

# Monthly Newsletter

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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 Jiko'en office for access information.*

Sun 3/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Virtual Spring Ohigan &amp; Shotsuki Memorial Service</b> Time: 9:00 a.m., <i>On Zoom</i>, Speaker: Rev. Kerry Kiyohara (Makawao Hongwanji)</li> <li>• <b>JBWA Meeting &amp; Installation of Officers</b></li> </ul>
Sun 3/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Virtual Sangha Family Memorial Service</b> Time: 9:00 a.m., <i>On Zoom</i>, Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama</li> </ul>
Mon, 3/14 thru Fri, 3/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lumbini Preschool Spring Break (classes resume Monday 3/21)</b></li> </ul>
Sun 3/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Virtual Sangha Family Service</b> Time: 9:00 a.m., <i>On Zoom</i>, Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama</li> <li>• <b>Virtual Board of Directors Monthly Meeting</b> Time: 10:30 a.m., <i>On Zoom</i></li> </ul>
Fri 3/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prince Kūhiō Day Observed (Office and Preschool closed)</b></li> </ul>
Sun 3/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Virtual Sangha Family Service</b> Time: 9:00 a.m., <i>On Zoom</i>, Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama</li> </ul>
Sun 4/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN</b></li> <li>• <b>Hawaii Buddhist Council Buddha Day Combined Service</b> Time: 9:00 a.m.</li> </ul>
Sun 4/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jiko'en Buddha Day Service Service</b> Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama</li> </ul>

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama

### *As You Are*

*A Poem by Rev. Shindo Nishiyama*

The rain falls, nurtured by the earth and swaddled by sunlight, blooms. Soon, the flower will wilt and return to the earth, bringing forth new life. Not by anyone's request, nor by anyone's desire, this flower blossoms while, at the same time, it withers away. This is something that lies beyond our realm of logic and reason.

We are born, we live, and our lives come to an end. We are not born because we want to be born, and we don't die simply because we wish for it. This lies beyond our ability to pragmatize, reason, or calculate. Birth, life, and the approach of death, our limited, temporary lives become limitless in the embrace of the Amida Buddha. Namoamidabutsu.

### そのまま

作者: 西山真道

雨が降り、土に育てられ太陽の光に包まれて花が咲く。

やがて花も枯れて土に戻り、新たな命を生み出す。

誰も頼んでいないのに、誰も望んでいないのに、花は咲きながら枯れていく。そこには私たちの計らいを超えた世界がある。

私達も又、生まれ、生きてそして命を終わっていく。自分で生まれたいと生まれたわけでもないのに。自分で死にたいと願うことがないのに。そこには私の計らいを超えた世界がある。生まれ、生き、そして終わっていく限りある命を限りない命の仏様が抱き取ってくださる。唯々、南無阿弥陀仏



### *My Life Story*

According to my family history, our family temple was established by a distant ancestor who was a samurai of low rank from the Tachibana Clan which is now based in Yanagawa City in Fukuoka. The job of this low-ranking samurai was to collect taxes from farmers and fishermen; however, he abandoned his samurai status and was ordained as a Zen priest at the end of the Edo Era.

Just imagine, if my Nishiyama ancestor continued to serve as samurai, I would not be a minister today. Instead, I may have become Shogun! Anyway, I truly appreciate the first person in my family who decided to encounter Buddhism. I am a person of the Buddha Dharma because of him.

I was born in Fukuoka, Japan, in 1962, one of the five children of Rev. Tenshin Nishiyama, Resident Minister and Head of Shirasagi Preschool, and Sumie Nishiyama, Preschool Director. My father was drafted by the Nippon Imperial Army and sent to a Kagoshima Regiment in Kyushu in 1943. He was almost sent to Okinawa in January 1945; however, he did not go because of the shortage of cargo ships to carry troops. Most of the boats were lost to U.S. submarines and air attacks. His regiment remained at the Kagoshima Army base until the war ended.

My father told me that most of the higher-ranking officers disappeared after August 15, 1945. There were only about 200 lower-ranking soldiers left. My father was the only person left who had the authority to order the soldiers to disband and go home. He opened the warehouse that stored supplies for officers and gave them all to the soldiers to take back to their homes. He told me that when the soldiers saw the supplies they were surprised because there were so many extravagant items such as oil, sugar, salt, white rice, miso, cookies, canned meat, sake, tobacco, whisky, and other luxury goods! The lower-ranking soldiers had only poor-quality food and no luxury goods on the base. They were upset that higher-ranking officers kept these luxury items to themselves! After my father ordered the dismissal of all the soldiers, he burned documents and destroyed the equipment in the communication rooms. Then he left for his home in Fukuoka.

