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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. 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 Jikoem office for access information.

Thu 7/4	• Independence Day (Office and Preschool closed)
Sat 7/6	• Hatusbon Memorial Service Time: 10:00 a.m., Location: Temple Hondo
Sun 7/7	• Bon and Shotsuki Memorial Service Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Michael Endo (BCA)
Sun 7/14	• NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN — Bon Dance Set-Up
Thu 7/18	• Lumbini Preschool Last Day
Sat 7/20	• JIKOEN BON DANCE (full details on page 12)
Sun 7/21	• NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN — Bon Dance Clean-up
Sun 7/28	• NO SERVICE AT JIKOEN — Parking Lot Paving



Bon Dance Practices

Jikoem Social Hall
Friday Evenings
7:00pm – 9:00pm

July 5
July 12
July 19 - NO PRACTICE

Please note dates and times may be subject to change.
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INTER-TEMPLE NEWS

Hongwanji Theme for 2024 — Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments

By Pieper Toyama

The phrase, SHARING NEMBUTSU MOMENTS, is the very heart of the Shin Buddhist experience. This is what we seek; this is what we do. It is that simple. However, the teachings of Shin Buddhism are sometimes presented as deep, complex, and difficult to understand. As for me, Shin Buddhism is simply spiritual experiences that are sources of joy and comfort. We are fortunate that at Jikoen, Rev. Nishiyama takes the path of simplicity. He offers a path of Shin Buddhism that is accessible to all of us, just as we are. And it begins with Nembutsu Moments. These are moments in our lives when the sound of *Namo Amida Butsu* comes to our lips without effort. We hear *Namo Amida Butsu* when we are keenly aware of the preciousness of our lives. Our senses are engaged and we know that life is flowing in and around us. We are aware of the place and the time we are in. It is these moments of awareness that draw the sound of the Nembutsu, *Namo Amida Butsu*, from us. It is seeing life just as it is and embracing it without judgment. These are Nembutsu Moments.

The experiential moments that call us to say the *Nembutsu* are everywhere in our daily lives. But the sound does not always come to us because we simply are not aware of these moments. And thus, we miss experiencing these joyous moments of gratitude.

Let me share some of my Nembutsu Moments in the hope it will help you to see yours.

- The colors of the Ko'olau in the rising sun.
- The soft touch of a child's hand holding your hand.
- The first cup of coffee in the quiet of the morning.
- The gentle conversations with Jikoen friends after temple service.

A Nembutsu Moment often begins with these words:

- "Wow! This is so beautiful."
- "I am so fortunate."
- "Thank you."
- "I hope I have many days like this one."

When say these words, *Namo Amida Butsu* is not far behind.

We must be equally aware that the *Nembutsu* also calls

us when we experience the pain and challenges of life. *Namo Amida Butsu* reminds that in pain and suffering, we still have our precious lives. Who among us have not experienced:

- Loneliness and depression
- Worry and regrets
- Aches and pains of aging
- Anger and frustration
- The fear of our coming death

When we can realize that in the midst of our joy and suffering, there are those who love us; we are not alone. In these moments of awakening, we walk the path of Shin Buddhism. We embrace life just as it is; life embraces us just as we are, and we say *Namo Amida Butsu*.

In 2024, let us all seek Nembutsu Moments in our lives and then share them with others through acts of kindness. Let's keep it that simple.

TEMPLE NEWS

Annual Memorial Service Schedules for July to December 2024

1st Year Service (Died in 2023)

Mrs. Lillian Yuriko Toma (94)	..... July 25, 2023
Mrs. Mitsuko Toguchi Nakasone (86)	..... July 29, 2023
Mr. Randel Masaji Morifuji (62)	..... August 14, 2023
Mrs. Masako Shimabukuro (85)	..... September 2, 2023
Mrs. Dora Kikuye Nishihara (97)	..... September 13, 2023
Mrs. Marilyn Yoshiko Kinjo (79)	..... September 21, 2023
Mrs. Yoshiko Zukeran Nakasone (93)	..... October 3, 2023
Ms. Amy Michiko Burns (87)	..... October 22, 2023
Mr. George Hideo Sakumoto (90)	..... October 29, 2023
Mrs. Grace Fumie Isa (96)	..... November 1, 2023
Mrs. Hatsue Gushiken (103)	..... November 14, 2023
Mrs. Jean Hatsue Sakumoto (91)	..... November 10, 2023
Ms. Elsie Setsuko Asato (93)	..... November 24, 2023
Mrs. Ellen Sakaye Miyashiro (91)	..... December 25, 2023
Mrs. Alice Kiyono Tengan (94)	..... December 26, 2023
Mrs. Helen Tatsuno Kaneshiro (95)	December 31, 2023

