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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 Jikoen office for access information.

Sat 10/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HDMA Nembutsu Seminar – Path of Resilience, Path of Nembutsu Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Carmella Javellana-Hirano (registration required — see page 8 for details)
Sun 10/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service via Zoom Time: 9:00am, Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama
Sat 10/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HDMA Nembutsu Seminar – Embracing our Shadow: Shin Buddhist Wisdom for When Life Gets Difficult Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Blayne Higa, Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (registration required — see page 8 for details)
Sun 10/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Sangha Service Time: 9:00am, Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama • Board of Directors Monthly Meeting via Zoom Time: 10:30am
Sat 10/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22nd Annual Bloom-Futaba Memorial Lecture via Zoom – Be The Refuge: Challenges & Aspirations of Young Adult Asian American Buddhists Guest Lecturer: Chenxing Han (see page 8 for details and registration)
Sun 10/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honolulu District Dharma School Gathering via Zoom Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (see page 8 for details and registration)
Wed 10/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kauai Hongwanji Council Nembutsu Seminar via Zoom Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (see page 8 for details and registration)
Sun 10/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jikoen Lay Speaker Sunday via Zoom Time: 9:00am, Speaker: TBA
Sun 10/31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jikoen Halloween Sunday Service & Costume Contest via Zoom Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Nishiyama and Dharma School families

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Sat 11/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Honolulu & Oahu Council Fall Nembutsu Seminar – Mindfulness in Today’s World (LGBTQIA+, Stop AAPI Hate & BLM) Time: 9:00am, Speaker: Rev. Matt Hamasaki, <i>Buddhist Church of Sacramento</i> (see page 9 for details and registration)
Sun 11/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jikoen Eitaikyo Memorial & Shotsuki Service via Zoom Time: 9:00 a.m., Guest speaker: Rev. Joshin Kamuro, <i>Hilo Betsuin</i>
Sat 11/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maui Hongwanji Council Virtual Nembutsu Seminar Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., (call or email the Jikoen office for details and registration)

MINISTER’S MESSAGE

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama

A Surprise Encounter (Part 8)

A Fictional Narrative

(continued from the August-September, 2021 newsletter)

Buddha and Shindo are sitting in Starbucks Coffee in Kalihi...

Shindo: Buddha, how’s your coffee?

Buddha: Well, this is my first time I’ve had coffee, and it’s good!

Shindo: Oh, great! I am glad that you enjoy Starbucks coffee! I usually don’t come to Starbucks. It’s expensive. I like to go to Seven-Eleven to get coffee and snacks because they are reasonable.

Buddha: Thank you so much for offering me food and a place to stay. Because of your generosity I can continue to share the Dharma with you here in Hawaii!

Shindo: No worry, please. My offering is my pleasure for your Dharma guidance and friendship!

Buddha: Thank you! Shindo, I understand that your Sangha (Jikoen Ohana Members and Dharma Friends) is making contributions to Jikoen Temple in many ways which is not only monetary but also physical as well. Is that correct?

Shindo: Yes, Jikoen has about 130 members, from young ones to seniors. They work together to keep the temple open so it can offer services for all! I am sure that Jikoen would not be able to remain open without

their dedication. They never give up. They work hard to support the temple and me in so many ways. That is how I am able to share the Buddha Dharma to help them live their everyday lives in peace.

Buddha: Yes, because of Sangha members, Jikoen is what it is. Because of your ministry here at Jikoen, they are who they are. Because of lay members, you are here at Jikoen as their minister. This is the Universal Truth of “Interdependency.” You told me before you are the father of two children. You can’t be a father without them, and your children can’t be your children without you. However, we sometimes misunderstand, and we think that “I” comes first and “they” are second. This is a totally wrong view. Because of the gifts of others, you are what you are. A doctor is nothing without patients and patients are nothing without a doctor. Without chefs and staffs at restaurants, there are no guests and no delicious foods. Without janitors, there are no clean buildings. Without teachers, there are no students and schools. And without the Dharma, we are not able to see the world as it is. Shindo, we are all alive because we are all interconnected in this world! If you realize this truth, you can live with appreciation every day of your life. Your life is not only yours. This is the truth of interdependency.

Shindo: I understand. I will keep it in my mind. Buddha, I understand that at your first sermon, just after you became the “Enlightened One,” you spoke to five followers at Deer Park, outside of Varanasi. You spoke about the Four Gates(Four Signs). Can you tell me more?