There was no working transportation system due to air raids, so everyone returned home on foot. He remembered clearly that his parents welcomed him with tears and were overjoyed with the omiyage of military food he brought for them. My father was around 25 years old at that time.

He married Sumie after the war in 1946 and opened a temple for war orphans. Many children lost their families due to two major air raids in my hometown of Omuta City in 1945. The orphans had no place to stay and no food to survive. The children fled to the countryside where my family's temple was located. My mother

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described some of the orphans who died on the riverside, in ditches between rice fields, or on the side of the road. She told me that the smell of death was strong, especially in the summertime. Because of these awful conditions, my parents decided to open the temple to save the lives of the children.

My father asked temple members to donate food and clothes for the children. Somehow, the children were saved, and they recovered from illnesses resulting from malnutrition. After 1950, my parents committed themselves to opening a childcare center, which later became Shirasagi Preschool. It was licensed by the local government and continues to the present day. The first school building used materials from a public school that was attacked by fighters and closed after the war. My father negotiated with the government to use the lumber that was not damaged. Temple members volunteered to carry the material from the former public school to the preschool building site behind the main temple hall. My father recalled that temple members worked hard to bring the old dismantled wooden boards over a distance of five miles. Additionally, members leveled the hill behind the temple for the school building with great effort and difficulty due to Japan's post-war chaos.

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## TEMPLE NEWS

### *Annual Memorial Service Schedules for March & April 2022*

#### 1st Year Service died in 2021

- March 9, 2021 .....Mrs. Yoshiko Maeshiro (98)
- March 11, 2021 .....Mrs. Hiroko Shimabukuro (102)
- March 23, 2021 ..... Mr. Martin Haruto Kinjo (90)
- March 30, 2021 ..... Mrs. Nancy Chiyoko Isa (88)
- April 7, 2021 .....Mr. Takashi Ito (92)
- April 13, 2021 .....Mr. Aaron Sunao Shimabukuro (70)
- April 21, 2021 .....Mrs. Doris Toshiyo Yamaguchi (90)
- April 26, 2021 ..... Ms. June Hatsue Oganeku (88)
- April 30, 2021 .....Ms. Kazuko Kinjo (90)

#### 3rd Year Service died in 2020

- March 8, 2020... Ms. Kathrine Yasuko Shimabukuro (99)
- March 31, 2020 ..... Mr. Shoichiro Itomura (82)
- April 9, 2020 ..... Mrs. Kikue Okuhara (97)
- April 10, 2020 .....Mr. Takemi Miyashiro (92)
- April 23, 2020... Mr. Kenneth Katsuyoshi Matsumoto (78)

### *2022 Memorial Service Schedules*

- 1st Year Memorial .....passed away in 2021
- 3rd Year Memorial..... passed away in 2020
- 7th Year Memorial..... passed away in 2016
- 13th Year Memorial..... passed away in 2010
- 17th Year Memorial..... passed away in 2006
- 25th Year Memorial..... passed away in 1998
- 33rd Year Memorial..... passed away in 1990
- 50th Year Memorial..... passed away in 1973

*Call Rev. Nishiyama at 808-845-3422 to make an appointment at least a month prior to the service.*

#### 7th Year Service died in 2016

- March 2, 2016 ..... Mrs. Pauline Yoneko Nakachi (88)
- March 3, 2016 ..... Mr. James Kazuo Toyota (79)
- March 21, 2016 .....Mrs. Kameko Sueyoshi (90)
- March 31, 2016 ..... Mrs. Yoshiko Shimabukuro (101)
- April 3, 2016.....Mrs. Shigeko Kiyabu Nakahara (96)
- April 5, 2016..... Mr. Fukuo Nakai (90)
- April 13, 2016..... Rev. Chikai Yosemite (84)
- April 25, 2016.....Mr. Takamitsu Arakaki (91)

