



ONENESS

KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

OCTOBER 2020

BISHOP'S CORNER

“Pausing a moment to express gratitude”



At this time, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to all of you. If you are reading this message, your life and my life are somehow directly connected. More than likely, your support is enabling me to not only live, but carry out my life's work and responsibilities as the Bishop.

Needless to say, especially since late February and March, we are living in challenging times. The Coronavirus continues to spread and the death toll keeps rising all over the world including our own Hawaii. My deepest condolences to family and friends of those who have succumbed to COVID-19 and my well wishes to those who are struggling with the Virus right now.

So many people are unemployed with much uncertainty of their livelihood, businesses are struggling, our healthcare professionals are pushed to the brink of sheer exhaustion, essential workers continue their important work filled (I am sure) with much anxiety, and even our Kupuna are doing their best to stay home and practice safety measures including good hygiene to help curb the spread of the virus so we can all be safer. Thank you, one and all, for your efforts!

To the Members and Friends of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii especially ministers, lay leaders, staff and volunteers, and those who are affiliated with the Hawaii Kyodan through our affiliated organizations including schools and adult care, I want to thank you for your continuing leadership, dedication, and perseverance. Your endeavors and support enables the Hawaii Kyodan to continue being active and a contributing member of society during this Pandemic. From the mask-making to the food and meal distributions, and monetary donations to those in need and online spiritual presentations of the Dharma by temples including special projects like the OBon Videos, Mahalo Videos, and promotion of Peace Day which provide much needed comfort, support, guidance and assurance in this, almost, unparalleled time filled with natural disasters of hurricanes and wildfires and also racial discrimination and tensions which too often are filled with violence and even death, your actions make a difference and are appreciated. Your support of the temples and HQs with your time, energy, commitment including financial contributions and leadership is truly appreciated. I would also like to thank everyone for following the safety recommendations and guidelines that have been issued. I know it has not been easy and,

unfortunately, we are not out of the woods yet. Let us persevere! May we be inspired by the example of the Bodhisattva Dharmakara (to become Amida Buddha) and persevere for the benefit of one and all. We will get through this! Our Hongwanji Sangha has survived previous epidemics and famines, religious persecutions, world wars and internal hurdles to carry out our purpose *“The organization transmits the wisdom and compassion of Amida Tathagata to all people, and in doing so, contributes to the realization of a society in which everyone, both within and outside of the organization, is able to live a life of spiritual fulfillment.”*

As I think about our purpose, I am reminded of the recent passing of some of our most outstanding members like Mrs. Rose Nakamura, co-founder and Founding Administrator of Project Dana and Dr. Fujio Matsuda, Former Trustee and Co-Chair of Pacific Buddhist Academy’s Capital Campaign to name just two to whom we have not been able to honor and express our gratitude to, due to the Pandemic. Today, I am recalling the words of the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg who recently passed away too, who *said “One lives not just for oneself but for one’s community.”*

Last and by no means least, I would like to express gratitude to Amida Buddha who has changed my life as I find myself embraced by Unconditional Compassion and given the promise of Supreme Enlightenment. Who could have imagined, who could have guessed, who could have known that such a Wisdom and Compassion existed! Not I, but as someone (Shinran Shonin) very dear to us said, *“How joyous I am...I have been able to encounter...already I have been able to hear...I am especially aware of the profundity of the Tathagata’s benevolence. Here I rejoice in what I have heard and extol what I have attained.”*

To one and all, please take care and, once again, from the bottom of my heart, thank you!

Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light.

Bishop Matsumoto’s video messages are also available on the HHMH YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN4Up41QotZr6OsqcntoYVyE>

COMMUNICATIONS & RESOURCES ON COVID-19

The Office of the Bishop has issued a series of memos (1-12) to provide directives and recommendations regarding temple activities and procedures during the COVID-19 outbreak. These are available in the following page of our Hawaii Kyodan Website. The latest memo was issued on September 10, 2020.

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/2020/03/13/covid19/>

This page includes additional important resources which would be helpful to your temples, affiliates and individual members. Please check it periodically to see if there are resources that can help you.

HHMH YOUTUBE CHANNEL PROGRAM

HHMH continues to provide online programs as listed below. Videos will premiere on HHMH YouTube channel and become available on-demand. Please share this information with your family and friends and subscribe to it to continue receiving updates.

