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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 Jikozen office for access information.

Sat 7/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hatsubon – First Bon Memorial Service Time: 9:00am, 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
Mon 7/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office and preschool closed (Independence Day)
Sat 7/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawaii District Ministers Assn. Monthly Online Seminars – Spiritual Foundation: Nembutsu That Is True and Real Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Ka'imipono Tomioka (registration required — see page 11 for details)
Sun 7/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN
Mon, 7/12 thru Fri, 7/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSC 47th Annual Summer Session Livestream on YouTube Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm, Speaker: Rev. Kodo Umetsu (see page 9 for details)
Sun 7/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sangha Family Service via Zoom Time: 9:00am, Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama • Board of Directors Monthly Meeting via Zoom Time: 10:30am
Wed 7/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Living Dharma Gathering with Rev. Nishiyama via Zoom Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Thu 7/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of Preschool Summer Program
Sat 7/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jikozen Virtual Tour and Obon Celebration on YouTube Time: 7:00pm (see page 6 for details)

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Sun 7/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN
Sun 8/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Virtual Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service via Zoom Time: 9:00am, Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama
Sun 8/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN <i>Jikoen is planning to re-open and re-start in-person services from September 12, 2021. More information to follow</i>• Board of Directors Monthly Meeting via Zoom Time: 10:30am

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama

A Surprise Encounter (Part 6)

A Fictional Narrative

(continued from the June, 2021 newsletter)

Buddha and Shindo are walking together around Jikoen temple...

Shindo: Buddha, I want to ask a question about death. Do you know what happens when we die? I just want to know if there is a kind of life after death?

The Buddha remains silent.

Shindo: Buddha, did you hear my question? Can you help me find answers to my question?

The Buddha remains silent.

Shindo: Buddha, I know that you have an answer to my question! Please!

Buddha: Shindo, I have no answer for your question because I have not died yet.

Shindo: Yes, I understand, but because you're the Awakened One, you are supposed to know, right?

After a moment of silence, Buddha responds to Shindo.

Buddha: Shindo, dying is as important as living. When we realize that our lives are impermanent, we can live more meaningfully each day. There is no distinction between living and dying because we are living as we are dying, but also dying as we are living in each and every moment. This is my response to your question. Do you understand?

Shindo: Oh yes, I understand, but I am still wondering what will happen to me after my death.

Buddha: Shindo, the Dharma is for living your daily life. By awakening to the impermanence of all things, you will be able to see what is life after death.

Shindo: What do you mean?

Buddha: I mean that you don't need to worry about what happens to you after you die. What you need to do is think how you are living your unrepeatable life. You must see your true self. The most important thing is to enjoy the Dharma as your great partner in your spiritual life's journey. It doesn't matter when you die or how you die or what happens after death because we don't know how it will be. So, the great questions are not "How will I die?" or "When will I die?" or even "What is life after death?"; rather, your only questions should be "How shall I live?" and "How shall I share my unrepeatable life with others?"

Listening to the Dharma is important to our daily practice. It is the path to become an awakened one who truly understands the meaning of the Dharma. Shindo, living is suffering; aging is suffering; sickness is suffering; and, dying is difficult to grasp. These are issues for everyone but they are all very much a part of our lives. To be liberated from these issues, to be free from all delusions, doubts, anxiety, and suffering, we need to become awakened and accept all things just as they are. If we do, our lives will be free from doubt and anxiety during our limited time here. I have no answer to your question, "What happens to us after death?" because it is an inconceivable and unknown issue. We can only listen to the Dharma and engage in our daily lives joyfully. Shindo, there is a beginning

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and ending for everything in the world. We are part of this Universal Truth and if we truly realize and accept it, we will have no anxiety and fear of dying or of death itself. We were all born and die in the Amida Buddha's Infinite Life and Light, the Universal Unconditional Love to all.

Your death is not the end of your presence here on this earth. Your memories, loving care, and dedicated life will continue to live within your surviving family members and the people in your community. Because of this truth, you will be able to lead people to the Dharma through your life of joy and gratitude in listening to the Dharma.

Shindo: Buddha, thank you so much for your guidance! I now understand that your teachings are about living and dying! I accept that living is okay and dying is also okay for me, because I am embraced by the light of Amida Buddha's unconditional love and wisdom! I am not alone!

The Buddha is silent.

Shindo: I am so grateful that you are here in Hawaii with me! Please stay a few more days and continue to teach me!