#### 13th Year Service died in 2010

- March 8, 2010 .....Mrs. Kama Tengan (108)
- March 12, 2010 ..... Mr. Larry Susumu Kaneshiro (84)
- March 14, 2010 ..... Mrs. Shizuko Tengan (84)
- March 17, 2010... Mrs. Elaine Kikue Kay Kaneshiro (94)
- March 25, 2010 .....Mrs. Yasu Yamasato (98)
- March 29, 2010 ..... Mr. George Kojin Tokuhama (92)
- April 3, 2010..... Mrs. Kazue Higa (86)
- April 10, 2010..... Mr. Michael Saito (66)

#### 17th Year Service died in 2006

- March 2, 2006 ..... Mr. Kamegoro Uehara (76)
- March 3, 2006 .....Mrs. Harriet Hanae Baboza (58)
- March 10, 2006 ..... Ms. Joyce Fukio Miyasato (84)
- March 19, 2006 ..... Mr. Myron Junichi Zaha (60)
- March 18, 2006 .....Mrs. Chiyo Takayesu (95)
- March 30, 2006 ..... Mrs. Mary Fumiko Kaneshiro (82)
- April 5, 2006..... Mrs. Toyo Uehara (72)

#### 25th Year Service died in 1998

- March 16, 1998 ..... Mrs. Yuriko Mabuni (72)
- April 19, 1998.....Mr. Shinichi Kiyabu (68)

#### 33rd Year Service died in 1990

- March 5, 1990 ..... Mr. Richard Tamashiro (75)

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- March 27, 1990 ..... Mr. Mori Kobashigawa (85)
- March 31, 1990 ..... Mr. Tom Shigemi Fujioka (79)
- April 4, 1990.....Mrs. Tsuru Asato (88)
- April 11, 1990.....Mr. Shiichi Yamada (64)
- April 11, 1990.....Mr. Wayne Seizen Tamanaha (64)
- April 12, 1990.....Mr. Seitaro Sakihara (74)
- April 15, 1990..... Mrs. Matsu Tamashiro (92)
- April 28, 1990.....Mr. Ginei Bise (80)



**HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES**  
(February, 2022)

***“Compassion of my Religion’s Founder”***  
Bishop Eric Matsumoto

Recently, an invitation from Murabbi (Missionary) Matiullah Joyia of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Hawaii was extended to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii to participate in the 2nd World Religions’ Conference with the theme “Compassion of my Religion’s Founder.” At the conference, 6 world religions (Baha’i, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism and Islam) presented a variety of chants or sacred readings and the compassion of their respective faiths. Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Office of the Bishop was honored to be asked to represent the Buddhist Tradition while Rev. Yuika Hasebe chanted “The Tradition of Shinran Shonin” (Shonin Ichiryu no Sho) as our contribution.

I began by explaining that the Buddhist Tradition is vast and varied in its approach as it recognizes that people’s individual abilities and capabilities differ. Thus, I often refer to the illustration of a large tree or a spectrum to describe Buddhism. Further, as we all know, the Founder of Buddhism is the Historic Buddha, Sakyamuni, who was born in Ancient India as Prince Siddhartha Gautama, but for this presentation, I focused on Shinran Shonin, who we revere as the Founder of Jodo Shinshu or Shin Buddhism.

Although I have to admit I had to think about what I would share for as we know Shinran Shonin would never say about himself that he was compassionate. Of course, this is not to say that we of later ages cannot regard him as being compassionate for he truly was!

I decided to focus my presentation on Shinran Shonin’s

gratitude for the Great Compassion of Amida Buddha. For Shinran Shonin, the Compassionate One is Amida Buddha, not himself. Shinran Shonin, out of awareness of Amida Buddha’s compassion, was moved to share that compassion with others. In a poem of hymn, he wrote

*Persons who truly realize shinjin  
As they utter Amida’s Name,  
Being mindful of the Buddha always,  
Wish to respond in gratitude to the great benevolence.*

Thus, for Shinran Shonin, even in exile, he devoted the latter half of his 90 year life to sharing the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha or the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light as expounded in the Larger Sukhavativyuha Sutra in which a universal Buddha whose reach is cosmic in proportion makes unprecedented vows to lead all with no exceptions to Supreme Enlightenment to the extent that this Buddha conditions the Buddha’s own personal attainment of Perfect Enlightenment with the enlightenment of all other forms of life. In almost all of the 48 vows made by this Buddha, the phrase, “If, when I attain Buddhahood, (if such and such is not so) ...may I not attain perfect enlightenment.” are part of the vows.

