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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.



HAPPY NEW YEAR! 新年明けましてお目出度うございます!



Fri 1/1	• New Year's Day Observed (Office and Preschool closed)
Sun 1/3	• NO SERVICE
Sun 1/10	• Virtual Ho-onko (Shinran Shonin's Memorial Service) and Shotsuki Memorial Service via Zoom Time: 9:00am, Please contact the office for access information
Fri 1/15	• Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service — Honoring Our Volunteers (Virtual) Please contact the office for access information
Sun 1/17	• NO SERVICE • Virtual Board of Directors Monthly Meeting via Zoom Time: 10:30am
Mon 1/18	• Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed (Office and Preschool closed)
Wed 1/20	• Living Dharma Gathering via Zoom with Rev. Nishiyama Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Sun 1/24	• NO SERVICE
Sun 1/31	• NO SERVICE
Sun 2/7	• Shotsuki Memorial Service via Zoom Time: 9:00am, Please contact the office for access information
Fri, 2/12 thru Sat, 2/13	• 109th HMMH Legislative Assembly via Zoom (Registered Participants)

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

New Year's Greeting from Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani



Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

Throughout the last year, the world suffered from the pandemic of COVID-19, which brought tremendous hardship to many people, and we still are not able to see when normalcy would return to our world. On this occasion, I would like to offer my deepest condolences to those who fell victim to the disease and express my sympathies to those who are currently undergoing treatment.

Meanwhile in the US, the media has widely reported systematic discrimination against African-Americans, social unrest and division among the general public brought on by the presidential election. It concerns me that many people have been left isolated in the midst of hardship.

'Dependent origination' is a universal truth that Buddha Sakyamuni presented. This fundamental Buddhist principle expresses that every thing, matter, and phenomenon arises from various causes and conditions.

None of us lives by ourselves. We are living while being interconnected and mutually supported by one another. Considering the reality of a divided society, it is important that everyone deeply reflects on the principle of Dependent Origination that represents the true state of the world.

Even though having been introduced to the truth by Buddha Sakyamuni, ordinary people like us are still not able to accept it as it is. Therefore, to guide us to cope with the suffering caused by our own ignorance, Shinran Shonin clarifies Amida Buddha's compassion that always embraces us all. When the world is facing this unimaginable crisis, it is crucial that each of us experiences Amida Buddha's great compassion ourselves, and live each day to the utmost, having that joy and sensation in our hearts as the basis of our life.

I have been told that in this difficult time and situation, many of your sangha have been adopting new measures for sharing the Jodo Shinshu teaching that had not been previously considered. I find such efforts truly reassuring. It is my hope that your temples will continue serving as your spiritual home, and therefore, I sincerely ask for your understanding and cooperation to allow them to be so. With my heartfelt appreciation for each one of you, I would like to conclude my new year's greeting.

January 1, 2021

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

年頭の辞

新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

昨年は新型コロナウイルス感染症(COVID-19)が世界的に大流行し、多くの方が犠牲となりましたが、いまだその収束が見通せません。ここに、新型コロナウイルス感染症によりお亡くなりになられた方々に謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、罹患されている皆さまに心よりお見舞い申し上げます。

また、アメリカにおいては黒人差別の問題が

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提起され、大統領選挙も社会に混乱をまねき、社会の分断が指摘されています。このような中で、悩みや苦しみを抱えている方、孤独な状況に置かれている方も多くおられるのではないかと思います。

仏教を説かれたお釈迦様は、「物事は必ず何らかの原因があり条件があって生じ、存在している」という存在に関する普遍的な原理を「縁起」として示されました。私たちは、自分一人で生きているではありません。周りのすべての方々とのつながりの中、お互いに支え合って生活しています。社会の分断が生じる現状にあって、この世界のありのままの姿である「縁起」の道理を深く心に留めたいと思います。

親鸞聖人は、お釈迦様の説かれたこの世界の真理をそのままに受け入れることができずに悩み苦しむ私たちに、阿弥陀さまのおはたらきが届いていると明らかにされました。思ってもみなかった出来事に見舞われている世界ですが、阿弥陀さまのおはたらきを聞き、それを依りどころとして日々の生活を過ごしてまいりましょう。

このコロナ禍の中、今までとは違った方法で浄土真宗のみ教えを広く社会へ伝える試みもなされていると聞き、たいへん心強く思います。これからもお寺が皆さまの心の支えとなりますよう、お寺の活動にご理解とご協力を頂きますことをお願い申し上げ、年頭のご挨拶といたします。