Buddha: I am sorry, but I do not have time due to my many commitments. I have to leave to share the Dharma with future generations.

Shindo: Oh, no!

Buddha: There is a beginning and ending to all things, do you remember?

Shindo: Yes, but...

To be continued...

Corrections

The following errors were made in the "Jikoen Hatsubon Service" article on page 4 of last month's newsletter:

- (1) the start time is **9:00am** NOT 10:00am
- (2) Mrs. Ruth Uchida's DOD is **June 16, 2020** NOT June 7, 2020.
- (3) Mrs. **Lillian** Nakagawa's first name was misspelled

We sincerely apologize for the errors.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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

Hideko Oya Ifuku (104), of Waipahu, passed away on December 25, 2020. She was born in Puunene, Maui. Predeceased by husband Yasushige. Survived by sons Glenn K. & Calvin S.

Nancy Chiyoko Isa (88), of Pearl City, a retired jewelry salesperson for Security Diamond, Conrad Jewelers and Liberty House, passed away on March 30, 2021 at Straub Clinic and Hospital. She was born in Honolulu. She is survived by her husband Jack Y. Isa; brothers Roy Y. and George Higa; and sisters Marjorie A. Okimoto and Rena R. Higa.

Takashi "Rosa" Ito (92), of Honolulu, passed away on April 7, 2021. He was born in Waiialua. He is survived by wife Janet Shizuko; son Derek, daughters Coralei (John) Ito-Durigon & Janine Henry) Ito-Michaels.

Beatrice Haruye Kuba (91), of Honolulu, Hawaii, passed away on December 14, 2020. Born in Honolulu, she is survived by Ryohei Kuba.

Matthew M.A. Laroya (33), of Honolulu, passed away peacefully under hospice care on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at his home in Kaimuki. He is survived by his grandmother Helen Asato, mother Arlene, brother Christopher, sister Sharyce, and brother-in-law Timothy Cobb.

Yoshiko Maeshiro (98), of Pearl City, passed away on March 9, 2021. She was born in Kukuiahae, Hawaii. She is survived by her children Rita, Audrey, Wanda, Karean, Kate and Alton.

Jane H. Oganeku (88), of Hawaii Kai, born in Kapaa Kauai, passed away April 26, 2021. Predeceased by husband Hidenori. She is survived by her children, Coleen Morgan; Neal Oganeku; Scott (Noe) Oganeku; Wade (Genel) Oganeku and brother George Sakumoto.

Aaron Sunao Shimabukuro (70), of Honolulu, a Vietnam War Army veteran and retired sales consultant for Servco Toyota, passed away on April 13, 2021 in Mililani. He was born in Honokaa, Hawaii. He is survived by brothers, Robert Shima and John (Stacie)

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Shimabukuro; sister, Elaine (Eddie) Kudaishi.

Sadako Tokuda (94), of Kailua, passed away on June 7, 2021 at Adventist Health Castle. She was born in Wailuku, Maui. Predeceased by husband Yukio. Survived by son, Alvin (Sophie); daughter, June Neumann; sisters, Shirley (Cornell) Alos and Jane (John) Fukuhara.

Doris Toshiko Yamaguchi (90), of Honolulu, passed away on April 21, 2021 in Kaneohe. She was born in Honolulu. She is survived by husband Shigeru; sister, Helen Kaneshiro; sister-in-law Jean Tokuda.

John H. Yamaguchi (95), of Honolulu, passed away on February 20, 2021 in Waipahu. He was born in Honolulu. He is survived by wife, Jean Yamaguchi; sons, Hugh and Robin; sisters, Haruko Yamaguchi, Kimiko Yamaguchi, Alice Tamashiro (William); and brother, Bert Yamaguchi (Mitsuko) of Southlake, Texas.

