



# ONENESS

**KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

**JULY 2021**

## BISHOP'S CORNER

**Like a good neighbor, Amida is here!**

Bishop Eric Matsumoto



In June, the Hawaii Federation of Jr. Young Buddhist Associations will be having their Virtual 64<sup>th</sup> Jr. YBA State Convention. The theme is *“My Neighbor Amida”* based on the movie *“My Neighbor Totoro.”* It reminded me of some Buddhist quotes about friends and friendship *“An insincere friend is to be feared more than a wild animal. A wild animal may cause you physically harm, but an insincere friend can harm your mind.” “It is a person’s own mind, not an external enemy or foe, that lures one into unwholesome ways.” “To conquer oneself is a greater victory than to conquer thousands in a battle.” and “The one who protects one’s mind from greed, anger and ignorance, is the one who enjoys real and lasting peace.”*

Further, the Dharma encourages: *“speak...with kindness, work for their benefit, always be thoughtful, and treat them with honesty.” “...make (the) effort to prevent...friends from falling into wrong ways, protect their property...listen to their concerns when they have problems, lend them a helping hand in times of trouble, and support their family when necessary. Thus, the way of friends...will be one of peace without sorrow.” “A true friend, the one with whom a person may safely associate, will always stick closely to the right way, will worry...about one’s friend’s welfare, will console the friend in misfortune, will offer... a helping hand, ...will keep... secrets, and will always give...good advice. It is very difficult to find a friend like this, and, therefore, one should try very hard to be a friend like this. As the sun warms the fruitful Earth, so a good friend shines in society because of one’s good deeds.”*

Shinran Shonin, when he deeply reflected on himself though, lamented about himself *“Lacking even small love and small compassion, I cannot hope to benefit sentient beings.”* But at the same time he also gratefully remarked, *“Were it not for the ship of Amida’s Vow, How could I cross the ocean of painful existence?”* Shinran Shonin heard the Compassionate Call of Amida Buddha, who says *“Come at once single-heartedly with right mind. I will protect you. Do not fear that you may fall into the calamities of water (greed) or fire (anger).”* This message of Amida Buddha was so compelling that he (Shinran Shonin) had no doubt about its authenticity

and experienced great joy in knowing that Amida Buddha accepted him just as he was, full of imperfections, unconditionally promising him the Great Enlightenment!

To me, out of profound appreciation for the Buddha's benevolence and a deep lament about his shameful self, Shinran Shonin, together with reciting the Nembutsu of gratitude, embraced the aspiration to reject the evil of this world. In Letter 19, he shares about a person of nembutsu *"Signs of long years of saying the nembutsu and aspiring for birth can be seen in the change of heart that had been bad and in the deep warmth for friends and fellow-practicers; this is the sign of rejecting the world."*

For most of his life, Shinran Shonin did not live in a secluded monastery away from people, but rather like a good neighbor lived together with people and shared with them the wisdom and compassion including the joy of Namo Amida Butsu. We learn from him that Amida Buddha is not a Buddha far away in some distant Pure Land relevant only after we die, but that Amida Buddha as Namo Amida Butsu (or The Buddha's Name That Calls Me to entrust) is right here, right now. Amida Buddha like a good neighbor is always inviting everyone to come to his house of enlightenment. Amida Buddha, now and forever, like a good neighbor promises to always be with us! When we look at the life of Shinran Shonin and Lady Eshinni, I see them responding in gratitude to the Buddha as they guided and cared for people.

Finally, today, let me share our Hawaii version of Gomonshu Kojun Otani's "Our Pledge."

Reaching out to others, I will share a smile and gentle words.  
Just like the Buddha, who always calls out with Aloha.

Breaking away from my greed, anger and ignorance,  
I will try to live in peace and harmony.  
Just like the Buddha, who shares tranquility and kindness with all.

Moving forward from self-centeredness,  
I will share a life of joy and sorrow with others.  
Just like the Buddha, whose caring heart always embraces us.

Realizing that I live because of others,  
I will strive to live life to the fullest with an attitude of gratitude.  
Just like the Buddha, who promises to embrace us all.

## COVID-19 COMMUNICATIONS & RESOURCES ON HHMH WEBSITE

The Office of the Bishop has issued a series of memos (1-16) to provide directives and recommendations regarding temple activities and procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic. These are available in the following page of our Hawaii Kyodan Website. The latest memo was issued on June 13, 2021 because of the anticipated lifting of inter-island travel restrictions, in-person services, and other topics.

