



ONENESS

KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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BISHOP'S CORNER



Do not be overwhelmed by fear and isolation! Go to the Buddha-Dharma for Guidance and Assurance!

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

As we, as individuals, our families, our local communities, our Nation, and the World grapple with COVID-19, let us, affirmatively and positively, do what we can to help curb its spread and the suffering caused by it. Please keep yourselves updated on the recommendations and advisories that are being issued by governmental and health care agencies which are trying their very best in battling the Coronavirus, but they need our help too.

In this respect, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii has directed all its temples and affiliated organizations connected with HHMH to, for the time being as much as possible, curtail temple services and activities which require people to gather, out of consideration for the health and well-being of one and all, but especially our elderly who comprise a large portion of our membership for the greater cause of stopping the spread of the Coronavirus. May we avail ourselves to the Wisdom of the Dharma and keep in mind the interconnectedness and interrelatedness of all people and all things. What we each do matters for all of us!

However, the battle being fought is not only external. There is also an internal battle or struggle that we should be aware of that is also taking place. This battle/struggle is also complex. For any living being, self-preservation is a basic instinct, but being a human being, we also have the ability to live not only by instinct, but also by reason and learned and/or nurtured behaviors. As we think of our own health, let us also consider the well-being of others. Though it may be challenging for me as a (bonbu) “spiritually, foolish being” let us think of how we might be able to mutually benefit and help each other especially in these difficult times. Let us be motivated by our gratitude for the Unconditional Compassion of Amida Buddha. Please remember that Amida Buddha, the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light, no matter where we are is always with us! Thus, it is said that, this is why this Buddha’s name is “Amida,” who “embraces never to forsake.” So, please do not feel and think you are all alone. The Buddha, as Namo Amida Butsu [The-Buddha’s-Name-Which-Calls-Us (to entrust)], is always with us at every moment!

As I offer my well-wishes to you and offer my condolences to those who have lost dear family members and friends, may I finally share that Wisdom guides Compassion and Compassion fulfills Wisdom. In these challenging times, may we go to the Wisdom and Compassion of Enlightenment for guidance and assurance. Namo Amida Buddha/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion [The-Buddha's-Name-Which-I-Call (in gratitude.)]

In gassho,

Eric Matsumoto, Bishop

DIRECTIVES & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII HEADQUARTERS

The Centers for Disease Control on March 15, 2020 has revised their guidelines for community and faith-based organizations. <https://www.cdc.gov>

If there is minimal or moderate spread in your community:

- **Alert! Starting 3/15 and for 8 weeks, CDC recommends all events of 50+ people be cancelled or held virtually.**

For organizations that serve people who are at higher risk of serious COVID-19 illness, cancel events for groups of 10 people or more.

Based on these recommendations Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Headquarters has decided on the following matters effective immediately:

Cancel or postpone the following until after May 15, 2020:

- Sunday Services
- Memorial Services
- Cultural activities
- Community organizational gatherings/meetings
- Religious education classes (except online classes)
- Nursing home group visits, including monthly services
- HMMH affiliated organizations such as JYBA, BWA, etc., meetings/gatherings (on-line meetings are permissible)

Continue the following:

- Bedside / Makuragyo services
- Small (less than 10) end of life services

Funeral services

Contact family if they can postpone until after May 15, 2020

If the funeral service can't be postponed, Headquarters recommends to minimize social contact and maintain social distance to prevent the spread of COVID-19

Japanese Language Schools, Preschools, Hongwanji Mission School, Pacific Buddhist Academy and other schools which may be renting or borrowing temple facilities should follow DOE guidelines.

Elder Adult Care Programs at Temples will have to decide their course of action at the temple level.

All Hawaii Kyodan Committees and Task Forces are to have online meetings using GoTo Meetings for the remainder of the year. Primary is the safety of committee members, but there are also other factors influencing this decision. If there is an important need for a face-to-face meeting by your group, please contact HQ and especially Derrick Inouye, way in advance, to discuss the matter.

Except for emergency or urgent situations, HQ will suspend all air travel. All affiliated organizations of HHMH, state committees and task forces are requested to do the same. For example, please find speakers and human resources in your own respective districts so individuals including ministers do not have to travel interisland. Please consider using audio-visual technology or pre-recorded messages.

