



# ONENESS

**KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

**November 2019**

## BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

A humble reflection in our 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary year in Hawaii



In the last quarter of our 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year in Hawaii, I cannot help but express my gratitude and appreciation to all our predecessors who started and supported (what would eventually become) the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii from its birth in 1889 and its growth and expansion in the ensuing years. The impact of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii especially through its temples in so many local communities across Hawaii including the contributions by its affiliated organizations like the Buddhist Women's Associations (just to name one) and Hongwanji's schools should not be underestimated. As members of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, let us be proud and also gratefully acknowledge the contributions and dedication of so many countless people, within and without of our organization, who have helped us throughout our history. Truly, we, of the present, are indebted to them and there is no way that we can name and thank each person individually, but they should not be forgotten.

For myself, in preparation for our 130<sup>th</sup> year in Hawaii, more specifically for the Calendar Committee's creating the Hawaii Kyodan Calendar for 2019, I became more conscious and aware of the tremendous role played by, for example, Saiji Kimura, a successful businessman in Hawaii. If you read our history, you will come to know that he was a staunch dedicated lay supporter who helped Rev. Soryu Kagahi both in Hilo and Honolulu. He stands out among many of our dedicated leaders and supporters. I recently found out that there is a huge monument built in his honor at the Moiliili Community Cemetery in Honolulu. Saiji Kimura, eventually, returned to Japan (d. 1913), but he left an enduring legacy here in Hawaii which continues to make a difference even today.

Another person who has impacted not only, we who live in Hawaii, but also people almost half way around the world, is Mary Elizabeth Mikahala Robinson Foster (1844-1930). In far off, India and Sri Lanka she is fondly remembered to this day with stone monuments praising her and even a hospital and a street named in her honor. Did you know that the lady who loved India mentioned in the song "Beautiful Kahana" is none

other than Mary Foster? Some have referred to her as the second Visakha. Visakha was a wealthy lay woman who sincerely took refuge in the Three Treasures and most generously supported the Sangha during Sakyamuni Buddha's time. Back here in Hawaii, Mary Foster of Foster Botanical Garden fame ardently supported Bishop Yemyo Imamura and generously, financially and morally, contributed to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii especially to what would eventually become the 1727 Pali Highway campus. Thus, in appreciation of her support, on December 15, 2019 there will be a special service of remembrance and appreciation in her honor at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin at 10AM. The Remembrance, which is open to the Public and other temples, is being planned by Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Office of the Bishop, Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Buddhist Temple, and the recently formed Maha Bodhi Society of Hawaii.

Truly, it is because of the support of the countless members whose names we cannot all mention and those individuals whose efforts have been recorded that we owe our existence. I am sure each temple has people like Saiji Kimura and Mary Foster and so many others to whom we are indebted. Let us respond in gratitude to Amida Buddha and all those who have helped us! In the remaining months of 2019, especially with Eitaikyo upon us, let us take this time to remember everyone with our deepest gratitude and inspired by our predecessors make efforts to leave both a spiritual gift of sharing our joy and appreciation for the Nembutsu Teachings and temple with others in the form of a "Legacy Letter" and a financial legacy by creating an endowment or making a Planned Giving gift, so our temples of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii can continue to share the Dharma with others. In the words of Shinran Shonin, "I praise Amida's wisdom and virtue so that beings with mature conditions throughout the ten quarters may hear. Let those who have realized shinjin constantly respond in gratitude to the Buddha's benevolence."

Thank you and Namu Amida Butsu.

## CONDOLENCES

Mr. Gordon C. Cockett, a member of Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, passed away on September 20, 2019. Mr. Cockett served as Temple President and as board director for many years. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of JO-GO-IN 浄護院 which means "One who unselfishly dedicated his time and effort to protect the temple" in recognition of his life of nembutsu was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on October 5, 2019.

Mr. Barry K. Taniguchi, a member of Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin, passed away on September 20, 2019. He was the former President of Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin and an Advisor of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. He was known throughout the Hawaii Community as a business and community leader and chairman of the board and CEO of KTA Super Stores. He served on numerous business, community and health- and human-services boards and organizations. He was honored as a Living Treasure of Hawaii in 2015. The Hawaii Kyodan Funeral Service was held at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin on Friday, October 18, 2019 under the officiation of Bishop Eric Matsumoto. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of DAI-RI-IN 大利益院 which means "One who made manifest great benefit" in recognition of his life of nembutsu was conferred.