2021年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派
門主 大谷光淳



New Year's Greeting from Bishop Eric Matsumoto



*Nurtured by Amida Buddha's Light of Wisdom
and Compassion*

Our Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Theme & Slogan for 2021 is "Building Healthy Sanghas: Nurturing Empathy and Respect." It is a timely slogan especially as we begin a new year. When we take a moment to reflect on the situation of our nation and our society with the Coronavirus Pandemic, racial discrimination and even the climatic changes that are occurring on a global scale, it is not hard to see what our world needs is more respect and empathy.

The Larger Sutra provides wise counsel "People in the world...should truly respect and love each other, refraining from hatred and envy. They should share things with others, refraining from greed and miserliness. They should always be friendly in speech and expression, refraining from quarrel and dispute." Unfortunately, it laments, "...people in the world...do not believe that performing good deeds brings good results, or that seeking the Way leads them to attaining it."

However, all is not lost in that the Great Compassionate Light of Amida Buddha illuminates, nurtures and unconditionally embraces the spiritually foolish being who cannot completely break free from blind passions and attain enlightenment on one's own. In the Larger Sutra it says "Sentient beings who encounter this light have the three defilements swept away, and they become soft and gentle in body and mind. They leap and dance with joy, and the good mind arises in them. When those suffering pain and travail in the three evil realms see this light, they all find respite and become free of afflictions. After their lives have ended, they will all gain emancipation." Thus, I believe, the late Jodo Shinshu Scholar Rev. Jitsuen Kakehashi was able to say, "When we look at the world

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with an ordinary mind, it is distinctly divided into things we love and things we hate, but with the mind of the Tathagata, we are made to know that everyone is equally the Tathagata's indispensably important child. From that standpoint, we realize that we are all brothers and sisters and fellow human beings. Then slowly but steadily, we come to reflect on our self-centered thoughts, reject our blind passions and make efforts to see things and live our lives in a way that can be approved by the Tathagata." In this way, thanks to the Working of Other Power, we begin to slowly live in a new awareness and are assured the attainment of Enlightenment at the end of this finite life with our birth in the Pure Land.

His Eminence Gomonsu Kojun Ohtani says, "By listening to the Primal Vow and how it was established by Amida Tathagata, we are enabled to become conscious of our own ignorance and self-oriented inclinations, and through such awareness, we naturally become gentle in word and deed in our efforts of minimizing our egoistic way of thinking." "Even though our efforts may pale in comparison to the Buddha's Compassion, we are at least guided in the proper direction by the Buddha Dharma." Let us take to heart his words.

To conclude, I would like to share His Eminence's "Our Pledge." The original was written in Japanese and his expressed wish was that it be translated by each locale in a way that would resonate with the people of that region. Thus, this is Hawaii's Version (which can also be sung as it has also been put to music by BJ Soriano). In a few short verses, it captures the essence of a healthy Hongwanji Sangha which recites the Nembutsu in awareness, joy and gratitude of Great Wisdom and Compassion, and emphasizes respect and empathy.

Our Pledge

Reaching out to others,
I will share a smile and gentle words.
Just like the Buddha, who always calls out with
Aloha.

Breaking away from my greed, anger and
ignorance,
I will try to live in peace and harmony.
Just like the Buddha, who shares tranquility and
kindness with all.

Moving forward from self-centeredness,
I will share a life of joy and sorrow with others.
Just like the Buddha, whose caring heart always

embraces us.

Realizing that I live because of others,
I will strive to live life to the fullest with an
attitude of gratitude.

Just like the Buddha, who promises to embrace us all.

Thank you, Happy New Year and Namu Amida Butsu.

*In gassholanjali,
Eric Matsumoto, Bishop*

New Year's Greeting from Kyodan President Warren Tamamoto, MD



Happy New Year! Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu!
Hauoli Makahiki Hou!

