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KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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BISHOP'S CORNER



Four Great Significant Occasions in the Life of a Buddhist

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

As we observe Nirvana Day in February and Buddha Day (or Hanamatsuri) approaches reflecting on the life of Sakyamuni Buddha, we find 4 momentous occasions in his life. First, there is his birth as Prince Siddhartha Gautama on April 8th. Secondly, there is the attaining of Enlightenment by the former Prince Siddhartha Gautama on December 8th. Third, there is the Parinirvana of the Historic Buddha on February 15th. Traditionally, these occasions are highlighted by what is known as the 3 Great Services which commemorate very significant occasions in the life of the Historic Buddha.

However, I would like to suggest that there is a fourth very significant occasion which is Sakyamuni Buddha's sharing of the Dharma (which traditionally does not have a date in Mahayana Buddhism). For simplicity's sake, I would like to select January 25th as that date based on the information that the enlightened Sakyamuni Buddha is said to have stood up from meditation 49 days after attaining enlightenment. After 49 days of further reflection, the Historic Buddha moved by Great Compassion stood up from meditation with the aspiration to share the Dharma with others.

Examining the life of Shinran Shonin, I see a pattern too. He was born as Matsuwakamaro Hino. Though it is not enlightenment, he takes refuge in the Pure Land Teachings. Then, at the age of 90, he attains birth in Amida Buddha's Pure Land and thus attains Enlightenment or Nirvana. Although selecting a precise date might be hard the date traditionally used for the establishment of Jodo Shinshu could be interpreted as Shinran Shonin's sharing of the Great Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha with others.

As you may have surmised, I am emphasizing the sharing of the Dharma and/or one's Joy of the Dharma as an important part of the life of all Buddhists. For Jodo Shin Buddhists by virtue of Shinjin or the Mind of True Entrusting that we received from Amida Buddha, the wish or aspiration to attain Buddhahood and also wishing for others to also attain enlightenment arises within us.

My conclusion is that these 4 occurrences are common to life of all Buddhists. We are all born. We all encounter the Dharma or Teachings. We all wish to share the Dharma and/or the happiness, joy or tranquility which we are experiencing with others wishing to enter into a life of enlightenment together. Then, finally, we all attain the Great Nirvana which in Jodo Shinshu expressed as birth in the Pure Land of Enlightenment at the end of this finite life. For all Buddhists, I would think the thought is that these Teachings are too precious and valuable to keep for only oneself. It should be shared with others so others can experience great peace,

happiness and tranquility too. In the case of Shinran Shonin too, his joyous experience of gratefully finding himself embraced and never forsaken by Amida Buddha is something so precious and rare that he wants to share it with others. For we, Jodo Shin Buddhists, we don't become enlightened like Sakyamuni Buddha in this life, but rather at the very end of this life we enter into enlightenment with our birth into the Pure Land and all of it is made possible not by my own effort, but by the Great Unconditional Compassion of Amida Buddha based on the 18th Vow.

The sharing of the Nembutsu Teachings is a natural process or outcome of encountering Great Wisdom and Compassion or attaining Shinjin or Mind of True Entrusting. It is not contrived, but a natural sharing of the Joy and Peace of the Buddha-Dharma. To me, a Jodo Shin Buddhist inspired by the Great Compassion of Amida Buddha and out of gratitude humbly reaches out to others as did Shinran Shonin, fully knowing or realizing how incapable I am of exhibiting anything close to Sakyamuni Buddha's achievements and accomplishments, but there is a sincere aspiration which aspires/hopes/wishes that others too can experience these wonderful Nembutsu Teachings. Again, I would express or explain that Shinran Shonin was "Responding in Gratitude" to Amida Buddha's immense compassion. He wanted to share his awareness, his joy, his gratitude of Namo Amida Butsu with others and we should too!

As a closing reflection, I would like to share a quote of Shinran Shonin. "I praise Amida's wisdom and virtue, So that beings with mature conditions throughout the ten quarters (of the Universe) may hear. Let those who have already realized shinjin, Constantly respond in gratitude to the Buddha's benevolence."

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

GISEIKAI MESSAGE FROM THE JODO SHINSHU HONGWANJI-HA GOVERNOR GENERAL BISHOP CHIKO IWAGAMI

On the occasion of the 108th *Giseikai* of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, I humbly extend my appreciation to you, the ministers and sangha representatives from throughout the state of Hawaii, for gathering here. I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you all for your continuing efforts in propagating Jodo Shinshu and maintaining the temples within your respective districts.