Buddha: Okay Shindo. As you know, I was a son of Queen Maya and King Suddhodhana in the Kingdom of

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Shakya. I had a life of wealth and luxury in the palace with everything that I wished for. I was expected to be the next King and my parents protected me well. So, I never had chances to see the outside world. As a child and young man, I lived only in the palace.

One day, I wanted to see the real outside world. So, I decided to leave the palace to see. The first day when I went out, I saw an old man with white hair, withered skin, walking very slowly with a cane. It was the first time I saw such an old man because there were no old men and women in the palace. My parents kept me inside the palace, and I saw only young people. I did not live in a real world. My life was surrounded by all the things that many would consider necessary for a happy life: money, fame, power, love, health, and endless entertainment with young people every day. Thus, I was very shocked to see an old man who suffered from ageing. I asked my servant, Channa, "What is this?" He explained, "Yes, Prince. Everyone grows old. You too will age like him!" I had no words and I was saddened to see the old man and wondered how he could continue suffering from aging.

On my second trip outside the palace, I saw people who sat on the ground reeking a putrid odor with no one to take care of them. Again, I was so shocked to see them and asked Channa, "What is this?" He explained, "Yes, Prince. Everyone will become sick someday. You too will become sick. Your health is no guarantee due to conditions and aging." I had no words and returned to the palace with sadness.

Shindo: I see.

Buddha: On my third trip, I saw a funeral procession. I have never seen such people crying in the procession. So, I asked Channa, "What is this?" He explained, "Yes, prince, this is the funeral service for a loved one who passed away. It is inevitable. No one can escape death." *Shindo,* I was so shocked to see what real life outside of the palace was like. And I became worried

Corrections

The following was recorded and printed incorrectly under the "Hatsubon Service" section on page 10 of the August-September newsletter. It should have read:

Robert & Jean Ishihara
IMO Shoko Ishihara

We sincerely apologize for the error.

and concerned about my own life.

On my last trip, I saw a monk in yellow robes with shaven head and an empty bowl. I asked Channa, "What is this?" He explained, "He is a practitioner seeking a way of escaping from the four sufferings of living, aging, sickness, and death".

Shindo: I see. So, what did you do after you experienced the real world?

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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

Akiko Kishi Kie (95), of Honolulu, passed away at home on July 23, 2021. She was predeceased by her husband Rev. Soshin Kie and daughter Jean Yukari. She is survived by daughters, Lily (Roy) Masuda, Ayumi (Brian) and Emma (Alan). Her dedicated work as a Bomori (minister's wife and assistant) for 51 years supported Papaaloo, Waipahu, Ewa, Waianae Hongwanji temples in Hawaii and Koza Shinshuji temple in Okinawa.

Clara Kikuye Irei (95), passed away on July 19, 2021. Preceded in death by husband, Joei Irei. She is survived by sons, Wayne and Steven; daughters, Lorraine Irei and Lois Iwasaki.

Sadako Tokuda, (94), of Kailua, retired cook for H & R Lunchwagon and Cafeteria, passed away on June 7, 2021. She was born in Wailuku, Maui. Preceded in death by husband, Yukio Tokuda. Survived by son, Alvin (Sophie); daughter June Newmann; sisters, Shirley (Cornell) Alos and Jane (John) Fukuhara.

Happy Mitsuo Toyama (98), passed away on September 5, 2021 in Waipahu. He was born in 1923 in Wainaku Mill, Hawaii. He is survived by brother, Takeshiro (Jean) Toyama.

Doris Toshiyo Yamaguchi (90), of Honolulu, passed away in Kaneohe on April 21, 2021. She is survived by husband, Shigeru; sister, Helen T. Kaneshiro.

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

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Buddha: I made my decision that I would leave the palace and my family and seek the path for escaping from these four sufferings.

Shindo: I see. This is what happened when you were a young man?

Buddha: Yes, but Shindo, I don't see people who are sick and dying here in Hawaii. Where are they?

Shindo: They are all in the hospitals or care homes or residences and we don't see funeral procession anymore. Our society tries to hide such negative sights such as aging, sickness, and death.

Buddha: What? Negative sights? They are all very much a part of our lives! No one can escape from these sufferings as you know well!

Shindo: Yes, but aging, sickness, and death are all negative concepts in the world. People do not want to face them.

Buddha: I see. Shindo, people must understand that just as time is equal for everyone, so aging, sickness, and death are also equal for everyone, too. As long as we try to escape these sufferings, we will continue to suffer from them. We need to realize that the suffering that comes from living, aging, sickness, and death are inescapable parts of our lives. Acceptance is the key to becoming a person who lives life as it is, without anxiety and doubts.