3rd Year Service (Died in 2022)

Miss. Mitzie Mitsuko Kiyabu (97)	..... July 17, 2022
Mrs. Betsy Tatsue Kakuni (96)	..... July 26, 2022
Mrs. Fumie Tengan (91)	..... August 3, 2022
Mr. Derry Shimabukuro (67)	..... August 10, 2022
Mrs. Doris Toyoko Arakaki (97) August 12, 2022
Mr. Glenn Kiyoshi Nozawa (72) August 21, 2022

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Mrs. Grace Haruko Isa (95) August 27, 2022
Mrs. Chiyo Sadoyama (99)..... August 28, 2022
Mrs. Lynne Yoshiko Nakasone (89) August 30, 2022
Mr. Shosei Tokumoto (92)September 19, 2022
Mrs. Ethel Oshiro (80)..... October 5, 2022
Mr. Kenneth Yeiko Kiyabu (85) October 12, 2022
Mr. Yasuo Sadoyama (98)..... November 20, 2022
Mr. Nobuichi Tamayose (98)..... November 22, 2022
Mrs. Ysohiko Gushi Uechi (96)..... November 30, 2022
Mr. Fukuyoshi Kawazoe (74)..... December 1, 2022
Mrs. Doris Asano Kuwana (93) December 11, 2022
Mrs. Kimiko Kelly Oshiro (90) December 30, 2022

7th Year Service (Died in 2018)

Mr. Steven Kunio Muramoto (71)..... July 4, 2018
Mr. Ian Koji Takashiba (40) July 10, 2018
Mr. Ronald Jiro Yoza (71)..... July 18, 2018
Mrs. Haruko Ohara (102)..... July 19, 2018
Mrs. Betty Misao Maeshiro (92)..... July 20, 2018
Mr. Jerry Ysohio Oshiro (83)..... July 28, 2018
Mrs. Rachel Tamae Arakaki (88) August 20, 2018
Mrs. Shizuko Yamashiro (98) August 27, 2018
Mr. Tomio Arakaki (89) September 2, 2018
Mr. Larry Yoshio Chinen (88) September 13, 2018
Mr. Shigeru Shiroma (94) September 21, 2018
Mrs. Kayuko Tomokiyo (103) September 24, 2018
Mr. Tokuei Yamashiro (96)..... October 2, 2018
Mrs. Phyllis Yoshie Komori (94)..... October 5, 2018
Mrs. Matsue Ono (93) October 25, 2018
Mr. Takamori Miyagi (96)..... October 28, 2018
Mr. Sosei Nakamura (102) November 1, 2018
Mrs. Jeannette Sanae Ige (74)..... December 2, 2018
Mrs. Yaeko Oshiro (88)..... December 2, 2018
Mr. Kokuji Kochi (83) December 16, 2018
Mr. Toshio Onaga (93)..... December 16, 2018

13th Year Service (Died in 2012)

Mrs. Otsuru Kaneshiro (101)..... July 6, 2012
Mr. Robert Jenko Higa (84) July 15, 2012
Mrs. Sadako Sadie Kinoshita (94) July 26, 2012
Mr. Lincoln Masato Yoshimitsu (89) July 26, 2012
Mr. Hideki Nakamura (90) July 28, 2012
Mrs. Hiroko Sakihara (94) August 4, 2012
Mr. Aran Taro Yoza (96)..... August 5, 2012
Mr. Harold Jinko Tamaye (91) August 17, 2012
Mrs. Nancy Hatsumi Toguchi (90)..... August 24, 2012
Mr. Richard Seichi Yogi (70) August 22, 2012
Mrs. Haruko Shinsato (96) August 27, 2012
Mr. Lewis Shoki Matayoshi (90) September 2, 2012
Mrs. Tsuruko Kohashigawa (97)..... September 11, 2012

