

### *Year End Message*

Covid-19 has brought tremendous uncertainty and change in the way we live and operate each day since March 2020. By the time you read this message, there will only be about 30 days left in 2020.

Due to the uncertainty of the Covid situation, planning for 2021 has been difficult. I want to thank each and every one of you for taking the time to volunteer and to help make important decisions for Jikoen. As always, we will adapt to each situation.

On Sunday, November 15, Jikoen held a groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of our long awaited elevator access lift. Rev. Shindo Nishiyama conducted a short

service hosted via Zoom at 9:30 a.m.

Short messages were delivered by President Doris Oshiro and Honpa Hongwanji immediate past president, Pieper Toyama. Following the ceremony, the Board of Directors in attendance, held their monthly meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the hondo.

Although scheduled to begin in mid-November, construction installation is now scheduled to begin in December. Pending no further delays, it should be completed by early next year.

All in-person activities and events are still cancelled until further notice.

We are doing our best to serve our Sangha and support each other. Financial donations through the generosity of

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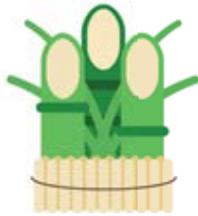
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our members and supporters continue to allow Jikoen to be a special gathering place. Our wish is that through the generosity of each of you, our temple will be upgraded to provide a safe, accessible and welcoming place for all.

As we bring the year to a close, I would like to thank you for your dedication and ask for your continued support. We look forward to the day when we can open our temple doors and see each other again.

As always, feel free to call or email the office and leave your contact information. Office hours are not set due to the Covid situation. Phone lines are open for you to leave a call back number and short message. Someone will return your call ASAP.

Please continue to take care of each other and yourself. Happy Holidays and Keep Safe!



## TEMPLE NEWS

### *Jikoen Memberships*

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission Statewide 2021 Calendar and Membership forms will be in the mail soon!

This is a gentle reminder that our Jikoen membership records indicate that some of you have not renewed your membership for this year 2020. Hopefully, this is just an oversight.

If you have recently renewed, or there is an error in our records, please contact Jikoen at (808) 845-3422 as soon as possible.

Your Jikoen membership benefits include:

- Learning about the Buddha's teachings
- Jikoen Newsletter
- Honpa Hongwanji Statewide Calendar
- 24/7 on-call emergency ministerial services
- Dharma Message from Sensei
- Fellowship and light refreshments after Sunday Service

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## VIRTUAL Jikoen Joya-E New Year's Eve Service via Zoom

December 31, 2020 (Thu) 6:00 p.m.

Although we are unable to have any in-person service, please join us with family and friends to greet the New Year via Zoom.

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!

**Please register to join the service at [jikoen.info@gmail.com](mailto:jikoen.info@gmail.com) and you will receive the Zoom link.**



## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

*The Jikoen ohana sends its condolences to the families of our Dharma friend:*

Toshio Arakaki (age 104)  
*passed away on October 18, 2020*

*Born in Waiakea Camp 2 in Hilo. Predeceased by wife, Yoshie Mary (Nagamine) Arakaki. Former owners of Stadium Florist. He is survived by son, Keith, daughter, Gwen Miyagi and grandson, Ian Miyagi. He painted the many Kannon paintings in Jikoen's social hall.*

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

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- Use of facilities and services benefits
- Hall rental benefits for private parties
- Lumbini Preschool and Hongwanji schools benefits

**Annual Membership Fee: \$90 Individual (single) / \$180 Family (with dependent children)**

Please renew your membership to continue all of your member benefits.

May we please ask for your continued support and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Happy Holidays and keep safe!

### ***Eitaikyo, Drive-Thru Keirokai Recognition, and Gratitude Lunch***

On November 22, we commemorated *Eitaikyo* by honoring twenty-one of our elders for their selfless sacrifice and long dedication to Jikoen Hongwanji Mission.

The word *Eitaikyo* is a contraction of the more formal term, *Ei-tai dok(u)-kyo*.

“Ei” means eternal, composed of 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 or 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.

It is a dedication service in memory of past generations of our loved ones and all who came before us, for which we are truly grateful.