Shindo: Yes, I understand well. Life is impermanent, thus today and this moment is a very precious moment to share. I am glad I can share it with you, Buddha.

Buddha: Great! Shindo, can I get another coffee? I love the Starbucks Coffee! I like this milk coffee...it is very Ono!

Shindo: Oh, my Buddha! You are speaking like a local person! I am so happy you are enjoying your stay in Hawaii! Here, try this "Caffe Latte."

Buddha: This is called, "Caffe Latte!" I love it!

Shindo: Buddha, I have another question for you about "Namo Amida Butsu."

Buddha: Okay, but let's enjoy our coffee first!

Shindo: Okay!

To be continued...

TEMPLE NEWS

Memorial Service Schedules for October, November, and December in 2021

1st Year Memorial (Died in 2020)

Mr. Bruce Masanobu Tamanaha (69) ... October 6, 2020
Mr. Tohio Arakaki (104) October 18, 2020
Mrs. Rose S. Yamaguchi (98).....November 10, 2020
Mrs. Yoshiko Kaneshiro (96)November 13, 2020
Mrs. Alice Asato Arakaki (91).....November 30, 2020
Mrs. Kimie Miyashiro (93).....December 10, 2020
Mrs. Beatrice Haruye Kuba (91)..... December 14, 2020
Mrs. Hideko Ifuku (104)..... December 25, 2020

3rd Year Memorial (Died in 2019)

Mr. Clarence Tomokazu Nakasone (89)... November 10, 2019
Mrs. Betty Yukiko Brock (94).....November 22, 2019
Mr. Harold Tatsuo Kaneshiro (83)November 27, 2019
Mrs. Emiko Inoue Sauer (88)November 30, 2019
Ms. Elina Chinen (86) December 5, 2019
Mr. Charles Eizo Yoshimura (85) December 11, 2019
Mr. Kiichi Oshiro (100) December 14, 2019
Mrs. Tsuruko Kaneshiro (95) December 20, 2019

7th Year Memorial (Died in 2015)

Mr. Harry Seiki Tokuda (80) October 2, 2015
Mrs. Mildred Fusaye Arakaki (91) October 5, 2015
Mrs. Fumiko Kina (88) October 7, 2015
Mr. Harry Kiyoto Takahashi (89) October 16, 2015
Mrs. Florence Hatsuyo Estes (90).....November 2, 2015
Mrs. Gladys Matsue Higa (98)November 10, 2015
Mr. Yukio Tokuda (93)November 11, 2015
Mr. Michael Shigeo Tamaye (88).....November 12, 2015
Mrs. Clara Otome Tobara (99).....November 23, 2015
Mr. Masakazu Toguchi (63).....November 29, 2015
Mr. Thomas Hiroshi Tokumoto (82) November 29, 2015
Mr. Masayoshi "George" Chinen (88) ... December 2, 2015
Mr. Lance Yoshio Isa (53) December 28, 2015

13th Year Memorial (Died in 2009)

Mr. Harry Isao Higa (84) October 1, 2009
Mr. Kotaro Shiroma (96)..... October 8, 2009
Mr. Yuichi Ige (97) October 11, 2009
Mr. Roy Hideo Tokunaga (66) October 11, 2009
Mrs. Tomiko Oshiro (85) October 24, 2009
Mr. Charles Naoharu Shinsato (69)...November 3, 2009
Mr. Robert Sonyu Iha (96).....November 8, 2009
Mr. Hideaki Shimizu (59)November 15, 2009
Mr. Yasumori Tomei (90)November 17, 2009
Mrs. Lynn Midori Oganeku (79)..... December 11, 2009

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Mr. Seitaro Nakamoto (86)December 14, 2009
Mr. Shigeo Roy Nakasone (85)..... December 14, 2009
Mrs. Kimie Oshiro (92)December 22, 2009
Mrs. Kikumi China (83)December 24, 2009
Mrs. Phyllis Keiko Shimabukuro (62)December 31, 2009

17th Year Memorial (Died in 2005)

