



# ONENESS

**KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

**December 2019**

## BISHOP'S CORNER



Bishop Eric Matsumoto

As we enter the last months of the year, you might be thinking “Where did the year go?” Soon, a new year will be upon us. For the past 5 years, our theme has been “Embrace Change,” but though we will be starting a new series beginning in 2020, it does not mean that we should stop being guided by our current theme of embrace change. However, the time has come for the start of a new set of Theme and Slogans. Thus, from 2020-2024, our new theme will be “Building Healthy Sanghas” with a series of slogans for each year. Our Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, next 5

Year Theme and Slogans are:

- 2020: Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity and Openness,
- 2021: Building Healthy Sanghas: Nurturing Empathy and Respect,
- 2022: Building Healthy Sanghas: Connecting with Others,
- 2023: Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together and
- 2024: Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments.

We will be focusing on the Sangha. A Sangha that is nurtured by the Buddha-Dharma. As a Sangha, the thoughts, words and actions of every individual, ministers and lay, are very important and makes a difference.

In the book, “The Teaching of Buddha” by BDK, it shares about ministers that *“Those who wish to teach the Buddha’s teachings...must be concerned about four things: first, they must be concerned about their own behavior; second, they must be concerned about their choice of words when they approach and teach people; third, they must be concerned about their motive for teaching and what they wish to accomplish; and fourth, they must be concerned about great compassion.”*

For lay people, it shares *“Lay followers should not only believe in the Three Treasures...by themselves, but also...help others...to awaken...an unshakable faith in the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha, so that they, too, may share in Buddha’s compassion.”*

However, how do we share the Nembutsu Teaching? I recall Rev. Masao Haneda having said, we are “looking at becoming another example of the workings of true compassion.” Let us, the Sangha, clergy and lay, jointly together share our awareness, understanding, joy and gratitude of the Buddha-Dharma by becoming that evidence that Amida Buddha’s Wisdom and Compassion is indeed true and real and working in this world.

Recently, my eyes rested on a message by Gomonsu in which he said, “*Shinran Shonin is the person who shows us how we can live our lives despite our egocentric tendencies. Although we might not be able to completely eradicate our blind passions, within the embracing light of Amida Buddha (underline is mine) we can live each moment of our lives with true meaning.*

*Rather than simply live day in and day out as if we are just “going through the motions,” in the teaching’s illuminating light (underline is mine) we can find clarity and meaning in our lives. Not separating ourselves from society; it is important that we live within the priceless interconnections that we have with one another and support each other.”* Gomonsu has been emphasizing or focusing on how we live as Nembutsu Followers. Yes, I am imperfect and negative impulses and self-centered thoughts do not disappear until birth in the Pure Land, but there is also something happening as we live our life, day to day.

I have been emphasizing that the life of a Shin Buddhist is one of responding in gratitude to the Wisdom and Compassion of Namo Amida Butsu by reciting the Nembutsu and trying to live our life guided by the Dharma as it is one of the Ten Benefits we receive in the present life. However, our responding in gratitude is also the workings of Amida Buddha. To be sure, it is I who is responding in gratitude, but further I am also being nurtured by the Light of Amida Buddha. In fact, the source of anything positive or good comes about because of Amida Buddha’s Light(s) which is illuminating us. In the Larger Sutra, it says that “*Sentient beings who encounter this light have the three defilements swept away, and they become soft and gentle in body and mind. They dance with joy, and the good mind arises (underline is mine) in them. When those suffering pain and travail in the three evil courses see this light, they all find respite and are freed of afflictions. After their lives have ended, they all gain emancipation.*” The key words here are “find respite” and “freed from the afflictions” and the Chinese character for “see” which also has the meaning of to “meet” or “encounter.” We are being nurtured and encouraged by Amida Buddha’s 12 Lights.

Let us, as individuals, but also, collectively, as the Hongwanji Sangha respond in gratitude! The Sangha must come to life! What is most important is reciting the Nembutsu in awareness, joy and gratitude and trying to live guided by the Dharma. In order to do this, we must know what the Dharma or Teaching is saying. Thus, I humbly ask that you together with other family members and friends come to listen to the Buddha-Dharma which can enrich all of lives. Imperfect as we may be, it is our humble, respectful, warm and harmonious relationships and interactions with people that is one of the crucial elements in the sharing of Jodo Shinshu with others.

Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion

## CHANGE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF JODO SHINSHU HONGWANJI-HA

The Hongwanji Sokyoku has announced the following changes to their Governing Board of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha effective on November 1, 2019.



### 〈Outgoing〉

Governor	Reverend Gyoshin Ikeda
Governor	Reverend Keiichi Abe
Governor	Reverend Gien Yamashita
Vice Governor	Reverend Ryotetsu Takenaka
Vice Governor	Reverend Takayuki Hironaka

### 〈Incoming〉

Governor	Reverend Kuson Takeda
Governor	Reverend Rigaku Mitsuoka - in charge of International Department
Governor	Reverend Zensho Ashikaga
Vice Governor	Reverend Shoshin Kumona
Vice Governor	Reverend Kenyu Takaya - in charge of International Department

## 2020 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The 2020 Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) will be held on February 7 & 8, 2020 at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. The Legislative Assembly Aloha Luncheon & Living Treasures of Hawaii Recognition will be held on February 8, 2020 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort. The registration fee is \$105.00 for both delegates and observers, \$85.00 for the luncheon only and \$15.00 for the Rap Session. The Registration form and other documents that need to be submitted to HQ were already mailed to the temples and organization leaders. Please submit all the documents to HQ by the deadline described in the letter. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

## KAUAI UNITED BWA LONESOME GRAVE PROJECT

The Kauai United Women's Association and members of the West Kauai Hongwanji, Lihue Hongwanji and Kapaa Hongwanji decorated the graves at the Veterans Cemetery in Hanapepe, Kauai on November 10, 2019. Each year the BWA organizes and encourages everyone to assist in decorating the graves for the annual Veterans Day Service which is held on November 11. With everyone's help, all the graves were beautifully decorated with flowers and greens.

Shaku Arthur Kaufmann officiated the service which was held at the cemetery and gave a Dharma message in honor and remembrance of the veterans who served our country and will never be forgotten.



## KAUAI DISTRICT 130TH COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

Happy 130th Birthday to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii! On Sunday, October 6, the Kauai Hongwanji Council held the 130th Commemorative Service and a Peace Panel Discussion, at the West Kauai Hongwanji Mission-Hanapepe Temple. Bishop Eric Matsumoto delivered the dedication and Dharma message for the service. A birthday cake and singing Happy Birthday to Honpa Hongwanji added to the joyous celebration. Everyone enjoyed the delicious lunch and birthday cake.

The highlight of the afternoon was a Peace Panel Discussion, “Manifestation of Peace, Various Perspectives, with Rev. Mieko Majima as the moderator. The guest panelists were Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Bishop Kosen Ishikawa, Jodo Mission of Hawaii and Koloa Jodo Mission, and Kahu Sherman Thompson, Chaplain of Kamehameha School, Kapalama. They each shared their perspective of peace from their personal, religious and community aspect. We look forward to celebrating Honpa’s next anniversary as we put our hands together in gassho and recite Namu Amida Butsu.





## BWA NEWS

### 16th WBWC Panel Speaker - Carol Valentine

Carol Valentine of Lihue Hongwanji was Hawaii's representative on the World Buddhist Women's Convention panel. She spoke on the theme of the Convention, "Live the Nembutsu." Carol gave practical ways that we can live the Nembutsu in our everyday lives. She quoted Dr. Mark Unno when she said, "The real teaching is the living Dharma; small gestures with sincerity, humility, and generosity."



Carol then spoke about four qualities that she considers central to Buddhist practice: Gratitude, Kindness, Compassion, and Interdependence. For each, she gave examples of ways we can manifest them in our lives.

**Gratitude** - say "thank you" to people, even those who are doing their job. Feel grateful for: your first cup of coffee in the morning, laughter, your family, having a place to live.

**Kindness** - do the right thing without promise of a reward. Don't gossip. Hold a door open for the person behind you. Use kind and gentle words. Smile.

**Compassion** - If we can help others, then we should. Listen more than you talk. Let go of control. Make people feel comfortable if they ask for help.