After the March 20th Webinar on Employment Law regarding COVID-19, we will summarize procedures and policies and inform all Active Ministers and Temple Presidents on what happens if a minister or lay employee becomes ill or needs to be quarantined and thus cannot work. For temples which also have lay employees it is recommended that someone participate, first hand, in the webinar to get information. Information has been sent out regarding the webinar.

Ministers especially, but to all Dharma Educators, please provide guidance to temple members and possibly even your larger community by sharing Dharma insights during this time of heightened crisis and fear being experienced. To aid in this effort, starting Sunday, March 22, 2020, as a State Ministers Association endeavor, with the assistance of Hawaii Betsuin, each Sunday there will be a live stream of a Sunday Service with a Dharma Message which will later be posted on a YouTube Video too. We will inform all Temples and State-wide affiliates of HHMH, how members and friends can gain access to the live stream and YouTube Video.

Best practices for everyone, including clergy:

- Stay home if you're sick
- Clean your hands often
- Avoid close contact
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Wear facemask if you are sick
- Clean and disinfect

Social Distancing and good air circulation

The situation with COVID-19 is so fluid that matters could change anytime and very rapidly. Ministers and temple leaders, please use your best judgement.

Let us be safe, but not full of fear. Let us go to the Buddha-Dharma for guidance.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop and Dr. Warren Tamamoto, President

YESS CAMP ANNOUNCEMENT

On behalf of all the counselors and staff of YESS Camp 37, and the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, our hearts go out to all those impacted by COVID-19. In light of these recent events, we would like to formally announce that YESS Camp 37 will be postponed to the tentative dates of September 5-7, 2020 (Labor Day Weekend). As the situation continues to evolve, we may make some more changes, but through it all, we will continue to live compassionately. The safety, health and well-being of our participants has, and always will be, a top priority. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these difficult times.

In Gassho,

Dwight Matsuo, Preston Matsuo

YESS Camp 37 Co-Chairs

CHORALFEST 2020

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's Choralfest 2020 will be held this year on September 26 and 27 at Hawaii Betsuin. This is the eighth such event since 2005. If you wish to participate as one of upwards of 150 singers in the festival choir, please register with your temple office by April 30. For a small fee of \$30, you will receive in May a booklet of choral gathas, a practice CD with which to learn your vocal parts over the summer, all meals at the two-day event, and the chance to sing with friends under the guidance of one of Hawaii's top choral directors, Nola Nahulu, who is also the esteemed conductor of the Hawaii Opera Chorus. Five beautiful choral gathas will be featured, including a remembrance of Hiroshima and Nagasaki seventy-five years ago and a BWA World Convention theme song of 1998 by the Lady Noriko Otani. Whether you are a singer or listener, please note the dates - Choralfest 2020 on September 26 and 27, and sign up by **June 15**.

Update of State Ministers Association Live Streaming

March 25, 2020

Dear Family and Friends of the Hongwanji Sangha,

With the constant changing of the situation and Statewide lockdown, we had to reschedule the speakers. However, we will keep providing the Livestreaming Sunday Service from 10AM. The temple will not be used for the livestreaming.

Please access the link below:

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDuOZdicW9mWq-DNlf19Pyg>

Or the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii website

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/>

The tentative schedule of speakers is as follows:

3/29	10AM	Rev. Kazunori Takahashi (HQ)
4/5	10AM	Rev. Yuika Hasebe (Hawaii Betsuin)
4/12	10AM	TBA
4/19	10AM	TBA
4/26	10AM	TBA
5/3	10AM	TBA
5/10	10AM	TBA

(Speakers are subject to change)

Please visit our YouTube channel and subscribe to it to continue receiving updates and notifications of new videos!

In the book of The Teaching of Buddha it is written, “A true community has faith and wisdom that illuminate it. It is a place where the people know and trust one another and where there is social harmony”. In this time of difficulties, let us especially be compassionate and kind to each other and support creating the true society of harmony.

Thank you very much. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me yhasebe@honpahi.org

In
Gassho,



Yuika Hasebe

Chair of State Ministers Association

from the president's corner...

ALOHA Everyone! We hope you are all well and safe as we try to stop the spread of the corona virus. It is a difficult time in our lives as we are faced with many uncertainties and challenges. As we listen to and follow the directives from the CDC and various authorities, we must all be committed to work together to successfully contain the virus. Please stay tuned for new developments and guidelines to keep you safe and healthy.