Upon completion of Monshu Ohtani Kojun's trip to the BCA temples last year, the first round of his official visit to the overseas districts was duly finished. Having Canada as the first destination, his trip began 5 years ago, prior to the conducting of the accession ceremonies. Thank you for welcoming the entourage at every stop. This successful accomplishment would have never been possible without your cooperation, and for that, we are truly grateful.

Another significant incident of the last year is the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu International Office in San Francisco, which is expected to enhance the efforts in sharing the Buddha Dharma on the global scale. Its opening ceremony was conducted last September with the attendance of Gomonshu, as well as the bishops and presidents of the four overseas districts. In his address delivered during the ceremony, Monshu Ohtani expressed his keen anticipation for the office to become the foundation to share the Jodo Shinshu teaching with people across the world. In order to allow the office to expand as the propagational base beyond the framework of each overseas district, your guidance and cooperation is crucial.

At Hongwanji, the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching will be conducted in 2023. Having this Joint Celebration before us, the special organizational structure that consists of several divisions was launched on November 1st last year. Since then, every conventional department of the Hongwanji institute has been allocated to one of those divisions. This celebratory service should be observed

with our gratitude to the founder Shinran Shonin and our joy of encountering the Jodo Shinshu teaching because we would not be who we are today without either of them.

In today's world where a self-centered way of thinking prevails, ranging widely from small communities to the national level, we, the sangha of Nembutsu followers must endeavor to realize a society in which everyone can live a life of spiritual fulfillment, and as an activity in that effort, we must move forward aiming at the successful observance of the Joint Celebration.

In closing, it is my hope that the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will continue to prosper and that many fruitful results will arise from this annual meeting.

February 7, 2020

Governor General Iwagami Chiko

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

CONDOLENCE

Mr. Takeshi Yamamoto, a member of Kapaa Hongwanji Mission, passed away on December 16, 2019. Mr. Yamamoto served as the President of Kapaa Hongwanji Mission in 1975 and from 1980 to 1987. The Kapaa Hongwanji Kyodan Funeral Service was held at Kapaa Hongwanji Mission on January 25, 2020 under the officiation of Bishop Eric Matsumoto. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of SHOU-GO-IN 照護院 which means "One whose illuminating presence enduringly protects" in recognition of his life of nembutsu was conferred.

Mr. Norman Itsuki Hirohata Goto, a member of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, passed away on December 16, 2019. Mr. Hirohata Goto was very dedicated and a staunch member of Hawaii Betsuin and active in YBA, Honolulu Hongwanji Council President and Dharma School Teacher (over 30 years). The Ingo of JO-WA-IN 常和院 which means "One who always embodied peace and harmony" in recognition of his life of nembutsu was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on January 26, 2020.

Mr. Yasunori Deguchi, a member of Kona Hongwanji Mission, passed away on December 28, 2019. Mr. Deguchi served as the President of Kona Hongwanji Mission from 1990 to 1998. The Ingo of CHU-SEN-IN 忠宣院 which means "One who with great clarity exhibited faithfulness and loyalty" in recognition of his life of nembutsu was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on January 26, 2020.

Mr. Richard Shoichi Sasaki, a member of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, passed away on December 22, 2019. Mr. Sasaki served as the President of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin for 22 years and the HHMH Board of Directors. The Ingo of ZEN-GAKU-IN 善学院 which means "One who possessed deep knowledge and insight" in recognition of his life of nembutsu was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on February 1, 2020.

Mr. Satoshi Stanley Okamoto, the former President of Wailuku Hongwanji Mission and an Honorary Advisor of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, passed away on January 31, 2020. He served on numerous committees at Wailuku Hongwanji Mission, Maui Hongwanji Council and Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for many years. The Hawaii Kyodan Funeral Service was held at Wailuku Hongwanji Mission on February 22, 2020 under the officiation of Bishop Eric Matsumoto. The Ingo of ZEN-TOKU-IN 善徳院 which means "One whose manifested the virtue of good deeds" in recognition of his life of nembutsu was conferred.

from the president's corner...

Happy Chinese New Year to all! We welcome the year of the rat.

“The Year of the Metal Rat 2020 will be a year of new beginnings! New opportunities for finding true love and earning more money. 2020 is going to be successful!”

Our sincere gratitude to Mr. Pieper Toyama for serving as the President of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Being an educator, he taught us many valuable lessons. We wish him the best as he continues his journey.

Congratulations to our newly elected President, Dr. Warren Tamamoto of Aiea Hongwanji. We look forward to joining him in building healthy Sanghas.

