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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Due to the uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic, Delta and Omicron variants, all in-person temple services, activities and events are canceled until further notice. Dates and times of scheduled events are subject to change without notice as we continuously monitor this unpredictable situation. Thank you.

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



HAPPY NEW YEAR! 新年明けましてお目出度うございます!



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| Sun 1/2 | • NO SERVICE (New Year's Day Holiday) |
| Sun 1/9 | • Virtual Shinran's Hoonko Memorial & Shotsuki Service Time: 9:00 a.m., <i>On Zoom</i> , Speaker: Rev. Blayne Higa (Kona Hongwanji) |
| Sun 1/16 | • Virtual Sangha Family Service Time: 9:00 a.m., <i>On Zoom</i> , Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama • Virtual Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Time: 10:30 a.m., <i>On Zoom</i> |
| Wed 1/19 | • NO Living Dharma Gathering (until further notice) |
| Sun 1/23 | • Virtual Sangha Family Service via Zoom Time: 9:00 a.m., <i>On Zoom</i> , Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama |
| Sun 1/30 | • Virtual General Membership Service & Installation of Officers 2022-23 Time: 9:00 a.m., <i>On Zoom</i> , Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama |
| Sun 2/6 | • NO SERVICE |
| Sun 2/13 | • Virtual Sangha Family & Shotsuki Service Time: 9:00 a.m., <i>On Zoom</i> , Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama |

*New Year's Greeting from Gomonshu
Kojun Ohtani*



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

Over these past couple of years, we have had to adjust our lives in accordance with the scale of the spread of COVID-19. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to those who fell victim to the disease and express my sympathies to those who are undergoing treatment. I would also like to express my respect and sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and frontline medical professionals who have been engaging in the treatment of infected people, as well as all essential workers who have made it possible for us to continue with our lives.

This infectious disease has not only greatly affected the life of each one of us, but also revealed many issues that had been contained in our society. Sakyamuni Buddha, who passed on the Dharma to us, made clear of the fact that we cannot see the truth because we are too attached to our own thought. Therefore, it is only natural that conflicts and divisions come about in a society in which those who, like us, fundamentally self-centered beings,

act in accordance based on one's own thought.

In the following *wasan* poem, Shinran Shonin deeply reflected on himself and described what we humans are like,

Although I take refuge in the true Pure Land way,
It is hard to have a true and sincere mind.
This self is false and insincere,
I completely lack a pure mind.
(Hymns of the Dharma-ages)

As the *wasan* shows, we are basically incapable of accepting the reality of this world, such as, dependent origination, impermanence, and no-self. And because of this we constantly suffer. Only through being aware of and appreciating Amida Buddha's compassionate and salvific working, are we enabled to accept our true self. Shinran Shonin clarified that such ignorance is the very reason why Amida Buddha's salvific working has reached every one of us. Keeping in mind that we are always embraced in Amida's compassionate Light, let us live each day to the fullest, even though we have yet to see the end of the tunnel.

I feel truly assured hearing that many of you have been making efforts to share the Jodo Shinshu teaching within the greater society through various and innovative ways despite the current situation. It is my hope that your temples will continue serving as your spiritual home, and therefore, I humbly ask for your understanding and cooperation in support of your temples. I would like to conclude my new year's greeting with my heartfelt appreciation to you all.

January 1, 2022

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ga

年頭の辞

新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

昨年一昨年に引き続き、私たちの生活は新型コロナウイルス感染症(COVID-19)の流行に対応したものとなりました。ここに、新型コロナ

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ウィルス感染症によりお亡くなりになられた方々に謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、罹患されている皆さまに心よりお見舞い申し上げます。また、治療・対策にあたられている医師、看護師をはじめとする医療従事者の方々、ライフラインの維持に努めておられる方々に深く敬意と感謝を表します。

この新型コロナウィルス感染症は、私たち一人一人の生活に大きな影響を与えました。それは、同時に社会の問題も浮き彫りにしています。仏教を説かれたお釈迦様は、自分自身の考えにとらわれ、真実をみることのできない私たちの姿を指摘されています。私たちが自分の思い通りに行動したら、社会の中に対立や分断を生むこととなります。

