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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.

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

Sat 6/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith and Climate Action: Motivation and Inspiration on the Climate Crisis Virtual Hawaii Interfaith Power and Light Zoom Presentation (<i>for details and Zoom link, see page 12</i>)
Sun 6/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service via Zoom Time: 9:00am, Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama
Fri, 6/11 thru Sat, 6/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Hundred Million Reasons Free Virtual Suicide Prevention & Resilience Interactive Workshop (<i>for details and registration link see page 11</i>)
Sun 6/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Baccalaureate and Dharma School Recognition Service via Zoom Time: 9:00am, Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama
Wed 6/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Living Dharma Gathering with Rev. Nishiyama via Zoom Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Sun 6/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SERVICE AT JIKOETSU • Board of Directors Monthly Meeting via Zoom Time: 10:30am
Sun 6/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irei No Hi Battle of Okinawa Memorial Service via Zoom Time: 9:00am, Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama
Sat 7/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hatsubon – First Bon Memorial Service (<i>see page 4 for details</i>) Time: 10:00am, Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama
Sun 7/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service via Zoom Time: 9:00am, Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama



Jikoetsu Virtual Bon Dance - Saturday July 24, 2021

Stay tuned for upcoming details in our monthly newsletter or call the office at 845-3422, email us at jikoetsu.info@gmail.com, or visit www.jikoetsuhongwanji.org

Please pre-order your Obon Memorial Ribbon and Mini-Chochin (Lantern) in memory of a loved one. See order form on page 9



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama

A Surprise Encounter (Part 5)

A Fictional Narrative

(continued from the May, 2021 newsletter)

Shindo and Buddha are sitting in Kapiolani Park after lunch at Zippy's and visiting the beach...

Shindo: Buddha, how is the Loco Moco? Did you like it?

Buddha: Yes, Shindo! It was a great. I have never tasted such food before! Thank you. Namaste!

Shindo: I am happy that you enjoyed it! Today, I want you to meet my Dharma friend. I already called him this morning to meet us here. His name is Pieper Toyama. He is a member of the Jikoen Temple Sangha. When I told him that you time-traveled over 2,500 years from India, he thought I was crazy. Now he's probably worried about me so he said he'll come down to meet you. Is it okay with you?

Buddha: Oh, how nice! I am happy to meet him! Shindo, is that him? That man who is walking toward us. He looks like a samurai!

Shindo: Yes. That is him. Hi, Pieper! Over here!

Pieper: Oh, my Buddha! You really are Master Shakyamuni Buddha! *(looks at Shindo incredulously, then turns back to Buddha)* Uh,...I am honored to meet you!

Buddha: And I am very happy to meet you! Shindo told me that you are one of his best Dharma friends! How wonderful!

Pieper: *(still flustered)* Yes, Sensei and I are learning the Buddha Dharma to help us engage in our daily lives. I am so grateful to have this, uh, rare opportunity to talk with you.

Buddha: Life is impermanent thus our meeting today is a very precious moment. Thank you very much for coming to see us!

Pieper: Buddha, I have countless questions for you about the Dharma but time is limited, so I want to ask you today, what is the first thing I should do to live a happy life?

Buddha: That is an important question for all of us, Pieper. There are many answers to your question, but I would like to share a Universal Truth with you as my answer. And that Truth is simply this:

our lives are impermanent. Everything is changing, nothing remains the same. Even for me. People call me the "Enlightened one," but I, too, will live my last day sometime in the future. I cannot escape from my life of impermanence. Our lives are unstable and everchanging. However, most people do not recognize this truth. They think that they are living every moment and they don't realize that they are also dying every moment.

How about you, Pieper? Do you realize that you are getting closer to your last moment day by day? When we awaken to this Truth of our Life of Impermanence, we are able to live happier and more meaningful lives. Awakening to my life as impermanent, momentary, and changing, I can embrace my unrepeatable life and those of others as well.

So, my answer to your question, "what is the first thing I should do to live a happy life?" is to awaken to the Truth that everything is changing and will not remain the same. When you do this, you will respect your life with no negative feelings for dying. Death becomes a part of your life. Once you are settled into this awakening, you will be free from delusions, confusion, and anxiety. You will be awakened to a life of joy, gratitude, and respect with no regrets. Your life is impermanent, thus every meeting with your family and friends is to be treasured! When you accept the impermanence of your life, then aging, sickness, and death become part of the reality of your life.