The new five year theme is “Building Healthy Sanghas” and the 2020 slogan is “Embracing Generosity and Openness.”

“In Mahayana Buddhism, the Sangha has come to include those who follow the teachings of the Buddha, whether lay or clergy. However, the value of the Sangha remains as a treasure that we rely on for guidance.” (You may refer to the second page of the 2020 calendar for the complete article by Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki, Director of OBE.)

We extend our congratulations to Rev. Majima and her husband Dr. Yoshiyuki Majima who will be honored with the American Association for Cancer Research 2020 Distinguished Public Service Award for Exceptional Leadership in Cancer Advocacy at the 2020 AACR Annual Meeting, which is being held in April at the San Diego Convention Center. He was chosen to receive this award in recognition of his outstanding leadership in patient advocacy, education, and support through PanCAN Japan. Under Dr. Majima's stewardship, PanCAN Japan has become the largest support organization for pancreatic cancer patients in Japan.

CRASE - Presented by Sgt. Lance Okasaki, KPD, March 21, Lihue Hongwanji, 9:00 a.m.
To prepare you for an active shooter incident which may occur anywhere. We will need a head count by March 14 so we can prepare materials for you. Call 822-4667 or email.

Chicken & Sushi Sale Fundraiser - Saturday, April 11 We need your help to raise funds for our operating expenses. You will be receiving tickets soon. See the enclosed schedule.

Many thanks to Rev. Majima for the Installation Service and the many helping hands who planned and prepared the food, entertainment and prizes for the New Year's Party. Your kokua is greatly appreciated. We also thank the families and friends who joined us in celebrating the New Year.

We look forward to new opportunities to build a healthy Sangha. Let us welcome new people with a warm smile, generosity and openness. *Namo Amida Butsu*

Women's Association

The Kauai United Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association will be observing the Eshinni and Kakushinni Day Service on Sunday, April 19, 2020 at the Lihue Hongwanji Mission. Everyone is invited to attend this joint service to honor the wife and daughter of Shinran Shonin our founder. The guest speaker will be Lois Toyama, President of the State BWA Federation.

SUSHI AND CHICKEN SALE

TO: Members of Kapaa Hongwanji Mission
FROM: Fundraising Committee

The Kapaa Hongwanji will be holding its annual chicken and sushi sale on **Saturday, April 11, 2020**. Proceeds from this fundraising project will help to subsidize the operational expenses of the temple. You will each receive ten (10) chicken tickets (1/2 large chicken @ \$8.00 each) and five (5) sushi tickets (\$4.00 each) in the mail. Please make every effort to sell the tickets to your friends, neighbors, co-workers, family members, etc. If you need additional tickets, please call Gloria Shimizu at 631-5157 or Clint Saiki at 639-7374.

IMPORTANT DATE: Deadline to turn in your payments and **any unsold tickets is April 3, 2020**.

In an effort to reduce our fundraising expenses, we humbly request donations of sushi nori, Mitsukan vinegar, sugar, canned tuna, kanpyo, red and green shrimp flakes, rice, etc. We ask that donations be made no later than **April 3, 2020** to determine the remaining amount of ingredients that will need to be purchased.

Most importantly, please set aside some time from your schedule to assist in the preparation for the chicken and sushi sale. We will need all the help that we can get and your participation will be greatly appreciated by all involved. The work schedule is as follows:

March 14 (7:30am): Cut & split firewood. (Please bring a chain saw if available).

March 28 (7:30am): Prepare fire pit for cooking. Clean & repair grill racks as needed.

April 6-10 (7:30 am): Prepare the equipment, utensils and supplies (clean the food holding units, fill the propane tanks, cut tie wires, cut aluminum foil, wash necessary sushi utensils and equipment, etc. Wash utensils & containers for rice cooking. Prepare sushi vinegar mixture. Sharpen knives.

April 9 (7:30am): Install & test motor & chain for chicken broiling. Connect & test lights in chicken cooking area. Prepare sushi ingredients. Prepare tables & floor in the hall.

April 10 (7:30 am): Split and salt chickens and store in barrels.