In a crisis we tend to think of our needs as a family and fail to realize that everyone is experiencing the same situation. In the “Golden Chain of Love” which we recite at our services, we say, *“I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words, and to do pure and beautiful deeds, knowing that on what I do now depends not only my happiness or unhappiness, but also those of others.”* Although we continue to recite this it is also important that we practice it in our daily lives.

It was sad to hear and see on the news that people were hoarding as they panicked to buy their supplies. I'm sure our elders were probably not aware and were unable to go out to purchase their needed supplies before the shelves became empty. As a compassionate Sangha, let's spread *aloha* with a smile, lend a helping hand, and share from our hearts.

We extend our assistance to our elder members of our Sangha who are alone. If you need supplies, help to pick up medication, groceries, or have a concern, please call the temple office at 822-4667. We will be happy to assist you.

A BIG MAHALO to our Sangha who helped to plan and worked hard to prepare the New Year's Party on February 23. Your attendance, generous donation of pupus, drinks, dishes, desserts, prizes and generous monetary contributions all helped to make this year's celebration an enjoyable and memorable one. Special thanks to Pearl Shimizu for heading the program and to her Japanese Dance group for the beautiful dances, Liliana Sunada for her outstanding tap dance performance and Brandi Yamamoto for entertaining us with her melodious singing of her favorite songs. We also thank Lorna Nishimitsu for the cutest “year of the rat” table decorations and the Jr. YBA- Rev. Majima, Taryn Ramil, Madison Doo and Cody (future Jr. in training) for helping with the Bingo game.

I hope you were able to view and participate in the Online Spring Ohigan Service on Sunday, March 22. Bishop Matsumoto delivered the Dharma Message. Please go to our website at kapaahongwanji.org and click on the you tube link. Thank you Rev. Majima for setting this up.

“The Golden Chain of Love” reminds us of the interdependence we share with all living beings. We do not live alone and our lives are sustained through the giving we have with others in the world around us. In Gassho, *Namo Amida Butsu*

Mahalo for Your Contributions and Support
February 17 - March 20, 2020

Funeral Services

In memory of the late...

Kenzo Kawamoto - Kawamoto Family
Hiroko Wakumoto - Wakumoto Family

Memorial Services

In memory of the late...

Saeko Kakimoto - Neal Kakimoto
Patsy Sugita - Sugita Family
Edward Tada - Leslie Tada & Family
Suzuyo Yamamoto - Yamamoto Family
Takeshi Yamamoto - Betty Yamamoto
Patsy Azeka - Fran Miyake
Hiromu Seshiki - Kathleen Taira
Rise Yamada - James Yamada

Inurnment Service

In memory of the late...

Patsy Sugita - Sugita Family

Sunday Service

Mildre Cifuentes
Paula Hulme
Jim Jung
Dimples Kano
Ralph Kitashima
Angela Petel
Carol Saiki
Gloria Shimizu
Kathleen Yamamoto

Columbarium

Janice Miwa
Lynn Burgot

Membership

Marie Hashimura
Roy Morita
Milton Nakamura
Ray Paler
Carol Saiki
Calvin & Rona Sakai
Mae Sakamoto
Dennis & Sadie Sunada
Kathleen Taira
Barbara Tsunehiro
Sidney & Roberta Yanagawa
Etsuko Yoshii

Other Donations

Edwin Kawamoto
Jessie Muramaru
Lincoln Morita & Family
Sidney Yanagawa

Fundraising Donations

Russell Sugano
Clyde & Kay Takekuma

New Year's Party Donations

Keith Aoki
Joanne Fujio
Marie Hashimura
Dimples Kano
Ruth Kano
Gordon Koigawachi
Richard Kubota
Haven Kuboyama
Rev. Mieko Majima
Wallace & Barbara Makizuru
Nancy Masada
Hidemi Matsumoto
Kim Murakami
Teri Murata
Milton Nakamura
Roy Nishida
Lorna Nishimitsu
Hidemi Okamoto
Ethel Ornellas
Tami Ramil
Carol Saiki
Gloria Shimizu
Yuki Sokei
Joan Sugita
Dennis & Sadie Sunada
Lane Sunada
Roy Sunada
Clyde & Kay Takekuma
Erin Takekuma
Alice Yamada
Betty Yamamoto
Brian Yamamoto
Sidney Yanagawa