Pieper: I see. So, Master Shakyamuni, without understanding or accepting the impermanence of my life, I can't live a truly happy life. This Truth is a very important part of Buddhism.

Buddha: Yes, you are right! There is nothing that should surprise us in our lives due to the Universal Truth of Impermanence.

Pieper: Thank you so much for your answer to my question. Now I understand that there are no good moments or bad moments. There are only changing moments.

Shindo: Pieper, I am sure you had a great time with Buddha today! He will stay at Jikoen for a little while, so please come and see him again!

Pieper: Sensei, thank you so much! Yes, I will come to see him again with more questions! And I want my wife, Lois, to meet him someday!

Buddha: Pieper, you have become one of my Dharma

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friends today. I am so happy to meet you in Hawaii! Namaste.

Peiper: Namaste and Aloha! Please take care and enjoy you stay here in Hawaii!

Buddha: I will!

To be continued...

TEMPLE NEWS

Elevator Lift Nearing Completion

The construction and installation of the elevator lift to the hondo is ongoing and almost completed. This is the fruition of many years of planning and the many hands that contributed to our Capital Campaign Improvement Project funding.

This year, Jikoen is in the final phase of our 5-Year Ukajidebiru Capital Campaign Fund. Thank you for remembering to send in your donations and pledges to help us reach our goal of \$1,000,000.



April 25 Virtual Intergenerational Service

A virtual Intergenerational Service with Jikoen Dharma School was held on April 25, 2021 via Zoom. A virtual version of JIKO-O (BINGO) playing cards with questions about Jikoen and Jodo Shinshu was created by

Rev. Alan Urasaki. Playing boards were accessible virtually or with a printed hard copy. When the correct answer was given for each question, players covered the block with the correct answer. Instead of using numbers, the question and answers made it fun and a great learning experience. Winners received prizes from generous donors.

Congratulations Class of 2021!

Congratulations to Jikoen Hongwanji's 2021 graduates:

- **Jazmin Horio** – Roosevelt High School
Daughter of Keith & Etsuko Horio and Granddaughter of Lily Horio
- **Sydney Ito** – Columbia University
Daughter of Grant Ito & JoAnn Yosemite, Granddaughter of Chihoko Yosemite and the late Rev. Chikai Yosemite
- **Skyler Nishiyama** – University of Hawai'i at Hilo
Son of Rev. Shindo & Suzue Nishiyama
- **Kayla Yosemite** – Seattle University
Daughter of Eric & Dawn Yosemite, Granddaughter of Chihoko Yosemite and the late Rev. Chikai Yosemite

Sincere congratulations and much success to each of you as you start your next adventure.



Jikoen on Ukwanshin Kabudan's Umanchu Suruti Online

On May 3, president Doris Oshiro shared the history of Jikoen and its strong connections to the Hawaii Okinawan community. This was part 1 of Ukwanshin Kabudan's monthly "Umanchu Suruti" online lecture series on Okinawan culture, arts, and history. The presentations are held virtually via Zoom.

If you would like to view or attend their presentations, please email Ukwanshin Kabudan at events@ukwanshinkabudan.org.

This was part one of a two-part series featuring Jikoen Hongwanji. On June 7 at 7:00 p.m., Rev. Shindo Nishiyama and Pieper Toyama will be

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doing part two with a talk-story on Shin Buddhism and Okinawan values.

Ippee Nifee Deebiru to Ukwanshin Kabudan for inviting Jikoen to share our history and Hawaii-Okinawa connection!

Jikoen Hatsubon Service

Hatsubon is the first Bon memorial observance for those who passed since last Obon in July, 2020. The service will be held virtually on July 3, 2021 from 10:00 am. As of May 21, 2021, the following Dharma friends will be memorialized:

Mrs. Jane Hanae Kaneshiro (84) .. DOD Jun. 11, 2020
Mr. Stanley Akamine (75) DOD Jun. 18, 2020
Mrs. Ruth Uchida (94).....DOD Jul. 7, 2020
Mr. Seisun Shimabukuro (91)DOD Jul. 28, 2020
Ms. Yoshiko Moribe (100).....DOD Jul. 30, 2020
Mrs. Lilian Nakagawa (91)DOD Jul. 31, 2020
Mrs. Kazue Wauke (90)..... DOD Sep. 10, 2020
Mr. Kenneth Ebata (98) DOD Sep. 11, 2020
Mrs. Shizue Iseri (96) DOD Sep. 26, 2020
Mrs. Bruce Tamanaha (69)DOD Oct. 6, 2020
Mr. Toshio Arakaki (104)DOD Oct. 18, 2020
Mrs. Rose Yamaguchi (98) DOD Nov. 10, 2020
Mrs. Yoshiko Kaneshiro (96) ... DOD Nov. 13, 2020
Mrs. Alice Arakaki (91)..... DOD Nov. 30, 2020
Mrs. Kimie Miyashiro (93).....DOD Dec. 10, 2020
Mrs. Beatrice Kuba (91)DOD Dec. 14, 2020
Mrs. Hideko Ifuku (104).....DOD Dec. 25, 2020
Mrs. Tsurue Kiyuna (94) DOD Feb. 17, 2021
Mr. John Yamaguchi (95) DOD Feb. 20, 2021
Mrs. Yoshiko Maeshiro (98) DOD Mar. 9, 2021
Mrs. Hiroko Shimabukuro (102)...DOD Mar. 11, 2021
Mrs. Nancy Isa (88) DOD Mar. 30, 2021
Mr. Takashi Ito (92) DOD Apr. 7, 2021
Mr. Aaron Shimabukuro (70)... DOD Apr. 13, 2021
Mrs. Doris Yamaguchi (90) DOD Apr. 21, 2021
Mrs. June Oganeku (88)..... DOD Apr. 26, 2021

Please contact the Jikoen office for Zoom access details for this service.

Coping with COVID-19 Crisis 2020

Karen (Momohara) Sakuda

Last year March 2020 we saw our State shutdown in an effort to keep everyone safe and decrease the chances of the

virus from spreading. While this was a bit scary and sad, for me and my family, March was a joyous month because we were blessed with the birth of our first grandchild, a healthy boy. Our grandson helped us focus on the joy of life and made everyday special for us.

Despite the inconveniences of wearing masks, waiting in line to shop and being extra cautious in washing our hands often, I tried to enjoy each day and appreciate that my parents and family were all healthy and held on to the belief that the pandemic is not permanent. (We are often reminded that nothing is permanent in Buddhism.) The pandemic will eventually be over and I look forward to having family gatherings, eating leisurely at restaurants with my parents, and helping at Jikoen.

I can honestly say I'm living a good life. I'm healthy, my family is healthy and I have everything I need. I am truly blessed!

I do miss seeing everyone at Jikoen.



Four generations of the Momohara Family: Matsuo & Chizuru "Judy" Momohara, Karen & Ross Sakuda, Amy & Cahn Vo and son Tilo (1 year old), Sharon Sakuda (photo courtesy of Karen Sakuda)

Share Your Reflection for Jikoen Newsletter

We would appreciate you sharing a short reflection, photo, haiku, or short story to keep our Jikoen Ohana connected. Please include your name and contact information and submit it via email or "snail mail" USPS. All are welcome and we would love to "hear " from you.

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HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES

(May, 2021)

Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

It's Graduation Season! A hearty "Congratulations" to all Graduates from pre-school to college, but especially the Seniors at Pacific Buddhist Academy. As is the tradition, on the Thursday evening before Commencement Exercises, a special Baccalaureate Service by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii officiated by Bishop Eric Matsumoto, planned by Executive Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Kazunori Takahashi and PBA Head of Schools Mr. Josh Hernandez Morse who also emceed, and further assisted by PBA School Chaplain Rev. Sol Kalu, was held for PBA's Graduating Class of 2021 at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. Also, participating was Dr. Warren Tamamoto, HHMH State President who gave a congratulatory message on behalf of the Hawaii Kyodan.

Then, on Saturday, May 8, 2021, a Commencement Ceremony honoring the 17 Graduates of PBA's Class of 2021 was held on the PBA Campus. Needless to say, both the Baccalaureate Service and Commencement Ceremony had to be improvised in the name of safety because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Regardless, we hope that it was still memorable for our Graduates and their families. The following is the Aspiration given by Bishop Eric Matsumoto for the 2021 PBA Commencement Ceremony.

Pacific Buddhist Academy's Commencement Ceremony Aspiration for the Class of 2021

As we gather for the Pacific Buddhist Academy's 15th Commencement Ceremony in honor of the Graduating Class of 2021, in the presence of Amida Buddha, the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light, let us reflect.