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

## OBITUARY NOTICE

Mrs. Sonoe Motoyoshi, the wife of the late Rev. Sachihide Motoyoshi and the mother of Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi, passed away at the age of 104 on March 28, 2021, at her residence in Stockton, California. The ingo of AI-GYOU-IN 愛樂院 which means “One who manifested warm affection and respect” was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on May 21, 2021.

Mrs. Tomiko Fujitani, the wife of the late Rev. Yoshiaki Fujitani, passed away at the age of 96 on March 13, 2020. The ingo of ISSHIN-IN 一心院 which means “One with whole hearted single-minded devotion” was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on June 20, 2021.

## BISHOP'S AWARD FOR JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Japanese Language School committee honored following students who received Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Bishop's Award at their Graduation of Award days in May, 2021.

Fort Gakuen                      8th grader: Sophie Natsumi Holliday

Hilo Hongwanji Gakuen      6th grader: Abbie Yumi Takamine

Hongwanji Mission School 8th grader: Kaya Blum

Wailuku Hongwanji Gakuen      6th grader: Tyler Kazumasa Konno

# Summer Dharmathon 2021



The BSC Summer Session has featured, and will continue to feature, noted national and international speakers for the benefit of its attendees. However, there is one rich source of Dharma learning and ideas that is as close as our own Nembutsu sanghas. These sangha are made up of our ministers and lay people and their acquaintances within the State of Hawaii. They have much to offer if we take the effort to feature them. So, with that in mind the BSC Program Committee has started a new program, the Summer Dharmathon that will rely on that pool of speakers.










Summer Dharmathon will start this new program by featuring 10 Hawaii Kyodan Ministers who will be speaking on the Hawaii Kyodan 2021 theme and slogan:

## Building Healthy Sanghas: Nurturing Empathy and Respect

WHERE: YouTube Livestream      DATES: Mon. Aug 23 - Fri. Aug 27      TIMES: 6:30 - 8:30p HST

### DAILY SCHEDULE

6:30pm Start  
 6:35 Introduction of Speaker 1  
 6:40 Dharma Talk  
 7:15 Q & A  
 7:30 Break  
 7:35 Introduction of Speaker 2  
 7:40 Dharma Talk  
 8:15 Q & A  
 8:30 Conclusion

	MON 8/23	TUES 8/24	WEDS 8/25	THURS 8/26	FRI 8/27
					
	BISHOP MATSUMOTO	REVEREND KALU	REVEREND HIGA	REVEREND BABA	REVEREND HASEBE
					
	REVEREND KAUFMANN	REVEREND TOMIOKA	REVEREND KIYOHARA	REVEREND MAJIMA	REVEREND FUJIMOTO



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*Hawaii District Ministers Association*  
**2021 BUDDHIST EDUCATION SERIES**

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## Monthly Online Seminars

<p>Saturday  <b>July 10</b>            10-11:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Spiritual Foundation:            Nembutsu that is true and real.</b>            Rev. Ka'imipono Tomioka            Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple</p>	
<p>Saturday  <b>August 14</b>            10-11:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Relationship between Amida            Buddha and Shakyamuni Buddha</b>            Rev. Masanari Yamagishi            Kamuela Hongwanji Mission</p>	
<p>Saturday  <b>September 25</b>            10-11:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>How should Buddhist temple exist            as a part of community?</b>            Discussion led by Rev. Shinji Kawagoe            Papaikou Hongwanji Mission</p>	
<p>Saturday  <b>October 9</b>            10-11:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Embracing our Shadow: Shin Buddhist            Wisdom for When Life Gets Difficult</b>            Rev. Blayne Higa            Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple</p>	
<p>Saturday  <b>November 13</b>            10-11:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Learning from the Shoshinge</b>            Rimban Kazunori Takahashi            Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin</p>	

### NEMBUTSU SEMINAR 2021

Saturday **October 2,**      **Shin Buddhism and Mental Health**  
 10-11:30 a.m.      Rev. Dr. Carmella Javellana Hirano

Saturday **December 11, Ways of Living in Wisdom and Resilience--**  
 10-11:30 a.m.      **Footsteps of Some Nembutsu Practicers on the Big Island**  
 Rev. Tatsuo Muneto, Retired Minister of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

Any questions? Email: [hawaii.kyogakkai@gmail.com](mailto:hawaii.kyogakkai@gmail.com)