April 10 (1:30 pm): Light fire in cooking pit and begin loading chickens onto racks and broil chickens

April 11 (4:00 am): Start washing rice & cooking rice for sushi

(5:15 am): Begin sushi making

(10:00 - 12am): Chicken and sushi pick up period

(11:00 am): Clean up equipment, utensils and facility

(12:00 pm): Break for lunch and continue with clean up if necessary

(Note: Pickup of the frozen chicken at Costco April 10 @7:00am)

The committee members for this project are:

General Chairperson:	Clint Saiki
Ticket Distribution:	Gloria Shimizu
Finance:	Gloria Shimizu, Stanford Iwamoto
Purchasing:	Gloria Shimizu, Roberta Yanagawa
Rice Cooking:	Francis Nishizawa, Milton Nakamura, Haven Kuboyama
Sushi preparation:	Brian Yamamoto, Gloria Shimizu, Pearl Shimizu, Women's Association members
Workers lunch:	Dennis Sunada, Brian Yamamoto, Women's Association members
Cooking pit/Lighting:	SBA members

Mahalo for Your Contributions and Support

January 21-February 20, 2020

Funeral Service

In memory of the late...

Takeshi Yamamoto - Betty Yamamoto

Memorial Service

In memory of the late...

Sueki Nakamura - Sally Nakamura
Miyuki Maehata - Lisa Nakamura
Happy Haraguchi - Haraguchi Family

Nirvana Day Service

Jim Jung
Dimples Kano
Ralph Kitashima
Rev. Mieko Majima
Gloria Shimizu
Betty Yamamoto
Kathleen Yamamoto
Sidney Yanagawa

Gojo Donation

Joan Sugita

Social Concerns

Mildred Tsukuda

Membership

Laura Asari
Neal Kakimoto
Teri Murata
Ethel Aiko Oda
Mildred Tsukuda
Betty Yamamoto

New Year's Party

Haven Kuboyama

Other Donations

In memory of the late...

Toshiko Iida - J.H. Futenma
Patsy Sugita - J.H. Futenma
Sueo & Michio Takenaka -
Barbara Takenaka Koike
Hatsue Tasaka - Hideko Uemura
Hatsue Tasaka - Susan Morishige
Dr. & Mrs. Jay Hiramoto
Jonathon Kato
Edwin Kawamoto
Ethel Aiko Oda
Carol Saiki
Betty Yamamoto
Hazel Yanagida

Volunteer Support

Marie Hashimura
Robert Hiraoka
David & Ruby Ishida
Stanford Iwamoto
Dimples Kano
Winston Kawamoto
Haven Kuboyama
Rev. Mieko Majima
Milton Nakamura
Francis Nishizawa
Ray Paler
Carol Saiki
Calvin & Rona Sakai
Gloria Shimizu
Pearl Shimizu
Joan Slingerland
Dennis & Sadie Sunada
Clyde & Kay Takekuma
Alison Yamamoto
Brian Yamamoto



2020 Bon Dance Schedule on Kauai

June 12-13	7:30 pm	Kapaa Hongwanji Mission
June 19-20	7:00 pm	Kauai Soto Zen Temple
June 26-27	7:30 pm	Koloa Jodo Mission
July 10-11	7:00 pm	West Kauai Hongwanji Mission (Hanapepe)
July 17-18	7:30 pm	Lihue Hongwanji Mission
July 24-25	7:00 pm	Waimea Shingon Mission
July 31-Aug. 1	7:30 pm	Kapaa Jodo Mission
Aug. 7-8	7:00 pm	Waimea Higashi Hongwanji Mission



Memorial Service

March

Kesa	Takahashi	1st	3/4/2019
Kiyoshi	Kawamura	1st	3/13/2019
Machie	Kubota	1st	3/15/2019
Satomi	Hadama	1st	3/31/2019
Helen Asami	Saiki	3rd	3/24/2018
Masumi	Hayward	3rd	3/29/2018
Masano	Takahashi	7th	3/7/2014
Mildred Fumiyo	Ogata	27th	3/18/1994
James	Wada	27th	3/25/1994
Richard Tadashi	Takemoto	50th	3/2/1971
Rise	Yamada	50th	3/23/1971
Miyoshi	Sakamoto	50th	3/30/1971
Inayo	Tanabe	50th	3/31/1971

April

Hiroshi	Azeka	7th	4/2/2014
Jerry Susumu Sr.	Hashimoto	27th	4/3/1994
Kay Kayano	Yoshimatsu	7th	4/4/2014
Hatsue	Onuma	17th	4/6/2004
Susumu	Tada	17th	4/6/2004
Yasu	Nakamatsu	3rd	4/6/2018
Kazutsugu	Morita	17th	4/7/2004
Albert	Oshita	1st	4/14/2019



From Minister's Desk

Away: March 4-6

Thank you for your kindness and continuous support to the Kapaa Hongwanji.

I also would like to thank you for the generous donation for the Building Fund. I look forward to seeing your smile at the temple. It will be always joyous gathering here.