I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and in good spirits as we enter the New Year. The year 2020 was a year to remember, mostly from the effect that the COVID-19 pandemic had on all of us. We experienced lockdowns, isolation from family and friends, and job loss or insecurity. And most difficult of all, some of us lost family or friends to the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have kept up with the news, you know that there is a very good chance that 2 or 3 pharmaceutical companies will have vaccines available for the Coronavirus before the end of this year. The good news is that the first two vaccines appear to be very effective in preventing COVID-19 disease. Also, you can be sure that the FDA is looking very carefully at the safety profile for each vaccine. As vaccine availability increases, there is good reason to believe that we may be looking at an optimistic scenario of returning to a more "normal" lifestyle by the summer or fall of next 2021. Let's hope that the vaccines continue to show effectiveness with a good safety profile and that enough people will step up and get vaccinated!

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Through the difficult times caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, our collective Sangha responded by sewing masks for others, helping with daily chores such as shopping or cleaning, sharing meals, delivering produce, and by calling or messaging others. Ministers shared the Dharma through YouTube, Facebook and other electronic media. Small in-person services were held as permitted by law in spite of the risk to our ministers' health.

Our actions through this pandemic confirms that our Sangha is vibrant, caring and compassionate. Although we were separated physically, we connected with others through individual and collective acts of kindness.

As we look forward to the New Year of 2021, let us reflect upon what we are grateful for-life, family, friends and a supportive community. Let us wake up each morning grateful for Amida Buddha's Compassion, which surrounds each one of us.

"Happiness does not depend on what you have or who you are; it solely relies on what you think." - Buddha

*With Gassho,
Warren Tamamoto MD
President, Honpa Hongwanji
Mission of Hawaii*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Doris Oshiro

Considering the past 9 months has been a real challenge for all of us, our main mission is to continue to live and share the teachings of the Buddha during these difficult times. We had to adapt to the changing situations on how we operate, due to the pandemic.

I believe that from the Buddha, Dharma & Sangha, comes gratitude and from gratitude comes the happiness, harmony, wisdom and compassion to all. This is what we continue to focus on in any situation.

I would like to extend a big mahalo to Pieper Toyama as outgoing & immediate past president for HHMH the past 6 years and of course, his wife Lois. A virtual transition occurred on November 21. At Pieper's request, the "Legacy of Gratitude Fund" was established in lieu of gifts and leis. The purpose of this fund is to help sustain HHMH's ability to share the Shin Buddhist Teachings so that Buddhist values can continue to touch the lives of the people of Hawaii for generations to come and to fill

their lives with untold gratitude.

HHMH continues to accept donations for this fund. I encourage you to support this fund in honor of Pieper and for the future of the HHMH.

As co-chair with Pieper, we will continue to focus on completing our Ukajidebiru Capital Campaign Improvement Project in 2021, initiate our Planned Giving Campaign and continue our annual fundraisers. You can help by making a commitment to pledge and/or complete a Planned Giving commitment to Jikoen in 2021.

We are in the process of mailing out information updates that will be included in the HHMH 2021 Calendar, together with your 2021 Membership Form. Please complete the member form and mail it to Jikoen in the envelope that will be included.

With Covid-19 continuing to be a challenge, let us not forget all who do valuable work for Jikoen. Thank you to Rev. Nishiyama and Suzie for their dedication and commitment to Jikoen and Lumbini Preschool.

I also thank all of you for taking the time to volunteer to upkeep our temple and help make important decisions for Jikoen.

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

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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

*Yoshiko Kaneshiro (96) of Honolulu
passed away on November 13, 2020*

*Henry Sadao Okuma (93) of Waipahu
passed away on November 9, 2020 in Kailua*

*Kazuko Wauke (90) of Aiea
passed away on September 10, 2020*

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

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As we start the New Year, I would like to thank you for your dedication and ask for your continued support. Our top priority is to keep everyone safe.

Everyday is a day filled with uncertainty but together we will continue our mission. 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. May you have the best of health and may your days be filled with happiness in 2021.

Namu Amida Butsu. Thank you very much and keep safe!



TEMPLE NEWS

Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive

The 2020-2021 Social Concerns Fund Drive started when we celebrated gratitude in November 2020 and will continue through August 31, 2021.

Through your generous contributions, we will be able to support many worthy organizations and programs with funding to continue their work in our community. It allows us to provide compassionate help during times of disaster and the ability to respond to social issues affecting our community.

Many of the grants awarded in 2020 was Covid-19 related, including temple projects to prepare and distribute meals and to make and donate masks to schools.

If you have already donated to Jikoen we thank you very much. Your kokua is greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to JIKOEN HONGWANJJI.