親鸞聖人は、ご和讃に「浄土真宗に帰すれども真実の心はありがたし 虚仮不実のわが身にて清浄の心もさらになし」とうたわれました。阿弥陀さまのおはたらきによって知らされる私たちの本当の姿は、縁起や無常、無我というこの世界の真実をそのままに受け入れることができずに悩み苦しむ姿です。親鸞聖人は、そのような私たちに阿弥陀さまのおはたらきが届いていると明らかにされました。いまだに新型コロナウィルス感染症の収束が見通せない世界ですが、阿弥陀さまのおはたらきを聞き、それを依りどころとして日々の生活を過ごしてまいりましょう。

現在の厳しい状況の中でさまざまな試みを重ねながら、今までとは違った方法で浄土真宗の教えを広く社会へ伝える取り組みもなされていると聞き、たいへん心強く思います。これからもお寺が皆さまの心の支えとなりますよう、お寺の活動にご理解とご協力を頂きますことをお願い申し上げます、年頭のご挨拶といたします。

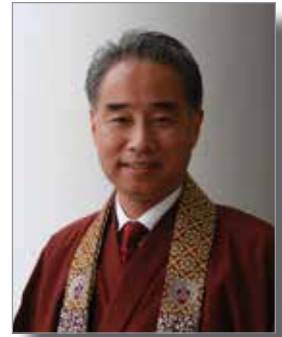
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門主 大谷光淳



New Year's Greeting from Bishop Eric Matsumoto

The New Year has always been a time of hope, renewal and new beginnings. I am hopeful that the year 2022 will be brighter and happier for you and your Ohana of family and friends, and all of us! Needless to say, the Pandemic has adversely affected all of our lives in various ways including the feeling of isolation and disconnect. However, let us not despair. Please always fully understand that Amida Buddha as Namo Amida Butsu is always with us embracing us as Great Compassion. There is a Jodo Shinshu expression "Ki-Hou-Ittai no Namo Amida Butsu" or "Namo Amida Butsu of the oneness of Amida Buddha and those to be saved." For this reason, we able to be born in the Pure Land to attain Enlightenment and, even in the here and now, we are never truly all alone!



Further, there is another dynamic in which we can appreciate the truth that we are always supported by others and thus never alone. I recall the life of an Oahu Hongwanji member who was always so grateful for the food she ate every day. She couldn't help, but place her hands together in gassho/anjali to express her appreciation and gratitude to the plants and animals for their gift of life and all others who played a role in her receiving the precious gift of the meals she ate each day. She was aware of the so many other lives which surrounded and supported her. She had to try to live her life as best she could out of appreciation and gratitude.

However, on the plane of human social interaction, yes, COVID has severely impacted our ability to interact with each other even among family members and as a Sangha at temple. I know many of you miss so dearly being able to come to the temple, the physical symbolic home of Amida Buddha. As the situation with the Pandemic slowly improves, please consider gathering, once again, at your temple. We must still be cautious especially with the discovery of the Omicron Variant, but when the time is right, please join us at the temple both current members and newcomers. Let us reconnect and connect with each other! The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii including your temple needs you! Please remember, there are three treasures not only two.

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As we begin a new year, this would be the opportune time for us to reconnect with family and friends. Depending on the situation with the Pandemic, it might not be physically just yet, but there are other ways to connect such as writing down (or video recording) your most precious thoughts, wishes and aspirations as in a journal or as letters as did Lady Eshinni and Lady Kakushinni, and even Shinran Shonin. What is that which is most precious to you? What are the best memories you have? Why is the Teachings of the Buddha and the temple so important to you? Would it make you happy if your family becomes part of the Hongwanji Sangha?

Let us make manifest our Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Theme & Slogan for 2022 which is “Building Healthy Sanghas: Connecting with Others.” Of course, this “Connecting with Others” is not limited to our close circle of family and friends, but with others around the world too. This year’s Hawaii Kyodan Calendar highlights His Eminence Kojun Ohtani’s “Our Pledge” which more concretely shares why and how we may connect with others. In this New Year, let me encourage you to begin reciting Gomonshu-sama’s “Our Pledge” on a daily basis.