## OUR PLEDGE

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii announced and shared the Hawaii Version of His Eminence Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani's "Watashitachi no Chikai" or "Our Pledge."

On the first day of the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition, he delivered a message entitled "A Way of Living as a Nembutsu Follower," expressing how we should live in the real world as one who encounters the great wisdom and compassion of Amida Tathagata. With the hope of presenting it in a more familiar and understandable way, he has summarized the essence of the message into the following four verses of "Our Pledge." Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii prepared the Hawaii Version as each overseas district is requested to translate "Our Pledge."

### Our Pledge

Reaching out to others,  
I will share a smile and gentle words.  
Just like the Buddha, who always calls out with Aloha.

Breaking away from my greed, anger and ignorance,  
I will try to live in peace and harmony.  
Just like the Buddha, who shares tranquility and kindness with all.

Moving forward from self-centeredness,  
I will share a life of joy and sorrow with others.  
Just like the Buddha, whose caring heart always embraces us.

Realizing that I live because of others,  
I will strive to live life to the fullest with an attitude of gratitude.  
Just like the Buddha, who promises to embrace us all.

## PEACE DAY EVENTS 2019



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Peace Day Committee and Temples throughout Hawaii held various events and celebrated Peace Day 2019.

In 2007, the Hongwanji Jr. YBA first promoted the Peace Day in Hawaii. At the 49th Jr. YBA State Convention held in June of 2006, a resolution to establish Peace Day in the state of Hawaii was passed. The resolution was presented to the State Legislature in the spring of 2007. In April of 2007, Governor Linda Lingle signed a proclamation that designated September 21 as

Peace Day in Hawaii. Since then, various events have been held to celebrate the Peace Day on each island. The following events were held this year:

### Kauai:

Peace Day Candle Light Vigil followed by video of "Peace On Your Wings" on September 21 at Lihue Hongwanji Mission hosted by Lihue Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association



## TOKUDO ORDINATION

Blayne Nakasone Sakata, who is attending the Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin (Central Buddhist Seminary) as a Hawaii Kyodan Scholarship Student, completed the Tokudo Session on September 6-16, 2019 at Nishiyama Betsuin in Kyoto, Japan. At the end of the session, he attended the Tokudo Ordination Ceremony in Hongwanji in Kyoto and became a Jodo Shinshu minister. The following is his comment:

“Before going to Tokudo, I was very nervous because of all the stories I heard from other ministers commenting how strict and rigorous the training will be for the next ten days without technology. Also I couldn't get the fact that I had to shave my head and detach myself from my phone for a whole ten days. But in the beginning of the program, I was extremely nervous, there were so many things happening and we had to adjust to the strict schedule they had planned. I also couldn't believe that I was finally here thanks to the gracious support of the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii. But I was the only foreigner in a pool of Japanese and no one spoke any English and I had no dictionary, I was on the deep end of the pool.



As the first few days slowly went by, I realized that I wasn't as nervous as I had anticipated because the time schedule and overall life style was the same as living in the dorms at my school, Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin. For the services and rituals training, I realized, as did my friends that it was things we already knew and things we have been practicing for months. My friends and I were surprised at how much free/ spare time we had where we sat around in our room practicing for the verbal tests we had but majority of it was us talking and joking around. Since we had so much time, I started to draw to pass time. When it came to the verbal tests, my heart was pounding and my hands were clamming up and you could hear the nervousness in my voice, but I knocked all the tests out within the first two days and after I could really relax. The rest of the days it was a breeze but as the ten days were coming to a slow end, it was hard to believe that all these past years was a culmination to that very movement of me, a local boy from Hawaii with all these Japanese people becoming a Jodo Shinshu minister. For that, I really have to thank my school, Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin as well as Pacific Buddhist Academy and especially to the ministers in Hawaii, the Hongwanji Kyodan, and lay members for creating multitudes of opportunities for me to learn and grow as a Buddhist in preparation for Tokudo.”

## MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS

**Reverend Joshin Kamuro**, an associate minister of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, will be assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin as its Associate Minister as of November 16, 2019.

**Rev. Shingo Furusawa**, currently serving as the Headquarters as the Office of Buddhist Education Assistant half-time and the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as its Associate Minister half-time, will be relieved from the current duties and assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as its full-time Associate Minister as of November 16, 2019.

