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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

All scheduled Sunday services will be held in-person and via Zoom in the Hondo unless otherwise noted. All other in-person activities and events are postponed until further notice. We will continue to follow all Federal, State and City safety protocols. Please keep in mind that service schedules are subject to change without notice. Thank you.

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

Sun 5/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Dharma School & Sangha Gathering Time: 9:30 a.m., via Zoom only, Everyone welcome, Registration required – see page 10 for schedule and details
Sun 5/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• JBWA Eshinni-Kakushinni Day & Mother's Day Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Guest Speaker: Penny Atcheson (Hawaii Betsuin), In-person & via Zoom
Sun 5/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gotan-E Shinran's Birthday & Shotsuki Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, In-person & via Zoom• Virtual Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Time: 10:30 a.m., <i>On Zoom</i>
Wed 5/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Living Dharma Gathering Time: 6:00 p.m., In-person & via Zoom
Sun 5/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lay Speaker Sunday Time: 9:00 a.m., Guest Speaker: Justin Hong, In-person & via Zoom
Sun 5/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Dharma Sunday Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, In-person & via Zoom
Mon 5/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Memorial Day Holiday Observed (Office and Preschool closed)
Sun 6/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, In-person & via Zoom

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama

My Life Story (Part 3)

(continued from the April, 2022 newsletter)

After graduating from Ryukoku University in 1986, I returned to my home temple to help my parents and think about a new life challenge. I told my parents that I wanted to go to the U.S. to study English to become a Hongwanji Overseas Minister (*Kaikyoshi*). My father, at first, did not think it was a good idea, but my mother supported me. Finally, they agreed to let me go to the U.S. to study.

The first thing I needed to do was choose a college to attend. So, I went to the American Center in Fukuoka to get information on U.S. colleges. After a short interview, the counselor asked me to which state I wanted to go. I couldn't answer because I didn't know anything about the United States. To make my decision, I borrowed a large map of America. I turned my back to the map and without looking threw a pen at the map. The pen struck a spot near Grand Junction, Colorado!

I left for the U.S. in July, 1987. When I arrived at Mesa Airport in Grand Junction, it was almost midnight. I was supposed to be welcomed by someone from the school office staff but because my flight had been delayed in San Francisco, no one was there to greet me. I was nervous, and I didn't know what to do in the middle of the night at the airport. Even with the language barrier, I called the school office, but no one answered. It looked like I was going to spend the night at the airport. I was very lonely.

After a while, a female security guard came to check what I was doing alone in the middle of the night. After I explained what had happened, she offered a ride to her home. It was very late, and as I rode in her pickup truck, I remember seeing beautiful stars in the sky and thought to myself these were the same stars I saw in the night skies in Japan. When I reached her home after a half-hour drive, I met her daughters, two small girls who welcomed me even though it was late at night. They offered me corn soup and coffee, which were delicious. And they offered warm hospitality for this stranger from Japan. The following day, she took me to the school office.

After orientation, I checked in to the dormitory and met my roommate. He was a very tall local boy with a cowboy hat and boots. When I entered the room, I saw it was messy. There was rubbish everywhere, especially around

his bed. He greeted me by asking, "What's up!" But I did not know what he meant, so I pointed to the ceiling and said to him, "Up? Ceiling!" This was the first time I heard American slang!

This is how my challenging student life began in the middle of the United States in Colorado. Far away from my hometown, I had taken my first step to becoming an overseas minister. I attended the college prep classes from Monday to Friday, and I volunteered at the Grand Junction General Hospital on the weekends. My job was mainly to assist the RNs and clean the bathrooms. I received complimentary meals on the weekends! This was an excellent benefit for a poor student who had to watch his spending. I also met the hospital chaplain who was Catholic. He invited me to attend his church for Sunday Worship, even though he knew I was there to study English to become a Buddhist minister. These were important learning experiences for me to join the volunteer group at the hospital and attend the Catholic services.

My new life in the U.S. was difficult and sometimes unpleasant. There was the language barrier and there was racial discrimination. Accepting different cultures or customs did not come naturally for a number of the Colorado students. However, it was an excellent opportunity to learn how to survive in the U.S.