Mrs. Haruko Nakamoto (90) October 5, 2005
Mr. Raymond Shinsuke Azama (69)..... October 9, 2005
Mr. Kiyoshi Kinjo (66).....October 17, 2005
Mr. Larry Yusei Nakachi (83) October 21, 2005
Mrs. Utoyo Toyo Fukuhara (84)..... October 29, 2005
Mr. Isamu Agena (91)November 3, 2005
Mrs. Alice Shizuko Oshiro (89).....November 4, 2005
Mr. Keith Tadashi Nakamoto (50).....November 8, 2005
Mrs. Verna Chiyoko Kido (84).....November 12, 2005
Mr. Tadayuki Nishita (94)November 16, 2005
Mrs. Helen Masako Uyehara (91) ...November 23, 2005
Mr. Kenneth Shigemi Oshiro (60).....December 6, 2005
Mr. Takeo Take Nakachi (84)December 22, 2005
Mrs. Fumiko Chinen Uyeno (57)....December 23, 2005
Mr. Richard Masayoshi Yamada (63)... December 23, 2005
Mr. Nobuharu Kohagura (93) December 26, 2005

25th Year Memorial (Died in 1997)

Mrs. Helen Tsuruko Higa (83) October 3, 1997
Mrs. Hatsumi Kaneshiro (77)..... October 31, 1997
Mrs. Yoshino Miyamoto (99)November 18, 1997
Mr. Douglas Kenichi Uechi (73)November 20, 1997
Mr. Harry Nobuichi Kaneshiro (62).... December 9, 1997
Mrs. Kama Kushimaejo (96) December 21, 1997
Mrs. Alice Masue Nakamura (68).... December 29, 1997

33rd Year Memorial (Died in 1989)

Mr. Genei Toguchi (82)..... October 8, 1989
Mrs. Umito Shimamura (95)..... October 13, 1989
Mrs. Uto Miyahira (84) October 14, 1989
Mrs. Kama Akamine (100)..... October 17, 1989
Mrs. Tei Maeda (85)..... October 18, 1989
Mrs. Kame Uehara (83) October 24, 1989
Mr. Donald Teruo Uesugi (72)..... October 27, 1989
Mrs. Kamado Tanahara (93).....November 3, 1989
Mrs. Nabe Tengan (96)November 15, 1989
Mr. Harry Seiki Higa (75)November 28, 1989
Melanie Crawford-Miyasato (0) December 5, 1989
Mr. Gail Keiko Shimabukuro (26) December 7, 1989
Mrs. Alice Yaeko Azama (59)..... December 8, 1989
Mr. Seiei Takayesu (83) December 23, 1989
Mr. Walter Kamesuke Shimabukuro (77) ... December 28, 1989
Mr. Kameichi Shiroma (73) December 30, 1989

Jikoen Popeyes Chicken Fundraiser

Our Semi-Annual Drive-Thru HOKU BBQ Chicken Fundraiser was cancelled for the second year due to the Covid-19/Delta variant restrictions and for the safety of everyone. We were able to fundraise through Popeyes Chicken again.

We would like to express our deepest appreciation and gratefully acknowledge your continued support. We thank you very much for purchasing and selling tickets and for your generous donations.

Please note your tickets are valid through October 31, 2021.

2nd Annual Ring Your Bell for International Peace Day

The 2nd Annual, “Ring Your Bell” for International Peace Day was held virtually on Tuesday, September 21. There were over 1600 participants and all 33 Hongwanji Temples throughout the state participated. The ongoing Covid/Delta variant situation made in person participation at Jikoen difficult. Bells rang from temples, churches, schools, organizations and joined by many others via Zoom around the world. The actual bell ringing lasted for a full 5 minutes.

Sincere mahalo to Rene Mansho, HHMH Peace Day Committee. Chairperson and co-sponsors: the United Nations Assn. Chapters of Hawaii-Honolulu and UH-Manoa and KTUH Radio.

Please enjoy the video of this worldwide community and interfaith event.

Let’s Celebrate Peace Every Day!



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New Members, Welcome to Jikoen!

Come and join us at our regular services and other activities throughout the year. Please ask how you and your family can get involved with our ohana or how we can help you!

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Jikoen would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

Roy & Barbara Higa

We look forward to your participation at Jikoen services via zoom and look forward to welcoming you to in-person services soon.

It's not too late to commit your support for Jikoen!