As we begin this ceremony, let us contemplate the question "Is there a difference between knowledge and wisdom?" A basic emphasis in the Buddhist Tradition is that all life, all existence is interconnected and interrelated. This is the Truth of Interdependence shared by the Historic Buddha close to 2,600 years ago and captured in the beautiful metaphor of Indra's Net which is described as a jeweled net spreading across the universe in which all the connected jewels reflect all the other jewels while shining

in its own unique brilliance.

In more recent times science in its pursuit of knowledge has confirmed this truth about our connectedness through our relationship with all around us. Science has provided us with the intellectual rational of why we should respect and care more for each other. But, "Why is it that we do not show more respect to our natural environment?" and during this COVID Pandemic "Why are there challenges to implementing some of the safety measures?" The content of knowledge and wisdom may be similar, but there is a fundamental difference between the two in that knowledge cannot make a difference unless applied. Whereas, wisdom by its nature always makes a difference as it is never separate from those who significantly understand.

At Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and PBA, we hope that our Graduates have learned not only the academic knowledge necessary to continue their education in pursuit of their dreams and careers, but also that they will be guided by the Wisdom of Enlightenment especially interdependence which gives rise to virtues like mutual respect, appreciation and caring for each other with courage, thoughtfulness, equality, humility, non-violence and peace, and inspired by Great Compassion. We would like to, one last time tonight, emphasize the special gift of PBA as a Buddhist based school which is to share the Enlightened perspective which seeks the well-being, and peace and happiness of all forms of life, all existence. This is the aspiration of Amida Buddha.

Tonight, as we extend our congratulations to our Graduates and their Families, let us all express our acknowledgment and gratitude to all others for the part they played in each of our lives and embrace the aspiration for the peace and happiness of one and all. May All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion inspire and guide us.

Finally, please join me in gassho/anjali, a gesture of reverence and respect in Buddhism, to recite Amida Buddha's Honored Name in awareness, joy and gratitude of Great Wisdom and Compassion, Namo Amida Butsu.

Message from the Governor General of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha for 2021 PBA Baccalaureate

First, congratulations to this year's graduates! As we share this moment, you may be looking back on the many memories of your time spent here at PBA.

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Graduation marks the end of one of many chapters in one's lifetime, and at the same time, it is also the starting point as you embark on a new goal. As you set off from Pacific Buddhist Academy, you will carry the memories of your days here at PBA together with your hopes and dreams in the next phase of your life.

In response to the Novel Coronavirus pandemic this past year, in-person learning, as well as extracurricular activities and events have been limited. As a result, your senior year of high school may not have gone as you had hoped, and many may have found this very disappointing. But perhaps, these unprecedented circumstances gave us an opportunity to stop and carefully think about our lifestyle and future that we had been taking for granted.

Bulletin boards at schools are often used for making announcements and sometimes displays a motto or slogan. Buddhist temples also have this kind of bulletin board on which inspirational words or a short phrase filled with Buddhist wisdom are shared. Maybe you have seen one of these. A few years ago, a Japan-based Buddhist organization called Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai held a contest of inspirational phrases shared by Buddhist temples through their bulletin boards. This contest, which is called "Let it Shine! Temple Bulletin Board Project" has been gaining attention in Japan. The Grand Prize winner for 2020, which was selected from a total of 1,677 entries, was a remark made by a salesperson of a drugstore in Kanagawa prefecture, which was displayed at a temple in Kumamoto prefecture. It read, "The thing that scared me the most was not COVID, but humans."

We were faced with many challenges last April and May when the first state of emergency was declared in Japan. The media reported that a healthy person with no underlying health conditions had died of COVID-19 within a couple of days. People were panic buying face masks and hand sanitizers. Customers were lashing out at store employees because of the empty shelves. Some were even engaging in the reselling of medical masks and price gouging. In learning that we become infected through contact with others, we have become suspicious of people around us. Sadly, this has led to stigma and discrimination against frontline medical workers and COVID-19 patients. Everyone is scared in the same way, but the feeling of fear has driven us into an egocentric shell. The phrase, "the most terrifying are humans," is a description of the reality of us humans, which was revealed in the circumstance of the pandemic.

The phrase that took second place in the contest was one that was displayed on the bulletin board of Tsukiji

Hongwanji in Tokyo, a Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha branch temple. The phrase is, "Even if you hurt me, I would not hurt you back. This is Buddhism."