To conclude, please join me to recite Namu Amida Butsu or The Buddha’s Name Which I Call (in gratitude) in response to Namu Amida Butsu or The Buddha’s Name That Calls Me (to entrust). Namu Amida Butsu. Thank you and Happy New Year from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and the Office of the Bishop.

*In gassho/anjali,
Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop*

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

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

I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and in good spirits as we enter the New Year, 2022. Last year, as I wrote my message, we had reason to hope that the year 2021 would be one in which we would have control of the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, millions of people in our country (and more around the world) are still



unvaccinated and therefore susceptible to SARS-CoV-2 infection. Also, the natural world is unpredictable - with new variants of the coronavirus appearing in different areas of the world. We do not know what effect the new variants will have on the COVID-19 pandemic. The good news is that the vaccines have proven to be very effective at preventing or reducing the chance of developing severe COVID-19 disease. They are also proven to be very safe in all of the trials and young children starting at the age of 5 can now be safely vaccinated. The COVID-19 situation is much better than a year ago at this time and it is very likely that it will continue to get better.

Our theme and slogan for 2022, “**Building Healthy Sanghas: Connecting with Others**” is particularly appropriate for 2022. Buddhism teaches that everything is interconnected. No one is completely independent of other people or the environment surrounding them. We are connected with and dependent on everything around us, for example the the air that we breathe. As we carefully re-open our temples, let’s all make an extra effort to connect with our Sangha, especially those we have not seen for a year or two.

The past two years have been difficult for all of our temples. At least one temple (Papaaloa Hongwanji) will close its temple doors permanently in 2022 and consolidate with Honohina Hongwanji. The COVID-19 pandemic was not the only factor in Papaaloa Hongwanji’s closure, but it certainly hastened the process. Buddhism teaches us that all things are impermanent, everything changes, and that “the root of suffering is attachment.” However, Shinran reminded us that we are all “bonbu” – foolish beings. We still have attachments. So it is still difficult for us to have many fond memories of a place and time in our past and not feel sadness that it will not be there the next time we visit. We can still be grateful that Papaaloa Hongwanji shared Buddhist values with the Hamakua community for over 100 years and during that time planted the seeds of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in many people, including this writer. Namu Amida Butsu.

As I reflect on our theme, “**Building Healthy Sanghas: Connecting with Others**”, I start with being grateful that Amida Buddha, through his Teachings, is with me and wants me to be happy. I am grateful that I was introduced to Buddhism by the good fortune of being born to a wonderful family in a little plantation town on the Hamakua Coast of the Big Island of Hawaii. Grateful that Papaaloa Hongwanji was built by the issei and nisei in spite of severe financial hardship. Grateful

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that Aiea Hongwanji was there for us when Claire and I were looking for a temple for our family. Grateful that I have made a connection with so many of you through our involvement in the Hawaii Sangha. Let's continue to nurture these connections.

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Doris Oshiro

Happy New Year! Ii Sogwachi Debiru!

Aloha! Haitai! I hope everyone is doing well and in great spirits.

As trying as it has been for almost two years, we've learned a lot to pivot into new territories and adapt to new situations as we live our daily lives. As we close 2021, and approach the New Year, I would like to thank everyone for contributing to help Jikoen. We were unable to meet in person but our members and volunteers continued to keep Jikoen and our Sangha connected.

Our **2022 HHMH Theme and Slogan, "Building Healthy Sanghas: Connecting with Others"** is what we have been doing during this trying time with the pandemic and the new variants.

We focused on keeping everyone safe by adhering to the Covid and variant guidelines. We are required to wear a facemask, do temperature checks and Covid screening for everyone. Volunteers cleaned the columbarium & hondo, arranged flowers for the altar, mop and cleaned, landscaped, coordinated repair and maintenance projects, checked on rain damage and dry vacuumed after heavy rains, power washed, painted, recycled cans and bottles, prepped the monthly newsletter for mail out, spearheaded Operation Postcard, made phone calls, home visits, attended to ohana who were ill, in the hospital, lost a loved one or needed transportation, provided meals and care packages for Family Promise, offered online zoom fun events for Dharma School families, sewed face masks and surgical caps, updated our website and social media, lead Drive-Thru Fundraisers, held Drive-Thru Gratitude

Bento Lunch pickup and delivery, the list goes on. All of which helped to keep our temple thriving. We are interdependent and rely on one another to get through these difficult times to keep connected.