Namo Amida Butsu



Hanamatsuri

April 5, 2020

Kauai Buddhist Council hosts Buddha Day (Hanamatsuri) Service on April 5. The hosting temple is preparing the event. We will inform you as soon as we receive the information. Thank you very much for supporting Kauai Buddhist Council.

OHIGAN SERVICE

March 22, 2020 9:00am

Higan services are observed twice a year around spring and autumn. "Higan" can be translated as "the other shore," Enlightenment or Nirvana, which is "Pure Land." This period is to reflect on the Buddha Dharma. We will have a guest speaker, Rev. Kikuchi from Waimea Higashi Hongwanji. After the service, refreshments will be served at the Social Hall. Let us attend this observance together.

Bon Dance Committee Meeting
March 31, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

Attention Bon Dance Lovers! We need your help to plan and prepare for the Bon Festival which will be held on June 12-13, 2020. Kapaa Hongwanji will be observing Hatsubon Service in memory of our loved ones, followed by the first Bon Dance of the season. We look forward to seeing the past committee chairs and others who are ready and able to assist with their ideas to make this a fun and profitable event.

2020 Bon Dance Practice Schedule

Starting Dates

January 30 (Thursday)	6:00 pm	West Kauai Hongwanji Mission Hanapepe Temple (Beginners)
March 9 (Mon)	7:00 pm	Kapaa Hongwanji Mission (Beginners)
April 6 (Monday)	7:00 pm	Kapaa Hongwanji Mission (All Dancers)
April 16 (Thursday)	6:00 pm	West Kauai Hongwanji Mission Hanapepe Temple (All Dancers)
May 1 (Friday)	7:00 pm	Lihue Hongwanji Mission (All Dancers)

Cleaning and Flower 2020

3/7/2020	Group 4	Ms. Gloria Shimizu - Chair Mr. Haven Kuboyama, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Sunada, Mr. Lane Sunada, Mrs. Pat Yamamoto	Ruby
3/14/2020	Group 5	Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Sakai - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Koerte, Mrs. Sally Okamoto, Ms. Carol Saiki	Rona & Joan
3/21/2020	Group 6	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tsukamoto - Chair Mrs. Joan Slingerland, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Yamamoto, Mr. Winston Kawamoto	Kay & Roberta
3/28/2020	Group 1	Mrs. Marie Hashimura - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hiraoka, Mr. Milton Nakamura, Mr. Ray Paler	Roberta
4/4/2020	Group 2	Mr. Francis Nishizawa - Chair Mrs. Yasuko Murakami, Mr. Clint Saiki	Ruby
4/11/2020	Chicken & Sushi Sale		Rona & Joan
4/18/2020	Group 3	Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Takekuma - Chair Mrs. Erin Takekuma, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Nishida, Mr. Stanford Iwamoto, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Yanagawa	Kay & Roberta
4/25/2020	Group 4	Ms. Gloria Shimizu - Chair Mr. Haven Kuboyama, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Sunada, Mr. Lane Sunada, Mrs. Pat Yamamoto	Roberta

CRASE

Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event

Presented by: Sgt. Lance Okasaki, Kauai Police Dept.

Date: March 21, 2020, Saturday

Site: Lihue Hongwanji Mission

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

For Whom: Sangha, family and friends of Hongwanji
Temples

Sponsor: The Kauai Hongwanji Council

Rationale: From what has been happening in recent years, our society has come under attack by individual and groups who have carried out their thoughts through violent means. We need to know what to do in case something happens here in our daily lives. Sgt. Okasaki will explain what the best approach is to an active shooter in our midst. YOU need to be prepared. We all need to be prepared.

Please call 822-4667 or email: mail@kapaahongwanji.org to inform us if you will be attending by March 14, 2020. We need a head count to print copies of the power point presentation for you.

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Upcoming Events in MARCH 2020

3/1/2020	8:00 AM	CHANTING
	9:00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
3/2/2020	6:00 PM	JAPANESE CONVERSATION
3/8/2020	8:00 AM	CHANTING
	9:00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
3/9/2020	6:00 PM	JAPANESE CONVERSATION
3/15/2020	8:00 AM	CHANTING
	9:00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
3/16/2020	6:00 PM	JAPANESE CONVERSATION
3/22/2020	9:00 AM	OHIGAN SERVICE
3/23/2020	6:00 PM	JAPANESE CONVERSATION
3/29/2020	8:00 AM	CHANTING
	9:00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
3/30/2020	6:00 PM	JAPANESE CONVERSATION