**Interdependence** - Everything we touch was touched by many other hands before we had the chance to receive it. Silently thank the hundreds of people who make your life possible. Recycle every chance you get; admit when you are wrong; share an umbrella with someone when it is raining.

Thank you, Carol, for representing Hawaii Federation BWA in such a meaningful way.

Save the Dates!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade - January 20, 2020

HMMH Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations will continue their participation in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade. Let's have a strong showing this year, demonstrating our Buddhist belief in the equality of all beings. All temple members, Dharma School students, Jr. YBA members, and friends are invited to join us. We hand out origami cranes to those watching the parade, so if you love to fold cranes, please help us out. Give them to your temple BWA president or to Lois Toyama. To protect the planet, please bring your own water bottle. It's lots of fun! Please join us.

**from the president's corner....**

Aloha Everyone! It's hard to believe 2019 flew by and will soon be coming to a close.

I would like to take this opportunity to gratefully express my appreciation for your support to keep our temple moving forward as we continue to be guided by the Dharma. Although we face financial concerns, if we all think positively and ask ourselves, "What can I do for my temple?" it would make a tremendous difference. There are many tasks which need to be completed. If each of us did one task, we would certainly be in a better position and on the road to recovery rather than just a few of us trying to fulfill all the tasks. It's not only about money, but *participation* that really counts. A sangha is like a family. We need to help each other so our temple will thrive.

Our ancestors and members of the older generation worked very hard to establish the temple as a place to share the Dharma with others, as well as the families gathering for memorial and funeral services to again listen to the teachings and recite the Nembutsu. We observed the Eitaikyo Service on November 28 for this purpose and to express our gratitude to our ancestors for having the foresight to build the temple so the Dharma will be carried from generation to generation. At 88-94+ years our so called "cane" ladies came to the temple to hear our guest speaker, Rev. Bert Sumikawa deliver the Dharma Message. After many years of coming to the temple, they still feel the importance and need to listen to the teachings. They are wonderful role models for all of us.

**Food Sale - November 9, 2019**

Many, many thanks to all who contributed to the Food Sale in their own special way. Thank you to those who sold and purchased Nishime Lunch tickets, thank you to those who donated food items, thank you to those who made generous monetary donations since they were not able to help, and thank you to all the hard working volunteers who helped with preparations and on the day of the sale. We are grateful that everything went well and it was a success. Our special thank you to chef, Dennis Sunada for cooking the delicious nishime which everyone enjoyed.

**Lonesome Grave at the Kauai Veteran's Cemetery - November 10, 2019**

Thank you so much for the donation of flowers and greens to decorate the graves and the many people who came to the Veteran's Cemetery to clean, fill water in the vases and decorate the lonesome graves. We also thank Shaku Kaufmann for conducting the service and sharing his thoughtful message in remembrance of the veterans. The cemetery looked beautiful!

A big MAHALO to the Kauai United Women's Association for organizing this event each year.

**Kapaa Interfaith Thanksgiving Service & Luncheon - November 28, 2019**

The annual service and luncheon was held at the All Saints Episcopal Church and Gym. Rev. Mieko Majima participated in the interfaith service. Kapaa Hongwanji is one of eight churches to participate in this community service. We are grateful to the Honpa Hongwanji Committee on Social Concerns for generously contributing to this annual community event.

*We give thanks for a wonderful year. Namo Amida Butsu*

**Mochi Sale - Saturday, December 28, 2019**

The Mochi Sale will be the final fundraiser for the year. We hope to raise funds to defray the remaining expenses to keep the temple operational. We welcome families, friends, young and old to join us in the joys of mochi making.

**GENERAL CLEAN UP - Saturday, December 7 at 7:30-11:30 a.m.**

**We need your help to clean the temple, kitchen and hall. Let's take pride in our temple and work together to prepare for a great the New Year.**

MAHALO FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS & SUPPORT  
October 22, - November 21, 2019

**Memorial Service**

*In memory of the late...*

Seiichi & Misao Shimamoto  
Shimamoto Family  
Gladys Togikawa  
Togikawa & Sone Family  
Miyeko Hashimoto  
Haruo Shimada  
Arlene Ishibashi  
Katherine Doi  
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Karen Goo

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Teri Murata  
Brian Okamoto  
Hidemi & Sally Okamoto  
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Grace Yoon  
Rueben Yoshida