So thank you everyone for all of your support and dedication to Jikoen. I am confident we will lead Jikoen on some very exciting paths as we continue to change the way we live. We are truly grateful that we have made lifelong connections.

I ask that we all continue to work together and stay connected with others to ensure we share the Dharma and maintain our presence well into the future.

Until we can safely meet in person, Jikoen will remain closed and we will continue to focus on keeping everyone safe. Services will be held virtually via Zoom and hosted by Rev. Nishiyama.

Wishing all of you peace, prosperity and good health in the New Year.

Please continue to keep safe, take care of each other and stay connected!

Kotoshimo yoroshiku onegai itashimasu. Yutasaru gutu unigee sabira. Namu Amida Butsu



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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

Harry Isamu Arakaki (83) of Pearl City
passed away on October 16, 2021

Lily Yoshiko Miyasato Horio of Honolulu (91)
passed away on October 17, 2021

Richard T. Jakahi of Mililani (84)
passed away on October 27, 2021

Grace Masaye Zukeran of Honolulu (92)
passed away on October 3, 2021

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

TEMPLE NEWS

Eitaikyo, Drive-Thru Keirokai Recognition, and Gratitude Lunch

On November 21, we commemorated *Eitaikyo* and *Keirokai* by honoring our elders for their selfless sacrifice and long dedication to Jikoen Hongwanji Mission.

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

“Ei” means eternal, composed of the Chinese Characters for a river with many tributaries that flows on and on. “Tai” means generations. “Doku” means to read or chant. “Kyo” means sutras or the words of the Buddha.

Thus the meaning of *Eitaikyo* is to eternally chant the sutras on behalf of not only our loved ones that have passed, but also for generations to come.

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

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

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

Volunteers also delivered this special treat to our honorees that were unable to drive-thru. The delicious bento was catered by Ige’s Halawa for this special occasion.

A gift bag for each honoree, included a Long’s Gift Card, Moegino cookies snack, special applique face towel, facemasks, mask hanger, and a Joyful Thoughts book with bookmarks. In appreciation for all they have done for us and to recognize the long history of hard work, sacrifice, hardship they have endured to keep Jikoen going for our future generations.

A sincere mahalo to all of our volunteers.
Okagesama de, Doomo Arigato gozaimasu.



Here is a list of our Keirokai honorees:

80 Years Old

Bert Shiira • Jane Yagi • Bert Yasui

88 Years Old – Beijyu

Elaine Hirashiki • Maurice Nakachi • Yasuo Nakasone • Katsuo Yamashiro

90 Years Old

Natsue Oshiro • Florence Nagai

97 Years Old – Kajimaya

Charles Chinen • Harue Oshiro

99 Years Old

Eleanor Nakamoto

Mrs. Lily Yoshiko (Miyasato) Horio



On Wednesday, December 29, 2021, we bid a sad farewell to Mrs. Lily Yoshiko (Miyasato) Horio. Born to Shohei and Fumiko Miyasato, she celebrated her 91st birthday on April 1, 2021 and passed away at the Kuakini Medical Center on October 17, 2021.

We lost a devoted family member, a community leader, a dedicated member of Jikoen Hongwanji and a lifelong devout Jodo Shinshu follower.

Lily Horio served as the President of Jikoen Hongwanji Mission from 2005 to 2011, and volunteered as Dharma School Teacher since her high school years and provided leadership in the Hawaii Dharma School Teachers Association and as a teacher at Waianae, Aiea, Alvah Scott, Aliamanu, Puuhale, Ewa Beach, Kahala schools and retired in 1993 after serving 20 years at Likelike School,

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served the greater community by teaching English as a second language at Kaimuki Community School for Adults, served as a tutor of English in Japan, Frankfurt Germany, and taught at the 52nd Street School in Los Angeles for 6 years. She was dedicated to teaching for over 50 years.