In the Jodo Shinshu or Shin Buddhist Tradition, Enlightenment reaches out to us, not as rigorous and demanding religious practices or even in the form of meditation, but the Calling Voice of Enlightenment beckoning us to please wholeheartedly entrust, just as you are, in the Compassionate 18th Vow. Shinran Shonin’s reading of the 18th Vow, in part, is

*If, when I attain Buddhahood, the sentient beings  
of the ten quarter, with sincere mind entrusting  
themselves, aspiring to be born in my land, saying  
my Name perhaps even ten times, should not be born  
there, may I not attain the supreme enlightenment.*

Thus, in the Jodo Shinshu Pure Land Tradition, central is the Buddha’s Name of “Namo Amida Butsu.” It is the form in which the Buddha approaches us and at the same time the Great Practice and also our gratefully responding to it by reciting it in awareness, joy and gratitude of that all-inclusive and all-embracing compassion. Ultimately, even our awareness and gratitude are because of the Buddha’s compassion not my own compassion or endeavor. Therefore, our entrusting can be described as an Endowed True Entrusting brought forth by Enlightened Wisdom and Compassion, that is Namo Amida Butsu, itself.

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As a final point, I introduced the special characteristic of Shin Buddhism as experienced by Shinran Shonin, which truly expressed the all-inclusiveness and all-embracing aspect of Great Compassion which reaches out to save the “spiritually foolish being” (bonbu). I made sure to mention that this quote (to follow from the Tannisho) is often misinterpreted as endorsing negative behavior which it does not! It adds a new dimension to Great Compassion. If Great Compassion is great compassion it has to be equally accessible and applicable to one and all including those who by some other standards may not be included. Great Compassion reaches out to those who are not able to help themselves and thus only speaks of True Entrusting. For it is the nature of Great Compassion or the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light to include all. Thus, Shinran is known to have said,

*Even a good person attains birth in the Pure Land, so it goes without saying that an evil person will.”  
“It is impossible for us, who are possessed of blind passions, to free ourselves from birth-and-death through any practice what(so)ever. Sorrowing at this, Amida made the Vow, the essential intent of which is the evil person’s attainment of Buddhahood. Hence, evil persons who entrust themselves to Other Power are precisely the one who possess the true cause of birth. Accordingly, he said, “Even the good person is born in the Pure Land, so without question is the person who is evil.*

Many people were confused about the true nature and intent of Great Compassion and thus Shinran Shonin devoted his entire latter part of his life clarifying what the Shin Buddhist Teaching was all about, a non-dichotomous Compassion.

To close, Shinran Shonin said,

*How joyous I am, my heart and mind being rooted in the Buddha-ground of the universal Vow, and my thoughts and feelings flowing within the dharmaocean, which is beyond comprehension! I am deeply aware of the Tathagata’s immense compassion, and I sincerely revere the benevolent care behind the masters’ teaching activity. My joy grows ever fuller, my gratitude and indebtedness ever more compelling. Therefore, I have selected [passages expressing] the core of the Pure Land way and gathered here its essentials.*

Again, it was out of awareness, joy and (especially) gratitude of Amida Buddha’s Great Compassion, which



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Dharma Message

✦ **Saturdays at 7:45 am – 8:00 am on  
KZOO AM1210**

✦ **Weekly messages go to  
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### March 2022

- 05 Ms. Linda Nagai
- 12 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio
- 19 Dr. Dexter Mar
- 26 Rev. Shingo Furusawa

✦ **Japanese-language Dharma  
talks Saturdays on KZOO AM1210 on  
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he found embracing a “spiritually foolish being” that he saw himself as, that motivated Shinran Shonin to dedicate his life to sharing about Great Compassion so that others too would come know and experience Great Compassion. Thank you very much.

Namo Amida Butsu.

*Giseikai Message from the Jodo Shinshu  
Hongwanji-ha Gov. Gen. Bishop Chiko  
Iwagami*

On the occasion of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii 110th *Giseikai*, which is being conducted online, I humbly extend my appreciation to you, the ministers and sangha representatives from throughout the state of Hawaii. I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you all for your continuing efforts in propagating

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Jodo Shinshu and maintaining the temples within your respective districts.

I would first like to extend my condolences to those who lost their lives to COVID-19 and offer my sympathy to the people who are currently undergoing treatment for the disease.