# Mahalo for Your Contributions & Support

May 19 - June 20, 2021

## Funeral/Inurnment Service

*In memory of...*

Jarrett Yoon - Grace Yoon

## In Memory of

*The late....*

Shizuno Hiranaka - Gary & Elaine Hiranaka

Masami Oda - Dora Naito

Yuka Seshiki - Eleanor Seshiki

## Hatsubon

*In memory of....*

Hazel Yanagida - Linda Naea

Hisao "Pop" Maeda - Raymond Kawamoto

## Obon

Mildred Tsukuda

## Gotane Service

Jim Jung

Yoshiko Kano

Ralph Kitashima

Phil O'Rourke

Carol Saiki

Gloria Shimizu

Roberta Yanagawa

## Baccalaureate Service

Jim Jung

Ralph Kitashima

Angela Petel

Tami Ramil

Gloria Shimizu

Clyde & Kay Takekuma

Erin Takekuma

Roberta Yanagawa

## Father's Day Service

Jim Jung

Yoshiko Kano

Ralph Kitashima

Carol Saiki

Mildri Mirafuentes

Gloria Shimizu

## Membership

Lyndsay Tsukamoto

Barbara Tsunehiro

## Hall Rental

Kellie Asai-Lau

Kauai Lighthouse Outreach Center

## Miscellaneous Donations

Sharon Contrades

Ralph Kitashima

Eleanor Seshiki

Barbara Tsunehiro

## Volunteer Support

Madison Doo

Marie Hashimura

Robert Hiraoka

Jim Jung

David & Ruby Ishida

Stanford Iwamoto

Winston Kawamoto

Ralph Kitashima

Haven Kuboyama

Rev. Mieko Majima

Milton Nakamura

Taryn Ramil

Calvin & Rona Sakai

Gloria Shimizu

Pearl Shimizu

Joan Slingerland

Dennis & Sadie Sunada

Clyde & Kay Takekuma

Keith & Thelma Tsukamoto

Brian & Wendy Yamamoto

Sidney Yanagawa



## Sunday Service Schedule

9:00 am @ Kapaa Hongwanji Mission

7/4 Monthly Memorial Service

7/11 Family Bon Service

7/17 Hatsu Bon Service

7/18 No Service

7/25 Shoshinge Service

from the president's corner...

*Aloha Everyone! Happy Fourth of July!*

We hope you are all doing well and finding new ways to keep you active so you can enjoy life to the fullest as we continue to face ongoing covid concerns.

We extend our warmest mahalo to you for your continued support and generous contributions to keep our doors open to serve you and the community.

### **The Bacculaureate Service**

The Bacculaureate Service was held on June 13, 2021. Isabella Kasprysk and Mason Doo were presented with leis and gifts from the temple and organizations.



The Kauai United Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association Scholarship was presented to Mason Doo at the Bacculaureate Service on June 13. Presenting the award is Rev. Mieko Majima and Gloria Shimizu, Vice President of the Kauai United Hongwanji BWA. The scholarship funds are donated by the Kapaa, Lihue and West Kauai BWA which contributes \$1,000 each year.

### **Fundraiser - Saturday, July 17, 2021 Bon Dance Bento**

The tickets, work schedule and assignments have been sent out. If you did not receive the tickets and information, please let me know. Please send in all unsold tickets by July 9, 2021 so we can sell them. We will have other items such as pickled mango, lilikoi jelly, baked goods, crafts (bags, scrubbies,) treasures (gently used items) and other donated items. If you need more tickets please call me at 822-4667. Mahalo for your cooperation and kokua.

### **United Jr. YBA of Kauai**

The newly elected officers of the Jr. YBA are President: Madison Doo, Vice President: Taryn Ramil, Secretary: Madison Doo: Treasurer: Taryn Ramil. They will be actively encouraging new members to join them and they are looking forward to a great year.

## Food Sale Volunteer Schedule & Assignments

<b>Monday, July 12</b>	Pick up chicken (2/cs, 400 skewers) and 40# hamburger from Sysco.
<b>Wednesday, July 14</b>	
7:00 a.m.	Pick up veggies from Esaki's - 20# Japanese Cucumbers, 5# Daikon
7:30 a.m.	Prepare namasu
10:00 a.m.	Prepare pronto pup ingredients for batter. (360 hot dogs)
11:00 a.m.	Begin thawing out chicken and hamburger in refrigerator.
<b>Thursday, July 15</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Receive bread from HFA. (36 loaves) Butter bread for flying saucer.
9:30 a.m.	Prepare ingredients for flying saucer filling. Cube bread ends and run through processor. Chop celery and onions. (1 gal. zip lock each)
10:30 a.m.	Prepare marinade for chicken yakitori.
<b>Friday, July 16</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Marinate chicken yakitori sticks. Cook flying saucer filling. Prepare ingredients for sushi. (tuna, eggs, carrots) 225 rolls.
<b>Saturday, July 17</b>	
5:15 a.m.	Prepare rice for cooking, cook rice.
5:30 a.m.	Prepare sushi rolling table with ingredients.
6:00 a.m.	Begin Rolling 225 rolls of maki sushi. Prepare flying saucer filling on bread.
7:00 a.m.	Grill flying saucer and pack in sandwich bags. Grill chicken yakitori and leave in aluminum tray in warmer. Cook hot dogs for pronto pup. Flour hot dogs and skewer. Mix batter.
8:00 a.m.	Deep fry pronto pups. Pack in pronto pup wrappers.
10:30 a.m.	Begin packing the bentos.
11:00 a.m.	Bento pick up
12:00 noon	Clean up/Lunch