Yearly Contribution:

- \$90 per adult
- \$180 per family with dependent children



HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES
(August-September, 2021)

15th Anniversary of "Peace Day" in Hawaii Ring your Bell for Peace Day 2021

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

"Congratulations, Hawaii Federation of Jr. YBAs!" This year marks the 15th Anniversary of "Peace Day" in Hawaii. In 2007, through your insight and endeavor Hawaii became the first state to officially recognize the significance of having a day dedicated for world peace. As your Resolution stated "...there is a need to encourage peace throughout the world and mankind has struggled with conflict through the ages;...there is escalating terrorism and a disregard for human life and a need to understand cultural differences with compassion and tolerance;...it is the responsibility of every nation and every individual to be an active link in promoting wisdom and compassion;...world religions have no one significant date that allows all people to come together to honor what they believe in;...promoting a "Peace Day"

designates a day that all world religions and cultures can join together in mutual respect;...the United Nations has already chosen September 21st as the World Peace Day;...Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that a "Peace Day" in Hawai'i coincide with the United Nations and be observed to promote worldwide peace for all people..."

In one month, September 21st will be upon us. I would like to encourage especially the Members of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii which is primarily the temples, to participate in this year's "Ring your Bell for Peace Day" 2021. Of course, we also cordially invite others associated with the temples like schools, preschools, Japanese language schools, adult day care, martial and cultural art groups, and other programs and projects to also join us. Further, we would be greatly appreciative of other community entities like the Interfaith Community such the Catholic Church and other Buddhist Denominations to join us once again. Unfortunately, due to the recent surge in cases, we will not be able to gather in large numbers again, but like last year, we want to reach out and be connected to each other including the global world audience, virtually. Please go to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii webpage at <https://hongwanjihawaii.com> for more information on how to view and/or register to participate for the bell ringing. Last year, we had over 200 participants with people ringing bells from their homes, temples and churches, schools, outdoor spaces and other places, but this year is kind of special in that it is the 15th Anniversary of Peace Day in Hawaii. How wonderful it would be if we could have 500 participants this year!

As it is a commemorative year, let us further reflect, more deeply. As humankind, generally speaking, we have been quick to resort to violence, weapons, and war to solve our problems and differences and it is long overdue that we need a new perspective and new alternatives to address the ailments which often lead to war and unnecessary violence. We need to change our way of thinking from the old "Divide and Conquer" and "Us versus Them" mentality which often involved force to find new ways in which we can peacefully with mutual respect co-exist with each other. However, there is an internal battle which must be overcome before we can truly address the external battles. The internal battle which must happen is that I need to confront with my own ego as expressed by the Buddhist saying "To conquer oneself is a greater victory than to conquer thousands in battle." This ego could be my individual ego as a person, my ethnic ego as part of a certain race, my cultural ego as a member of a certain society or cultural sphere, my national ego as identified by my citizenship to a particular country,

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my religious ego as a member of a specific religion and even my human ego as a member of the human race (and in the future maybe even beyond as space exploration and ventures become more a part of our lives). The beginnings of peace start with myself becoming aware of my own, often, selfish, self-centered and judgmental ego being guided and inspired by a nurturing All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion. We need to be guided by a Great Wisdom and touched by a Great Compassion that does not exclude anyone or anything. A Great Wisdom which dispels ignorance and enables us to understand the equality and preciousness of one and all thereby dismantling or at minimum weakening the barriers of discrimination which divide us. A Great Compassion which aspires for the peace, happiness and well-being of all life, all existence.

To guide and inspire us, let us reflect on some insightful sayings. “Victory creates hatred. Defeat creates suffering. The wise desire neither victory nor defeat...Anger creates anger...He who kills will be killed. He who wins will be defeated...Revenge can only be overcome by abandoning revenge...The wise seek neither victory nor defeat.” (Attributed to Sakyamuni Buddha) “Although it is societies that make war, each society is made up of individuals. If individuals learn to live together with one another in peace and harmony, the society will be in peace and harmony. Individuals are like the nucleus and society is like the atoms. The molding of our character takes place as individuals. However, an individual cannot separate from the rest of the individuals. All have to live together. Human beings are social animals and they are always drawn to the society of other human beings. Individuals influence other individuals.” “The first step toward bringing peace to the whole world is looking at our mind very closely and thoroughly. Watch your body and speech mindfully. Look at them every moment, every day.” “Before you talk, see whether you are going to say something that will hurt your listener. See whether your speech will bring harmony and peace, or disharmony and suffering.” “Cultivate peace within yourself first, and then share it with others.” (Bhante Henepola Gunaratana) “To prevent war, to prevent the next crisis, we must begin right now. When a war or crisis has begun, it is already too late.” “If we nourish mindfulness every day and water the seeds of peace in ourselves and those around us, we have a good chance to prevent the next war and to defuse the next crisis.” “We have to listen to everyone, especially those we consider our enemies. When we show our capacity of listening and understanding, the other person will also listen to us...This is the beginning of healing.” (The Venerable Thich Nhat Hahn) “In people who have