<https://www.youtube.com/honpahongwanjimissionofhawaii/>

RING YOUR BELL FOR PEACE DAY

https://youtu.be/wa79LP_3p-k

ONLINE DHARMA MESSAGE

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN4DTm65ALR0loYZc2_OHwwi

10/04	11:00am	Rev. Satoshi Tomioka (Puna Hongwanji Mission)
10/11	11:00am	Rev. Arthur Kaufmann (Lihue Hongwanji Mission)
10/18	11:00am	Rev. Yuika Hasebe (Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin)
10/25	11:00am	Rev. Joshin Kamuro (Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin)

HEALTH CARE HEROES MAHALO VIDEO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jE4m3v1KMF8&list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN5sjQAQfeIHck0UAXLmO2Vb>

Wednesdays 12:00pm “Health Care Treasures” and Essential Workers

If you would like to make an offertory donation to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and/or its temples, please visit the following page to donate online.

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/donate/>

Social Concerns Fund Drive

Through your generous contributions, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is able to support worthy organizations and programs with funding to continue their work in our community. Each year the committee has generously funded and supported the annual Kapaa Interfaith Thanksgiving Luncheon and deliveries. We again ask for your kokua and support. Please make your check payable to **Kapaa Hongwanji Mission**. *Mahalo!*

HAWAII VOTES BY MAIL INFORMATION

Starting this year, all of Hawaii conveniently votes by mail. Now registered voters simply receive their packets in the mail, complete the ballot in the privacy of their own home and safely mail it before the election day. This is entirely non-partisan and not telling anyone who to vote for. We would like to make sure that the voting process is safe and that important and experienced members of the community (our Sangha) are heard to help shape our future.

This matter was brought up at the recent HHMH Board of Directors Meeting. The feedback was that HHMH should share the information from the State of Hawaii Office of Elections with our members. Please share the information below with your temple members via email and/or temple newsletter.

- 2020 ELECTION DATES (From State of Hawaii Office of Elections Website)

October 5, 2020: Last day to register to vote and receive your ballot packet in the mail. If you have not registered by October 5, you must go to your local Voter Service Centers.

October 20, 2020: Voter Service Centers are open through Election Day. Services include same day registration and in-person voting.

Map of Voter Service Centers & Places of Deposits:

<https://histategis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=40a88743b85b4fbfb8cf6128bacfedcf>

Ballots Received By: October 16, 2020

Contact your County Elections Division if you have not received your ballot by this date.

County of Hawaii: (808) 961-8277 County of Maui: (808) 270-7749

County of Kauai: (808) 241-4800 City and County of Honolulu: (808) 768-3800

Ballots Returned: October 27, 2020

Last day to return your voted ballot by mail. After this date, voters must return their ballot to a place of deposit (ballot drop box).

General Election: November 3, 2020

All voted ballots must be received by your Clerk's Office no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election day.

- ELECTION RESOURCES

Hawai'i Voter Registration - Register to vote or update your voter registration

<https://olvr.hawaii.gov/>

State of Hawai'i Office of Elections - Info on voting and elections in Hawai'i

<https://elections.hawaii.gov/>

Elections by Mail - State of Hawaii, Office of Elections (YouTube Video)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azYEEybXTUY&feature=emb_title

from the president's corner...

Aloha Everyone!

We are sincerely thankful for your continued support of the temple. Your thoughtful and generous donations are gratefully appreciated and will assist greatly in the operational cost as we continue to serve you and the community. As we continue to face the effects of the covid19 pandemic, please let us know if you need assistance.

The uncertainty of the pandemic has caused many changes in our daily lives. It is difficult to resume our regularly scheduled temple services. Thankfully, for those who have access to a computer, have had the opportunity to view YouTube Services, events and Dharma Messages to keep us connected to the Nembutsu teachings. Unfortunately, our elder members are not able to do this. Some have expressed a need to attend the Sunday service. To accommodate the needs of our elder at risk members, we will have private family services on the second Sunday of each month. Due to the limited (10) seats available please call 822-4667 to reserve a seat.

The Private Family Service will begin on Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Peace Day Hawaii - Mahalo to our Jr. YBA members, Madison Doo, Isabella Kasprzyk, and Taryn Ramil for designing the Peace Day banner which was displayed in front of the temple and for "Ring Your Bell for Peace Day." Isabella and Rev. Majima participated in the bell ringing event.

A Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2020. We will be preparing and selling flying saucers, plate lunches and a few craft items such as masks made from Bon Dance towels by Gloria, scrubbies, hair ornaments and bags made and donated by Hester Haraguchi and Kuni Quon. The covid rules for mask, sanitation and distancing will be enforced. A letter and tickets will be sent to our members by the second week of October. If you do not receive your letter and tickets please call or email to let us know. We appreciate your participation to make this safe and successful.

The Lonesome Grave Project at the Kauai Veterans Cemetery is sponsored annually by the Kauai United BWA. It will be held on Tuesday, November 10 @ 8:00 a.m. The members of the Hongwanji Temples will assist in cleaning and decorating the graves with flowers and greens. Everyone is welcome to join us in honoring the veterans who served our country.