We honor and recognize the hard work and sacrifices they made to give us the inspiration to keep the Buddha’s teachings alive during these trying times.

A large part of this service has been the annual *Keirokai* Recognition. “Kei” means to honor or respect and “ro” means elderly; thus, *Keiro* means to “honor the elderly.” We also honor and pay tribute to the elderly citizens of our temple who were unable to join us that day.

Volunteers also delivered this special treat to our honorees who were unable to drive-thru.

Rev. Shindo and Mrs. Suzue Nishiyama showed their appreciation to our elders with a drive-by lunch to-go of hamburger steak, spaghetti, veggie salad, sliced apples and

clam chowder. Geno Oshiro also prepared the sekihan for this special occasion.

A gift bag which included a Zippy’s Gift Card, mochi snack, special applique face towel, face masks, gloves and hand sanitizer. In appreciation for all they have done for us and to recognize the long history of hard work, sacrifice, hardship they have endured to keep Jikoen going for our future generations.

Sincere mahalo to the volunteers who helped with the drive-thru. *Okagesama de, Doomo Arigato gozaimasu.*

Here is a full list of our *Keirokai* honorees:

#### ***80 Years Old***

Paul Nakama                      Lillian Y. Oshiro

#### ***88 Years Old – Beijyu***

Helen Asato                      Haruko Okita  
Lillian Y. Higa                      Hideko Oshiro  
Hanako Nakasone                      Janet Wakakuwa  
Kenneth Nishihara                      Ellen Sakaye Miyashiro

#### ***90 Years Old***

Lillian Gima                      Yoshiko Nakasone  
Betty U. Higa                      Pat Sueko Shiroma  
Lily Horio                      Thomas Shiroma  
Alice Kino                      Betty S. Tamanaha  
Judy Chizuru Momohara

#### ***97 Years Old – Kajimaya***

Nancy S. Zukemura

#### ***101 Years Old***

Hiroko Shimabukuro



*Mrs. Hiroko Shimabukuro, 101 years old (photo courtesy of Mike Shimabukuro)*

## *Living Dharma Study Gathering on ZOOM!*

Please mark you calendars for the next sessions *via Zoom 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.:*

- *Wednesday, December 16, 2020*
- *Wednesday, January 20, 2021*

You will need to download the Zoom App or access from a web browser. Please RSVP to get the login information by calling the office at 845-3422 or emailing [jikoen.info@gmail.com](mailto:jikoen.info@gmail.com)



## **HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES** *(November, 2020)*

### ***Bishop's Corner***

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

*A suggestion for "Perpetual Chanting of the Sutras  
(Eitaikyo)"*

If you had to choose a word that you associate with the month of November, what would it be? Not surprisingly, for many of us, it would probably be "gratitude." Needless to say, Thanksgiving is the biggest holiday in November and expressing "thanks" is the theme. An important observation is that the 1621 first Thanksgiving Observance brought diverse people together in particular the Pilgrims and Native Americans, the Wampanoag.

For many Buddhists of the Japanese denominations and in particular the Jodo Shinshu Tradition, November is the month that we annually observe Eitaikyo, one of our six Major Services of the year. It is an important service dedicated in memory of past generations of deceased loved ones. The general sentiment is one of acknowledgement and appreciation. In many cases, the hard work and sacrifices of previous generations have benefited we of the present generation for which we are grateful and this includes having a temple, a place where we can safely, harmoniously and gratefully gather

to hear the Teachings of All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion finding guidance, solace, comfort and inspiration. Traditionally donations received at an Eitaikyo Service where placed in a special fund for a specific purpose to either repair, renovate or replace the temple altar and building and/or for propagation in hopes that the temple and the Dharma will always be available for future generations. People contributed to this special fund in memory and in honor of deceased family members for whom the temple was their second home, a place of "Perpetual (Eitai) Chanting of the Sutra (kyo)" referring to a place where the sutras could be heard and the teachings internalized.