Volunteer Support

Marie Hashimura
Robert Hiraoka
Stanford Iwamoto
Dimples Kano
Haven Kuboyama
Rev. Mieko Majima
Milton Nakamura
Lorna Nishimitsu
Francis Nishizawa
Ray Paler
Carol Saiki
Calvin & Rona Sakai
Gloria Shimizu
Pearl Shimizu
Joan Slingerland
Dennis & Sadie Sunada
Clyde & Kay Takekuma
Henrietta Yamaguchi
Sidney Yanagawa
Etsuko Yoshii

Memorial Service

April

Hiroshi	Azeka	7th	4/2/2014
Jerry Su- sumu 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

May

Hideo	Tanaka	23rd	5/7/1998
Hanako	Fujita	23rd	5/8/1998
Hiroshi	Furumoto	50th	5/11/1971
Clyde Hideo Sr.	Ishii	27th	5/15/1994
Akiyo	Wasao	17th	5/17/2004
Clyde	Nakamura	3rd	5/23/2018
Toshiaki	Mitsui	23rd	5/26/1998
Ellen	Higa	1st	5/27/2019
Yoshio	Shiraki	17th	5/29/2004
Teruo	Okasako	7th	5/29/2014



We sometimes think about the meaning of our life. It is also important to think about why Buddha was born into this world. The scriptures say:

All buddhas in universe mourned those who were suffering with an infinite heart of compassion. The Shakyamuni Buddha manifested in this world to save all the people by giving the benefit of the truth and reality.

In response, Shinran Shonin wrote down to *Shoshinge*, saying, "The reason the Buddha appeared in this world is to spread the Amida Buddha's wish that he vowed to save us."

Under the current difficult situation, the meaning of our lives is to follow the path of truth that Buddha has shown by taking Amida Buddha's wish from the bottom of our hearts.

In Memoriam...

Mrs. Hiroko Wakumoto
4/20/1933 - 2/14/2020

Mrs. Satsuki Kodani
4/25/1923 - 3/5/2020

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

Namo Amida Butsu.



From Minister's Desk

Away: April 13-20

I would like to thank you for the generous donation for the Building Fund. I also thank you for your kindness and continuous support to the Kapaa Hongwanji.

I look forward to seeing your smile at the temple in May. Please stay healthy. It will be always joyous gathering here.

Namo Amida Butsu

The way Buddha showed us was to look at things correctly. These days, people are panicking for fear of viruses. Since we are Buddhists, let's understand the situation correctly, and manage it correctly without emotion just like the Buddha told us to do so.

Namo Amida Butsu

From Ministers Desk,



Dear members and friends,

Out of an abundance of caution and in consideration of the health and well-being of our elders in our community, Kapaa Hongwanji Mission is suspending all activities at the Temple until May 15.

This suspension of activities also includes:

Sunday Services (March 22, 29, April 12, 26, May 3, 10)

March 22 Spring Ohigan Service

April 5 Hanamatsuri Service

April 19 Eshin-ni & Kakushin-ni Service

We are also asking affiliated organizations and external groups who use the Temple facilities to suspend their activities at the Temple, including:

SBA, BWA, Jr. YBA, Bon Dance Practices, Japanese Language Classes, All other external Organizations using Temple Facilities

The Nokotsudo (Columbarium) will remain open daily as normal. We strongly encourage all visitors to practice social distancing (remain six feet apart).

On March 22, HHMH will launch online Service through YouTube. This service is provided in cooperation with Hawaii Betsuin and the State Ministers Association.

Please visit Kapaa Hongwanji Mission website "YouTube Service" by clicking the link below.

<https://www.kapaahongwanji.org/youtube-service/>

Our hope is that everyone stays healthy and well during this unprecedentedly chaotic time. Rev. Majima remains available 24-7 for urgent religious services, end-of-life visitations if they are allowed by the facilities involved, and spiritual counseling.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Temple Office at (808) 822-4667, Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm or via email at mail@kapaahonpahi.org. Thank you always.

In gassho,

Rev. Mieko Majima
Resident Minister

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Upcoming Events in APRIL 2020

All Events and Services are suspended until
May 15 at Kapaa Hongwanji Mission.