## from the president's corner...

Aloha Everyone,

The months have passed quickly and November is already here. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we express our heartfelt gratitude for the Buddha's Teachings and to Reverend Majima for sharing the chanting of the sutras and meaningful Dharma messages.

Have you taken the opportunity to come to the temple to listen to the Dharma which guides us in our daily life? As lifelong learners we continue to learn new and interesting things throughout our lifetime.

I would like to share what I learned at the seminar presented by Reverend Kiyonobu Kuwahara. "How to listen to the minister's message. 1. Listen as if the message is for you alone, 2. Listen as if you are listening for the first time. 3. Listen as if it is the last time you will ever do so in your life." Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all attend the Sunday service, listen to the Dharma message, and express our gratitude by reciting Namu Amida Butsu.

### **Food Sale - November 9, 2019 9:00 - 12:00 noon**

We are looking forward to having a productive and rewarding Food Sale. This can only be possible with your commitment to sell the tickets and lend a helping hand. There are only 4 fundraisers in the year. We hope you will make every effort to participate in at least one event to help your temple. The temple cannot continue without the support of its members.

### **Lonesome Grave - November 10, 2019 @ 8:00 a.m until we finish**

Each year the Kauai United Women's Association decorates the graves of our veterans for the annual Veterans Day Service at the Veterans Cemetery in Hanapepe. Everyone is welcome to participate in this event to honor the veterans. We would appreciate donations of flowers and greens to decorate the graves. Please bring it to the Social Hall when you come to the Food Sale.

### **Kapaa Interfaith Thanksgiving Luncheon - November 28, 2019 @ 11:00 a.m.**

The annual Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held at the All Saints Episcopal Church on Thanksgiving Day. A service to express our gratitude will be held at 10:00 a.m. with the ministers from the various churches participating. Reverend Majima of Kapaa Hongwanji and Reverend Kaufmann of Lihue Hongwanji will be participating in the service.

We will again be making home deliveries of Thanksgiving meals, so please do not hesitate to call me @ 822-4667 or email ([mail@kapaahongwanji.org](mailto:mail@kapaahongwanji.org)) to request meals. The Honpa Hongwanji Committee on Social Concerns has once again contributed \$2,000 to help fund this community event. We are grateful for the committee's generous contribution to make this event possible.

### **Nominations for Kapaa Hongwanji Board of Directors**

We encourage and welcome our young, mature and enthusiastic members as candidates for the Board of Directors. We need a succession plan which is long overdue. Some of our directors have been on the board for more than 10-15 years. We need fresh, new ideas to welcome Dharma seekers to the temple and sustain their interest in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

We invite you to attend the Board Meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month to share your suggestions and progressive ideas. We would also like to hear your concerns regarding financial and membership needs as well as security and maintenance of our large property.

### 130<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Events

Many thanks to Reverend Tomo Hojo, Elaine Saiki and the members of West Kauai Hongwanji Mission-Hanapepe Temple for hosting the Commemorative Service, lunch, and Peace Panel Discussion. I would also like to thank our members who participated in the service, attended the service, provided refreshments and the Jr. YBA for assisting with registration. Everyone enjoyed the memorable service, delicious lunch and interesting perspectives on peace.

### Women's Association

The ladies attended the Kauai United BWA Fall Conference on Sunday, October 27 at Lihue Hongwanji. The guest speaker was Reverend Alan Urasaki, Chaplain of the State Prison. After a delicious lunch, Reverend Urasaki conducted a workshop on intergenerational activities. We would like to try some of these activities at our temple. Thank you to the ladies of Lihue Hongwanji Women's Association for hosting the conference. Everyone had a great time.

### United Jr. YBA

Taryn Ramil and Isabella Kasprzyk participated in the Peace Day Candlelight Vigil on September 21, 2019 which was hosted by the Lihue Hongwanji BWA. The girls read the history of Peace Day Hawaii and the United Nations International Peace Day.

On October 6, 2019 Isabella and Taryn assisted with registration and presented gifts to the guests for the 130<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Events held at West Kauai Hongwanji Mission. Taryn also represented the Jr. YBA in offering incense during the Commemorative Service.

Madison Doo and Taryn Ramil attended the Federation of Jr. YBA Meeting in Honolulu with Reverend Majima and Roberta Yanagawa at the Buddhist Study Center. They both did a great job representing Kauai at the state meeting which was attended by members of Maui, Kona, Hilo, Honolulu and Oahu. After the meeting everyone enjoyed the scavenger hunt and lunch at the Ala Moana Center. They met and made new friends and had a great time.