After two semesters in Grand Junction, I moved to Hawaii at the invitation of former Hawaii Kyodan Bishop Junjyo Tsumura. He offered me free housing next to the old Buddhist Study Center to continue my study of English. He told me that he wanted me to become a Hawaii Kyodan minister. Rev. Yoshiaki Fujitani was the director of BSC at the time, and he taught me with compassion to become a *Kaikyoshi*. His sister, the late Mrs. Terry Yoshida, oversaw the maintenance of the BSC. She volunteered her time to do this. She became my boss as I became the caretaker of BSC facility and yard in exchange for free housing. She was a very strict woman and expected me to keep everything neat and clean. To this day, I appreciate Rev. Fujitani and Terry for training me with patience and kindness.

In 1989, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii celebrated its centennial. It was looking forward to "A Promising Future." The Hongwanji community participated enthusiastically in this celebration. There were not enough seats in the Neal Blaisdell Center at the Centennial Commemoration Event for all who attended! Many people stood to view the service and the program

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that lasted over three hours. Bishop invited me to join the program as a future minister of Hawaii. I have clear memories of the large crowd that enjoyed the Centennial Commemorative Event. On that day, I saw the seeds for a promising future for Hawaii Kyodan. However, thirty-three years later, we face critical conditions that are brought on by our declining membership. The Pandemic has made conditions even worse. My challenge as a minister today is to help rebuild Hawaii Kyodan and restore its “Promising Future.”

After studying in the U.S., I returned to my hometown in Japan. In 1991 I reentered the U.S. as a registered Hongwanji Overseas minister with my wife, Suzie. Bishop Nakanishi welcomed us at the Honolulu Airport, and we had our first lunch at the Wisteria Restaurant. I had oxtail soup! Later Suzie and I were invited for dinner with Dr. Albert Miyasato at the Bishop’s residence. This was the first time I met the energetic and spirited Dr. Miyasato. He welcomed us in Japanese, “Yoku Kitekuremashita. Arigato.” Welcome! Thank you for coming to Hawaii!

(To be continued...)



HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES

(April, 2022)

“Dharma Message for a 49th Day Service in Honor of the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh”

(Part 2)

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

This message was given at a 49th Day Service in honor of the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh at Honoka’a Hongwanji on March 12, 2022. (Continued from Bishop’s Corner for Headquarters Update March 2022)

In the Mahayana Pure Land Tradition, there is the story of Honen Shonin who founded the Pure Land Tradition centered on verbal recitation of the Name of the Buddha Amitayus-Amitabha or Amida Buddha in Japanese, as an independent school in Japan. When he was about to pass away over 800 years ago, a similar conversation took place in which a disciple said, “From olden days, memorial temples were built for distinguished masters. However, there are none in praise of your great achievement. Where shall we

Living Dharma Study Gathering

on  zoom

Please mark you calendars for the next sessions at **6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on:**

Wednesday, May 18, 2022



Wednesday, June 15, 2022

You will need to download the Zoom App or access from a web browser. Please RSVP to get the login information by calling the office at 808-845-3422 or emailing jikoen.info@gmail.com

build a temple in honor of you?” Honen Shonin replied, “The Nembutsu Teachings will not permeate among the people if you build a temple in my honor. I have devoted my entire life to spreading the Dharma because I want people everywhere to receive the Nembutsu teachings. Therefore, any place, whether a king’s palace or a thatched hut, any place where people recite the Nembutsu is my temple.”

Shinran Shonin of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji probably inherited this perspective from Honen Shonin for as we know Shinran Shonin did not attempt to build any temples nor did he have any attachments to his physical body. According to records left by Shinran Shonin’s grandson, Shinran Shonin is known to have requested that after he dies his body should be left in the Kamo River as food for the fish. His understanding, probably based on interdependency, was that during his lifetime the fish he consumed provided him with sustenance, at least, at minimum, now as he discards his body, let him be of benefit to the fish.