This year, as we observe Eitaikyo, I have a thought for you. "Would you consider sharing with your family members how important and valuable the Buddha's Teachings including the temple are to you?" It saddens me greatly when I hear younger generations say that they did not know how important temple was to their parents, grandparents or great grandparents or did not know just how involved they were at temple. I recently came to know of an interesting custom done by the Jewish. It is called an "Ethical Will." It is not a legal document. In Wikipedia, I found the following "Celebrity physician Andrew Weil promoted the ethical will as a "gift of spiritual health" to leave to family, asserting that the ethical will's "main importance is what it gives the writer in the midst of life." The goal of writing an ethical will is to link a person to both their family and cultural history, clarify their ethical and spiritual values, and communicate a legacy to future generations; it addresses people's "universal needs". Writing an ethical will clarifies identity and focuses life purpose." Interesting, isn't it? I personally prefer the expression "Legacy Letter."

Thus, at this time of the year, as we observe Eitaikyo, would you consider sharing (either written or orally) your religious life and spiritual values as a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist with the other members of your family? Please observe Eitaikyo Family Day in which Eitaikyo is a family affair. You can start with your Family Register or Kakocho which contains some



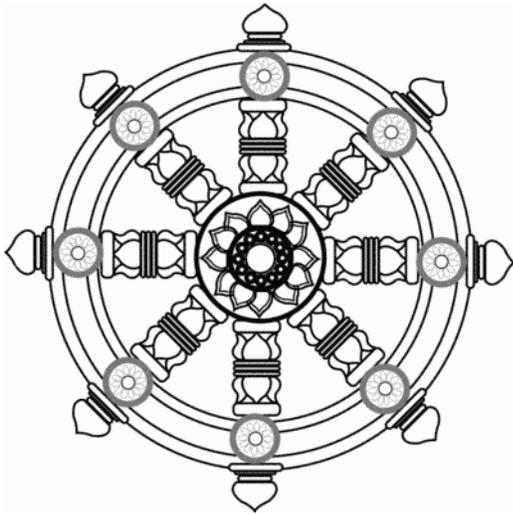
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information of your most recently deceased family members. The Kakocho can serve as a genealogy record of your family and from there you can also share about temple and Namo Amida Butsu. The Eitaikyo season can be a time to link or bring together past and present family members in appreciation of each other just as the original Thanksgiving brought diverse peoples together in the spirit of gratitude. For others, please take the Eitaikyo season to discover your temple's origin and history to more fully appreciate it. Of course, the most important story to be shared is the legacy of Namo Amida Butsu. Please have a safe Thanksgiving and meaningful Eitaikyo. Thank you and Namo Amida Butsu.

***Bishop Matsumoto's video messages are also available on the HHMH YouTube Channel:***

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN4Up41QotZr6OsqcntoYVyE>



### ***Condolences***

**Reverend Arthur Marutani**, a retired minister of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, passed away peacefully in Honolulu and returned to the Pure Land on October 22 at the age of 93. The Private Funeral Service was held at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin on Saturday, November 14, 2020 under the officiation of Bishop Eric Matsumoto. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of Jo-Sho-in 浄照院 has been conferred upon Rev. Arthur Marutani by the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Denomination in recognition of his exemplary achievements and accomplishments. “Jo-Sho” means “One who spread the pure illumination.” Rev. Arthur Marutani became a Kaikyoshi-ho (Minister’s Aide) in July 1985 and a Kaikyoshi Minister in 1990, and served the following temples:

August, 1985–March, 1986: Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (Interim)  
April, 1986–August, 1986: Kona Hongwanji Mission (Interim)  
September, 1986–March, 1987: Buddhist Study Center (Interim)  
April, 1987–August, 1990: Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin  
August, 1990–August, 1993: Mililani Hongwanji Mission  
August, 1993–September, 1995: Buddhist Study Center (Acting Director)  
October, 1995–October, 1998: Headquarters  
October, 1998–January, 1999: Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin  
January 31, 1999: Retired

### ***Ministerial Assignments***

**Reverend Bruce Nakamura**, the Resident Minister of Honokaa Hongwanji Mission and the oversee minister of Kamuela, Kohala and Paauilo Hongwanji Missions, retired from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii as of November 6, 2020. Rev. Nakamura served Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for 32 years. Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii expresses our deepest appreciation and gratitude to Rev. Bruce Nakamura for his dedication and effort of spreading the Nembutsu Dharma to our members and community.