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

TEMPLE NEWS

Memorial Services Scheduled for August & September in 2021

1st Year Memorial Service died in 2020

July 16, 2020..... Mrs. Ruth Sai Uchida (94)
July 28, 2020..... Mr. Seisun Shimabukuro (91)
July 30, 2020..... Mrs. Yoshiko Moribe (100)
July 31, 2020..... Mrs. Lillian Setsuko Nakagawa (91)
September 10, 2020 Mrs. Kazue Wauke (90)
September 11, 2020 Mr. Kenneth Takashi Ebata (98)
September 26, 2020 Mrs. Shizue Iseri (96)

3rd Year Memorial Service died in 2019

July 10, 2019..... Mr. Warren Susumu Nakasone (77)
July 18, 2019..... Mr. Seiko Miyasato (99)
July 26, 2019..... Mrs. Tsuruko Gushikuma (100)
July 29, 2019..... Mr. Satoru Wakakuwa (89)
August 6, 2019..... Mrs. Setsuko Wakukawa (90)
September 5, 2019 Mr. Thomas Toshikazu Takamori (83)
September 8, 2019 Mrs. Haruko Kobashigawa (86)
September 20, 2019 Mrs. Alice Toshie Tokuda (87)

7th Year Memorial Service died in 2015

July 2, 2015..... Mrs. Chiyoko Yoza (93)
July 9, 2015..... Mrs. Bernice Kiyoko Yamane (82)
August 8, 2015..... Mr. Kenko Kina (90)
August 13, 2015..... Mrs. Katherine Hideko Asato (89)

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, July 21, 2021*

You will need to download the Zoom App or access from a web browser. Please RSVP to get the log-in information by calling the office at 845-3422 or emailing jikoen.info@gmail.com

There will be no gathering for August, 2021.

August 16, 2015..... Mrs. Nancy O. Okuma (98)
September 15, 2015 Mr. Keiichi Kaneshiro (93)
September 19, 2015 Mrs. Kiyoko Agena (99)
September 24, 2015 Mr. Masao Sakumoto (88)

13th Year Memorial Service died in 2009

July 5, 2009..... Mr. George Ijin Teruya (86)
July 18, 2009..... Mr. James Keitoku Yasuda (94)
July 24, 2009 Mr. Kiyoshi Okuhara (92)
July 28, 2009..... Mr. Charles Noboru Kimura (91)
July 30, 2009..... Mrs. Agnes Tsugiyo Asato (95)
August 6, 2009.... Mr. Gilbert Shinkichi Shimabukuro (92)
August 9, 2009..... Mr. Shintaro Shimabuku (86)
August 9, 2009..... Mr. Marshall Jitsuo Shimamoto (63)
August 9, 2009..... Mrs. Clara Sueko Oshiro (88)
August 10, 2009..... Mr. Seisaburo Tokuda (84)
August 16, 2009..... Mr. Seian Hokama (95)
August 20, 2009.. Mr. Uncle George Shoichi Takara (90)
September 1, 2009 Ms. Setsuko Tokunaga (67)
September 25, 2009.... Mr. Wes Toshio Shimabukuro (51)
September 27, 2009 Miss. Serena H. Oshiro (47)

17th Year Memorial Service died in 2005

July 1, 2005..... Mrs. Yoshiko Yamashiro (85)
August 16, 2005..... Mrs. Haruko Uehara (93)
September 2, 2005 Mr. Seizu Ganeku (85)
September 8, 2005 Mrs. Setsuyo Nishida (85)
September 17, 2005.... Ms. Elenor Teruko Kaneshiro (73)
September 24, 2005 Mr. Shigeru Tamashiro (100)

25th Year Memorial Service died in 1997

July 21, 1997..... Mr. Shokazu Asato (82)
July 21, 1997..... Mr. Takeshi Higa (76)
July 22, 1997..... Mr. Francis Tamotsu Arata (89)

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July 25, 1997.....Mrs. Mae Setsue Arakaki (61)
July 30, 1997.....Mrs. Kiyoko Akamine (86)
August 7, 1997.....Mr. Benjamine Shinichi Iha (82)
August 13, 1997.....Mr. Takeo Kohatsu (88)
August 21, 1997.....Mrs. Ume Sakumoto (92)
August 26, 1997.....Mrs. Emiko Demon (64)
September 2, 1997.....Mr. Matsutoshi Higa (79)
September 5, 1997.....Mrs. Kimie Goya (80)
September 26, 1997...Mr. Richard Choko Tokumine (81)
September 29, 1997.....Mrs. Helen Tsuruko Higa (83)