Together with her father, the late Shohei Miyasato, boldly petitioned the military governor of Hawaii during WWII to allow Jikoen to remain open. Permission was granted and Jikoen was the first temple to remain open during the war to serve the Sangha,

In 1958, at the request of the late Bishop Morikawa, she took a night train through East Berlin and made historical efforts to call on a small group of devout Shin Buddhists under the leadership of Harry Pieper to perpetuate Jodo Shinshu in West Berlin and upon returning to Hawaii, formed the “Tomo no Kai” or “Hawaii-Germany Friendship Club” and raised funds over 2-3 years to promote goodwill between West Berlin and Hawaii during the height of the Cold War.

She served as Jikoen temple organist, and from 2009-2017 served as Jikoen Choir Director. She wrote many gathas that continue to be sung throughout the state such as “Let It Begin With Me,” “The Beginner’s Mind,” “Eyes on the Lift,” “Like the Wave,” “Offering,” “Precious Gift,” “Gratitude,” “I Say Namu Amida Butsu,” and “In Harmony.” She also collaborated with Shizue Miyasato and Francis Okano in composing, “Rennyō Shonin.”

Living a Dharma-centered life and through her caring and gentle ways, she made significant contributions to Jikoen Hongwanji Mission and Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. In 2011, before over 4000 participants at the 14th World Buddhist Women’s convention in Kyoto, Japan, she spoke about her feelings of joy and gratitude she experienced in her spiritual journey and the expression of “kando”. She also shared on the growth in Hawaii of promoting world peace by talking about the Peace Parade in Honokaa and the Pacific Buddhist Academy.

In 2019, the 107th Legislative Assembly of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii extended its deepest appreciation to Lily for her many years of dedicated service to the Honpa Hongwanji Sangha and the greater community.

Jikoen Hongwanji Mission expresses its deepest condolences and heartfelt appreciation to the families of the late Lily Horio for her many years of dedication and

commitment to Jikoen Hongwanji Mission.

Lily Horio was predeceased by husband Kenneth “Ken” Horio; survived by son, Keith (Etsuko) Horio and daughter; Lynn M. (George) Monnat, PhD of Austin, Texas; granddaughters: Jazmin & Jaci Horio.

We bid a very fond Aloha and a hui ho...until we meet again to Lily Horio.

Okagesama de doomo arigato gozaimashita. Namu Amida Butsu.



HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES

(December, 2021)

“As we say good-bye to 2021, let’s...”

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

As 2021 draws to a close, I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to each and every one including our Hawaii Kyodan State President Dr. Warren Tamamoto, for your responding in gratitude to Amida Buddha in the form of your perseverance and continued moral and financial support of especially your local temple, but also our state-wide organization of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, its affiliate organizations, and various projects and programs. It has not been without struggles, but we have survived another year of this Pandemic not only for ourselves, but including trying to help others too. Thus, once again, I say “Thank you to you, the Sangha, for responding in gratitude to the Buddha and being guided by the Dharma.”

The Jodo Shinshu or Nembutsu way of life, as being emphasized by His Eminence Kojun Ohtani, is very important and significant for us. As shared previously, in April of this year, Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani shared in a Message,

Jodo Shinshu is the teaching that we will attain enlightenment beyond form and become buddhas in the “Pure Land of naturalness” through shinjin alone. In shinjin we accept without doubt the heart of Amida Tathagata’s Vow of “Namu Amida Butsu” – “Entrust yourself to me. I will liberate you just as you are.”

When we are touched by this warm compassion and learn

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of Amida Tathagata's wish for our life, we are empowered to live at ease, share joy and sadness with people, and a world of mutual respect and support opens up. With ease and joy, Shinran Shonin walked the path of gratitude for being saved by Tathagata's compassion. Aspiring to learn from his way of living and transmit his teaching to the next generations, I would like to express the essentials of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching in the following passage.

Gratitude for the Jodo Shinshu Teaching

Namo Amida Butsu.

“Entrust yourself to me. I will liberate you just as you are.” This is the calling voice of Amida.