long heard the Buddha’s Name and said the nembutsu, surely there are signs of rejecting the evil of this world and signs of their desire to cast off evil in themselves.” (Shinran Shonin) “At present there are people who are losing their lives in wars around the world. However, outstanding the reason, there is simply no justification for taking the life of another. Another’s way of life or way of thinking may be fundamentally different than our own, but that is no reason to take a life. Life is precious.” (Monshu Emeritus Koshin Ohtani) “How should we live?” “Everything in this world exists based on interdependency. When we are not aware of this, we tend to think...that our own perspective is the only one that is right and justified. This is what causes conflicts to arise.” “In wars, international disputes, and terrorism, people become absolutely convinced that they are the only ones who are righteous and justified. As a result, they will go as far as to kill people in order to prove this point. When we arm ourselves and attack others, the peace that might be attained from it will never last long. How then, do we attain (the) peace that we seek in the world today” “...it is necessary that we first treat others with the same care and respect that we would show ourselves. Other people’s lives are just as precious and irreplaceable as our own. We are all living interconnected with each other in some way or another.” “When we become conscious that this is not just an issue that we should think about on a national level but also on a more basic and intimate one, we can begin to build a world of peace from the ground up.” (Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani)

As I deeply reflect, I find that I am limited and imperfect with my reality being “Easier said than done,” but we can still aspire. Ideals are important to hold in our hearts and minds even if not immediately and perfectly attainable. Let us each in our own way respond to that we are grateful for in our life with the aspiration for the peace and well-being of one and all! Please visit the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii webpage at <https://hongwanjihawaii.com> to view the 2nd Annual “Ring Your Bell for Peace Day.” Thank you and Namō Amida Butsu.

CANCELLED – 2021 Minister’s Lay Assistant Retreat

The Buddhist Study Center (BSC) and Ministerial Training Committee (MTC) will cancel the 2021 Minister’s Lay Assistant Retreat scheduled for October 15-17, 2021. The retreat was cancelled due to the increasing COVID-19 cases and the C&C of Honolulu gathering restrictions.

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If you have any questions, please call the BSC Office: (808) 973-6555.

Hawaii District Ministers Association Nembutsu Seminar 2021

Since July 2021, the Hawaii District Ministers Association created a monthly online seminar. Here is their October information.

“Path of Resilience, Path of Nembutsu”

- *Date & Time:* Saturday, October 2, 2021 / 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (HST)
- *Place:* Zoom
- *Guest Speaker:* Rev. Dr. Carmela Javellana Hirano, Integrative Psychiatrist and Minister’s Assistant of Salt Lake Buddhist Temple.
- *Fee:* Free

“Embracing our Shadow: Shin Buddhist Wisdom for When Life Gets Difficult”

- *Date & Time:* Saturday, October 9, 2021 / 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (HST)
- *Guest Lecturer:* Rev. Blayne Higa, Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

Registration is required. Please go to the registration link: <https://forms.gle/bQToK62Pi6J2UoD78>. If you already have registered before, no registration is required. If you have any questions, please contact <hawaii.kyogakkai@gmail.com>

22nd Annual Bloom-Futaba Memorial Lectures

This is a learning opportunity founded by Rev. Dr. Alfred Bloom and Mrs. Dorothy Bloom, and sponsored by Hawaii Betsuin. The lecturer, Chenxing Han, will be in Honolulu, and depending on Covid precautions will participate in a HYBRID (both live, in-person and on computer virtually) program.

- *Date & Time:* Saturday, October 16, 2021 / 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (HST)
- *Place:* Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii & Zoom
- *Guest Lecturer:* Chenxing Han, Author of *Be the Refuge: Raising the Voices of Asian American Buddhist*

- *Topic:* BE THE REFUGE: Challenges and Aspirations of Young Adult Asian American Buddhists
- *Free Registration:* <https://forms.gle/kjSAZ3bCugc29ih97> (For reminders, updates, and Zoom link)

2nd State Dharma School Gathering

- *Date:* Sunday, October 17, 2021
- *Schedule:*
 - 9:30 a.m. Dharma School Service
Dharma Talk: Rev. Satoshi Tomioka (Puna Hongwanji Mission)
 - 10:00 a.m. Breakout Room Sessions
Adult Breakout Room Speaker: Rev. Kerry Kiyohara (Makawao Hongwanji Mission)
Dharma School Breakout Rooms by age/grade
 - 10:50 a.m. Dharma School Students and Families are excused.
 - 11:00 a.m. Dharma School Teachers/ Educators Gathering Session (Open to all)
Guest Speaker: Mr. Pieper Toyama
 - 12:00 p.m. Done
- *Registration:* <https://forms.gle/Koy9KtWq868UzbLo7>
Open Invitation to All