For Shinran Shonin too, his main focus was the Dharma or Teachings, in his case it was living the life of Shinjin-Nembutsu or to Realize the Buddha Endowed Awakened Mind of True Entrusting-Reciting the Nembutsu of Awareness, Joy and Gratitude in response to the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light, Amida Buddha’s Great Wisdom and Compassion, which promises this “spiritually foolish being” that I am assured the great enlightenment at the end of this finite life by the Compassionate 18th Vow of Amida Buddha by simply wholeheartedly entrusting in Great Compassion.

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For Shinran Shonin, for people everywhere to rejoice in Amida Buddha's Great Wisdom and Unconditional Compassion was most important. Thus, we have records of Shinran Shonin having exclaimed, *"If you are rejoicing in the Nembutsu know that there are two people rejoicing, if there are two people know that there are three people, for that other shall be I, Shinran."* Shinran Shonin's unending gratitude and also his commitment and dedication to sharing the Nembutsu Dharma, in response to Amida Buddha's Great Compassion, is expressed by his words known to us today as "Ondokusan" which goes like this: *"Such is the benevolence of Amida's great compassion, That we must strive to return it even to the breaking of our bodies; Such is the benevolence of the masters and true teachers, That we must endeavor to repay it even to our bones becoming dust."* These words have been dearly embraced by our Jodo Shinshu predecessors, both minister and lay, for centuries and has brought us to the present. Honokaa Hongwanji Temple, Temple of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow, is a testament of it.

Again, from the perspective of many great Buddhist leaders throughout the ages, more important than holding memorial rites, more important than even passing on a physical structure of a temple, is our living the Dharma or Teachings and passing the Dharma on to future generations. I believe this is what the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh also said when he had to flee Vietnam that most important is that Buddhism remained alive in people's hearts and minds.

To me, the words of the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh *"I am not in here. I am not out there either."* and especially the third and last phrase, *"I may be found in your way of breathing and walking."* is emphasizing that he continues to exist, live on when people continue their practice, continue to live their lives in the Dharma. This is his encouragement. This is his last teaching to those who follow the path that he dedicated his whole life to. Generally speaking, due to the truth of interdependence, while we do have our individual existences, at the same time, we are all interconnected and interrelated as the metaphor of Indra's Net shares and we are not as separate and completely independent of each other as we think we are. The Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh often referred to "interbeing." We are all a part of each other's life regardless of our current state of being. Thus, today, while it is sad that the physical presence of a revered Buddhist Teacher respected by so many around the world can no longer be seen by our human eyes, but his presence is still here. He has not completely disappeared forever.



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✦ **Saturdays at 7:45 am – 8:00 am on
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✦ **Weekly messages go to
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May 2022

- 07 Rev. Shindo Nishiyama
- 14 Rev. David Nakamoto
- 21 Rev. Irene Nakamoto
- 28 Ms. JoAnn Yosemori

✦ **Japanese-language Dharma
talks Saturdays on KZOO AM1210
on Saturdays 7:30 am – 7:45 am; on-
demand dharma talks in Japanese**

✦ **Dharma talks in Japanese are
produced by Hawaii Betsuin and are
archived on their Hawaii Betsuin
website**

✦ **Your donation to Moiliili Hongwanji
will be greatly appreciated to
help support the White Way Radio
broadcasts.**

To summarize and slowly conclude, let me share a quote from "The Teaching of Buddha" by the Society for the Promotion of Buddhism/BDK in hopes that it provides some comfort and provides an aspiration. It says:

When the moon sets, people say that the moon has disappeared; and when the moon rises, they say that the moon has appeared. In fact, the moon neither goes nor comes, but shines continually in the sky. Buddha is exactly like the moon: He neither appears nor disappears; He only seems to do so, out of love for the people that he may teach them.