### 2019 MINISTER'S LAY ASSISTANT ENRICHMENT RETREAT ON OCTOBER 13-15

A special feature this year was the use of the Buddhist Educational Resource, *Shoshinge Saga*, in teaching Shin Buddhism. *Shoshinge Saga* was built on the original Japanese manga: *Shoshinge no Hanashi*, published by Hozokan. We are very grateful to Hozokan for their generous permission to produce the resource to be used in the presentation of Shin Buddhism in a more understandable manner for students from high school and through adult education levels. It is presently in the final stages of revision and the Retreat was a good opportunity to test the resource in an instructional setting. It was produced by the Buddhist Study Center with the help of volunteers from the BSC Fellowship Club. The plan is to distribute it either at the ending of this year or the beginning of next year through the Office of Buddhist Education.

Mahalo for Your Contributions & Support  
September 24 - October 21, 2019

**Memorial Service**

*In memory of the late...*

*Mabel Sunada - Sunada Family*

**130<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Service**

Dan Anderson  
Jim Jung  
Ralph Kitashima  
Rev. Mieko Majima  
Yasuko Murakami  
Ethel Aiko Oda  
Tammi Ramil  
Carol Saiki  
Rona Sakai  
Gloria Shimizu  
Pearl Shimizu  
United Jr. YBA  
Isabella Kasprzyk  
Taryn Ramil

**Volunteer Support**

Stanford Iwamoto  
Haven Kuboyama  
Yasuko Murakami  
Francis Nishizawa  
Tammi Ramil

**Sunday Service**

Josh Borden  
Madison Doo  
Paula Hulme  
Jim Jung  
Dimples Kano  
Ralph Kitashima  
Haven Kuboyama  
Rev. Mieko Majima  
Ms. Mildri  
Yasuko Murakami  
Francis Nishizawa  
Andrea Petel  
Taryn Ramil  
Carol Saiki  
Gloria Shimizu  
Kathleen Yamamoto

**Newsletter**

Joshua Boden  
Gloria Shimizu  
Roberta Yanagawa  
Rev. Mieko Majima

**Lonesome Grave Project**

November 10, 8:00 am  
Kauai Veteran's Cemetery

The annual BWA Lonesome Grave Project has been held each year on the day before the Veteran's Day at the Kauai Veteran's Cemetery. This year, Lonesome Grave Project will be held on Sunday, November 10. We appreciate donation of flowers and greens since there are many lonely graves.

**Eitaikyo Service**

November 24, 9:00 am  
Kapaa Hongwanji Mission  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Bert Sumikawa

We are observing Eitaikyo Service on November 24. Eitaikyo means Sutra over the long generations. Eitaikyo Service was originally established by the followers of Buddha in ancient India. They wished that the Buddha's teachings would be carried to their descendants from generation to generation, so they began to observe the Eitaikyo Service. The Eitaikyo Fund was established for the maintaining of the Sangha or temple and supporting people. The guest speaker will be Rev. Bert Sumikawa.

**BODHI DAY SERVICE**

DECEMBER 8, 9:30 am  
Kapaa Jodo mission

Kauai Buddhist Council will host BODHI DAY on December 8 at 9:30 am at Kapaa Jodo Mission. There will be refreshments and entertainment following the service. Everyone is welcome.

## Memorial Services

### November

Gladys	Togikawa	1st	11/2/2018
Kawamura	Doris Makie	13th	11/6/2007
Jerrett Shoichi	Kano	27th	11/28/1993
Masako	Ogawa	33rd	11/22/1987
Haruo	Shimada	50th	11/10/1970

### December

Tadashi	Hashimoto	7th	12/12/2013
Kimiyo	Asai	7th	12/28/2013
Nakamura	Tadao	13th	12/1/2007
Michihiro	Fukuda	27th	12/21/1993
Henry	Ebesu	27th	12/2/1993
Nui	Saiki	33rd	12/18/1987
Muneichi	Hatakeyama	50th	12/7/1970
Tomino	Yamate	50th	12/10/1970



### From Minister's Desk

Away: 11/13-11/15

I would like to thank the members and friends for holding the Fall Food Sale. I would like to enjoy Sushi and Nishime. Thank you again for donating flowers for the Veterans Cemetery.