Mrs. Lillie Haruko China (95) September 12, 2012
Mrs. Tsuruko Oshiro Asato (102).... September 13, 2012
Mrs. Fumiko Higashionna (88)..... September 13, 2012
Mrs. Yuriko Kagiyaama (101) September 16, 2012
Mrs. Miyoko Miyo Inamine China (90)... September 17, 2012
Mr. Harold Yoshikiyo Isa (90) October 6, 2012
Mrs. Oto Jakahi (100)..... October 14, 2012
Mr. Chester Hayato Oshiro (64) October 19, 2012
Mrs. Lori Sane Kobayashi (48) October 22, 2012
Mrs. Yuriko Lily Tamashiro (89) October 29, 2012
Mrs. Chiyo Jane Takara (95) October 29, 2012
Mr. Takeo Donald Takara (100) October 30, 2012
Mr. Ronald Chirs Galen Scott (45) ... November 1, 2012
Mrs. Nobuko Higa (77) November 13, 2012
Mr. Kirk Ryo Miyashiro Uechi (63) ... November 14, 2012
Mrs. Florence Flo Hideko Tome (94) November 26, 2012
Mrs. Shizuko Jakahi (96)..... December 5, 2012
Mr. Herbert Masaru Isa (82) December 22, 2012
Mr. Charles Tetsuichi Jichaku (91) December 22, 2012

17th Year Service (Died in 2008)

Mrs. Masako Higa (76) July 5, 2008
Mr. Masanobu Uyezu (93) July 6, 2008
Mr. Makoto Nishimura (84) July 8, 2008
Mrs. Sachiko Shimabukuro (87)..... July 12, 2008

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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

Arthur Tadashi Kaneshiro, 81, of 'Aiea, passed away in Aiea on April 24, 2024. He was born in Hilo, Hawai'i. Predeceased by wife, Lorraine T. Kaneshiro and his parents, Saburo and Elaine Kikue Kaneshiro. He is survived by his son, Bryce and daughter, Stacy (Keith) Kawamura.

Kazuo Ishikawa, 88, of Pearl City, passed away on April 23, 2024. He was born in Palau. He is survived by wife, Emiko; daughters, Linda (Aric) Tanimoto, Judy (Ronald) Tome, Joann (Jasper) Yun and brother, Shigeru (Fumiko) Ishikawa.

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

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Mr. Koichi Kaneshiro (81) July 16, 2008
 Mr. Harry Tadao Kido (94) July 28, 2008
 Mrs. Hideko Muranaka (88) August 5, 2008
 Mr. Masaru Masa Miyataki (84)..... August 7, 2008
 Mr. Eizun Shimamoto (101) August 25, 2008
 Mrs. Grace Tsuruko Nakashi (92) August 27, 2008
 Miss. Julia Midori Kaneshiro (57) September 7, 2008
 Mrs. Carol Naomi Tamanaha (62)..... September 8, 2008
 Mr. Ralph Masashi Nakamoto (90)... September 14, 2008
 Mr. Richard Hachiro Toyofuku (87)..... October 1, 2008
 Mr. Sam Isamu Oganeku (80) October 8, 2008
 Mrs. Shirley Masako Arakaki (95) November 4, 2008
 Mrs. Yoshi Kobashigawa (76) November 10, 2008
 Mr. Frank Morito Nishimura (90)... November 11, 2008
 Mrs. Yoshiko Kaneshiro (93) November 23, 2008
 Mr. Elton Ichio Shimabukuro (58).... November 27, 2008
 Mr. Paul Takejiro Arakaki (87) November 29, 2008
 Mrs. Helen Tsuruko Nakamura (84) ... December 4, 2008
 Mrs. Hisako Shimabukuro (85)..... December 5, 2008
 Mr. Charles Isao Yamashiro (91) December 21, 2008
 Mr. Toyoyuki Oda (85) December 31, 2008