2021 Fall Nembutsu Seminar

Kauai Hongwanji Council Nembutsu Seminar

- *Date & Time:* Wednesday, October 20, 2021 / 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (HST)
- *Place:* Zoom
- *Guest Speaker:* Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra
- *Topic:* The Tragedy of Rajagrha, What did Shinran Shonin want to tell us?
- *Free Registration:* <https://forms.gle/iU9JMi3Rm2B9e1K99>
- *For further information, please contact:*
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HQ Announcements

Honolulu & Oahu Hongwanji Council and the Office of Buddhist Education

- *Date & Time:* Saturday, November 6, 2021 / 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (HST)
- *Guest Speaker:* Rev. Matt Hamasaki, Buddhist Church of Sacramento
- *Topic:* MINDFULNESS in Today's World (Focusing on: LGBTQIA+, Stop AAPI Hate & Black Lives Matter)
- *Free Registration:* <https://forms.gle/4JeU6LnFnfXjyuu5>
- *Registration Deadline:* Saturday, October 30, 2021

Next HQ update will be distributed in November, due to having a new Hawaii Kyodan statewide newsletter in October. The 2022 Hawaii Kyodan master calendar will be distributed with November HQ update. We will share the master calendar with ministers and temple presidents earlier. Thank you for your understanding. Please looking forward to seeing the new statewide newsletter, Ka Leo Kāhea (The Calling Voice).



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 November, 2021:

Sonny P. Abangan ~ November 1, 2015 (86)
Isamu "Isao" Agena ~ November 3, 2005 (91)
Alice Arakaki ~ November 30, 2020 (91)
Paul Takejiro Arakaki ~ November 29, 2008 (87)
Shirley Masako Arakaki ~ November 4, 2008 (95)
Kameko Asato ~ November 1, 2006 (87)
Betty Yukiko Brock ~ November 22, 2019 (94)
Edward Sadanobu China ~ November 6, 2013 (94)
Florence Hatsuyo Estes ~ November 2, 2015 (90)
Bernice Haruko Higa ~ November 15, 2013 (95)
Gladys Matsue Higa ~ November 10, 2015 (98)
Kenji Higa ~ November 3, 2000 (77)
Nobuko Higa ~ November 13, 2012 (77)
Nancy Kazuko Ikehara ~ November 29, 2013 (96)
Teruko Kaji ~ November 26, 2008 (96)
Thomas Kakazu ~ November 12, 2002 (89)
Harold Kaneshiro ~ November 27, 2019 (83)
Hideji Kaneshiro ~ November 1, 2000 (87)
Jack Heisuke Kaneshiro ~ November 26, 2003 (84)
Mildred Yoshimi Kaneshiro ~ November 26, 2010 (96)
Shigemitsu Kaneshiro ~ November 28, 2016 (95)

Yoshiko (Takushi) Kaneshiro ~ November 13, 2020 (96)
Yoshiko Kaneshiro ~ November 23, 2008 (93)
Guy Henry Kmett ~ November 07, 2018 (61)
Seigin Kobashigawa ~ November 29, 2013 (92)
Yoshi Kobashigawa ~ November 8, 2008 (76)
Henry Hisato Kuniyuki ~ November 9, 2000 (88)
Chiyoko Maeda ~ November 14, 2014 (102)
Glenn Mayeshiro ~ November 26, 2016 (64)
Yoshiko Miyahira ~ November 24, 1999 (82)
Shizuo Miyasato ~ November 22, 2017 (90)
Haruko Nagamine ~ November 1, 1996 (84)
Sunao Nakama ~ November 3, 2013 (87)
Nobue Nakamaejo ~ November 14, 2017 (90)
Shinsuke Nakamine ~ November 22, 2003 (91)
Yejiro Nakamoto ~ November 21, 1999 (71)
Sonsei Nakamura ~ November 1, 2018 (102)
Clarence Tomokazu Nakasone ~ November 10, 2019 (89)
Robert Hoyei Nako ~ November 1, 2006 (80)
Violet Aiko Nako ~ November 14, 2003 (74)
Lillian Nanbu ~ November 3, 2017 (100)
Rev. Tenshin Nishiyama ~ November 8, 1996 (74)
Frank Morito Nishimura ~ November 11, 2008 (90)
Henry Sadao Okuma ~ November 9, 2020
Kama Oshiro ~ November 1, 1996 (98)
Masakichi Joe Oshiro ~ November, 4, 1998 (83)
Emiko Inoue Sauer ~ November 30, 2019 (88)
Ronald Christopher Scott ~ November 1, 2012 (45)
Jimmy Seikichi Senaga ~ November 7, 2007 (82)
Elton Ichio Shimabukuro ~ November 27, 2008 (58)
Rinsei Shimabukuro ~ November 26, 1996 (76)
Toshimitsu Shimabukuro ~ November 4, 2014 (89)
Raymond Yoshiwo Shiroma ~ November 4, 1999 (82)