33rd Year Memorial Service died in 1989

July 2, 1989.....Mr. Moga Gaza (85)
July 4, 1989.....Mrs. Kami Uyehara (94)
July 14, 1989.....Mrs. Matuko Shimabukuro (87)
July 16, 1989.....Mr. Tokusho Oshiro (78)
July 19, 1989.....Mrs. Mitsuyo Watanabe (93)
July 23, 1989.....Mrs. Ushiya Higa (96)
July 23, 1989.....Mrs. Kami Oshiro (93)
July 28, 1989.....Mrs. Nabe Nagamine (84)
August 11, 1989.....Mr. Kamaji Oshiro (98)
August 22, 1989.....Mrs. Ushi Ige (97)
August 25, 1989.....Mrs. Kama Oshiro (86)
September 3, 1989... Mr. Kwantoku(Johnny) Goya (69)
September 7, 1989.....Mrs. Naye Kaneshiro (88)
September 12, 1989.....Mrs. Matsu Shimabukuro (100)
September 29, 1989... Mr. Edward Munemitsu Chinen (53)

Project Dana

Jikoen's Project Dana received two large gift bags prepared by the Waikiki 2000 Lions Club. From this very generous gift, volunteers delivered "mini" gift bags to 22 individuals (2 ongoing Project Dana clients, 4 care home residents and 16 elderly Jikoen members) during April and May. Almost all of the recipients were 90+ years old. Besides the gifts, the Jikoen members especially enjoyed the short visits to "talk story." Volunteers were: **Terry Jean Arakaki, Myrtle Hirayama, Jean Oshiro, and Sandy Toma.**

Family Promise

On June 2, volunteers delivered dinner to five families of Family Promise of Hawaii. Volunteers for this quarter were: **Dorene Niibu, Myrna Nishihara, Doris Oshiro, Jimmy Toma, and Sandy Toma.**

Thank you to our volunteers and donors for your support. Your help to Family Promise of Hawaii has made a difference in the lives of families who have fallen on hard times.

If you wish to assist Family Promise, here are some volunteer opportunities:

- *Prepare simple dinners:* main dish, rice, hot vegetable, green salad or fruits.
- *Donate food items:* cereal, snacks, coffee, fruit, and milk, sugar, creamers, etc.
- *Donate supplies:* twin/full size sheets, blankets, towels, paper plates, paper cups, chopsticks, plastic forks/ spoons, paper bowls, Ziploc bags, clear wrap, napkins, hand soap, dish towels, paper towels, toilet paper, dish washing liquid soap.
- *Financial donation*
- *Meal Coordinator*

Please call the office at (808) 845-3422 or email jikoen.info@gmail.com to help out or if you have any questions.

You Are Invited to the Jikoen Virtual Obon Experience – July 24, 2021

COVID-19 has again stolen Jikoen's live Obon from us. For the second year in a row, Jikoen is cancelling its on-site, in-person and live Obon celebration. But this year, Jikoen has decided it will not allow COVID-19 to steal everything. In place of our on-site, in-person and live Obon celebration, Jikoen is offering a Virtual Obon Experience.

On July 24, 2021, Jikoen is showcasing a video of the Jikoen Obon Experience that will be released on YouTube. The video will feature Ukwanshin Kabudan musicians playing Okinawan Obon numbers. Best of all you will be able to dance along with the Young Okinawans of Hawaii who were filmed in the Jikoen courtyard.

The video will feature more than Okinawan Obon music and dance. There will be short featurettes of the meaning of Obon and Buddhism, how live celebrations unfold at Jikoen, the story of Jikoen and a tour of the temple. The video will also share stories of Jikoen's connection to the Okinawan community.

In honor of those friends and family we remember on Obon, a special Memorial Video will be shared.

Jikoen is also including a video of the dedication of the Elevator-Lift that has been recently installed through generous donations from Jikoen supporters.

All of this is being planned by a team of creative and

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dedicated Jikoen members. The team includes: **Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, Rev. Alan Urasaki, Doris Oshiro, John Toguchi, Sandy Toma, Terry Jean Arakaki, June Nakamasu, JoAnn Yosemite, Ai Ogata, and Pieper Toyama.**

This will be a special celebration. Please join us for the premiere of this video presentation on July 24, 2021 at 7:00pm Hawaii time on Jikoen's YouTube channel "Jikoen Buddhist Temple" at the following URL: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEPY51Q8AhI06Me45RMXpxA/> featured. Of course, the video will be archived on the channel for future viewing as well.



HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES (June, 2021)

Like a good neighbor, Amida is here!