Namo Amida Butsu

### *In Memoriam...*

Mr. Edward Tada

10/9/1929 - 10/10/2019

Kapaa Hongwanji Mission extends its deepest sympathy to families who have recently lost their loved ones.

Namo Amida Butsu.

## Temple Cleaning & Flower Arrangement

11/2/2019	Group 1	Mrs. Marie Hashimura - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hiraoka, Mr. Milton Nakamura, Mr. Ray Paler	Ruby
11/9/2019	FALL FOOD SALE		Rona & Joan
11/16/2019	Group 2	Mr. Francis Nishizawa - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Kim Murakami, Mr. Clint Saiki	Kay & Roberta
11/23/2019	Group 3	Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Takekuma - Chair Mrs. Erin Takekuma, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Nishida, Mr. Stanford Iwamoto, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Yanagawa	Roberta
11/30/2019	Group 4	Ms. Gloria Shimizu - Chair Mr. Haven Kuboyama, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Sunada, Mr. Lane Sunada, Mrs. Pat Yamamoto	Rona



## Food Sale

Our annual Food Sale fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at the Social Hall. The Food Sale will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 noon.

This year we will be selling tickets for nishime lunches. The lunch will consist of nishime, tsukemono, and rice. The cost of each ticket is \$10.00. We humbly ask for your kokua to sell tickets to your family, friends and neighbors or purchase some for yourselves. If you did not receive tickets or additional tickets are needed, please call Gloria (822-5353) or Roberta (822-4667).

**Please turn in your payments or any unsold tickets by November 1, 2019. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated so we can sell any unsold tickets.**

Other items for sale are bento lunch, cone sushi, pickled vegetables, and fruits/vegetables. We humbly ask for donations of your favorite cookies, bars, jams/jellies, fresh fruits/vegetables, plants, and crafts. We do not recommend custard, cream filled or meat items which need to be refrigerated. We would appreciate donations from the many talented bakers, cooks, farmers and crafters of our Sangha.

We need your help to make this Food Sale a success. Please set aside some time from your busy schedule to help with preparations and assist on the day of the sale. Our goal is to raise funds to keep the Temple operational. This is a great opportunity for all of us to come together as a Sangha and show that we care. The future of our temple depends on all of us.

**The following is the Food Sale schedule:**

**November 6 (7:30 a.m.)** Prepare equipment, utensils, food holding units and supplies. Set up tables for the Food Sale and cashier.

**November 8 (7:30 a.m.)** Prepare ingredients for the nishime, bentos and tsukemono

**November 9 (4:00 a.m.)** Cook bento ingredients

(5:30 a.m.) Wash and cook rice for bentos and cone sushi.

(6:30 a.m.) Cook Nishime. Pack Bentos

(7:00 a.m.) Cook rice for the nishime lunch. Prepare cone sushi.

(8:00 a.m.) Prep service area for nishime lunch

(9:00 a.m.) Food Sale opens. Lunch pick up.

(12:00 p.m.) Food Sale closes. Break for lunch.

(12:30 p.m.) Clean up equipment, kitchen and hall.

Committees:

Chair: Roberta Yanagawa

Tickets & distribution: Rev. Mieko Majima & Roberta

Finance: Gloria Shimizu & Clint Saiki

Purchasing: Gloria Shimizu & Roberta Yanagawa

Plate Lunch: Dennis Sunada Bento: Clint Saiki Cone sushi: Gloria Shimizu

Rice Cooking: Haven Kuboyama, Milton Nakamura, Francis Nishizawa

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## Upcoming Events in November 2019

11/3/2019	8 AM	CHANTING
	9 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
	10 AM	TINY TOT JAPANESE
11/4/2019	6 PM	JAPANESE CONVERSATION
11/10/2019		TEMPLE CLOSED NO JAPANESE CLASS
11/11/2019	6 PM	JAPANESE CONVERSATION
11/17/2019	8 AM	CHANTING
	9 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
	10 AM	TINY TOT JAPANESE
11/18/2019	6 PM	JAPANESE CONVERSATION
11/24/2019	9 AM	EITAIKYO SERVICE NO JAPANESE CLASS
11/25/2019	6 PM	JAPANESE CONVERSATION
11/28/2019		THANKSGIVING at ALL SAINTS
	10 AM	INTERFAITH JOINT SERVICE
	11 AM	LUNCHEON