Whether Buddha appears or disappears, Buddhahood always remains the same. Knowing this principle, one must keep (to) the path of Enlightenment and attain Perfect Wisdom, undisturbed by the apparent changes

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Living Treasures of Hawai'i™ 2022



Kenny Endo



Keali'i Reichel



Patrick Kirch

The Living Treasures of Hawai'i™ Selection Committee has selected three individuals who have made significant contributions in their respective fields and positively impacted the quality of life in our local communities and the whole of Hawai'i. The Honorees for this 47th year event are Kenny Endo (Taiko Master), Patrick Kirch (Archaeology Researcher), and Keali'i Reichel (Kumu Hula, Musician Scholar and Community Leader). This recognition takes into account social and cultural impact, professional commitment, and character that embodies the values of our distinct and diverse homeland.

The Living Treasures of Hawai'i™ Designation, sponsored by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i, is traditionally conducted through a celebratory luncheon at Legislative Assembly (Giseikai). However, due to Covid safety concerns, Honorees will be recognized in a special TV program.

The program will air on:

- **May 22, 2022, at 6:00 pm - KHNL and live streamed on the Hawaii News Now Facebook page**
- **May 26, 2022, at 7:00 pm - KFVE**

For more information on the 2022 Honorees, please visit our website:
<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/2022/03/25/living-treasures-2022/>

NOMINATIONS FOR 2023 LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAII'I™

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i is currently accepting nominations for the 2023 Living Treasures of Hawai'i.™

We invite you to nominate those in your community who have made an impact on those around them and continue to share their knowledge and expertise with others. Candidates are selected based on their demonstration of continuous growth and learning their knowledge and understanding of their particular field, and their steady and significant contributions towards enriching our society.

An organization or person may nominate a candidate for this honor by submitting a nomination form with information on the nominee, and a maximum of three letters of recommendation. The nomination form can be downloaded from our website: www.hongwanjihawaii.com and is also available at the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Headquarters Office. Nominations must be received by the Living Treasures of Hawai'i™ Selection Committee no later than August 1st.

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*in the image of Buddha, in the condition of the world,
or in the fluctuations of human thought.*

*Do not seek to know Buddha by his form or attributes;
for neither the form nor the attributes are the real
Buddha. The true Buddha is Enlightenment itself. The
true way to know Buddha is to realize Enlightenment.*

As a final reflection-aspiration, I would like to share a slightly adapted poetic rendition of how we honor the Buddha by A. Ferdinand Herold and translated from French by Paul C. Blum which is one of my favorite quotes. Our remembrance of the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh does not end at the conclusion of this 49 Day Service in his honor. Please join me in anjali/gassho.

*Listen: the air is joyous with songs in honor of the
Buddha. But the Buddha is paid a more enduring
honor. Monks, nuns, all believers, all those who see
the Dharma. All those who live within the Dharma,
they are the ones that do the Buddha supreme honor.
Therefore, live according to the Dharma and even in
the most trivial matters always follow the Sacred Path
of the Dharma.*

For those who wish, please remain in gassho/anjali, as I end, today, as we traditionally do in our Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji Tradition of Pure Land Buddhism by reciting

The Buddha Amitabha-Amitayus' Name Which I Call in awareness and joy in grateful response to Namo Amida Butsu, The Buddha Amitabha-Amitayus' Name That Calls Me to entrust. Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion.

Thank you/Mahalo iā 'oukou.

Condolences

Mr. George Takashi Okamoto, a member of Wailuku Hongwanji Mission, passed away on March 9, 2022. Mr. Okamoto served as the President of Wailuku Hongwanji Mission for 10 years. He was also active in statewide Hongwanji activities and served on many committees. The Ingo of SHOU-RYUU-IN 紹隆院 which means "One who contributed to the flourishing of the Buddha-Dharma" in recognition of his life of Nembutsu was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on April 3, 2022.

