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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 as noted. 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 your understanding.

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

Sun 10/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama
Sun 10/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sangha Family Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama
Mon 10/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National indigenous Peoples Day Holiday (Office and Preschool closed)
Sun 10/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sangha Family Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama • Virtual Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Time: 10:30 a.m., On Zoom
Sun 10/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lay Speaker Sunday Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: TBA
Sun 10/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween Family Service (Costume Contest) Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama
Sun 11/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eitaikyo/Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama
Sun 11/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans Day Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama

*Highlights from the August & September
JBOD Meetings*

Maui Wildfire

- *Lahaina Hongwanji Mission Update* – The Lahaina temple and social hall were lost to the fires. The columbarium seems to have survived. The minister and his family are safe and staying at a member’s home. Eventually he and his family will move into the Kahului Hongwanji minister’s residence.
- *Jikoen Chikara, August 20, 2023* – Jikoen quickly organized a fundraising event to benefit the Maui Relief effort. We sold curry bowls with andagi and energy balls, and collected donations. This successful event has currently raised \$20,220. The money from this event will be sent to the Honpa Hongwanji’s Social Concerns Committee.

Facilities

- *Likelike Highway Wall Sealing and Painting* – Estimates from contractors were obtained and a plan to move forward with the wall repair and painting will begin.

Events

- *Himeyuri Peace Museum Exhibit at UH West Oahu, September 5, 2023 to January 31, 2024* – This exhibit is about the Himeyuri Student Corps, female high school students who were mobilized as assistant nurses during the Battle of Okinawa. This traveling exhibit examines connections with Hawaii.
- *Popeyes Fundraiser, redemption October 1 to November 30, 2023* – Support your temple with this fundraiser.
- *Pacific Buddhist Academy, Lighting Our Way Dinner, October 13, 2023* – This fundraising event will honor Reverend Eric Matsumoto and Mrs. Tamayo Matsumoto, Alicia Moy, Suzanne Vares-Lum, and Kupu.
- *Kalihi Interfaith Community Meeting, October 12, 2023* – The goal of these interfaith community organizations is to create a safe space for Kalihi’s youth. Jikoen would like to be known as an integral part of the Kalihi community. A Jikoen representative attended last month’s inaugural meeting and any interested Jikoen member is welcome to attend this meeting.
- *Family Dharma Moments Halloween Costume Contest, October 29, 2023* – Everyone is invited to this special service and encouraged to participate in the contest.

- *85th Anniversary Celebration and Keirokai Recognition, November 19, 2023* – This celebration is being planned to recognize Jikoen’s 85th anniversary and to honor our elder members. More information will be forthcoming.

Jikoen Continues Irei no Hi Okinawa Peace Memorial Tradition

The Jikoen Hongwanji held its Annual Irei no Hi Okinawa Peace Memorial on the occasion of the 78th anniversary of the Battle of Okinawa on June 25, 2023. Irei no Hi is a uniquely Uchinānchu “Memorial Day” for the prayer and remembrance of all those who perished in the hellish war between Imperial Japan and the USA, of which over a quarter of the natives perished evoking the Okinawan and Nembutsu value of “Nuchi dū Takara: life itself is our treasure,” thus peace is of utmost importance to secure life from the destructiveness of wars.

Keith Ōshiro MC’d the memorial in the tongue of our ancestor’s shimakutuba. Brandon Ufugusuku Ing shared this cherishing of life with his original song “Miji” inspired by the poisoning of O’ahu’s water by the Red Hill underground fuel tank leaks, and reminded us our ongoing connections with Okinawa, including the release of PFAS “forever chemicals” by the same military. HOA’s (Hawai’i Okinawa Alliance) Delaina Thomas shared chickenskin poetry honoring elders, while Dr. Sam Ikehara helped with the narration of an interview with Okinawa war survivor Yoshiko Uechi.

Mrs. Uechi passed away recently last year in Pearl City. As a youth in pre-war Okinawa became an assistant for the then Governor and Chief of Police who were Yamatunchu (Japanese) appointed by the Imperial Japan government, but entrusted Yoshiko because of her impressive Japanese language skills at a time many Japanese distrusted Okinawans who spoke shimakutuba during the war. In spite of Imperial Japan’s nationalist rhetoric and directives that all subjects of Japan to die for the nation, the Governor and Chief of Police, when faced with lethal defeat in Okinawa, did not implore Yoshiko to “die honorably,” but rather do everything possible to stay alive having come to the realization that life was an ultimate blessing worth continuing, not sacrificing.