With the surge of a new variant, the pandemic shows no signs of ending. Its influence goes far beyond the individual and health risks, and is leading to great social division as a result from the anxiety of being infected as well as the groundless rumors and disagreements on preventive measures. Being aware that these issues are caused by our own self-oriented mindset that every one of us possesses as a human being, I cannot help but renew my appreciation for the value of Buddhist life relying on the Dharma as the foundation.

In his Message on the Completion of the Inner Altar Restoration of the Hall of Amida Buddha at Hongwanji, Monshu Ohtani Kojun provides us with the following words: “Through upholding Shinran Shonin’s teaching and constantly reflecting on ourselves as foolish beings filled with selfish desires and attachments, we come to feel gratitude for the working that Amida Buddha extends us out of great compassion. In today’s world where we see so much social division and discrimination occurring, let us respect and support each other while spreading the Dharma and enlarging the circle of fellow nembutsu friends.” Receiving this message, let us listen to the teaching even more earnestly, living with the Dharma as our guide. Thus, we are able to strive to live each day to its fullest sharing in the joy and sadness of others.

As announced, the Joint Celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin’s Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching will be observed at Hongwanji in 2023, and we are preparing for the occasion. It would be wonderful if we are able to celebrate this special event together with all of you in Kyoto.

In closing, it is my hope that the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will continue to prosper and that many fruitful results will arise from this annual meeting.

*February 11, 2022  
Governor General Iwagami Chiko  
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha*

## *HHMH 110th Legislative Assembly (Giseikai)*

The 110th Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii was held on February 11-12, 2022 virtually via Zoom. All programs such as Opening Service (Memorial Service for the Ingo recipients in 2021 as well as past ministers and members of HHMH), Plenary Session, Presentations, Installation of Officers, Directors, Advisors, Sanmu, and Kanji ministers, and Special Recognition of the retirement of Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki and Rev. Toyokazu Hagio were conducted online.

Delegates from the Hongwanji temples throughout Hawaii discussed and passed the following resolutions:

1. 2022 HHMH Budget
2. HHMH Bylaws Amendment Relating to Article VII: Board of Directors
3. Consolidation of Papaaloo Hongwanji and Honohina Hongwanji
4. Establish a Honpa Hongwanji Statewide Newsletter
5. Establish a Honpa Hongwanji Statewide Online Calendar
6. Establish an Annual Endowment Campaign
7. Provide a Permanent Annual Subsidy to Pacific Buddhist Academy
8. Provide Capital Funds for Hilo Hongwanji Preschool New Preschool Construction
9. Condolence and Appreciation – Reverend Yoshiko Shimabukuro, Reverend Yoshikazu Saito, Reverend Yoshiaki Fujitani, Yoshio Kijima, Kiyoko Imada, Earl Iwao Mukai and Stanley Yoshio Oishi.

There were several interesting and informative presentations shared with Legislative Assembly attendees. Joshua Hernandez-Morse, Head of School for the Pacific Buddhist Academy, and Ivan Nakano of Hilo Hongwanji presented updates on the Pacific Buddhist Academy and the soon to be built new Hilo Hongwanji Preschool. Both institutions provide a curriculum based on Buddhist values with the goal of developing young adults who live and share these values with their communities.

Other presentations included: Doris Oshiro shared information about the Planned Giving Program at Jikoen called the “Legacy of Gratitude Fund”, Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani updated everyone regarding plans for the

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# *Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin's Zoom Spring Seminar*

*Saturday, March 12, 2022*

*10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.*



Speaker:

**Rev. Patricia Kanaya Usuki**

*Minister, San Fernando Valley Hongwanji  
Buddhist Temple*

*“Finding Happiness  
in a Viral Age:*

*Exploring Peace, Happiness, and Well-being,  
Guided by the Buddha-dharma and  
Nembutsu Teachings.”*

Hear her presentation and join the discussion!

Zoom link & information: [https://zoom.us/j/93470607158?  
pwd=NTdqRDBaUmhSQ2VXZHM5ZzdGOEZGUT09](https://zoom.us/j/93470607158?pwd=NTdqRDBaUmhSQ2VXZHM5ZzdGOEZGUT09)

Meeting ID: 934 7060 7158

Passcode: HHHB

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upcoming 850th/800th Commemoration in 2023 and 2024 and Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara informed everyone of the work being done at the Jodo Shinshu International Office (JSIO) in San Francisco, California. Also, Cindy Alm and Stacy Bradshaw shared the changes that helped some temples with responding to the financial crisis brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and a virtual presentation by the youth of the Hawaii Federation of Jr. YBA.