My blind passions are embraced in the Buddha's awakening, So the Buddha calls to me “I will liberate you just as you are.”

Gratefully responding to the Buddha's call,
I find that I am already on the path that leads to the Pure Land.
And the Nembutsu flows freely from my thankful heart.

Living with the Dharma as my guide
Softens my rigid heart and mind.
Gratitude for the gift of life I have received
Frees me from becoming lost in greed and anger,
And allows me to share a warm smile and speak gentle words.
Sharing in the joy and sadness of others,
I shall strive to live each day to its fullest.

In 2023, we are going to conduct a Joint Celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching. In gratefulness for the birth of Shinran Shonin and his expounding of the teachings of Jodo Shinshu, let's recite “Gratitude for the Jodo Shinshu Teaching” together, work together, and live a life of Nembutsu together to spread his teaching.”

Today, I want to conclude by especially having us take note of His Eminence's words **“live a life of Nembutsu together to spread his (Shinran Shonin's) teachings.”** We, the Hongwanji Sangha, each and every one of us, have a part to play in sharing Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion. Thus, as we come to the end of 2021, let us take a moment to reflect on this and in the New Year, also, rededicate ourselves to our Hawaii Kyodan Mission Statement *“to share the living teachings of Jodo*

Shinshu Buddhism, so all beings may enjoy lives of harmony, peace and gratitude.” Thank you and Namu Amida Butsu.

Condolence

Rev. Yoshiko Shimabukuro, a retired minister of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, passed away on July 20, 2021, at the age of 109. A private family service was held on December 18, 2021 at the West Kauai Hongwanji Mission Hanapepe Temple. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of 淨香院 (Jou-Kou-In) which means "Imbued with Pure Fragrance" has been conferred upon Rev. Yoshiko Shimabukuro by the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Denomination in grateful recognition of her exemplary achievements and accomplishments.

Ministerial Assignments

Reverend Toyokazu Hagio, currently serving as the Rimban (Chief Minister) of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, will retire from the active ministry of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii as of December 31, 2021. Rev. Hagio became a Kaikyoshi minister in May, 1981 and has served at Waialua Hongwanji (also, in charge of former Kahuku Hongwanji), Honomu Hongwanji (also in charge of Papaaloa and Honohina Hongwanji), Wailuku Hongwanji (also in charge of Lanai Hongwanji), Waipahu Hongwanji (also in charge of Waianae and Ewa Hongwanji), Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin (as Rimban), Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (as Fuku Rimban) before assuming the Rimban of Honpa

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HMH Five-Year Theme: Building Healthy Sanghas

2020 Embracing Generosity and Openness

2021 Nurturing Empathy and Respect

2022 *Connecting with Others*

2023 Sharing Joy Together

2024 Sharing Nembutsu Moments

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Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin.

Rev. Hagio served Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for almost 38 years. Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii would like to express our deepest appreciation and gratitude to Rev. Toyokazu Hagio for his dedication and effort of spreading the Buddha-Dharma to our members and community. Thank you Rev. Hagio and congratulations on your retirement.

Announcement Regarding A Minister

Rev. Jeffrey Soga has been selected as a Police Chaplain, volunteer position in the Honolulu Police Department from December 2021.

Consolidation

Papa'aloa Hongwanji Mission will consolidate with Honohina Hongwanji Mission from March 2022. They will be having its final service as "Celebrating 118 years Papa'aloa Hongwanji Mahalo Service" on Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

Pearl Harbor Annual Memorial Ceremony

On December 9, 2021, Bishop Matsumoto and other Hawaii Buddhist Council Bishops and ministers attended the Annual Memorial Ceremony conducted by the Consulate General of Japan and the US Navy Region Hawaii on Ford Island to commemorate those from both Nations who lost their lives in the attack of Pearl Harbor 80 years ago.

The Consul General of Japan in Honolulu Mr. Yutaka Aoki and Commander Navy Region Hawaii Rear Admiral Timothy J. Kott gave remarks and the Keynote Speaker was Ms. Elissa Lines, Executive Director of the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum.