The Jikoen Hongwanji hosted the first Irei no Hi outside of then Ryūkyū under US military occupation on the day of Irei no Hi, June 23, on the occasion of the thirteenth anniversary of the end of the Battle of Okinawa and in the Buddhist funerary calendar custom in 1958. Jikoen and HOA revived this tradition for the 60th Anniversary

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in 2005, and now it is an annual commemoration - and nevermore relevant as Okinawans fear becoming a frontline once again: the Battle of Okinawa may have ended decades ago, but the wars continue for Uchinā. Irei no Hi isn't about history, as it is about legacy and the reverence of life.

Ty Wakahiro Tells Jikoen's Story in His Award-Winning Website

Ty Wakahiro first learned about Jikoen's history when he visited Jikoen as a member of Mililani Hongwanji Dharma School. During his visit, he learned about the historical connection between Jikoen and the Okinawan immigrant community on Oahu. That visit was the inspiration for his nationally-recognized website.

Ty, a 2023 graduate of Mililani High School, has been recognized not only for his academic accomplishments but also for his history projects. He graduated valedictorian of his class and won the Outstanding Social Studies Student of the Year in 2022 and 2023. This year he earned the Hui O Laulima Lorraine Toma History Award. Most recently he won national attention for his website and was awarded the National Immigration History Award.

Ty is also active in the Hongwanji. A member of Mililani Hongwanji, he was recognized as an Outstanding Jr YBA member by the Oahu United in 2022 and 2023 and is currently its president.

The theme for the National History Day website competition for 2023 was "Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas." Jikoen's history inspired Ty to tell the story of the Okinawan immigrant experience as an example of a group of people facing a frontier of prejudice that they eventually overcame. He saw Jikoen's role in supporting the Okinawan people as a critical factor in their success.

The thesis of his website is as follows:

The first Okinawans (Uchinanchu) arrived in Hawaii on January 8, 1900. Living and working in Hawaii was a harsh frontier for the Okinawan immigrants. As a result of prejudice and other factors, Hawaii's Okinawans lacked a safe place to gather as a community, making the frontier significantly more difficult. In response, the Okinawan community and the largest Buddhist denomination in Hawaii transcended Japanese prejudice to transform the Hawaiian frontier for Okinawans. They did this by establishing a Buddhist temple called Jikoen Hongwanji. It provided an important central place

for all Okinawans, regardless of religion or village, to safely gather and prosper in Hawaii for decades to come.

From meticulous research through books, documents, interviews, and photographs, Ty told of the prejudice and isolation Okinawans faced. A central part of his website documents the story of how Jikoen was started and how it served the Okinawan people regardless of their village origins and their religion. Jikoen provided a safe place for all Okinawans to meet and sustain their culture when they needed it most.

You can see Ty's website by typing in the following link into your browser: <https://site.nhd.org/15001164/home>

Jikoen and the Okinawan community is grateful to Ty Wakahiro for placing the Uchinanchu and Jikoen stories on a national stage.



Ty Wakahiro and family. Pictured from left to right: Rev. Nishiyama, mother Mari, sister Erin, Ty, father Brad, Pieper Toyama, grandfather William Wakahiro

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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

Betty Haruko (Tamanaha) Kegley, 96, passed away peacefully on June 14, 2023, in 'Aiea, Hawai'i. She was born in Pā'ia, Maui. A graduate of Maui High School. She retired after 49 years with Hartford Insurance.

Predeceased by her husband Charles Odell Kegley. She is survived by her sister, Karen Tamanaha, sister-in-law Fay (John) Tamanaha; sons, Michael (JoAnne), Steven (Dale), daughter Terry (David) Danielson, 6 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren.

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

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Jiko Project Dana News

Would you like to bring a bit of joy and smiles to our Jiko and neighboring seniors? A brief home visit, a friendly telephone call or cheery note can truly brighten the day for our many homebound seniors.