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

In June, the Hawaii Federation of Jr. Young Buddhist Associations will be having their Virtual 64th Jr. YBA State Convention. The theme is "My Neighbor Amida" based on the movie "My Neighbor Totoro." It reminded me of some Buddhist quotes about friends and friendship "An insincere friend is to be feared more than a wild animal. A wild animal may cause you physically harm, but an insincere friend can harm your mind." "It is a person's own mind, not an external enemy or foe, that lures one into unwholesome ways." "To conquer oneself is a greater victory than to conquer thousands in a battle." and "The one who protects one's mind from greed, anger and ignorance, is the one who enjoys real and lasting peace."

Further, the Dharma encourages: "speak...with kindness, work for their benefit, always be thoughtful, and treat them with honesty." "...make (the) effort to prevent...friends from falling into wrong ways, protect their property...listen to their concerns when they have problems, lend them a helping hand in times of trouble, and support their family when necessary. Thus, the way of friends...will be one of peace without sorrow." "A true friend, the one with whom a person may safely associate, will always stick closely to the right way, will worry...about one's friend's welfare, will console the friend in misfortune, will offer... a helping hand, ...will keep...secrets, and will always give...good advice. It is very difficult to find a friend like this, and, therefore, one should

try very hard to be a friend like this. As the sun warms the fruitful Earth, so a good friend shines in society because of one's good deeds."

Shinran Shonin, when he deeply reflected on himself though, lamented about himself "Lacking even small love and small compassion, I cannot hope to benefit sentient beings." But at the same time he also gratefully remarked, "Were it not for the ship of Amida's Vow, How could I cross the ocean of painful existence?" Shinran Shonin heard the Compassionate Call of Amida Buddha, who says "Come at once single-heartedly with right mind. I will protect you. Do not fear that you may fall into the calamities of water (greed) or fire (anger)." This message of Amida Buddha was so compelling that he (Shinran Shonin) had no doubt about its authenticity and experienced great joy in knowing that Amida Buddha accepted him just as he was, full of imperfections, unconditionally promising him the Great Enlightenment!

To me, out of profound appreciation for the Buddha's benevolence and a deep lament about his shameful self, Shinran Shonin, together with reciting the Nembutsu of gratitude, embraced the aspiration to reject the evil of this world. In Letter 19, he shares about a person of nembutsu "Signs of long years of saying the nembutsu and aspiring for birth can be seen in the change of heart that had been bad and in the deep warmth for friends and fellow-practicers; this is the sign of rejecting the world."

For most of his life, Shinran Shonin did not live in a secluded monastery away from people, but rather like a good neighbor lived together with people and shared with them the wisdom and compassion including the joy of Namo Amida Butsu. We learn from him that Amida Buddha is not a Buddha far away in some distant Pure Land relevant only after we die, but that Amida Buddha as Namo Amida Butsu (or The Buddha's Name That Calls Me to entrust) is right here, right now. Amida Buddha like a good neighbor is always inviting everyone to come to his house of enlightenment. Amida Buddha, now and forever, like a good neighbor promises to always be with us! When we look at the life of Shinran Shonin

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Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii continues to provide online programs on HHMH YouTube channel and are available on demand. Subscribe to continue to receive updates.

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

Please go to hongwanjihawaii.com for the latest information.

July 1, 2021

Dear Jikoen Ohana:

We hope that you and your family and friends are managing to stay well as state-wide efforts to curb CoVID-19 continue. We dearly miss seeing your friendly faces, but we stand by our earlier decision to suspend Jikoen services and activities in consideration for everyone's wellbeing. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to *gaman* (endure with patience).

Jikoen is unable to hold our semi-annual September BBQ Chicken Drive Thru, but we are happy to announce we will be fundraising through **Popeyes Hawaii!** A box of eight pieces of legs and thighs will cost \$20.00. Redeem tickets at any Popeyes location in Kapahulu (Kawahulu Ave.), Kalihi (Dillingham Blvd.), Pearl City (Kamehameha Hwy.), Mililani (Lanikuhana Ave.) or Waipahu (Farrington Hwy.) from September 1–October 31, 2021. (*Deadline is firm.*)

Jikoen extends a big mahalo to the Uezu Family for this special opportunity — Sean Uezu, and Lori (Uezu) Woo; and their parents Kal and Sue Uezu. Their grandparents, the late Yasuo and Shizuko Uezu, were distinguished members of Jikoen Temple.

We hope you can kokua by purchasing and selling a total of five tickets. You are welcome to buy more. **Please send in your ticket order using the enclosed form with pre-payment by Friday, August 13, 2021.** Tickets will be mailed to you.