The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii Award

The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii (TIAH) had the 2020 and 2021 Community Award Virtual Celebration on December 4th, 2021. The Kapa'a Interfaith Association was presented with the "Challenging Religious or Political Extremism Award." This award seeks to recognize a Hawai'i based organization or institution that – through its witness and actions – has effectively

challenged religious or political extremism in Hawai'i in the past year. The Kapa'a Hongwanji Mission and the Kauai District Hongwanji ministers are part of the Kapa'a Interfaith Association.

Rev. Blayne Higa of Kona Hongwanji Mission also received "Flame of Hope Award." This award seeks to recognize a Hawai'i resident, who through his or her witness and actions has ignited or fanned a flame of hope in Hawai'i. Congratulations!

You may see the recorded celebration below:

<http://www.interfaithalliancehawaii.org/community-awards/>

Joint Celebration

HQ sent the email invitation for "the Joint Celebration and the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention in 2023" to all temples on November 24, 2021. Joint Celebration means the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching. Hongwanji members in Japan and all over the world will celebrate it together in 2023 in Kyoto.

Each member and participant needs to submit the Preliminary Application Form to Linda Nagai at hibelle@hawaii.rr.com by December 31, 2021. If you didn't receive the information yet, please contact your temple.

Pacific Buddhist Academy

Pacific Buddhist Academy (PBA) fulfilled the requirement for the \$1.5 million capital campaign gift from the Weinberg Foundation by establishing a PBA Weinberg Building Endowment of no less than \$500,000 in July. PBA notified the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation of its conformance with the May 22, 2014 Gift Agreement by mail on October 11, 2021. Officers of the Weinberg Foundation affirmed receipt of the letter on October 20, 2021. PBA hopes to give a tour of the PBA Weinberg Building once the conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic permit.

Hawaii Kyodan Holiday

At the Board of Directors meeting on December 4, 2021, the Board decided to add Juneteenth Day as Hawaii Kyodan Holiday. In 2022, Juneteenth Day will be

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observed on June 20th.

Juneteenth, official name of federal holiday is Juneteenth National Independence Day, is also called Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Black Independence Day, and Juneteenth Independence Day, is a holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, observed annually on June 19.

Headquarters Office

The HQ will re-open the Pali HQ office from January 4, 2022. However, due to recent rise in cases, it might be reconsidered. Due to covering the BSC, some HQ staff will continue to work from BSC at times. If you need to personally see a staff member, please make an appointment with them in advance.

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Miscellaneous (\$700 - \$799)

Lumbini Preschool

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Thank you for your generous support!
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2022 Membership Form

Your 2022 Membership Form will be included in a separate mail out with the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii 2022 Calendar. Please take the time to complete the form when you receive it.

If there is an error or change in our records, please contact Jikoen at (808) 845-3422 or email, jikoen.info@gmail.com so we can update our files.

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

Our heartfelt thanks for your continued support.

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/variant situation and recent rise in cases, all in-person services and events have been canceled until further notice.

Here are our loved ones who will be remembered in the month of February, 2022:

Archie Atsushi Fujitani – February 11, 2019 (94)
Toshio “Lefty” Goya – February 11, 2017 (83)
Nancy T. Higa – February 14, 2015 (80)
Jean Hatsue Higa – February 1, 2020 (94)
Matsumori Higa – February 17, 2013 (97)
Kenneth Kiyoshi Ishikawa – February 14, 1995 (51)
Haruko Kaneshiro – February 1, 2015 (97)
Masako Kaneshiro – February 12, 2008 (95)
Kiyono Fuchigami Kawabata – February 15, 2015 (91)
Thomas Sanjiro Kaneshiro – February 4, 1995 (74)
Richard Hideo Kaneshiro – February 10, 2018 (87)
Etsuko Kishaba – February 23, 2007 (69)
George Kishimoto – February 03, 2013 (89)
Masaru “Kane” Kaneshiro – February 19, 2007 (83)
Nobuko Ruth Kobashigawa – February 4, 2016 (92)
Tomiko “Tomi” Masaki – February 2, 2018 (83)
Helene J. Minehira – February 27, 2020 (94)
Ethel Tokiko Minei – February 13, 2014 (94)
Kameko “Violet” Miyahira – February 1, 2015 (101)
Claudia Arakaki Miyamoto – February 7, 2017 (79)
Dr. Albert H. Miyasato – February 24, 2006 (80)
Dennis Kazuo Miyasato – February 16, 2011 (66)
Gensho Miyashiro – February 1, 2015 (102)
Mrs. Miyoko Miyashiro – February 21, 2014 (87)
Tsuruko Miyashiro February 9, 2003 (84)
Momose Janet Moribe – February 4, 2011 (87)
Kamado Nakamura – February 26, 1995 (94)
Masue Nakamura – February 19, 1995 (77)
Kalen Akio Nakasato – February 25, 2003 (27)
Fuji Nakasato – February 5, 1995 (81)
Matsuro Nakasone – February 7, 1995 (91)
Usako Nakata – February 10, 2016 (97)
Kamewa Nagamine – February 18, 2006 (87)
Ayano Nishimiya – February 22, 2001 (76)
Richard Shintaro Nishimiya – February 22, 1995 (70)
Guy Itsuo Oshiro – February 7, 1999 (42)
Katsuo “Kats” Oshiro – February 7, 2007 (77)