Legislative Assembly attendees were asked to respond to two polls designed to assess interest in future events—a possible Joint Conference in 2024 or 2025 (similar to the Joint Conference in 2018) and the State Lay Convention scheduled for Oahu in September 2022.

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii expresses our deepest gratitude to all those who attended and supported the second virtual Legislative Assembly.

### *Condolences*

**Ms. Lily Yoshiko Horio**, a member of Jikoen Hongwanji Mission, passed away October 17, 2021. Ms. Horio served as the President of Jikoen Hongwanji Mission Mission from 2005 through 2012. She was also a Hawaii Kyodan Director, Dharma School teacher, and director for Jikoen Choir for many years. The Ingo of ICHI-JOU-IN 一乗院 which means “One who contributed to the spread of the One Buddha Vehicle” in recognition of her life of Nembutsu was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on December 29, 2021.

**Mr. David Shunichi Ikawa**, a member of Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Bestuin, passed away on January 15, 2022. Mr. Ikawa served as the President of Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin from 1975 through 1977. He was also a Choir Director and Scout Master of Troop 23 both for over 50 years of service. The Ingo of I-YOO-IN 威曜院 which means “Majestic Brilliance” in recognition of his life of Nembutsu was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on February 5, 2022.

### *Ministerial Assignments*

**Rev. Tatsuo Muneto**, was assigned as Acting Rimban of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as of January 1, 2022.

**Rev. Yuika Hasebe**, was assigned as Assistant Rimban (Fuku Rimban) of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as of January 1, 2022.

**Rev. Arthur Kaufmann**, currently serving at Lihue Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister, will be retiring from the active ministry of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii as of February 28, 2022.

(Ministers of Kauai District Minister’s Association are asked to oversee Lihue Hongwanji Mission during the absence of the resident minister.)

### *2022 BCA National Council Meeting*

Ms. Cindy Alm (Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin) and Ms. Doris Oshiro (Jikoen Hongwanji Mission) will represent Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and attend the 2022 Buddhist Churches of America National Council Meeting, which will be held via Zoom on March 5, 2022 and March 11-13, 2022. This meeting will be hosted by Central California District Council of the BCA.

### *Papa’aloha Hongwanji Mahalo Service*

“Celebrating 118 years Papa’aloha Hongwanji Mahalo Service” was held, officiated by Bishop Eric Matsumoto with Rev. Shinji Kawagoe, on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at Papa’aloha Hongwanji Mission. Papa’aloha Hongwanji President, Jerry Broughton and Hawaii Kyodan President, Dr. Warren Tamamoto shared the history and their memories of the temple. 20 people attended the in-person service and 70 people joined to the online Livestreaming service.

The new journey of Papa’aloha Hongwanji Sangha is starting with their merging with the Honohina Hongwanji Sangha.

### *Hilo Hongwanji Preschool Groundbreaking Ceremony*

Sunday, January 30, 2022, marked the Groundbreaking Ceremony for what will become our new Hilo Hongwanji Preschool building. Covid restrictions meant the day’s activities were attended by a very small number of invited guests. Rimban Kazunori Takahashi and Reverend Joshin Kamuro officiated over a meaningful service. Bishop Eric Matsumoto and State President, Dr. Warren Tamamoto delivered messages via Zoom. Kyodan President Burt Tsuchiya and Chairman Ivan Nakano spoke of “Okagesamade” and the significance of remembering

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our forefathers and contributions that continue to have meaning for us.

Special guests included Roberta Chu, representing the Kono Foundation, our Lead Donor. Their gift of \$1,000,000 assures attainment of our Capital Campaign goal. The new construction will be named The Hiroaki, Elaine & Lawrence Kono Foundation Building. Toby Taniguchi represented Koichi & Taniyo Taniguchi, founders of KTA Super Stores and K. Taniguchi, Ltd. Also in attendance were Neil Fujiyama, contractor and Yen Wen Fang, architect/engineer for this project. (Note: Neil grew up in our temple. His parents are Stanley and Judith Fujiyama.)

### *PBA's 16th Annual Taiko Festival*

Tickets are on sale now for PBA's 16th Annual Taiko Festival at Moanalua High School's brand-new Performing Arts Center! The event will take place on March 13, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. The theme is *Kishikaisei*, meaning rebirth, and it encourages us to persevere through a difficult situation. Seating is restricted to 50% capacity, so be sure to choose your seats before they sell out!