During the absence of the resident minister effective November 7, 2020, the ministers of Hawaii District are tasked with providing spiritual care such as conducting a memorial service, providing services for emergency like bedside service and funeral service, being a speaker for Sunday Services and in general providing guidance for Honokaa, Kamuela, Kohala and Paauilo Hongwanji Missions.

### ***2021 Legislative Assembly***

The 2021 HHMH Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) will be held on February 12 & 13, 2021 virtually via Zoom. The Registration form and other documents that need to be submitted for the Legislative Assembly were already sent to the temples and organization leaders. Please submit all the necessary documents to HQ by the deadline described in the letter. The packet containing materials for Legislative Assembly will be distributed to

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each temple at a later date. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

### ***Propagation Program Grant***

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii "Propagation Program Grant Committee" would like to announce that "Propagation Program Grant" is available to all of you for "New and wonderful ideas for propagating Nembutsu teachings into our community." Would you like to share your wonderful and creative Dharma projects with all of our community? If so, take action right away! We all are

looking forward to seeing your innovative ideas!

The committee reviews all grants applications, which meet the following criteria:

1. New, innovative, creative ideas or activities focusing on Buddhist Education and the propagation of the Dharma.
2. Each project may be funded only once within 5 years.
3. The maximum amount of the grant must not exceed \$10,000.00
4. The project would have statewide implications/

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## **HONGWANJI EVENTS**

**Monday, December 7, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30pm**

"2020 Remembering Pearl Harbor, Honoring Our WWII Heroes"  
WWII Veterans, all Veterans, Hawaii JROTC, Lions Rotary Club, Honpa Hongwanji  
Mission, Community

Via Zoom link, Open to the public

**Free Registration: Registration Required**

[www.hongwanjihawaii.com](http://www.hongwanjihawaii.com)

Contact: Rene Mansho (808) 291-6151

**Saturday, December 12, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Kauai Hongwanji Council Nembutsu Seminar  
"An Introduction to the Essence and Practice of Shin Buddhism"  
A Path for Peace and Happiness for Oneself and Others  
Guest Speaker: Dr. Rev. Kenneth Kenshin Tanaka  
Professor Emeritus, Musashino University, Tokyo

Free Registration: <https://forms.gle/kKX1sVSeHumPd8KP7>

**Deadline: Sunday, December 6**

Contact:

Kapaa Hongwanji (808) 822-4667

Lihue Hongwanji (808) 245-6262

West Kauai Hongwanji (808) 335-3195

**Saturday, December 19, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

Online Nembutsu Seminar 2020  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Takashi Miyaji  
"Hearing Amida Buddha's Calling Voice"  
Free Registration: <https://forms.gle/hL7De4ypC4k26TeX7>

**Deadline: December 13**

Questions: Call (808) 966-9981

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potential.

For more information regarding this program or to apply, please check with your resident minister or HQ.

### 2020 Kauai Hongwanji Council Nembutsu Seminar

Kauai Hongwanji Council will host a Zoom Nembutsu seminar with Dr. Rev. Kenneth Kenshin Tanaka (Professor

Emeritus, Musashino University, Tokyo) on December 12 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. The topic is "An Introduction to the Essence and Practice of Shin Buddhism - A Path for Peace and Happiness for Oneself and Others-." Registration is required.

Please go to the link (<https://forms.gle/kKX1sVSeHumPd8KP7>) and fill out the information. Registration deadline is Sunday, December 6. Maximum capacity is 100 people, first come first serve. We will

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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 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 and thank them for their continuing influence in our lives and for giving us the opportunity to share the Buddha-Dharma.

Due to the Covid-19 situation all in-person services and events have been canceled until further notice.