Olga Ochiyo Oshiro – February 28, 2005 (89)
Mrs. Sonoko Sakai – February 2, 2014 (76)
Kenneth Tamotsu Sakamoto – February 6, 2014 (68)
Hirosuke Shimabukuro – February 1, 2003 (85)
Matsuichi “Mutt” Shimabukuro – February 5, 1998 (77)
Francis Haruo Taketa – February 19, 2010 (75)
Susan A. Tamashiro – February 15, 2016 (61)
Yasuko Tamayori – February 28, 2002 (76)
George H. Tanahara – February 28, 2014 (75)
Shizuka Teruya – February 25, 1995 (75)
Utomi Teruya – February 14, 1995 (93)
Victoria Futae Toguchi – February 25, 2003 (57)
Yoshiko Tokeshi – February 10, 2018 (93)
Seitoku “Stanley” Tokuda – February 1, 1998 (74)
Ernest Tatsuo Tsumuro – February 21, 2007 (75)
Edward Matsuji Uyesato – February 21, 2005 (78)
Martin Yeimatsu Yamaguchi – February 22, 2005 (66)
Yoshie Yasui – February 17, 2016 (96)
Lois Kiyomi Yasui – February 25, 2010 (68)
Shinho Yogi – February 16, 2007 (99)
Haruko Yonashiro – February 6, 2016 (93)
Hiroshi Yoshida – February 19, 2007 (86)
Tomiko Yoza – February 7, 2018 (97)
Ethel Kiyoko Zahi – February 16, 1996 (82)

Namu Amida Butsu

If you would like to honor your loved one, please call the office at 808-845-3422 or email jikoen.info@gmail.com with your name and contact information and we will get back to you. Mahalo!

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Jikoen is following the CDC, State, and local guidelines; however, due to the rise in Covid 19/variant cases, our office hours are not set. You can still call/email us for questions or concerns at 808-845-3422 or email jikoen.info@gmail.com.

Office Hours

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

Please call the office at 808-845-3422 before planning to visit the temple or to make an appointment.

Leave your name and contact number and we'll be happy to get back to you.

Nokotsudo (Columbarium)

To visit the Nokotsudo, please call the office at 808-845-3422 at least two days in advance to make arrangements to open the Nokotsudo for you.

Emergency Ministerial Services

For emergency ministerial services, please contact Rev. Nishiyama at 808-754-3737.

Mahalo for your patience and understanding.



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

- **Drive Thru BBQ Chicken Fundraiser Saturday, February 19, 2022** (more information to follow pending Covid/Variant situation)
- **Annual Jikoen Bazaar April 2022** (more information to follow pending Covid/Variant situation)
- **Jikoen New Year's Party**
Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic/Variant rise in cases, Jikoen Shinnen Enkai New Year's Party on January 30, 2022 has been **cancelled**. There will be a Virtual General Membership Meeting Service & Installation of Officers for 2022-23 via Zoom at 9:00 a.m.

Please continue to keep safe.

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