In fact, Sakyamuni Buddha taught us that if you take revenge on someone, in turn, that person will take revenge on you, and so in this way, the hatred would never end. You may feel you have the upper hand when you take revenge on someone whom you hate, but it only puts that person in the same position as you were in and that individual would plot vengeance against you. Thus, hatred between the two of you would never diminish.

The only way out of this sad circle of hate is through sharing feelings with each other. Let us try to rid ourselves of our own egoistic mind and feel the joy and sorrow of others.

Just as no one could have ever predicted this pandemic, what awaits us in the future is also unknown. There may be happy occasions, as well as some sad ones too. Please continue learning more about Buddhism, which is the spiritual legacy of this school's foundation, and Buddhism will surely provide you with the guidance you need whenever you are feeling lost in your own fear or hatred.

Our lives are all interrelated and interconnected. It is important that we keep in mind this feeling of gratitude for one another, as we continue to practice the spirit of placing our hands in gassho, and make every effort to respect and uphold the dignity of all life. In today's world, we are too often only concerned with the results. Although you may endeavor, it may not always pay off. However, try to not feel distressed in such situations, and try not to boast when your efforts are rewarded. All you need to do is just continue in your efforts. When this naturally comes to you, you are then a truly respectful and beautiful human.

It is my hope that you will face things you encounter with

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a feeling of gratitude that “thanks to you, I am enabled to dedicate myself to this.” Then, I am confident that a bright future will await you.

In closing, I would like to extend my congratulations once again. Thank you.

May 6, 2021

Governor General IWAGAMI Chiko
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

President’s Message for 2021 PBA Baccalaureate

*Congratulatory message to the Pacific Buddhist Academy
Class of 2021 on behalf of Hawaii Kyodan*

Bishop Matsumoto, Head of School Josh Morse, ministers, teachers, parents and most importantly, the Pacific Buddhist Academy graduating class of 2021, GOOD EVENING. It is my privilege to offer congratulations on behalf of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii to you, the class of 2021. What a great ring that year has, 2021! This has been an extraordinary Senior year for you with “new experiences” that you could not have predicted. You will always be remembered as a special class! With the help of your friends, family and school faculty, you successfully met the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic presented and today you have completed a major milestone in your life.

I would like to share with you one of my favorite stories. You probably know it. I have enjoyed reading this story again and again to my children and grandchildren. It is Momotaro, the Peach Boy—one of the best loved folk stories of Japan. It is the story of an old couple who dream of having a child of their own. Their dream comes true in the form of a giant golden peach floating down the river into the arms of Obaa-san. Planning to feast on the peach, they are surprised when the enormous peach bursts open and inside the peach is a tiny baby boy. Their dreams of having a child are fulfilled and they named him MOMOTARO, the Peach Boy. Momotaro grows up to be smart, strong and brave. He helps with the work of the village and he learns the skills of a samurai.

As he grows into a young man, Momotaro learns that for many years, evil ogres (oni) would arrive at the village to rob, kill and plunder. Momotaro announces that he will go to the Inland Sea and defeat the ogres so that they would never return to the village. At once his parents prepare him for his journey. They prepare kibi-dango, a

special Warrior’s food. Ojii-san laid out Momotaro’s knife, sword, sash and tessen-iron fan, the garb of a samurai. ***Then, armed with all that he knew and all that he was, Momotaro set out.*** This line from the story has always been particularly meaningful to me, and I think for your parents as we see you attain this milestone in life and move forward to a future that is still unwritten. Notice the careful choice of words. “Then, armed with all that he knew and all that he was, Momotaro set out.”

On his journey, Momotaro encounters a giant dog, a monkey and a pheasant. These animals become his friends and allies in the battle against the evil oni. Momotaro crosses the Inland Sea to arrive at the home of the evil oni. With the help of his brave companions, Momotaro defeats the ogres. He recovers stolen treasure and returns home. Along the way, Momotaro returns stolen treasure to all of the villages. He finally arrives at his home village with the unclaimed treasure and he is able to care for his parents for the rest of their lives.

This story is much more exciting than this abbreviated summary that I’ve shared with you today. It is a good metaphor for this occasion. Momotaro had parents who cared for him and loved him. They were concerned for his future, but they prepared him the best way that they knew. Your parents are always thinking about you. Hopefully none of you will be headed for real battle, but we know that this journey of life doesn’t always go exactly the way that we think it will. You will have your own battles. Your “weapons” and your armor are the skills, knowledge and values that you have gained through your hard work, nurtured by your parents and your school community. You will meet new people along the way. Choose your close friends wisely. You will face difficult choices in your life. I suggest that you ask yourself a few questions. Did you do your best? Did you do what is right? Did you care for and help others?