Flowers & Greens needed - We ask for your kokua to donate flowers and greens which we will pick up at your homes on November 9. Please call the temple if you have flowers or greens to donate.

Interfaith Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 26, 2020 The Kapaa Interfaith Alliance will be observing a Thanksgiving Service at the All Saints Episcopal Church. Mark Oyama and his Contemporary Flavors Staff will be preparing the takeout Thanksgiving meals. Following the service there will

be a drive through pick up. The lunch deliveries will be packed and distributed at the Kapaa Hongwanji Social Hall. Please let us know if you would like to have a meal delivered to your home by calling 822-4667. The Lions Club/Kauai Independent Food Bank will also be distributing a bag of food at the drive through meal pick up and for the home deliveries.

A BIG MAHALO to the Honpa Hongwanji Social Concerns Committee - Each year the committee has supported the Interfaith Thanksgiving with a generous contribution to make this event possible for the community. We express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the members, Bishop Matsumoto, Dean Sakamoto, Rev. Blaine Higa and Carol Valentine, Kauai's representative on the committee.

Let's be happy, safe and well. *Namo Amida Butsu ...*

MAHALO FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION & SUPPORT

In memory of....

Fumiyo Nagaoka-Lois Hamada

Membership

Evelyn Nakamura

Family Bon Service

Rev. Kohtoku Hirao

Jim Jung

Ralph Kitashima

Richard Kubota

Aileen Nakai

Phil O'Rourke

Angela Petel

Carol Saiki

Gloria Shimizu

Pearl Shimizu

Sidney Yanagawa

Obon Choba Donations

Aileen Nakai

Itsue Okada

Joan Sugita-In memory of

Patsy Sugita

Jeannie Yoshida

Food Sale Donation

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Kapaa Hongwanji SBA

Kapaa Hongwanji Jr. YBA

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Gloria Shimizu

Pearl Shimizu

Leslie Tada

Clyde & Kay Takekuma

Sidney Yanagawa

Peace Day Hawaii - Jr. YBA

Madison Doo

Isabella Kasprzyk

Taryn Ramil

Rev. Mieko Majima



Memorial Service

OCTOBER

Edward	Tada	1st	10/10/2019
Soichi	Yamada	17th	10/13/2004
Kurano	Koga	50th	10/20/1971
Naka	Oshima	33rd	10/23/1988
Vincent Keiichi	Hasegawa	7th	10/24/2014
Beatrice Chieko Michioka	Nakae	13th	10/28/2008

NOVEMBER

Richard	Toma	17th	11/2/2004
Gladys	Togikawa	3rd	11/2/2018
Lloyd	Nakagawa	17th	11/7/2004
Yae	Sasaki	23rd	11/8/1998
Takano	Fumimoto	33rd	11/13/1988
Yoshio	Koigawachi	27th	11/19/1994
Yumiko	Johnson	17th	11/22/2004
Harry	Fukuda	17th	11/23/2004



Temple Cleaning & Flower Arrangement

10/3/2020	Group 3	Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Takekuma - Chair Mrs. Erin Takekuma, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Nishida, Mr. Stanford Iwamoto, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Yanagawa	Ruby
10/10/2020	Group 4	Ms. Gloria Shimizu - Chair Mr. Haven Kuboyama, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Sunada, Mr. Lane Sunada, Mrs. Pat Yamamoto	Rona & Joan
10/17/2020	Group 5	Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Sakai - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Koerte, Mr. Leslie Tada, Ms. Carol Saiki	Kay & Roberta
10/24/2020	Group 6	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tsukamoto - Chair Mrs. Joan Slingerland, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Yamamoto, Mr. Winston Kawamoto	Roberta
10/31/2020	Group 1	Mrs. Marie Hashimura - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hiraoka, Mr. Milton Nakamura, Mr. Ray Paler	Rona
11/7/2020	FALL FOOD SALE		Ruby

From Minister's Desk

Thank you so much for the continuous thoughtful support during the difficult time. I am very happy to reopen our temple from September. Please check our website for the updated service schedule. In Japan, we decorate altar and offer rice cakes to Buddha during this season. If you are planning to have a private service or visiting gravesite, please contact us at 808.822.4667. Thank you again for your kind support to keep our temple alive.

Namo Amida Butsu

October Family Service

October 11, 2020
9:00 am

There is a limitation for each person's life. Let's live together with our fullest appreciation. Temple is the sacred space for your inner peace. Please join us.

KAPAA HONGWANJI MISSION

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«SIR» «FIRST» «LAST»

«STREET»

«CITY» «STATE» «ZIP»



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In Memoriam...

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

During this difficult time, Rev. Majima has been holding the memorial services for your loved one since March.

Namo Amida Butsu.