**Food Sale Donation & Support**

Fusako Harada  
Marie Hashimura  
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Winston Kawamoto  
Haven Kuboyama  
Rev. Mieko Majima  
Nancy Masada  
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Carol Saiki  
Calvin & Rona Sakai  
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Pearl Shimizu  
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Clyde & Kay Takekuma  
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**Interfaith Thanksgiving Support**

Madison Doo  
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Gloria Shimizu  
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Pat Yamamoto

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**Social Concerns**

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Marjorie Hirashima  
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Yasuko Murakami  
Teri Murata  
Ivan & Grace Nitta  
Calvin & Rona Sakai  
Gloria Shimizu  
Pearl Shimizu  
Clyde Takekuma  
Sidney Yanagawa

**NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE**

DECEMBER 31, 8pm

New Year's Eve Service is scheduled. The Bell ringing will follow the Service. Please join us.



## 2019 Mochi Sale

The annual Mochi Sale will be held on Saturday, December 28, 2019 from 10:00-12:00 p.m.

Plain mochi, an filled mochi and Kazari mochi sets will be sold by the pound.  
Please make all checks payable to Kapaa Hongwanji Mission.

We are asking all temple members to please join in the fun and joy of mochi making.  
The following is the work schedule:

### Friday, Dec. 27 @ 7:30 a.m.

1. Wash and soak the mochi rice.
2. Wash sink, mochi cooking implements, wooden boxes and soak in water.
3. Prepare the rice cooking area with adequate amount of firewood.
4. Line the floor and tables with paper.
5. Oil and check mochi grinding machine.

### Sat., Dec. 28

4:00 a.m.: Start cooking fire and begin steaming the mochi rice in wooden boxes.

4:30 a.m.: Set up mochi grinding area (set up and sanitize machines).  
Set up and oil mochi cutters.

5:00 a.m.: Begin mochi making.

10:00 a.m.: Pick up for mochi orders.

12:00 p.m.: 1. Wash and put away the equipment and utensils.  
2. Remove and dispose of paper lining from floor and tables.  
3. Sweep and mop the kitchen and hall floors.  
4. Clean up the lanai and back of the kitchen.

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## Mochi Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please place your orders by the pound and not by pieces.

An Mochi \_\_\_\_\_ lb. x \$7.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Plain Mochi \_\_\_\_\_ lb. x \$7.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Kazari (small) \_\_\_\_\_ sets x \$4.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Kazari (Large) \_\_\_\_\_ sets x \$7.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Mochi order with a check payable to "Kapaa Hongwanji Mission" is due on Dec. 13, 2019.



## 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: 12/6, 12/7

Happy Holiday Season. I would like to thank the members and friends for supporting Kapaa Hongwanji through out this year.

Namo Amida Butsu

### *In Memoriam...*

Mrs. Yuriko Miyakada

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

Namo Amida Butsu.

### BODHI DAY SERVICE

DECEMBER 8, 9:30 am  
Kapaa Jodo mission



## Temple Cleaning & Flower Arrangement

12/7/2019	<b>GENERAL CLEANUP</b>		Ruby
12/14/2019	Group 5	Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Sakai - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Koerte, Mrs. Sally Okamoto, Ms. Carol Saiki	Rona & Joan
12/21/2019	Group 6	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tsukamoto - Chair Mrs. Joan Slingerland, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Yamamoto, Mr. Winston Kawamoto	Kay & Roberta
12/28/2019	<b>MOCHI SALE</b>		Roberta
1/4/2020	Group 1	Mrs. Marie Hashimura - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hiraoka, Mr. Milton Nakamura, Mr. Ray Paler	Ruby

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## Upcoming Events in November 2019

12/1/2019	8:00 AM	CHANTING
	9:00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
	10:00 AM	TINY TOT JAPANESE
12/7/2019	7:30 AM	GENERAL CLEANING
12/8/2019	9:30 AM	BODHI DAY @ KAPAA JODO MISSION
12/15/2019	8:00 AM	CHANTING
	9:00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
12/22/2019	8:00 AM	CHANTING
	9:00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
12/28/2019	10:00 AM	MOCHI SALE
12/29/2019	9:00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
12/31/2019	8:00 PM	NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