Finally, Momotaro returns to his home village. Returning home in this context means maintaining connections—with your friends, family and school community. Remember the Buddhist teaching of interdependence.

In closing, I’d like share that special line from the story of Momotaro with minor changes: ***Then, armed with all that they knew and all that they were, the Class of 2021 set out.***

Aloha and Best Wishes, Namu Amida Butsu.

May 6, 2021

Dr. Warren Tamamoto, President,
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

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PBA's Baccalaureate Service was held on Thursday, May 6 at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, and the Commencement Ceremony was held on Saturday, May 8 at PBA. Please visit PBA's Website and social media for further information.

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Condolences

Mr. Earl Iwao Mukai, a member of Puna Hongwanji Mission, passed away on April 19, 2021. Mr. Mukai served as the President of Puna Hongwanji Mission for 4 years. He served as the Puna Hongwanji Board of Directors, Sr. YBA, Pahoia Nikkei Jin Kai, KYU Pahoia Kumiai, Pahoia Shibu and the HHMH Board of Directors. The Ingo of MON-SHIN-IN 聞信院 which means "One who genuinely heard and entrusted" in recognition of his life of nembutsu was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on May 22, 2021.

Reverend Yoshiaki Fujitani, the 11th Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, passed away peacefully

at the Kuakini Medical Center in Honolulu on May 17, 2021, at the age of 97. More detailed information regarding the funeral service will be shared at a later date. Rev. Fujitani became a Kaikyoshi Minister in February 1956 and served the following temples:

February 1956 – August 1960
Wailuku Hongwanji Mission

September 1960 – February 1961
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin

February 1961 – July 1963
Headquarters (Executive Secretary)

September 1964 – July 1974
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin
1967-1974 Fuku-rimban

August 1974 – February 1975
Acting Bishop

February 1975 – February 1987
11th Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

February 1987 – February 1993
Headquarters
(Director of Office of Buddhist Education
and Buddhist Study Center)

March 1, 1993
Retired

Reverend Fujitani is one of five past Living Treasures of Hawai'i™ honorees interviewed in an upcoming special Living Treasures TV program airing on May 27 and May 30, 2021.

DONATIONS FROM APRIL 16, 2021 THRU MAY 14, 2021

Social Concerns (\$1 - \$99)

General Operations (\$1 - \$99)

General Operations (\$100 - \$299)

Anonymous
IMO Matsui & Hatsuko
Kaneshiro

General Operations (\$300 - \$499)

Miscellaneous (\$1 - \$99)

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Miscellaneous (\$100 - \$299)

Shotsuki IMO Nobushige

Nakasone

Pandemic Relief

Shotsuki IMO Mrs. Uta Shimabukuro

Miscellaneous (\$500 - \$599)

IMO Yoshiko Tome Maeshiro

Miscellaneous (\$5,000 - \$5,099)

Anonymous
BAU Books

Offertory (\$1 - \$99)

Offertory (\$100 - \$199)

Offertory

5/2/21 Service \$25.50



Thank you for your generous support!

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Jikoenu Mission
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June 1, 2021

Dear Jikoenu Ohana,

As we celebrate the Obon season, we take this time to remember our loved ones. We are giving families the opportunity to purchase Memorial Ribbon & Mini-Chochin Set(s) to honor your departed loved one(s).

Drive-through pick up is Saturday, July 24 from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. The supply is limited so please be sure to mail in your form by Sunday, June 20, 2021. The ribbon and chochin will be mailed to those who are unable to pick them up.

This year Jikoenu is making a special video honoring all whose names appear on ribbons. This video will be shared with the public on Jikoenu's YouTube Channel. If you wish to participate in this video, please include a photo of the person you are honoring with your order form or email a file of the photo. Please know that by submitting a photo, you consent for the photo to be used for public view.