In just the three and a half years since the COVID-19 pandemic began, many of our active Jiko seniors are now mostly homebound without much contact with their Jiko friends. As the needs grows, we would like to expand our corps of volunteers who can help keep our senior members connected to each other and Jiko.

So, please call or email me if you are interested and available to spend some time once a week or once a month or even periodically throughout the year as a Project Dana volunteer.

Thank you!

Sandy Toma
Jiko Project Dana Coordinator
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Jiko Popeyes Chicken Fundraiser

On behalf of Jiko Hongwanji Mission, we would like to express our deepest appreciation and gratefully acknowledge your continued support. We thank you very much for purchasing and selling tickets and for your generous donations.

Please note the tickets are valid thru Thursday, November 30, 2023. For additional tickets, please call our office at (808) 845-3422 or email jiko.info@gmail.com

Mahalo! Ippei nifee debiru! Doomo arigatou gozaimasu!

Foodland's "Give Aloha" 2023

Thank you for donating during Foodland's "Give Aloha" 2023 program which ended October 1st! The final total will be provided in the November newsletter. Please turn in your receipts so we can recognize your donation.

Sincere mahalo for your generous donations and continued support!



HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES (August-September, 2023)

August, 2023

Message From the Bishop Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

Statement Regarding the Disaster on Maui

I would like to express my deepest condolences to those who lost their lives as a result of the disaster in Maui, and my heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost their homes and are living as evacuees.

The fire that broke out on August 8, 2023, devastated the city of Lahaina. As of today, 93 people are confirmed to have died, and more than 2,000 buildings have been damaged or destroyed. The historic town of Lahaina, which was once the capital of the Hawaiian Kingdom and a beautiful tourist destination visited by many people, was burnt to the ground.

Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, located in the center of the city, was not spared the destruction by the fire. The Resident Minister, Reverend Ai Hironaka, his family, and many of the temple members have safely evacuated and are currently living a life of inconvenience. As for the damage to the temple, it is expected to take some time to confirm its state, partly because the town is under lockdown.

The history of the Lahaina Hongwanji Mission began in 1904. Since then, the light of the Nembutsu Dharma has been successfully passed down through the dedication and contribution of the Resident Ministers, their families, temple members, and many people in the community. Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, along with other churches and temples, was the place of refuge for the people living in the area. I remember the sound of the Nembutsu reverberating in the Hondo on Sundays. It is truly sad for all of us that such a practice hall of the Nembutsu was destroyed by the disaster.

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii established the Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund. Since then, we have received much support not only from within the State of Hawaii but also from all over the world, including the mainland United States, Canada, and Japan. On behalf of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii ministers and

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**JIKOEN KEIROKAI RECOGNITION
“HONORING OUR ELDERS 80+”
Sunday, November 19, 2023
9:00 a.m.**



Everyone is invited to attend our in-person **2023 Keirokai Recognition Service and Brunch**. All members **80 years old and above** will be honored, with special recognition going to members celebrating their **80th, 88th, 90th, 97th, 99th and 100th birthdays** this year!

9:00 a.m. 85TH Anniversary Service in Hondo (elevator lift available)
Brunch and Entertainment to follow in Social Hall

Please use the RSVP form below and mail to Jikoen by November 9.

You may also submit the info by calling the Jikoen Office at (808) 845-3422 or emailing jikoen.info@gmail.com.

2023 KEIROKAI RSVP FORM - PLEASE RETURN BY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

NAME: _____
LAST NAME FIRST NAME

CARE/OF (IF APPLICABLE): _____
LAST NAME FIRST NAME

ADDRESS: _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIPCODE

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____ **NO. IN GROUP:** _____

IS ANYONE IN YOUR GROUP 80 & ABOVE?

PLEASE PROVIDE NAME AND BIRTH YEAR: _____

NAMES OF OTHER ADULTS AND CHILDREN 4 & ABOVE: _____

NAMES OF CHILDREN 3 & UNDER: _____

Mail to: Jikoen Hongwanji Mission - 1731 N School St - Honolulu HI 96819

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members, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to those who extended compassionate words and actions for those on Maui. I would like to humbly ask for your continued support.