25th Year Service (Died in 2000)

Mr. Byron Tetsuo Kuwana (45) July 15, 2000
 Mrs. Kame Oshiro (92) July 20, 2000
 Mr. Edward Chiyotoku Takara (64)..... July 26, 2000
 Mr. Mitsunobu Miyahira (81) August 3, 2000
 Mr. Toshiharu James Kuniyuki (83) August 20, 2000
 Mr. Seiki Azama (95) August 25, 2000
 Mr. Yoshinobu Cyrus Miyashiro (73)..... September 27, 2000
 Mr. Yoshio Miyashiro (80) October 11, 2000
 Mr. Gregory Bunkichi Oshiro (68)..... October 11, 2000
 Mr. Koyei Nakamoto (82) October 12, 2000
 Mr. Hideji Kaneshiro (87)..... November 1, 2000
 Mr. Kenji Higa (77) November 3, 2000
 Mr. Henry Hisato Kuniyuki (88) November 9, 2000
 Mrs. Tsuru Baba Okuma (101) December 5, 2000
 Mrs. Masako Matayoshi (87)..... December 13, 2000
 Mr. Harry Seiyu Higa (97) December 14, 2000

33rd Year Service (Died in 1992)

Mr. Heishin Kaneshiro (90) July 10, 1992
 Mrs. Aki Kohatsu (94) July 30, 1992
 Mr. Wallace Joko Nakamine (79) September 5, 1992
 Mr. Ryosuke Ajimine (88)..... September 6, 1992
 Mrs. Sadako Taira (75) September 12, 1992
 Mr. Shotaro Jack Kaneshiro (79) September 13, 1992
 Mrs. Yukiko Shiroma (73) October 30, 1992
 Mr. Moyon Higa (93)..... November 3, 1992
 Mr. Yasutake Nagamine (82) November 10, 1992

Mrs. Kamado Oshiro (92)..... December 25, 1992
 Mr. Seiso Harry Uejyo (60) December 30, 1992

Highlights from the May JBOD Meeting

Jikoen Board

- *Kalihi Kokua Valley's (KKV) Waiwai Summer Health Fellowship Program, June 12 to July 19* – Jikoen approved supporting KKV's summer program by providing use of our social hall and lunch for the participants on specified dates.
- *Hawaii United Okinawan Association (HUOA) 125th Anniversary Booklet* – Jikoen will purchase a full-page ad in the booklet to support HUOA and highlight Jikoen's strong historical ties with HUOA.

Facilities

- *Wire Fence* – Jikoen will replace the wire fence along Lakapu Street in an effort to deter trespassing.

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NEMBUTSU MOMENTS

The Jikoen choir provides us with a weekly Nembutsu Moment. It's not a choir that practices or wears robes. And every week the make-up of the choir might be different. Before we sing the Gatha, the MC says, "Anyone who wants to help lead the singing, please come to the front." And people go! There are some regulars; there can be whole families who go up together; a father might take his children. Sometimes there are more people in the choir than there are people singing from their seats.

Once in a while, we sing a Gatha that's not familiar to us. We all stumble through it together, and when we're done, there's laughter, and Rev. Nishiyama says, "We'll get it next time!"

Our choir is such an example of participation, inclusion, and acceptance. Truly a Nembutsu Moment.



(Remember to send your Nembutsu Moment Photo to Lois_Toyama@yahoo.com.)

Commission on Buddhist Education &
the Buddhist Study Center Committee



Sharing Your NEMBUTSU MOMENTS

2024 HONGWANJI SLOGAN
"Sharing Nembutsu Moments"



WHAT IS A "NEMBUTSU MOMENT?"

When you see or hear or experience something so beautiful, touching and profound that it leaves you speechless and all you can say is "Wow!" After that, as one continues to be in awe of that life changing encounter, you continue to say "Wow." This moment is explained in The Collected Works of Shinran, Volume Two as "...the moment of awakening of shinjin (True Entrusting) and saying the nembutsu is a moment both in and out of time.