Tickets are available for purchase online here: <https://events.ticketspicket.com/agency/3ebc2635-8576-465b-82a8-c7b790f5bf7e/events/e0fac1c3-b1f7-48fd-9a97->

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### *BSC 2022 Spring Seminar*

*Date:* March 25th and 26th, 2022

*Time:* Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. (HST)  
Saturday, 10-11:30 a.m. (HST)

*Topic:* Dharma Through the Eyes of Youth

Panelists on Friday will be the Federation of Junior YBA Hawaii Officers, Manami Alspach, Chihiro Okawa, Kana Suzuki, Jay Yokoyama, and Naho Umitani. There will be a Q&A Session after the Panel Discussion.

Saturday presents Jacob Chang, former HHMH Youth Coordinator as our guest speaker, along with panelists Wayde Toyama, Dwight Matsuo, and Wayne Yoshioka. There will be a Q&A session after the talk.

Please use the link to register (<http://bit.ly/bscspringsession2022>).

Registration Deadline by March 18th. This seminar will be held via Zoom

## 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 April, 2022:*

Jinei Arakaki ~ April 25, 2020 (98)  
Takemitsu Arakaki ~ April 25, 2016 (91)  
Eisuke Asato ~ April 22, 1996 (74)  
Tsuru Asato ~ April 4, 1990 (88)

Ginei Bise ~ April 28, 1990 (80)  
Laura Shigeno Maeshiro Freeman ~ April 3, 2018 (88)  
Toshiko Fujita ~ April 27, 2015 (89)  
Yasuo Gushi ~ April 29, 2003 (91)  
Laura F. Hieda ~ April 13, 2020 (84)  
Katherine Matsui Higa ~ April 6, 1999 (86)  
Kazue Higa ~ April 3, 2010 (86)  
Miyeko Higa ~ April 10, 1999 (76)  
Yoshi K. Higa ~ April 17, 2012 (81)  
Eiso Hokama ~ April 18, 2005 (82)  
Harry Ishikawa ~ April 24, 2015 (75)  
Kiyoko Ishikawa ~ April 6, 2014 (98)  
Takashi "Rosa" Ito ~ April 7, 2021 (92)  
Eleanor Mitsue Itomura ~ April 10, 2013 (81)  
Lionel Jakahi ~ April 14, 2014 (71)  
Mrs. Kazumi Kaneshiro ~ April 28, 2013 (90)  
Shinichi Kiyabu ~ April 19, 1998 (68)

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- Kenneth Kiyoshi Kaneshiro ~ April 6, 2020 (90)
- Kikue Kaneshiro ~ April 7, 2016 (98)
- Richard Tsutomu Kaneshiro ~ April 2, 2012 (76)
- Thomas Masaichi Kaneshiro ~ April 18, 2001 (73)
- Margaret Naomi Kawashima ~ April 16, 2015 (58)
- Hisashi Kikuchi ~ April 20, 2001 (85)
- Kazuko Kinjo ~ April 30, 2021 (90)
- Shizue Kino ~ April 30, 2015 (101)
- Chizuko Kishimoto ~ April 28, 2005 (92)
- Toshiko Kotani ~ April 9, 2001 (79)
- Sadako Matayoshi ~ April 19, 2004 (84)
- Kenneth Katsuyoshi Matsumoto ~ April 23, 2020 (78)
- Takemi Miyashiro ~ April 10, 2020 (92)
- Tatsuko Miyasato ~ April 27, 2017 (94)
- Shigeko Kiyabu Nakahara ~ April 3, 2016 (96)
- Fukuo Nakai ~ April 5, 2016 (90)
- Kyoko Nakama ~ April 18, 2000 (97)
- Clara Mieko Nakasone ~ April 1, 2019 (98)
- Nobushige Nakasone ~ April 8, 2003 (91)
- Beatrice Kimiko Higa Nishizawa ~ April 12, 2015 (94)
- June Hatsue Oganeku ~ April 26, 2021 (88)
- Kikuye Okuhara ~ April 9, 2020 (97)
- Henry Oshiro ~ April 15, 2013 (91)
- Jeanette Misaye Oshiro ~ April 30, 2019 (73)
- James Seiei Oshiro ~ April 12, 2003 (78)
- Kosuke Oshiro ~ April 19, 1999 (94)
- Michael Saito ~ April 10, 2010 (66)