Recovery on Maui could take years. Many people are living in anxiety about their uncertain future. As fellow travelers of the Nembutsu, let us stand in solidarity with those who are experiencing suffering and sorrow brought about by this unprecedented encounter.

Even though the temple buildings have been damaged, our sincere aspiration of listening to and sharing the Nembutsu teaching never disappears. This is not the end of 119 years of the history of Lahaina Hongwanji. We are all the more determined to dedicate ourselves to establishing a society where the sound of the Nembutsu prevails.

May the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha embrace us all. May the sound of the Nembutsu brings us peace and comfort, and gives us the courage to move forward. *Namo Amida Butsu.*

President's Message

Dr. Warren Tamamoto

Aloha all. I hope you are well. The Maui Wildfire Disaster fills the news as we find out a little more each day about the wildfire's rapid spread, the work being done to care for those displaced from their homes, and the ongoing effort to find those who are still missing. We do know that the Lahaina Hongwanji temple buildings (with possible exception of the columbarium) have burned to the ground. My sincere condolences to those who have lost loved ones and sincere sympathy to those who have lost their homes and possessions.

We are grateful that there has been an outpouring of support from around the world. Donations of food, clothing, and monetary donations have arrived on Maui. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is on the ground in Maui, coordinating the disaster response with State and County agencies and personnel.

I am grateful that we (Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii) have been able to respond to this disaster, working together as a family. A GoFundMe effort was quickly organized, spearheaded by Rev. Kerry Kiyohara and has raised tens of thousands of dollars. The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's **Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund** was established with the goals of supporting non-profit agencies providing relief for everyone affected

by the disaster (such as the Red Cross and Hawaii Community Foundation's Maui Strong) and the Lahaina Hongwanji temple members. Information about the Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund was shared with our sister organizations at the Buddhist Churches of America, the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada and our mother temple (Honzan) in Kyoto, Japan. We have many friends all over the world and they are eager to help.

The Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund has raised tens of thousand of dollars. If you are not familiar with this term, please check with your temple leaders or go to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii website at <https://hongwanjihawaii.com>. The HHMH Social Concerns Committee will be responsible for distributing the money collected for this fund drive, with valuable input from Maui members.

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WHITE WAY RADIO

Mō'ili'ili Hongwanji's Weekly
Dharma Message

✦ **Saturdays at 7:45 am – 8:00 am on
KZOO AM1210 or Spectrum 888 KZOO
Radio**

✦ Weekly messages go to
www.moililihongwanji.org

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- **07 Rev. Kerry Kiyohara**
- **14 Ms. Carolyn Uchiyama**
- **21 Rev. Shinkai Murakami**
- **28 Ms. Debbie Kubota**

✦ 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 Hawai'i Betsuin and are archived on their website

✦ Your donation to Mō'ili'ili Hongwanji will be greatly appreciated to help support the White Way Radio broadcasts.

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Here are a few of the things that we are doing to help our friends on Maui. The Social Concerns Committee helped with setting up the **Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund**, disseminating the information on social media and by keeping us informed of relief efforts that are available on Maui. The HHMH website is updated regularly and is an excellent place to find information about our effort to support the people of Maui. A group of ministers and temple leaders from Maui meets regularly via Zoom with the goal of connecting with Lahaina members and providing assistance with housing and other immediate needs. Phone calls to the Lahaina Hongwanji temple have been rerouted to Headquarters to help our Lahaina leadership and possibly get information about missing members. At the time of this writing, we are still trying to collect as much information about our Lahaina members as possible. Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani visited Maui on August 19th, to meet with key ministers and temple members on Maui. Thank you, Bishop Umitani.

I am thankful for the tremendous effort that our Sangha has made to help those who are suffering from the effects of the Maui wildfires. Headquarters personnel, District Councils, sub-organizations such as the BWA, individual temples, and Sangha members have contributed to the relief effort. There may be more that we can do. If you have any suggestions or are able to help, please call our headquarters or send an email.