Please mail your completed order form(s) and a "Memorial Ribbon Donation" of \$20.00 for each set with your check payable to: **Jikoenu Hongwanji**. For more information, please contact the office at 845-3422 or email jikoenu.info@gmail.com



In Gassho,

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, *Resident Minister*

2021 OBON MEMORIAL RIBBON & MINI-CHOCHIN SET Order Form

Please PRINT clearly. Mail order form and \$20.00 donation for each set to Jikoenu by **JUNE 20, 2021**. 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 only):

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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 July, 2021:

Francis T. Arata ~ July 22, 1997 (89)
 Agnes Tsugiyo Asato ~ July 30, 2009 (95)
 Maka Awakuni ~ July 3, 1971 (80)
 Tsuruko Gushikuma ~ July 26, 2019 (89)
 Shintoku Hamadon ~ July 1, 1999 (69)
 Jinichi Higa ~ July 7, 1988 (74)
 Haruko Miyasato Higa ~ July 11, 2009 (96)
 Kameko Higa ~ July 31, 1999 (90)
 Kamatoku Higa ~ July 23, 2003 (99)
 Masako Higa ~ July 5, 2014 (76)
 Robert Jenko Higa ~ July 15, 2012 (84)
 Ruby Fumie Higa ~ July 15, 2014 (90)
 Nae Higashionna ~ July 2, 2011 (95)
 Yasushige Ifuku ~ July 14, 2004 (91)
 Shozen Irei ~ July 6, 1971 (94)
 Robert Takeo Isa ~ July 2, 2016 (98)
 Elaine Kaneshiro ~ July 31, 2004 (89)
 Koichi Kaneshiro ~ July 16, 2008 (81)
 Masaichi Kaneshiro ~ July 28, 2004 (91)
 Otsuru Kaneshiro ~ July 6, 2012 (101)
 Seichi Kenneth Kaneshiro ~ July 23, 2007 (83)
 Albert Hajime Kawabata ~ July 6, 2016 (74)
 Harry Kido ~ July 28, 2009 (94)
 Sadako "Sadie" Kinoshita ~ July 26, 2012 (94)
 Kazue Ella Kipi ~ July 31, 2003 (83)
 Dennis Kiyuna ~ July 31, 1995 (50)
 Hanami Kohatsu ~ July 23, 2017 (86)
 Byron Tetsuo Kuwana ~ July 15, 2000 (45)
 Betty Maeshiro ~ July 20, 2018 (92)
 Kamato Minei ~ July 4, 1988 (89)
 Riyosuke Miyahara ~ July 18, 2007 (91)
 Karen Yukie Miyasato ~ July 25, 2017 (87)
 Seiko Miyasato ~ July 18, 2019 (99)
 Toshi "Frances" Miyashiro ~ July 18, 2014 (88)
 Yoshiko Moribe ~ July 30, 2020 (100)
 Steven Kunio Muramoto ~ July 4, 2018 (71)
 Lillian Nakagawa ~ July 31, 2020 (91)
 Alfred Nakachi ~ July 19, 1988 (63)
 Harold Yoshimitsu Nakamura ~ July 20, 2017 (68)

Hideki Nakamura ~ July 28, 2012 (90)
 Mrs. Usa Nakamura ~ July 7, 1999 (97)
 Glenn Jitsuo Nakasone ~ July 8, 2013 (64)
 Kame Yoshiko Nakasone ~ July 10, 1999 (91)
 Warren Susumu Nakasone ~ July 10, 2019 (77)
 Wayne Take Nakasone ~ July 14, 2009 (56)
 Jinsho Nako ~ July 20, 2014 (97)
 Makoto Nishimura ~ July 8, 2008 (84)
 Ryoko Makisan Norris ~ July 6, 2013 (82)
 Haruko Ohara ~ July 19, 2018 (102)
 Marian S. Okimoto ~ July 20, 2004 (86)
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 Kiyoshi Okuhara ~ July 24, 2009 (92)
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 Ohide Shimamoto ~ July 9, 2003 (91)
 Alan Genichi Shinsato ~ July 12, 2003 (48)
 Omoto Shinsato ~ July 7, 1998 (97)
 Ian Takashiba ~ July 10, 2018 (40)
 Mito Tamashiro ~ July 14, 2003 (91)
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If you would like to honor your loved one, please call the office at 845-3422 or email jikoen.info@gmail.com with your name and contact information and we will get back to you. Mahalo!

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A FREE Virtual Suicide Prevention & Resilience Interactive Workshop

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- develop a plan to build personal resilience
- identify warning signs for suicidal behavior and thoughts
- develop skills to foster effective dialog about suicide
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Brent Oto MA, CPS: Suicide Prevention Program Manager, 9th MSC Army Reserves

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