Mrs. Emiko Serikaku, a member of Waipahu Hongwanji Mission, passed away on February 3, 2022. Mrs. Serikaku served as a board member of Waipahu Hongwanji Mission for many years. She was also Waipahu Hongwanji BWA president and supported temple a lot. The Ingo of GON-GO-IN 嚴護院 which means "One who firmly protected

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DONATIONS FROM MARCH 15, 2022 THRU APRIL 11, 2022

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IMO Reverend Chikai Yosemori

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IMO Shoyei Shimabukuro (Shotsuki)

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IMO Elaine Kikue Kaneshiro (13 year memorial)

IMO Violet Tazuko Kaneshiro Shiira

IMO Nobushige Nakasone (Shotsuki)

IMO Craig Oshiro (Shotsuki)

Offertory (\$100 - \$199)

Offertory

3/13/22 & 3/20/22 Service
.....\$30.00
3/27/22 Service\$20.00
4/10/22 Service\$167.00



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KAHUKU HONGWANJI MISSION SCHOLARSHIP

The Kahuku Hongwanji Mission closed its doors in February 2013 after serving its membership for 111 years.

To maintain the legacy of the Kahuku Hongwanji Mission and to develop the future generations of the Hongwanji, Kahuku Hongwanji Mission established a scholarship to support students at the college level.



Eligibility:

- The applicant must be a student attending or registered for enrollment in an accredited university, college, or a post-high school program in the State of Hawaii.
- The applicant must show interest in Buddhism, and be active in a Hongwanji program, either at the Hawaii Kyodan level or at a branch temple.
- The applicant must be a full-time student and registered for a minimum of 12 college credits per semester.
- The applicant, at the time of the application, must have a required minimum high school, college, or university in Hawaii GPA of 2.5.
(*Those who registered for enrollment and not yet received Hawaii college/university GPA must submit their GPA after the first semester.)
- The applicant must submit the application form with an essay on “Dharma and My Life”.

Application Deadline: July 31 of the year of application

Scholarship Amount: \$2,000.00 each / two recipients



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SHOTSUKI JOYOUS MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Shotsuki Monthly Service is a time to remember our loved ones and a time to express gratitude in Gassho. This memorial service is held on the first Sunday of each month at 9:00am, in memory of those whose date of death falls in that month. We also recognize the efforts of those who have passed and thank them for their continuing influence in our lives and for giving us the opportunity to share the Buddha-Dharma.

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

Karen Yoshie Agena - June 20, 2006 (65)
 Harry Seiichi Akamine - June 11, 2006 (91)
 Stanley Seiji Akamine - June 18, 2020 (75)
 Taro Arakaki - June 18, 2007 (88)
 Yasuko Arakaki - June 19, 2013 (101)
 Seitoku Arume - June 22, 1999 (89)
 Howard Tadashi Asato - June 20, 2019 (68)
 Ikuyo Bates - June 16, 2010 (75)
 Dr. Nadhipuram Bhagavan - June 17, 2018 (86)
 Janice Reiko Sumitani Buder - June 27, 2015 (66)
 Takamitsu Chinen - June 18, 2011 (97)
 Tsuru Chinen - June 16, 1995 (92)
 Richard Norio Fuji - June 5, 2013 (73)
 Uto Ganeku - June 13, 1990 (94)
 Haruko "Evelyn" Gushi - June 1, 2005 (90)
 Fumiko Higa - June 24, 1998 (87)
 Thelma Hideko Higa - June 13, 2004 (79)
 Jane Inafuku - June 11, 2009 (63)
 Ethel Haruko Isa - June 19, 2017 (96)
 Karole Uchihira Kaneshiro - June 24, 2005 (79)
 Francis Kazuo "Frenchy" Kaneshiro - June 4, 2013 (82)
 Gary Jitsuo Kaneshiro - June 16, 2021 (80)
 Jane Hanae Kaneshiro - June 11, 2020 (84)
 Kenneth Keniichi Kaneshiro - June 7, 2006 (102)
 Masei Kaneshiro - June 19, 2001 (95)
 Mildred Mitsuyo Kaneshiro - June 14, 2018 (84)
 Natsue "Nat" Kaneshiro - June 26, 2009 (80)
 Nobuo Kaneshiro - June 5, 2007 (100)
 Florence Kamimura - June 17, 2014 (90)
 Shuichi Kina - June 8, 2014 (83)
 Kame Kiyabu - June 16, 1987 (90)
 Randal Sadao Kobashikawa - June 18, 2021 (63)
 Kyoko Kamiya Kuniyuki - June 28, 2017 (82)
 Kameko Kuwae - June 5, 1987 (72)
 Gilbert Koyu Makishi - June 19, 1994
 Jane Kimie Matsumoto - June 12, 2019 (100)
 Janet Haruko Miyasato - June 8, 2007 (85)
 Kenneth Kenichi Momohara - June 10, 1990 (72)
 Flora Shizuko Moriyama - June 22, 2019 (94)
 Rev. Norito Nagao - June 4, 2003 (83)