State Dharma School Gathering

- *Date:* Sunday, October 15, 2023
- *Guest Speaker:* Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani
- *Time:* 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (HST)
- *Registration:* <https://forms.gle/2pEt3azy5qkwSmPb7>

We welcome everyone to join us for our **5th Virtual State Dharma School Gathering “Just As You Are”** via Zoom on Sunday, October 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to engage and interact with Hongwanji friends across the islands and to hear a Dharma message by Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani. The service will highlight Dharma School student emcees representing each of our Hongwanji districts along with our District Dharma School minister advisors. Following the service, we will have breakout rooms – Adult Breakout Room with Bishop Umitani (sharing a more in-depth Dharma Message) with Q&A session, and Dharma School Breakout Rooms (divided by age groups) featuring activities related to the theme “Just As You Are.”

If you are a Dharma School Teacher/Educator, please

join us before the service from 8:45 to 9:45 am to receive resources from the BCA Federation of Dharma School Teachers League (FDSTL) Convention attended by BJ Soriano and Edythe Vassall, representing Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. They will join us to answer any questions or provide additional information. We will also ask Dharma School teachers to share successful activities they have had since resuming in-person sessions. Looking forward to seeing you all then!

Mahalo Luncheon for Outgoing Bishop Eric Matsumoto

A very special event was held on July 8, 2023, at the Ala Moana Hotel Ballroom in Honolulu. It was the Mahalo Luncheon for Outgoing Bishop Eric T. Matsumoto, who spent the last 12 years providing religious guidance to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH) and as part of the Interfaith community. Over 200 people turned out to show their gratitude for his wise and compassionate leadership. His wife Tamayo, son Caden, and brother Alan were present for the festivities. There was a performance of songs from the musical “Peace On Your Wings” by several of the cast members. After Aloha messages from guests, gift presentations from the HHMH, State Ministers’ Association, Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women’s Association, Hawaii Federation of Lay Association, Hawaii Federation of Junior YBA, and Pacific Buddhist Academy. We also celebrated his new journey as resident minister of Aiea Hongwanji Mission.

Due to space constraints, the following news items will be appearing in the next edition of our newsletter:

“Investiture Ceremony”
“Welcome Luncheon for the 17th Bishop Reverend Toshiyuki Umitani”

September, 2023

Message From the Bishop

Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

The Maui wildfire has brought significant loss of life and property. The town of Lahaina has been devastated, and among the tragic loss of property was the Lahaina Hongwanji Mission. As of today, we have not yet been

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allowed to enter the property and, therefore, cannot officially provide the temple's status. Many people on Maui, including Rev. Ai Hironaka and his family and Lahaina Hongwanji members, continue living with grief over what they have lost and anxiety about their uncertain future. We have lost so much. What we have lost will never come back. However, despite these challenging times, there is always a lay of hope. Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is committed to extending a comprehensive and compassionate response to this unprecedented disaster. Here are some updates on the actions we have taken thus far.

- Since HHMH established the Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund on August 10, we have raised over \$400,000. We thank many individuals and organizations, including ministers, temples, BWAs, Lay Associations, Jr. YBA, PBA, BCA, Canada, Japan, and worldwide.
- The Committee on Social Concerns has donated to various organizations and affected individuals. We have processed \$2,000 Omimai for each member of Lahaina Hongwanji and other members of our Hawaii Kyodan Ohana who have been impacted by the wildfires, totaling \$222,000.
- The Maui Wildfire Emergency Response Ad-Hoc Committee, which includes representatives of the Office of the Bishop, Social Concerns Committee, and ministers and lay leaders of the Maui District Hongwanji Temples, has been meeting frequently. The Ad-Hoc Committee serves as a central coordinating forum for addressing the needs of Lahaina Hongwanji and other Maui Hongwanji temple members affected by the disaster.
- The Office of the Bishop has been closely communicating with Honzan, our mother temple headquarters in Kyoto. They have also launched a fundraising campaign and are actively soliciting donations from those who reside in Japan. The Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha and its affiliated organizations have also generously contributed financially to our relief effort.
- The State Ministers Association and the Maui Ministers Association will host the Maui Wildfires Memorial Service on Sunday, September 24, 2023, at 10 a.m., at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Hondo.