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IHO JoAnn Yosemite

IMO Grace Higa

IMO Seijun, Mineko & Kazue Tamashiro

IMO Stanley Toyama

IMO Hiroko Shimabukuro

O'Bon (\$100 - \$299)

IMO W. S. & K. Chinen, M. & T. Chinen & Family, Y. & K. Uchima & Family, Arata Family

IMO Robert Masao Gushiken

IMO George & Clytie Yogi

IMO Janet Sasaki

Virtual Bon Dance

IMO Ronald Yoza, Mr. & Mrs. Aran Yoza, & Yoza, Darrel, Val & Aria Doris Wauke

O'Bon Memorial Ribbon (\$1 - \$99)

IMO Shiro Hokama

O'Bon Memorial Ribbon (\$100 - \$299)

Miscellaneous (\$1 - \$99)

IMO Jerome Masami Higa (Shotsuki)

IMO Ushiya Higa 33rd year

Memorial

Social Concerns

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IMO Steve Higa

Miscellaneous (\$100 - \$299)

IMO Matthew Laroya

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IMO Noburo & Kikue Higa

IMO Chiyoko Arakaki 17th year Memorial

IMO Clara Irei

IMO Yoshiko Maeshiro

IHO 2021 Graduates

IMO Thelma Chiyo Nakamasu (Shotsuki)

IMO Kamaji Oshiro

Nokotsudo

IMO Haruko soma 1st year Memorial

Lumbini Preschool

IMO Satoru Wakakuwa 3rd year Memorial

IMO Matsuju, Namiko & Lloyd Yamashiro

Miscellaneous (\$300 - \$499)

Aza Gushikawa Doshi Kai

Offertory (\$100 - \$199)

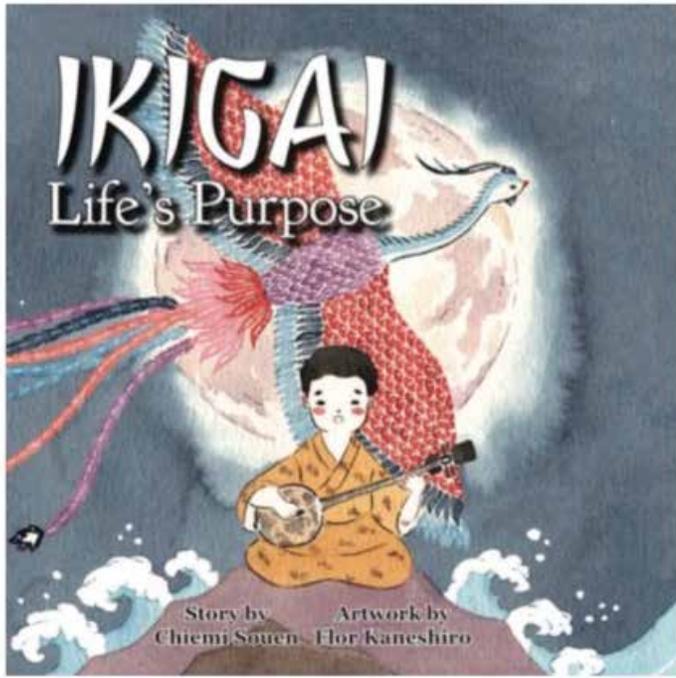
August & September

Offertory

7/18/21 Service \$45.00

Thank you for your generous support!

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Jikoen Hongwanji is following the CDC, State and Local guidelines to keep everyone safe. Any in-person appointments must be confirmed in advance and will require you to wear a face mask, have your temperature checked and complete a Jikoen Covid-19 Screening form upon arrival.

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 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 least two days (48 hours) or email in advance to make arrangements to open the Nokotsudo for you.

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Mahalo for your patience and understanding.

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