Hisashi Nagai - June 20, 2013 (87)
 Takeshi Nakagawa - June 10, 1998 (75)
 Shizuko Nakama - June 30, 2013 (97)
 Hanayo Kuniyuki Nakano - June 04, 2001 (96)
 Hisako Tobara Nakasato - June 16, 1996
 Richard Sadao Nakasone - June 1, 2011 (78)
 Jacqueline Noborikawa - June 15, 2019 (21)
 Elsie Usano Omori - June 7, 2013 (95)
 Yuriko Okamoto - June 21, 2015 (79)
 Sue Teruko Omizo - June 15, 2010 (87)
 Grant Kosei Onaga - June 1, 2019 (96)
 Herbert Toshiyuki Oshiro - June 7, 2017 (92)
 Joji Oshiro - June 18, 2010 (92)
 Nancy Hideko Oshiro - June 26, 2021 (86)
 Jean Yoshiko Sakanashi - June 18, 2006 (47)
 George Hiroyuki Sakoda - June 6, 2005 (73)
 Masaichi Sesoko - June 21, 2005 (83)
 Masahide Shimabuku - June 24, 1985
 George Shimabukuro - June 3, 2011 (82)
 Sadako Shimabukuro - June 9, 2015 (90)
 Sume Shimabukuro - June 17, 2005 (83)
 Mike Kazuo Shimabukuro - June 12, 2000 (72)
 Sumiko Shinkawa - June 13, 2000 (71)
 Masakichi Shiroma - June 18, 2000 (82)
 Shizuko Shiroma - June 20, 2017 (76)
 Yoshinori "Ginny" Taira - June 30, 2011 (82)
 Thomas Saneo Tamanaha - June 23, 1998 (59)
 Ted Gonsuke Tamashiro - June 18, 2001 (90)
 Warren Eiji Tamashiro - June 1, 2009 (80)
 Raymond "Shagg" Shigeru Tarasawa - June 14, 2014 (80)
 Shizu Toguchi - June 27, 2011 (81)
 Yoshino Toguchi - June 1, 2016 (90)
 Sadako Tokuda - June 7, 2021 (94)
 Uto Tokuda - June 11, 1987 (94)
 Larry Kenichi Tokuhara - June 16, 2019 (79)
 Clarence Noboru Tonouchi - June 2, 2011
 Don Shinichi Tsukahara - June 30, 2017 (52)
 Takeno Tsukahara - June 26, 2015 (88)
 Sharon Midori Uyehara - June 8, 2015 (56)
 Herbert Eiyu Yamaguchi - June 20, 2015 (84)
 Fumiko Yoshimoto - June 29, 2015 (92)
 Satoru Wauke - June 14, 2003 (77)
 Richard Hiroshi Zukemura - June 28, 2014 (92)

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!



Open Invitation to All...

“Connecting With Others”

2022
Hongwanji
Slogan

**State Dharma School Gathering
Sunday, May 1, 2022**



A Commission on Buddhist Education (CBE) Project of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

9:30 AM: Service –
*Dharma Message by Rev.
David Fujimoto of Mililani
Hongwanji Mission*

10:00 AM: Breakout
Rooms
*DS Sessions: Jr. YBA
Moderators
Adult Session: Rev. David
Fujimoto – “The Pale Blue
Dot” discussion*

10:50 AM: DS
Families/Adult Sessions
End

11:00 AM: DS
Teachers/Educators
Gathering Session Begins

12:00 PM: End



RSVP Deadline is April 16.
Click on the following link to
register:
<https://forms.gle/krPJKHMqmp7VpBdA>

Any Questions?
Contact: **Debbie Kubota**
at dekub88@gmail.com

Gathering Zoom Link will
be emailed to participants
by Friday, **April 29**.