- Seitaro Sakihara ~ April 12, 1990 (74)
- Akira Sakima ~ April 6, 2007 (88)
- Aaron Sunao Shimabukuro ~ April 13, 2021 (70)
- Shoyei Shimabukuro ~ April 25, 1992 (98)
- Yoshiko Shinsato ~ April 4, 2013 (89)
- Derek Ichiro Shiroma ~ April 27, 2019 (57)
- Dr. Teitsu Shiota, Jr. ~ April 15, 2017 (75)
- Warren Seizen Tamanaha ~ April 11, 1990 (64)
- Matsu Tamashiro ~ April 15, 1990 (92)
- Rose Tokie Tamashiro ~ April 25, 2013 (84)
- Hiroshi Tamayori ~ April 2, 2011 (94)
- Doris Miyome Tanaka ~ April 4, 2018 (100)
- Dora Mitsue Tengan ~ April 21, 2009 (84)
- Jared Makana Isamu Teruya ~ April 7, 2013 (12)
- Yoshiko Toma ~ April 23, 2013 (90)
- Edward Kiyoshi Tomasu ~ April 14, 2014 (71)
- Toyo Uehara ~ April 5, 2006 (72)
- Masako Wauke ~ April 21, 2002 (84)
- Shiichi Yamada ~ April 11, 1990 (64)
- Doris Toshiyo Yamaguchi ~ April 21, 2021 (90)
- Kame Yamaguchi ~ April 8, 2000 (101)
- Reverend Chikai Yosemite ~ April 13, 2016 (84)
- Richard Masahiro Yokogawa ~ April 1, 2011 (65)

*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](mailto:jikoen.info@gmail.com) with your name and contact information and we will get back to you. Mahalo!

**DONATIONS FROM JANUARY 18, 2021 THRU FEBRUARY 11, 2021**

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*Thank you for your generous support!*

**有難うございます**

**Correction:** The header for February's donations list was incorrect. It should have read "December 20, 2021 thru January 17, 2022." We apologize for the error.

# 2022 MEMBERSHIP FORM



**Jikoehongwanji Mission**  
 1731 N. School St., Honolulu, HI 96819  
 Phone: (808) 845-3422  
 www.jikoehongwanji.org  
 E-mail: jikoeh.info@gmail.com

Please encourage former Jikoeh members, your family, and friends to renew their membership or join our congregation. We would love to see everyone at our services and events throughout the year!

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- Learn about the Buddha's teachings and use daily
- Receive the monthly Jikoeh Newsletter
- Receive the Honpa Hongwanji Statewide calendar and newsletter
- Dharma Messages from Sensei
- Fellowship after Sunday services, light refreshments served
- Use of facilities and services for wedding, ceremonies, and memorials
- Discounted hall rental for private parties
- 24/7 on-call emergency ministerial services
- Jikoeh Lumbini Preschool and Hongwanji schools benefits
- Rev. Nishiyama's smiling face 😊

## PERSONAL (Please complete form, include any changes or corrections and mail with payment to Jikoeh.)

Name:		Year of Birth:	
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Home Phone: 808-		Cell Phone: 808-	
email:		email2:	

## FAMILY

Spouse's Name:		Year of Birth:	
Home Phone: 808-		Cell Phone: 808-	
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Dependent Children's Names:			

May we call on you or your family to assist with any temple activities?     Yes     No

Which format would you like to receive your newsletter?     PRINTED (by mail)  
 DIGITAL (by email)

**Annual Membership Fee:**     Individual (\$90.00)     Family (\$180.00)

Please make checks payable to **Jikoeh Hongwanji Mission** and turn this form in to our office OR send to our mailing address.

**FOR OFFICE USE:** Member# \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto: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.

*The office will be closed on Monday, February 21, President's Day.*

#### **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.*



## **ANNUAL JIKOEN BAZAAR (APRIL 2022) CANCELLED**

### **Please Kōkua!**

*Due to the rise in Covid-19/variant numbers, we are cancelling our annual bazaar scheduled for April. Therefore, we will NOT be able to accept donations.*

**PLEASE DO NOT** leave any items in the social hall or at the front gate.

*Instead, please consider dropping off or calling your favorite local charity for pick-up.*

*Pending the Covid pandemic situation, donations will NOT be accepted until further notice.*

*Feel free to call the office should you have any questions (808) 845-3422. Mahalo for your understanding and continued support! Please stay safe and keep healthy.*

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