---Reverend Eric Matsumoto

WE WILL SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES
IN THE KA LEO KAHEA, TEMPLE
NEWSLETTERS OR IN A COLLECTION
FOR A BOOK.

SUBMIT YOUR EXPERIENCE HERE!

<https://forms.gle/6cVKBwqszaYg5XrHA>



**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT:
AUGUST 31, 2024**

??? QUESTIONS ???

Please contact Debbie Kubota
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- *Refrigerator* – The board approved the repair or replacement of the refrigerator located in the social hall.

Lumbini Preschool

- *Summer Program* – The program will run from June 3 to July 18.
- *New School Year* – The school year will begin on July 29 for Lumbini staff and August 1 for students.

Events

- *Irei No Hi, June 23 at 12 noon* – There will be no morning service, but a special noon program at Jikoen. Our members and the public are invited to Jikoen's Annual Irei No Hi Okinawa Peace Memorial.
- *Jikoen Obon, July 20* – The committee is busy planning this major event and will need many volunteers to ensure a successful event.

Highlights from the June JBOD Meeting

Jikoen Board

- *Trespass Form* – The Jikoen Trespass Form was approved, but further discussions on implementation will continue.
- *Gatha Books* – The purchase of 70 new gatha books, totaling \$1,050 plus shipping cost, was approved.

Facilities

- *Electrical Improvements* – To improve safety, the board approved \$6,000 for the electrical improvements near the elevator area.
- *Likelike Wall Repair* – Construction work revealed significant structural damage behind the outer wall. The construction company also suggests other repairs, and cost proposals will be initiated.

Lumbini Preschool

- *Playground* – The playground is closed due to Likelike wall repair work.
- *DHS Grant* – Jikoen was awarded funds from the 4th DHS Grant. Lumbini employees will receive retention awards; the balance will be used for operating expenses.

Events

- *Jikoen Obon, July 20* – Planning is on-going. A Portal for Volunteers will be online soon. Please sign up and contribute to our obon celebration.

Lumbini Preschool 2024 Graduation

Lumbini Preschool held its 2024 Graduation Ceremonies on May 24. It was a grand event, complete with cap and gowns and the stately notes of Pomp and Circumstance ushering the graduates down the aisle. Parents, grandparents, and relatives wore huge smiles as their eyes were glued on their special little graduate. Graduates received a diploma from Rev. Nishiyama and Suzie moved their tassels over each graduate's heart. Both beamed with the same pride for the students as did their parents. Lois Toyama, Jikoen Co-President, shared her certainty that the elfin graduates were going to be successful in kindergarten, elementary school, high school and beyond because they were given a loving start in their education by the teachers of Lumbini.

Anthony Fink, the parent of Lucas, was called to the stage to share his reflections of the years his son attended Lumbini. He spoke of his deep appreciation of how the teachers cared for his son. Hearing his words, it became clear that Lumbini Preschool is affecting the lives not only of individual children but of entire families as well. It provides an essential service to the community in helping to prepare our children for their future. When we witness the parents seeking out the teachers and thanking them on graduation day, it is motivation for all Jikoen members to ensure Lumbini thrives in its mission of service now and into the future.



Rev. Nishiyama Transforms Jikoen's Sunday Service

Rev. Nishiyama is way ahead of his time. For some time now, he has encouraged the sangha to be creative in expressing its spirituality during Sunday Service. On May 26, we saw the fruits of his inspiration. Pacific Buddhist Academy's musical group, Oubaitori, joined us and turned the slow and stately Tisarana into an up-tempo expression of the Three Treasures that had the Sangha swaying and toe-tapping to their beat. They followed by leading the chant, Sanbutsuge, in three-part harmony and musical accompaniment. Oubaitori then replaced the

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HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII TRIPLE CELEBRATION 2024

850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth
800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching
135th Anniversary of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

ONLINE BUDDHIST EDUCATION SERIES APRIL-JULY

KYO: TEACHING

The Three Pure Land Sutras & the purport of the Larger Sutra.



Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra

April 13, 10 am

GYO: PRACTICE

"Nembutsu - Hearing what the Buddhas Enjoy-"



Rev. Yuki Sugahara

May 18, 10 am

Kyogyoshinsho: Essence of Jodo Shinshu



Scan to register



Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara

What Shinjin is & its connection with the nembutsu

SHIN: ENTRUSTING HEART

June 22, 10 am



Rev. Henry Adams

What it means to be born in the Pure Land and how we attain it?

SHO: REALIZATION

July 20, 10 am

Email:

triple.celebration@honpahi.org

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traditional Memorial Day Dharma Message by singing Nada Sou Sou that was accompanied by a slide show in remembrance of Jikoen members.

But wait! There's more. Pete Doktor led the sangha in a gatha that spoke to the occasion of Memorial Day. Led by his daughter, Reio, on the ukulele and Pete on the guitar, the sangha sang the heartfelt song, One Day, by Matisyahu. Pete and Reio and the PBA students, led by Jay Toyofuku sensei, showed us creative and refreshing ways to express our spirituality during Sunday Service thanks to Rev. Nishiyama's willingness to open the doors of tradition to new ideas.

The name, Oubaitori, comes from the kanji for the four trees that bloom in spring: cherry blossoms, plum, peach, and apricot. Each flower blooms in its own time, hence, the meaning behind the name is that we all grow and bloom at our own pace. We are reminded that everyone has their own journey through life, and we should focus on our growth, celebrate our individuality and uniqueness and not compare ourselves so much to others.

We are grateful that Maya Galvez, Addi Hernandez, Mone Sugimoto, Mari Miyasato, and Sean Fitch along with Jay Toyofuku sensei from PBA shared their time, talent, and creativity with Jikoen. We look forward to their next visit.

Planned Giving and Retired State Employees

ATTENTION: According to the EUTF website, retirees from the State of Hawaii are covered by group life insurance under the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF). The life insurance benefit is \$1,487.

If you are a retired employee of the State of Hawaii, consider making a planned gift to the temple by designating Jikoen as a beneficiary of your group life insurance benefit. By so doing, you ensure a Forever Gift of Gratitude that will sustain Jikoen into the future. If you wish to designate Jikoen as a beneficiary, contact Pieper Toyama through the Jikoen Office. He will provide you with the appropriate forms.

The Third of Nine Ways to Become Healthier Without Trying Very Hard

TIP 3: *Little Acts of Joy Can Have a Big Payoff.* Small moments add up. From chatting with a stranger, to taking time to reframe a bad day and find a silver

lining, to noticing the beauty of nature, science shows that moments like these make a difference to your well-being. The University of California – Berkely is gathering data that shows we can change our emotional state by embracing these “micro-acts” of happiness. This study shows the importance of recognizing our Nembutsu Moments. Come to temple service on Sunday and chat with friends to get a dose of happiness.



HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES

(June, 2024)

Message From the Bishop

VESAK AT THE WHITE HOUSE

On Thursday, May 23, 2024, Second Gentleman Douglas Emhoff hosted a Vesak celebration at the Navy Department Library and Reception Room on the White House campus. The celebration of Vesak might not be familiar among Jodo Shinshu Buddhists. Vesak commemorates Shakyamuni Buddha's birth, enlightenment and passing away (Parinirvana), and is observed by various Buddhists across the world.

This annual tradition of celebrating Vesak at the White House started under President Biden's administration in 2021 through the instrumental leadership of Ms. Wangmo Dixey, President of the International Buddhist Association of America (IBAA). Bishop Marvin Harada of the Buddhist Churches of America, who also serves on the IBAA Board of Directors, kindly extended the invitation to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii to participate in this special event. It was a great honor for me to travel to Washington, D.C. to represent the HHMH and be a part of this historic event at the White House.

Among the attendees were many venerable masters, teachers and lay devotees from across America who represented the Theravada, Mahayana and Vajrayana traditions. Several representatives from the State Department including ambassadors and embassy staff from across the globe also attended.