We encourage you to continue supporting the Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive for the remaining 8 months. Jikoen will send one combined check in September 2021 to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Mahalo!



HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES

(December, 2020)

Bishop's Corner

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

Let's Persevere!

In "The Teaching of Buddha," published by BDK, it states "*Endurance (perseverance) is one of the most difficult disciplines, but it is to him (her) who endures that the final victory comes.*" (Parenthesis are mine). As I think about it, the word or virtue for December might be "perseverance."

First and foremost, in light of our situation with the COVID-19 Pandemic with possibility of two vaccines being administered, we must continue to be diligent and persevere a little while longer. Let us not let our guard down now because vaccines have been approved. It will take time for the vaccines to take effect around the world. In a way, this might be one of the most difficult periods in that because we have such hope and the probability of improving the situation is so high and close, we relax and let our guard down too soon and that could prove to be disastrous. It would be a disaster on top of a disaster. We must persevere to the very end! Only then, can we say we have truly persevered.

As we gratefully celebrate Bodhi Day (December 8th), if the former Prince Siddhartha Gautama had not persevered to the very end to overcome anger, greed and ignorance, we would not be observing Bodhi Day every December and there would be no Buddhism in tangible form in our world. Also, if our Jodo Shinshu predecessors of 800 years ago did not persevere in pursuing the Nembutsu Teachings from Shinran Shonin, as we find in the Tannisho, "*Each of you has come to see me, crossing the borders of more than ten provinces at the risk of your life, solely with the intent of asking about the path to birth in the land of bliss,*" we, today, might not have been able to hear these wonderful teachings too. Even right here in Hawaii, we have people like the late Chiyono Sasaki of Kona who persevered and did not give up and thus experienced a joyous awakening of untold joy and gratitude. In the words of Rev. Muneto (taken from "Dharma Treasures, Spiritual Insights from Hawaii's Shin Buddhist Pioneers") "*When the conscious effort of a nembutsu practitioner to grasp shinjin is dropped by appreciating the work of true compassion (Amida Buddha), the person begins to walk on the path of unobstructed*

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freedom.” (Parenthesis are mine.)

However, what is interesting to note is that whether it be Sakyamuni Buddha or the countless Jodo Shinshu followers, they all give credit to others and not to themselves. Similarly, in our perseverance to keep practicing good hygiene and safety measures into 2021, let us do so in gratitude to medical experts and healthcare professionals, and essential workers who at the risk of their own lives with incredible strength and fortitude are caring for and trying to protect us. If we don't do it for ourselves, let's do it to honor them out of gratitude. As you know this is the theme of the “Mahalo Video Series” found on the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii YouTube Channel. Our healthcare professionals are doing so much, but it is unrealistic for us to assume that they can continue at this pace forever. As a community, as a nation, as the world, we must all come together and in unity persevere by listening to and following the recommendations of our medical experts and healthcare professionals in order to stop the spread and bring the virus under control. Also, let's see how we can support local businesses especially smaller businesses which are also struggling to survive. We can do this, but only if we act together! This year and next, the most important holiday gift to each other and our personal new year resolution in 2021 may be perseverance by each and all of us in continuing to follow safety measures and procedures. Let's persevere by letting wisdom guide as we are inspired by compassion and respond in gratitude! Thank you.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN4Up41QotZr6OsqcntoYVvYE>

HHMH YouTube Channel Program

HHMH continues to provide online programs as listed below. Videos will premiere on HHMH YouTube channel and become available on-demand. Please share this information with your family and friends and subscribe to it to continue receiving updates.

<https://www.youtube.com/honpahongwanjissionofhawaii/>

HHMH YouTube Channel has been continuing the statewide Online Dharma Message every Sunday since July. In the meantime, many Hongwanji temples came to have Online Sunday Programs, so this program will finish in the end of December. The videos of online Dharma Message will remain available on the YouTube Channel.

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, January 20, 2021***
- ***Wednesday, February 17, 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

Please listen to the messages repeatedly.

- ***Online Dharma Message***

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN4DTm65ALR0loYZc2_OHwwi

- ***Health Care Heroes Mahalo Video***

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN5sjQAQfeIHck0UAxLmO2Vb>

Wednesdays, 12:00pm: “Health Care Treasures” and Essential Workers

COVID-19 Update

Great news! The first COVID-19 vaccine approved for use on an emergency basis has been delivered to designated locations throughout our state. Healthcare workers and residents of long-term care facilities are receiving the first available doses. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility for the vaccine, please contact your healthcare provider.