I apologize that I cannot list all of the compassionate actions you extend to HHMH and to those on Maui. If you would like to know more about our relief efforts, please go to:

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/tag/maui-fires-2023/>

Recently, there was news that the Lahaina Banyan Tree's greenery blooms in a sea of dead leaves. After just over a month since the blazing fires, new clusters of green leaves have begun sprouting on its massive branches. It once again reminds us of the teaching of impermanence. Life goes on. The power of life is so strong that amidst the unimaginable tragedy, we will stand strong. We stand in solidarity with those experiencing suffering and sorrow, and together, we will move forward in rebuilding our community. A new life, a new community, will sprout and thrive once again. *Namo Amida Butsu.*

Ministerial Assignment

Rev. Ai Hironaka, currently serving at Lahaina Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister, will be assigned Kahului Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister, effective November 1, 2023. He will also continue his duties as the minister of Lahaina Hongwanji Mission.

Support from Japan for Maui Wildfire Relief Efforts

The Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, the Headquarters in Kyoto, Japan, has sent their initial financial aid to the HHMH for our relief effort.

- 10,000,000 Yen for HHMH
- 1,000,000 Yen for the State of Hawaii

They've also launched a fundraising campaign and are actively soliciting donations from those who reside in Japan: <https://www.hongwanji.or.jp/news/cat5/002152.html>.

Monshu Kojun Ohtani, Urakata Lady Ruzumi Ohtani, Monshu Emeritus Koshin Ohtani, and Urakata Emeritus Lady Noriko Ohtani sent their messages of condolences and sympathies to Rev. Ai Hironaka and Lahaina Hongwanji members.

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist Women's Federation of Japan also provided financial aid to HHMH that would be used for Reverend Hironaka to purchase the necessary robes and supplies for his ministerial duties.

Futaba Lecture Series

The Futaba Lecture Series is endowed by Dr. Alfred Bloom to honor the memory of his friend and mentor, Professor Kenko Futaba. Dr. Futaba, a noted Shin Buddhist scholar,

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served as President of Kyoto's Ryukoku University from 1983 to 1995 and then became Chancellor of Kyoto Women's University. Dr. Bloom fervently hopes that this lecture series will be a continuing inspiration for the nurturing of American Buddhism and for the social participation of Buddhists in the quest of social justice and peace.

• *Date & Time:* Friday, October 6, 2023, from 6:00 p.m.

to 8:30 p.m. (HST)

- *Place:* Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Annex Temple & Zoom
- *Guest Lecturer:* Prof. Vanessa Sasson, *Marianopolis College, Westmount, Quebec, Canada*
- *Topic:* The "Lost" Women of Buddhism featuring her two new books: "Yasodhara and The Buddha" and "The Gathering"
- *Free Registration:* <https://forms.gle/kjSAZ3bCugc29ih97>

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 usually held on the first Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m., 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 November, 2023:

Sonny P. Abangan ~ November 1, 2015 (86)
Isamu "Isao" Agena ~ November 3, 2005 (91)
Takemitsu Akamine ~ November 19, 2021 (92)
Alice Asato Arakaki ~ November 30, 2020 (91)
Paul Takejiro Arakaki ~ November 29, 2008 (87)
Shirley Masako Arakaki ~ November 4, 2008 (95)
Kameko Asato ~ November 1, 2006 (87)
Betty Yukiko Brock ~ November 22, 2019 (94)
Edward Sadanobu China ~ November 6, 2013 (94)
Florence Hatsuyo Estes ~ November 2, 2015 (90)
Bernice Haruko Higa ~ November 15, 2013 (95)
Gladys Matsue Higa ~ November 10, 2015 (98)
Kenji Higa ~ November 3, 2000 (77)
Nobuko Higa ~ November 13, 2012 (77)
Howard Masayasu Ige ~ November 8, 2018 (88)
Nancy Kazuko Ikehara ~ November 29, 2013 (96)
Teruko Kaji ~ November 26, 2008 (96)
Thomas Kakazu ~ November 12, 2002 (89)
Harold Tatsuo Kaneshiro ~ November 27, 2019 (83)
Hideji Kaneshiro ~ November 1, 2000 (87)
Jack Heisuke Kaneshiro ~ November 26, 2003 (84)
Mildred Yoshimi Kaneshiro ~ November 26, 2010 (96)
Shigemitsu Kaneshiro ~ November 28, 2016 (95)
Yoshiko (Takushi) Kaneshiro ~ November 13, 2020 (96)
Yoshiko Kaneshiro ~ November 23, 2008 (93)
Guy Henry Kmett ~ November 7, 2018 (61)
Seigin Kobashigawa ~ November 29, 2013 (92)
Yoshi Kobashigawa ~ November 8, 2008 (76)