Your loyal and continued support of Jikoen, especially during this pandemic, is greatly appreciated. *Namo Amida Butsu.* Please take good care and stay safe.

With both hands together in *Gassho*,

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama
Resident Minister

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Jikoen Kyodan President

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Jikoen Popeyes Chicken Fundraiser

PLEASE RETURN FORM WITH PAYMENT BY *AUGUST 13, 2021*

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- Sorry, I will not be buying tickets at this time.
- I would like to order **5** tickets x \$20.00 = \$ _____
- I would like to order _____ tickets x \$20.00 = \$ _____
- I would like to make an optional donation of \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____ Check # _____

Please make check payable to *Jikoen Hongwanji Mission. Mahalo!*

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and Lady Eshinni, I see them responding in gratitude to the Buddha as they guided and cared for people.

Finally, today, let me share our Hawaii version of Gomonshu Kojun Otani's "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.

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COVID-19 Communications & Resources on HHMH Website

The Office of the Bishop has issued a series of memos (1-16) to provide directives and recommendations regarding temple activities and procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic. These are available in the following page of our Hawaii Kyodan Website. The latest memo was issued on June 13, 2021 because of the anticipated lifting of inter-island travel restrictions, in-person services, and other topics.

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/2020/03/13/covid19/>

Obituary Notice

Mrs. Sonoe Motoyoshi, the wife of the late Rev. Sachihide Motoyoshi and the mother of Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi, passed away at the age of 104 on March 28, 2021, at her residence in Stockton, California. The ingo of AI-GYOU-IN 愛楽院 which means “One who manifested warm affection and respect” was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on May 21, 2021.

Mrs. Tomiko Fujitani, the wife of the late Rev. Yoshiaki Fujitani, passed away at the age of 96 on March 13, 2020. The ingo of ISSHIN-IN 一心院 which means “One with whole hearted single-minded devotion” was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on June 20, 2021.

Bishop’s Award for Japanese Language School Students

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Japanese Language School committee honored following students who received Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Bishop’s

Buddhist Study Center

47th Annual Summer Session

Peace Through Buddha-dharma
Rev. Kodo Umezu
 Former Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America

Topics:
 Monday: Peace Through Buddha-dharma
 Tuesday: Inner Peace
 Wednesday: Every Day Peace
 Thursday: World Peace
 Friday: Peace Through Buddha-dharma

JUL 12-16 • 5:00PM TO 7:00PM HST

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Award at their Graduation of Award days in May, 2021.

- Fort Gakuen 8th grader: **Sophie Natsumi Holliday**
- Hilo Hongwanji Gakuen 6th grader: **Abbie Yumi Takamine**
- Hongwanji Mission School 8th grader: **Kaya Blum**
- Wailuku Hongwanji Gakuen 6th grader: **Tyler Kazumasa Konno**

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 August, 2021:

- Sunao Afuso ~ August 10, 2014 (86)
- Haruo Arakaki ~ August 20, 1996 (78)
- Rachel Tamae Arakaki ~ August 20, 2018 (88)
- Ushi Arakaki ~ August 15, 1996 (90)
- Katherine Asato ~ August 13, 2015 (89)
- Tetsu Asato ~ August 1, 1988 (14)
- Kame Azama ~ August 9, 1996 (93)

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- Shizuko Azama ~ August 2, 1995 (84)
- Masajiro Macky Gima ~ August 15, 2013 (90)
- Maka Goya ~ August 14, 1999 (98)
- Tsuruyo Hashiba ~ August 17, 1995 (86)
- Cynthia Chiyoko Higa ~ August 14, 1996 (69)
- James Seishun Higa ~ August 14, 2014 (84)
- Kana Higa ~ August 25, 1988 (91)
- Seian Hokama ~ August 16, 2007 (95)
- Teruko Higa ~ August 1, 2014 (93)
- Tom Takeyoshi Higa ~ August 18, 2005 (77)
- Seiju Ifuku ~ August 18, 2004 (89)
- Taru Irei ~ August 29, 1971 (92)
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<p>Saturday November 13 10-11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Learning from the Shoshinge Rimban Kazunori Takahashi Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin</p>	

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 10-11:30 a.m. Rev. Dr. Carmella Javellana Hirano

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10-11:30 a.m. **Footsteps of Some Nembutsu Practicers on the Big Island**

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