



ONENESS

KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

December 2020

BISHOP'S CORNER

A suggestion for "Perpetual Chanting of the Sutras (Eitaikyo)"

Bishop Eric Matsumoto



If you had to choose a word that you associate with the month of November, what would it be? Not surprisingly, for many of us, it would probably be "gratitude." Needless to say, Thanksgiving is the biggest holiday in November and expressing "thanks" is the theme. An important observation is that the 1621 first Thanksgiving Observance brought diverse people together in particular the Pilgrims and Native Americans, the Wampanoag.

For many Buddhists of the Japanese denominations and in particular the Jodo Shinshu Tradition, November is the month that we annually observe Eitaikyo, one of our six Major Services of the year. It is an important service dedicated in memory of past generations of deceased loved ones. The general sentiment is one of acknowledgement and appreciation. In many cases, the hard work and sacrifices of previous generations have benefited we of the present generation for which we are grateful and this includes having a temple, a place where we can safely, harmoniously and gratefully gather to hear the Teachings of All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion finding guidance, solace, comfort and inspiration. Traditionally donations received at an Eitaikyo Service were placed in a special fund for a specific purpose to either repair, renovate or replace the temple altar and building and/or for propagation in hopes that the temple and the Dharma will always be available for future generations. People contributed to this special fund in memory and in honor of deceased family members for whom the temple was their second home, a place of "Perpetual (Eitai) Chanting of the Sutra (kyo)" referring to a place where the sutras could be heard and the teachings internalized.

This year, as we observe Eitaikyo, I have a thought for you. "Would you consider sharing with your family members how important and valuable the Buddha's Teachings including the temple are to you?" It saddens me greatly when I hear younger generations say that they did not know how important temple was to their parents, grandparents or great grandparents or did not know just how involved they were at temple. I recently came to know of an interesting custom done by the Jewish. It is called an "Ethical Will." It is not a

legal document. In Wikipedia, I found the following “Celebrity physician Andrew Weil promoted the ethical will as a “gift of spiritual health” to leave to family, asserting that the ethical will’s “main importance is what it gives the writer in the midst of life.” The goal of writing an ethical will is to link a person to both their family and cultural history, clarify their ethical and spiritual values, and communicate a legacy to future generations; it addresses people’s “universal needs”. Writing an ethical will clarifies identity and focuses life purpose.” Interesting, isn’t it? I personally prefer the expression “Legacy Letter.”

Thus, at this time of the year, as we observe Eitaikyo, would you consider sharing (either written or orally) your religious life and spiritual values as a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist with the other members of your family? Please observe Eitaikyo Family Day in which Eitaikyo is a family affair. You can start with your Family Register or Kakocho which contains some information of your most recently deceased family members. The Kakocho can serve as a genealogy record of your family and from there you can also share about temple and Namoda Amida Butsu. The Eitaikyo season can be a time to link or bring together past and present family members in appreciation of each other just as the original Thanksgiving brought diverse peoples together in the spirit of gratitude. For others, please take the Eitaikyo season to discover your temple’s origin and history to more fully appreciate it. Of course, the most important story to be shared is the legacy of Namoda Amida Butsu. Please have a safe Thanksgiving and meaningful Eitaikyo. Thank you and Namoda Amida Butsu.

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

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

Eitaikyo Service

December 27,2020 @ 9:00 am

We will be observing the Eitaikyo service on Sunday, December 27, at 9:00 am. Eitaikyo Service was originally established by the followers of Buddha in India. They wished that the Buddha’s teachings would be carried to their descendants from generation to generation.

Today we can listen to the Buddha Dharma at our temple because of the efforts of anonymous ancestors over the generation. Our master, Shinran Shonin, was also one of them. He was a devoted follower of Buddha Dharma, and his teachings are reflected in our life.

Our wish is to bridge the Buddha Dharma to the future generation so that they can hand the Buddha Dharma to the next generation at Kapaa Hongwanji Mission. Temple is the only sacred space with three treasures; Buddha, the Buddha Dharma, and the Sangha. Buddha Dharma is the foundation of our life.

Please make a reservation if you are going to attend. An envelope is enclosed for your contribution.

Namoda Amida Butsu

CONDOLENCE

Reverend Arthur Marutani, a retired minister of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, passed away peacefully in Honolulu and returned to the Pure Land on October 22 at the age of 93. The Private Funeral Service was held at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin on Saturday, November 14, 2020 under the officiation of Bishop Eric Matsumoto. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of Jo-Sho-in 浄照院 has been conferred upon Rev. Arthur Marutani by the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Denomination in recognition of his exemplary achievements and accomplishments. “Jo-Sho” means “One who spread the pure illumination.” Rev. Arthur Marutani became a Kaikyoshi-ho (Minister’s Aide) in July 1985 and a Kaikyoshi Minister in 1990, and served numerous temples.

MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Reverend Bruce Nakamura, the Resident Minister of Honokaa Hongwanji Mission and the oversee minister of Kamuela, Kohala and Paauilo Hongwanji Missions, retired from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii as of November 6, 2020. Rev. Nakamura served Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for 32 years. Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii expresses our deepest appreciation and gratitude to Rev. Bruce Nakamura for his dedication and effort of spreading the Nembutsu Dharma to our members and community.

2021 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The 2021 HHMH Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) will be held on February 12 & 13, 2021 virtually via Zoom. The Registration form and other documents that need to be submitted for the Legislative Assembly were already sent to the temples and organization leaders. Please submit all the necessary documents to HQ by the deadline described in the letter. The packet containing materials for Legislative Assembly will be distributed to each temple at a later date. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

PROPAGATION PROGRAM GRANT

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii “Propagation Program Grant Committee” would like to announce that “Propagation Program Grant” is available to all of you for “New and wonderful ideas for propagating Nembutsu teachings into our community.” Would you like to share your wonderful and creative Dharma projects with all of our community? If so, take action right away! We all are looking forward to seeing your innovative ideas!

The committee reviews all grants applications, which meet the following criteria:
New, innovative, creative ideas or activities focusing on Buddhist Education and the propagation of the Dharma.

Each project may be funded only once within 5 years.

The maximum amount of the grant must not exceed \$10,000.00

The project would have statewide implications/potential.

For more information regarding this program or to apply, please check with your resident minister or HQ.

2021 YBICSE POSTPONEMENT

The Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange (YBICSE) is a program for young Jodo Shinshu Buddhists (from 9th grade to age 25). Its basic purpose is for young Jodo Shinshu Buddhists to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the Nembutsu teaching by visiting our Mother Temple or Honzan, the Hongwanji, experiencing a home stay, and traveling to several historical and/or significant sites with fellow young Buddhists. The YBICSE is held biennially and was scheduled for 2021. However, due to the current pandemic situation, this program has been postponed until 2022.

2020 KAUAI HONGWANJI COUNCIL NEMBUTSU SEMINAR

Kauai Hongwanji Council will host a Zoom Nembutsu seminar with Dr. Rev. Kenneth Kenshin Tanaka (Professor Emeritus, Musashino University, Tokyo) on December 12 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. The topic is "An Introduction to the Essence and Practice of Shin Buddhism - A Path for Peace and Happiness for Oneself and Others-." Registration is required.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/kKX1sVSeHumPd8KP7>

HMH YOUTUBE CHANNEL PROGRAM

HMH 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/>

ONLINE DHARMA MESSAGE

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

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| 12/06 9:30 am | Virtual Bodhi Day Service on HBC YouTube (https://bit.ly/3pHKOsD).
The guest speaker: Dr. Kenneth Tanaka
(Professor Emeritus of Musashino University) |
| 12/13 11:00 am | Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani (Moiliili Hongwanji) |
| 12/20 11:00 am | Rev. Richard Tennes (Kahului Hongwanji) |
| 12/27 11:00 am | Rev. Shinkai Murakami (Wailuku Hongwanji) |
| 12/31 7:00 pm | Rev. David Fujimoto (Mililani Hongwanji) |

HEALTH CARE HEROES MAHALO VIDEO

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN5sjQAQfeIHck0UAXLmO2Vb>

Wednesdays 12:00pm "Health Care Treasures" and Essential Workers

from the president's corner...

Holiday Greetings to All!

We hope you and your family are staying well and safe as we continue to face the challenges of the pandemic. Unfortunately large gatherings during the holidays are not permitted. With visitors arriving and people traveling we have seen an increase in covid cases on Kauai. Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season! Please take care, stay well, and be happy.

Our Special Thanks for an Amazing Food/Craft Sale

Many thanks for working together to make the Food Sale event a fun experience. We appreciated the ticket distribution, accounting, selling/purchasing of tickets, preparation help, cooking, serving lunches, grilling flying saucers, packing food for distribution and cleaning up. Our sincere apologies to those who did not receive the roast pork plate because we miscalculated the amount of roast pork. Thank you to Mr. Dennis Sunada for the delicious nishime donation.

Nomination of Board of Directors

We welcome the nomination of 2021 Board of Directors. The qualifications are: a dues paying member in good standing, a team player, and able to attend meetings on the second Wednesday (7:00 p.m.) of each month. We would appreciate participation from our Sangha. Please call 822-4667 before the Kyodan Board Meeting on December 9, 2020

2020 Membership Payment

We are most grateful for your 2020 membership contribution and support. Your contribution is essential for Kapaa Hongwanji to continue its effort to serve the community. We look forward to your continued support in 2021.

General Clean up - Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020 @ 7:30 a.m.