Henry Hisato Kuniyuki ~ November 9, 2000 (88)
Chiyoko Maeda ~ November 14, 2014 (102)
Glenn Mayeshiro ~ November 26, 2016 (64)
Yoshiko Miyahira ~ November 24, 1999 (82)
Shizuo Miyasato ~ November 22, 2017 (90)
Haruko Nagamine ~ November 1, 1996 (84)
Sunao Nakama ~ November 3, 2013 (87)
Nobue Nakamaejo ~ November 14, 2017 (90)
Shinsuke Nakamine ~ November 22, 2003 (91)
Yeijiro Nakamoto ~ November 21, 1999 (71)
Sonsei Nakamura ~ November 1, 2018 (102)
Clarence Tomokazu Nakasone ~ November 10, 2019 (89)
Robert Hoyei Nako ~ November 1, 2006 (80)
Violet Aiko Nako ~ November 14, 2003 (74)
Lillian Yukie Nanbu ~ November 3, 2017 (100)
Frank Morito Nishimura ~ November 11, 2008 (90)
Shizuyo Okino ~ November 2, 1997 (86)
Hiroshi Okuhara ~ November 1, 2004 (83)
Henry Sadao Okuma ~ November 9, 2020 (93)
Kama Oshiro ~ November 1, 1996 (98)
Masakichi Joe Oshiro ~ November 4, 1998 (83)
Emiko Inoue Sauer ~ November 30, 2019 (88)
Ronald Christopher Scott ~ November 1, 2012 (45)
Jimmy Seikichi Senaga ~ November 7, 2007 (82)
Elton Ichio Shimabukuro ~ November 27, 2008 (58)
Juliet A. Shimabukuro ~ November 11, 2021 (63)
Rinsei Shimabukuro ~ November 26, 1996 (76)
Toshimitsu Shimabukuro ~ November 4, 2014 (89)
James H. Shimotsukasa ~ November 21, 2021 (79)
Raymond Yoshiwo Shiroma ~ November 4, 1999 (82)
Michael Shigeo Tamaye ~ November 12, 2015 (88)
Clarence Yayoi Tamayori ~ November 30, 2017 (96)
Nobuichi Tamayose ~ November 22, 2022 (98)
Dorothy Teruko Teruya ~ November 17, 1999 (84)
Clara Otome Tobata ~ November 23, 2015 (99)
Masakazu Toguchi ~ November 29, 2015 (63)
Seiyu Toguchi ~ November 19, 2013 (89)

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- Yukio Tokuda ~ November 11, 2015 (93)
- Lillian Shizue Tokujo ~ November 28, 2003 (81)
- Kameko Tokumine ~ November 1, 2013 (93)
- Thomas Hiroshi Tokumoto ~ November 29, 2015 (82)
- Takeo Toma ~ November 17, 1996 (92)
- Wilbert S. Toma ~ November 12, 2017 (72)
- Florence Hideko Tome ~ November 26, 2012 (94)
- William Eiji Uehara ~ November 5, 1999 (57)
- Harue Uechi ~ November 15, 2010 (91)
- Kirk Ryo Uechi ~ November 14, 2012 (63)
- Yoshiko Uechi ~ November 30, 2022 (96)
- Take Uyehara ~ November 5, 2003 (99)

- Winston Kenyei Uyehara ~ November 30, 1998 (71)
- Rose Minoye Yamaguchi ~ November 10, 2020 (98)
- Haruko Yamasato ~ November 11, 1997 (79)
- Fred Hideo Yara ~ November 25, 1996 (82)
- Clytie Kikue Yogi ~ November 21, 2016 (95)
- Robert Seitsu Yonamine ~ November 1, 2011 (94)
- Harry Chusuke Yonashiro ~ November 21, 1999 (83)

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1. Online at www.hongwanjihawaii.com by clicking on the “Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief” button under the “Donate” tab.



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Please make check payable to HHMH and in the memo line designate “Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief” to ensure proper credit.

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