### Volunteer Assignments:

<b>Flying Saucer:</b>	Clint Saiki, Lane Sunada, Calvin Sakai, Ralph Kitashima, Madison Doo
<b>Fl. Saucer Filling:</b>	Lane Sunada
<b>Pronto Pup:</b>	Milton Nakamura, Marie Hashimura, Stanford Iwamoto, Sadie Sunada
<b>Chicken Yakitori:</b>	Clyde Takekuma, Mason Doo, Sidney Yanagawa, Taryn Ramil
<b>Maki Sushi:</b>	Gloria Shimizu, Pearl Shimizu, Becky Wada, Joan Slingerland, Carol Saiki, Sharyl Lam Yuen, Rona Sakai
<b>Namasu:</b>	Gloria, Pearl, Cint, Clyde, Stanford, Dennis, Sadie, Carol, Roberta
<b>Rice:</b>	Haven Kuboyama, Francis Nishizawa (45# = 3 batches)
<b>Packing (Bentos):</b>	Carol Saiki, Rona Sakai, Joan Slingerland, Marie Hashimura



## Memorial Service

July			August			
Yutaro	Takemoto	50th 7/4/1972	Hisayo	Nakamura	27th	8/2/1995
Tomi	Kawamura	33rd 7/10/1989	Eleanor Momoko	Haraguchi	33rd	8/4/1989
Tamezo	Yoshii	50th 7/23/1972	Mildred Emiko	Fujimoto	13th	8/5/2009
Yoshie	Inoue	50th 7/24/1972	Susumu	Nakamura	27th	8/6/1995
Tokiyoshi	Kawamura	7th 7/27/2015	Gary	Miyashiro	7th	8/7/2015
Happy Sueno	Haraguchi	3rd 7/27/2019	Asayo Koigawachi	Fukuda	13th	8/15/2009
Toshiko	Iida	3rd 7/30/2019	Kazuto	Shiraki	33rd	8/17/1989
			Eichi	Sadanaga	23rd	8/17/1999
			Dennis-Isao	Wasano	7th	8/17/2015
			Fumiye	Nakamura	13th	8/28/2009

### From the Minister

It's Obon season. We pause a moment and turn our hearts to our ancestors and loved ones. We have the Family Bon Service on Sunday, June 11 at 9:00 am and Hatsu Bon Service on Saturday, 17th at 10:00 am.

Let's recite Nembutsu, Namu Amida Butsu, together and show our respect and gratitude to our loved ones and the Buddha. Drop-ins are welcome. Let's contemplate.

Namu Amida Butsu

### *In Memory of our Dharma friend*

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

Namu Amida Butsu.



### Temple Cleaning & Flower Arrangement

Group 2	7/3/2021	Mr. Francis Nishizawa - Chair Mrs. Yasuko Murakami, Mr. Clint Saiki, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Yanagawa	Ruby Ishida
Group 3	7/10/2021	Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Takekuma - Chair Mr. Stanford Iwamoto, Mrs. Erin Takekuma, Ms. Madison Doo, Mrs. Tami Ramil, Ms. Taryn Ramil	Joan Slingerland
	7/17/2021	No Cleaning	Kay Takekuma
Group 4	7/24/2021	Ms. Gloria Shimizu - Chair Mr. Haven Kuboyama, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Sunada, Mrs. Pat Yamamoto	Rona Sakai
Group 5	7/31/2021	Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Sakai - Chair Ms. Carol Saiki	Roberta Yanagawa
Group 6	8/7/2021	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tsukamoto - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Brian Yamamoto, Mr. Winston Kawamoto	Ruby Ishida
Group 1	8/14/2021	Mrs. Marie Hashimura - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hiraoka, Mr. Milton Nakamura, Mr. Ray Paler	Joan Slingerland

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**Family Bon Service**  
Sunday, July 11, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.



**Hatsu Bon Service**  
Saturday, July 17, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

**Gravesite Service**  
Upon Request, by appointment

**Food Sale**  
Saturday, July 17, 2021 @ 11:00 a.m.