Please mark your calendar and make every effort to lend a helping hand to clean the Temple, Social Hall and Kitchen to prepare for the New Year. The more volunteers that turn out the faster it will be to finish all the necessary tasks. *Mahalo for your kokua!*

As 2020 comes to an end, I would like to once again express my sincere gratitude for your dedication, participation and support throughout the year. We will need your continued support to survive in 2021. Rev. Majima and the Board of Directors are working hard to keep the temple open with a resident minister. We need your help to build a healthy Sangha. Let us rely on the Three Treasures to guide us. *"I go to the Buddha for guidance, I go to the Dharma for guidance, I go to the Sangha for Guidance."*

Namo Amida Butsu

Mahalo for Your Contributions and Support

October 21-November 18

Funeral Service

In memory of...
Hazel Yanagida - Linda Naea

Memorial Service

In memory of...
Gladys Togikawa - Camilla Sone
Ichiji Matsumura - Carl Matsumura

Sunday Services

Jim Jung
Dimples Kano
Ralph Kitashima
Angela Petel
Phil O'Rourke
Carol Saiki
Susan Hirata
Gloria Shimiau
Sidney Yanagaawa

Donations

Sharon Contrades
Winston Kawamoto
Hisao Maeda
Barbara Tsunehiro

Social Concerns

Richard Kubota
Jesse Muramaru
Gloria Shimizu
Camilla Sone
Jill Yoshimatsu

Food Sale Monetary Donations

Joshua Borden
Fusako Harada
Stanford Iwamoto
Neal Kakimoto
Winston Kawamoto
Gordon Koigawachi
Hisao Maeda
Ronald Matsumura
Sharon Matsuoka
Carolyn Nakamura
Carol Saiki
Clyde Takekuma
Betty Yamamoto
Reuben Yoshida

Food Sale Volunteers

Madison Doo
Mason Doo
Marie Hashimura
Stanford Iwamoto
Ralph Kitashima
Haven Kuboyama
Rev. Mieko Majima
Milton Nakamura
Lorna Nishimitsu
Tami Ramil
Taryn Ramil
Carol Saiki
Calvin & Rona Sakai
Gloria Shimizu
Pearl Shimizu
Joan Slingerland
Dennis & Sadie Sunada
Lane Sunada
Clyde & Kay Takekuma
Erin Takekuma
Harry Yamamoto
Pat Yamamoto



Volunteer Support

Madison Doo
Mason Doo
Marie Hashimura
Robert Hiraoka
David & Ruby Ishida
Stanford Iwamoto
Rev. Mieko Majima
Milton Nakamura
Francis Nishizawa
Ray Paler
Tami Ramil
Taryn Ramil
Calvin & Rona Sakai
Gloria Shimizu
Joan Slingerland
Erin Takekuma
Kay & Clyde Takekuma
Sidney Yanagawa

United Jr. YBA of KAUAI

Madison Doo, Isabella Kasprysk, and Taryn Ramil baked some yummy snacks for the Bake Sale on November 7, 2020. It was a big success! The girls sold everything and made \$160 to add to their funds. The funds will be used for a contribution to "Doctors Without Borders." This community service was selected by the Federation of Jr. YBA.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

NO MOCHI SALE

We are sorry we will not be able to have the sale this year.



Memorial Service

December

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

JANUARY

Kimiyo	Wada	23rd	1/4/1999
Kikuyo	Fukuda	23rd	1/8/1999
Miyuki	Maehata	3rd	1/10/2019
Misao	Watanabe	33rd	1/13/1989
Haru	Osaki	33rd	1/13/1989
Satoru	Nakae	33rd	1/22/1989
Take Nakamura	Fujita	33rd	1/29/1989
Hatsue	Tasaka	3rd	1/30/2019

From Minister's Desk

Thank you so much for your continuous generous support. This year was very difficult time for all of us. I am delighted to resume services.

In Japan, December is called *Shiwasu*. *Shi* means sensei. *Wasu* means to run. *Shiwasu* derived from that even the high-monk is busy enough to run for chanting.

Please contact us if you are planning to have a private service or visiting the gravesite at 808.822.4667. Thank you again for your kind support to keep our temple alive. Namo Amida Butsu

2021 New Years' Service

KHM, January 3, 2020 9:00 am

January Family Service

KHM, January 10, 2020 9:00 am

Gotane Service

KHM, January 24, 2020 9:00 am



Temple Cleaning & Flower Arrangement

12/5/2020	Group 5	Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Sakai - Chair Mr. Leslie Tada, Ms. Carol Saiki	Ruby
12/12/2020	Group 6	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tsukamoto - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Brian Yamamoto Mr. Winston Kawamoto	Rona & Joan
12/19/2020	GENERAL CLEANUP		Kay & Roberta
12/26/2020	NO CLEANUP		Roberta

Online Bodhi Day Service

YouTube, December 6, 2020
9:00 am

Eitaikyo Service

KHM, December 27, 2020
9:00 am

New Year's Eve Service

KHM, December 31, 2020
8:30 pm

Bell Ringing

KHM, December 31, 2020
9:00 pm

KAPAA HONGWANJI MISSION

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General Cleanup

December 19, 2020 7:30 am

Let's clean our temple. You can participate in the general cleaning event even if you have not signed up for a cleaning group. It is a good opportunity to connect with our sangha. Please feel free to join us.

Namo Amida Butsu