The following pages include important resources regarding the COVID-19 vaccine which would be helpful to you and your temple members.

- COVID-19 Vaccine Q&A with Ronald Balajadia, Hawai'i Department of Health Immunization Branch Chief

<https://hawaiiicovid19.com/vaccinefaq/>

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- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

Unfortunately, scammers are already scheming to take advantage of the situation. Here's what you need to know to avoid a vaccine-related scam (advice from the Federal Trade Commission):

- You likely will not need to pay anything out of pocket to get the vaccine during this public health emergency.
- You can't pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine.

- You can't pay to get early access to the vaccine.
- No one from a vaccine distribution site or health care payer, like a private insurance company, will call you asking for your Social Security number or your credit card or bank account information to sign you up to get the vaccine.
- Beware of providers offering other products, treatments, or medicines to prevent the virus. Check with your health care provider before paying for or receiving any COVID-19-related treatment.

If you get a call, text, email — or even someone knocking on your door — claiming they can get you early access to the vaccine, **STOP. That's a scam.** Don't pay for a promise of vaccine access or share personal information.

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 February 2021:

Archie Atsushi Fujitani ~ February 11, 2019 (94)
Toshio "Lefty" Goya ~ February 11, 2017 (83)
Nancy T. Higa ~ February 14, 2015 (80)
Matsumori Higa ~ February 17, 2013 (97)
Kenneth Kiyoshi Ishikawa ~ February 14, 1995 (51)
Haruko Kaneshiro ~ February 1, 2015 (97)
Masako Kaneshiro ~ February 12, 2008 (95)
Kiyono Fuchigami Kawabata ~ February 15, 2015 (91)
Thomas Sanjiro Kaneshiro ~ February 4, 1995 (74)
Richard Hideo Kaneshiro ~ February 10, 2018 (87)
Etsuko Kishaba ~ February 23, 2007 (69)
George Kishimoto ~ February 03, 2013 (89)
Masaru "Kane" Kaneshiro ~ February 19, 2007 (83)
Nobuko Ruth Kobashigawa ~ February 4, 2016 (92)
Tomiko "Tomi" Masaki ~ February 2, 2018 (83)
Ethel Tokiko Minei ~ February 13, 2014 (94)
Kameko "Violet" Miyahira ~ February 1, 2015 (100)
Claudia Arakaki Miyamoto ~ February 7, 2017 (79)
Dr. Albert H. Miyasato ~ February 24, 2006 (80)

Dennis Kazuo Miyasato ~ February 16, 2011 (66)
Gensho Miyashiro ~ February 1, 2015 (102)
Mrs. Miyoko Miyashiro ~ February 21, 2014 (87)
Tsuruko Miyashiro ~ February 9, 2003 (84)
Momose Janet Moribe ~ February 4, 2011 (87)
Kamado Nakamura ~ February 26, 1995 (94)
Masue Nakamura ~ February 19, 1995 (77)
Kalen Akio Nakasato ~ February 25, 2003 (27)
Fuji Nakasato ~ February 5, 1995 (81)
Matsuro Nakasone ~ February 7, 1995 (91)
Usako Nakata ~ February 10, 2016 (97)
Kamewa Nagamine ~ February 18, 2006 (87)
Ayano Nishimiya ~ February 22, 2001 (76)
Richard Shintaro Nishimiya ~ February 22, 1995 (70)
Guy Itsuo Oshiro ~ February 7, 1999 (42)
Katsuo "Kats" Oshiro ~ February 7, 2007 (77)
Olga Ochiyo Oshiro ~ February 28, 2005 (89)
Mrs. Sonoko Sakai ~ February 2, 2014 (76)
Kenneth Tamotsu Sakamoto ~ February 6, 2014 (68)
Hirosuke Shimabukuro ~ February 1, 2003 (85)
Matsuichi "Mutt" Shimabukuro ~ February 5, 1998 (77)
Francis Haruo Taketa ~ February 19, 2010 (75)
Susan A. Tamashiro ~ February 15, 2016 (61)
Yasuko Tamayori ~ February 28, 2002 (76)
George H. Tanahara ~ February 28, 2014 (75)
Shizuka Teruya ~ February 25, 1995 (75)
Utomi Teruya ~ February 14, 1995 (93)
Victoria Futae Toguchi ~ February 25, 2003 (57)
Yoshiko Tokeshi ~ February 10, 2018 (93)
Seitoku "Stanley" Tokuda ~ February 1, 1998 (74)
Ernest Tatsuo Tsumuro ~ February 21, 2007(75)