7 WAYS TO SAVE WATER

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply has asked residents and businesses between Aiea and Hawaii Kai to reduce water by 10% to prepare for the summer. Oahu's low water supply is caused by an ongoing drought and the closure of multiple wells due to concerns of fuel contamination.

Water Conservation Tips from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply

Hawaii's water resources are limited, so let's not waste a drop. If we save enough water now, we'll have what we need for years to come. Here are some easy ways to conserve water.

TIP #1 – WATER LAWNS JUST 1-2 TIMES A WEEK

Lawns don't need to be watered every day. Even during the summer. The fact is, if you water just once every three days, you promote deeper root growth, making your lawn healthier and more water-efficient.

TIP #2 – DON'T WATER LAWNS BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM

Water evaporates quickly when the sun is out. So if you water during the day, you're not watering the lawn, you're watering the sky. Instead, water in the early morning, evening or at night. It'll keep the water where you want it: in your lawn.

TIP #3 – CHECK FOR PLUMBING LEAKS

How? Turn off water throughout your house, check the meter, and check back two hours later. If it has moved, something's leaking. Checking toilet leaks is even easier with a free Board of Water Supply (BWS) test tablet.

TIP #4 – INSTALL WATER-EFFICIENT FIXTURES

New plumbing fixtures can save you gallons of water in the bathroom and in the kitchen. A new toilet can save 5 gallons or more every flush. A new shower head can save up to 5 gallons every minute. An aerator on your kitchen faucet can save up to 5 gallons daily. And, **rebates** are even available for some water-efficiency upgrades.

TIP #5 – TAKE SHORTER SHOWERS

Every minute trimmed from a shower will save 3 to 6 gallons of water. So get in and out a little faster, or pause the shower while you lather, shave or shampoo.

TIP #6 – PUT A NOZZLE ON YOUR GARDEN HOSE

Left unattended, a running garden hose can waste over 100 gallons of water in just minutes. Use a shutoff or pressure nozzle so you only use what you need when you're watering the plants, cleaning the house, or washing the car.

TIP #7 – DON'T LET THE FAUCET RUN AND RUN

Turn off the tap while brushing teeth or shaving. In the kitchen, use a dishpan for soapy water and then rinse dishes with clean water quickly. Just imagine all that water running all over the counter or floor, instead of down the drain. That'll give you a hint at how much water you're accidentally wasting.

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the Temple” in recognition of her life of Nembutsu was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on April 9, 2022.

Reverend Midori Kondo, a retired minister of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, passed away on Sunday, March 27, 2022, at her home in Keaau, HI, at the age of 87. Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii sponsored funeral service is scheduled for Saturday, May 28, 2022, at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin under the officiation of Bishop Eric Matsumoto. Visitation will be held from 9:30 am to 11:00 am, followed by the funeral service at 11:00 am. The family requests no flowers. Rev. Midori Kondo became a Kaikyoshi Minister in 2004, and served the following temples:

July 1999 – November 2004
Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin

December 2004 – October 2009
Lihue Hongwanji Mission

October 19, 2009
Retired

Ministerial Assignments

Rev. Shinji Kawagoe, the Resident Minister of Papaikou Hongwanji Mission and also the Oversee Minister of Honohina Hongwanji Mission and Honomu Hongwanji Mission, will resign from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii as of April 30, 2022. Rev. Kawagoe has been serving Hawaii Kyodan as a Kaikyoshi Minister since July 2013. During the absence of the resident minister starting May 1, 2022, ministers of Hawaii District are tasked with providing support and guidance.

Congratulations!

Rev. Kazunori & Mrs. Noriko Takahashi welcomed a baby boy.

Hironori Takahashi (高橋 弥法) was born on April 8, 2022, weighing 9lb., 1oz. He is their first child. Rev. Kazunori Takahashi currently works at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin as Rimban. Congratulations to Rev. & Mrs. Takahashi!

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