In his statement on Vesak, President Joe Biden wrote, “For over 2,500 years, those who adhere to the Buddha's teachings have enriched and strengthened this world we

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share. Vesak is a time to reflect on the Buddha's teachings, including the need to work for peace and justice, and cultivate humility and compassion as we work together towards a brighter future."

Upon his entrance, the Second Gentleman welcomed us all with his remarks. He said that we are showcasing the beauty and diversity of all the communities, and it is important that we build coalitions and come together not only to express our interconnectedness, faith and joy but also to combat hate. He said that the one and best way to combat hate is to do it together, to come together, because, in the room, there was so much more that unites us than divides us. The Second Gentleman concluded his remarks by encouraging us to celebrate the universal principles of compassion, humility and peace, and to recommit to building a better future for all.

After the Second Gentleman's message, Ms. Dixey welcomed everyone, saying that Vesak is a sacred occasion celebrated by millions of Buddhists around the world, its profound message transcends borders, resonating deeply with people from all walks of life, including here in America. She noted that there are around 3,000 Buddhist temples in the United States, each representing the diverse traditions of Theravada, Mahayana and Vajrayana, and enriching our nation with profound wisdom. Ms. Dixey said, "In times of challenge where wars and internal disagreements run rampant, let us reimagine this light as a beacon of hope, a possibility for each of us to manifest harmony and well-being within ourselves and ultimately to become ambassadors of World Peace. Imagine the power within us to illuminate the world showing that wisdom and compassion are the ways to lead humanity."

Following those remarks, the representatives from the three Buddhist traditions lit the lamps, chanted the sutra, and offered their aspirations. Bishop Harada of the BCA, Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara of the Jodo Shinshu International Office, and I represented the Mahayana tradition together with other venerable masters.

In his aspiration, Bishop Harada described Mahayana Buddhism as "like a big bus" that carries anyone and everyone regardless of race, gender, social status, or sexual orientation, and it brings us from a life of delusion, ignorance and suffering to a life of awakening, wisdom and liberation. He said that we need teachings that act as mirrors, enabling us to deeply self-reflect and truly live a life of humility and gratitude. He said, "Understanding the interconnected world of oneness enables us to live with a deep sense of compassion, to treat all beings as if

they are our brothers and sisters, to treat all beings as if they are a part of each of us, and in truth, they are."

It was truly an honor that both the Buddhist Churches of America and the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii be a part of the Vesak Celebration at the White House.

Ms. Dixey, at the end of her message, said, "May each of us carry the inspiration and spirit of Vesak into our everyday lives. May we embrace the beautiful qualities that the Buddha has shown us to build a brighter and kinder future for all Americans, guided by the timeless qualities of love, compassion and mutual understanding. By lighting this lamp today, we send a message of peace and harmony that will resonate throughout the world."

You can watch the Vesak Celebration at the White House on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/v3V1ZwCAgQs?si=2dC1evzdPvppZzFu>

Namo Amida Butsu

Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani



WHITE WAY RADIO

Mō'ili'i 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.moiliihongwanji.org

July 2024

- **06 Mr. Pieper Toyama**
- **13 Dr. Dexter Mar**
- **20 Mr. Josh Hernandez Morse**
- **27 Rev. Kojun Hashimoto**

⚡ 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'i Hongwanji will be
greatly appreciated to help support the
White Way Radio broadcasts.

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 August, 2024:

Sunao Afuso ~ August 10, 2014 (86)
Doris Toyoko Arakaki ~ August 12, 2022 (97)
Haruo Arakaki ~ August 20, 1996 (78)
Rachel Tamae Arakaki ~ August 20, 2018 (88)
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- 5:10 pm Opening: Paranku Clubs of Hawaii & Hawaii Okinawa Creative Arts (HOCA)
- 5:30 pm Nidaime Teishin Kai
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- 6:30 pm Young Okinawans of Hawaii (YOH) & Ukwanshin Kabudan
- 7:00 pm HOCA Shishi Mai (lion dance) performance
- 7:20 pm Nidaime Teishin Kai
- 7:50 pm Ko'olau Sakura Odori Kai & Fukushima Ondo
- 8:30 pm Moment of Silence
- 8:40 pm YOH and Ukwanshin Kabudan
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