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Ukajidebiru

Uchinanachu Expression of Gratitude for Those Who Make Our Lives Possible

December, 2020

Dear Temple Members and Friends of Jikoen,

In January 2017, we began our Ukajidebiru Fundraising Campaign to raise \$1 million. The funds are destined for projects that make it possible for our members, supporters, and the public now and into the future to participate in temple activities in safety and comfort. Our highest priority for this campaign is an elevator-lift to get our senior members safely to the main temple for Sunday and Special Services.

The four-year campaign ends in 2021, so this is a good time to update you on our progress. First, we are pleased to announce that we have in hand the funds to build the elevator-lift. We have broken ground and expect it to be in service by spring of 2021.

In addition to the elevator-lift, we have funded the following maintenance and safety projects: (1) Likelike Highway Wall Repair and Interior Painting, (2) Installation of Grease Interceptor, (3) Railing Replacements, (4) Installation of new Preschool Playground Equipment. Projected plans pending the success of our fundraising include: (1) Finish Paving Project (2) Cool the Okinawa Memorial Hall and install Wi-Fi (3) Roof and Wall Repairs.

Over the last three years, you have pledged and donated over \$650,400. Now we have all of next year to raise \$349,600 to reach our final goal to complete all of our projects. We can do this in the same way that Reverend Chikai Yosemite raised the money to buy the land on which Jikoen stands, that is, one dollar at a time.



For those of you who may have been busy and forgotten to send in your donations, please take the time to make your commitment now. If you have already made your donation but still want to help us to our goal, we welcome your generosity. It will take the entire community to reach our goal so let's open the door to everyone we know and invite them in.

Ippee Niffee Deebiru
Namo Amida Butsu,

Reverend Shindo Nishiyama
Resident Minister
Jikoen Hongwanji Mission

Doris Oshiro
Kyodan President,
Co-chair Jikoen Capital Campaign

Pieper J. Toyama
Kyodan Vice President
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January 4, 2021

Dear Jikoen Ohana:

Hope all of you are doing well as we look forward to a Happy & Healthy New Year.

Jikoen Hongwanji's **Drive-Thru** BBQ Chicken Fundraiser is on **Saturday – February 20, 2021 - from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon**. The cost per ticket for a whole chicken is \$13.00 and a roll of Tuna Maki Sushi is \$7.00.

Please note: Due to the strict Covid-19 guidelines, we will NOT have andagi available. **The pick up location will be at 50th State Poultry, 98-715 Kuahao Place, Pearl City, HI 96782. There will be no distribution at Jikoen. For emergencies only on that day call Doris Oshiro 271-4748.**

Deadline for your order and payment is Monday, January 25, 2021. We cannot guarantee that items will be available if your order and payment are not received by this date.

We are truly grateful for your participation in our Drive-thru BBQ Chicken fundraiser which is essential in covering costs to keep our temple doors open to all.

Yoroshiku onegai itashimasu.

Respectfully in Gassho,


Rev. Shindo Nishiyama

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Name _____
Address _____

Phone: _____
Cell: _____
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DRIVE-THRU BBQ CHICKEN and TUNA MAKI SUSHI ORDER FORM
Complete and return with payment by **Monday, January 25, 2021.**

		Total No. of tickets		Cost per ticket	Amount
BBQ Chicken (whole split)	(Suggested purchase – 5 tickets)		X	\$13.00	\$
Tuna Maki Sushi	(Suggested purchase – 3 tickets)		X	\$7.00	\$
Please accept my donation					\$
TOTAL Payment to Jikoen Hongwanji					\$

**** TICKETS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU ****
Thank you for your support.

Office Use Only:
Check # _____
Date _____

Office Hours

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

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.

Emergency Ministerial Services

For emergency ministerial services, please contact Rev. Nishiyama at 754-3737.

Office email: jikoen.info@gmail.com

Mahalo for your patience and understanding.



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

- **Drive Thru BBQ Chicken Fundraiser**
Saturday, February 20, 2021
Please note new pick up location: 50th State Poultry
Details and full info on page 11
- **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.

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