*Here are our loved ones who will be remembered in the month of January 2021:*

Kamado Agena ~ January 23, 1996 ((97)  
Mitsue Aka ~ January 22, 2018 (97)  
Fumiyo Akamine ~ January 27, 2002 (87)  
Sally Hatsuko Arakawa ~ January 31, 2018 (93)  
Mrs. Otome Atta ~ January 24, 2015 (92)  
Harry Teisuke Higa ~ January 17, 2014 (92)  
David Shigemitsu Horiuchi ~ January 18, 2013 (77)  
Yoshinori Isa ~ January 7, 2014 (84)  
Ruby Fumie Jitchaku ~ January 31, 2017 (93)  
James Masayuki Kagawa ~ January 19, 1996 (65)  
Naoye Kaneshi ~ January 30, 2018 (90)  
Otome Kaneshiro ~ January 8, 2011 (101)  
Mildred Kimie Kiyama ~ January 22, 2020 (95)  
Shinyu Kiyuna ~ January 1, 2017 (96)  
Tokutaro Miyahira ~ January 2, 2004 (101)  
Yoshiko Miyashiro ~ January 16, 2017 (91)  
Stanley Shojin Moriyama ~ January 8, 2004 (90)  
Donald Nagahide Nakachi ~ January 28, 2005 (75)  
Betsy Aiko Nakamoto ~ January 15, 2016 (87)  
Helen Harue Nakamura ~ January 27, 2004 (79)  
Masako Nakasone ~ January 4, 2007 (90)  
Toshii Yamazaki Nakasone ~ January 1, 2007 (74)  
Wallace Hitoshi Nakasone ~ January 13, 2009 (64)  
Miyoko Noborikawa ~ January 5, 1998 (80)

Toshiko Noji ~ January 3, 2014 (84)  
Violet Ogawa ~ January 29, 2015 (90)  
Colonel Ellison Onizuka ~ January 28, 1984 (39)  
Uto Akamine Oshiro ~ January 9, 2007 (102)  
Sadano Oshiro ~ January 27, 2013 (73)  
Michael Mitsugu Sakihara ~ January 15, 2001 (71)  
Janet Setsuko Sasaki ~ January 18, 2018 (88)  
Jane Kimie Shiira ~ January 8, 2013 (67)  
Earl Seisho Shima ~ January 22, 2008 (93)  
Gary Tadashi Shimabukuro ~ January 26, 2014 (84)  
Walter Hisao Shinkawa, Sr. ~ January 19, 2004 (76)  
Harue Shinsato ~ January 27, 1996 (61)  
Lawrence Kaoru Shinsato ~ January 14, 2008 (60)  
Betty Y. Suenishi ~ January 31, 2016 (72)  
Elizabeth Betsy Sugihara ~ January 22, 2008 (85)  
Albert Kanji Tatsuguchi ~ January 24, 2008 (87)  
Amy Teruya ~ January 7, 2016 (58)  
Matsumori Archibald Teruya ~ January 30, 2008 (90)  
Terry Masaji Toguchi ~ January 23, 2014 (66)  
JoAnn Kazue Tokushige ~ January 10, 2020 (68)  
Kiyoko Toma ~ January 19, 2020 (98)  
Bert Shigeo Uyehara ~ January 11, 2008 (87)  
Betty Uejo ~ January 28, 2015 (89)  
Sentei Ueunten ~ January 3, 2002 (73)  
Louise Toshie Wakakuwa ~ January 29, 2004 (63)  
James Noboru Uyeunten ~ January 27, 2020 (75)  
Barbara Mitsue Yamada ~ January 12, 2018 (90)  
Helen Hanako Yamaguchi ~ January 27, 2014 (91)  
Thomas Iwao Yamamoto ~ January 3, 2007 (77)  
Frances Tsuyako Yoshimura ~ January 7, 2020 (83)  
Kenneth Isamu Zukeran ~ January 22, 2013 (92)

### *Namu Amida Butsu*

If you would like to honor your loved one, please call the office at 845-3422 or email [jikoen.info@gmail.com](mailto:jikoen.info@gmail.com) with your name and contact information and we will get back to you. Mahalo!





## ***Get Your Newsletter via Email!***

Ask about getting a PDF version of the monthly newsletter via email or on the web. There are several benefits to getting our monthly newsletter via email:

- *helps cut Jikoen's costs in paper, printing, and postage*
- *reduces paper clutter and trash*
- *issues appear in full color*
- *easily forwardable to your friends and family*
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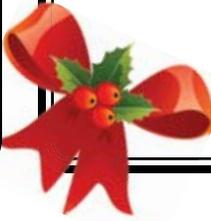
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