



ONENESS

KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

DECEMBER 2021

BISHOP'S CORNER

“Thank you, thank you and thank you!”

Bishop Eric Matsumoto



As we enter the time of the year in which we traditionally offer and express our gratitude with our Eitaikyo Services which is an opportunity for us to express our gratitude to those who supported Buddhism including our temples and also make our commitment to the perpetuation of the Dharma into the future, the Thanksgiving Holiday, and the many other religious and/or spiritual holidays including cultural observances, may I take this moment through this message to express my gratitude to the Buddha, the Dharma and you, the Sangha. Truly it is thanks to all Three Treasures that we are continuing as an organization to carry out our Mission Statement of “To share the living Teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism so all beings may enjoy lives of harmony, peace and gratitude.”

In Hawaii, the trend looks very good that the COVID Pandemic is more under control when compared to some other parts of our Nation and the World. However, not without sacrifice, challenges and great effort. I would like to thank you, Members and Friends of Hawaii Kyodan both ministers and lay, for your support, dedication and understanding which enables us to continue especially during this challenging time when, sadly, so many other businesses and institutions in our communities have had to close their doors and many livelihoods have been negatively affected. Lay Members including Staff at temples and Headquarters, thank you for your continued financial support including volunteering your time and energy at temples and with affiliate organizations, and increasing your workload by assuming new responsibilities and contributing to the new Statewide Newsletter. By the way, thank you for the positive comments about Ka Leo Kāhea. Ministers, thank you for continuing to spread the Dharma including providing other spiritual needs for our members like more pastoral care as fellow ministers and members require more guidance, direction and care, in some cases by risking your own health and safety, sacrificing some of your compensation, and increasing your workload with online services and presentations. Lay Members and Ministers, your sacrifices, dedication, and willingness to support enables Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, its temples, affiliates, and programs and projects, to continue and thereby make a difference in one another's life and people's lives all across Hawaii. From the bottom of my heart-and-mind, thank you very much! You, the Sangha of Hawaii Kyodan are truly precious and vital, and essential part of the Three Treasures.

As I observe, I can see the influence of the Dharma in your lives. Thank you, Ministers for sharing the Dharma. It is truly sad that we have lost members and friends to COVID-19, but as I look at our Sangha, I notice that you are, generally, calm and collect, very aware and understanding of the situation and circumstances of the Pandemic, you take the necessary precautions and safety measures so we can all be as safe as we can, and try to make a positive difference by being supportive and caring of each other including the larger community in peaceful ways. I see very clearly the Buddhist teachings like the 4 Kinds of Suffering which includes impermanence, interdependence, equality, the 3 Kinds of Dana (sharing of the Dharma, supporting those who share the Dharma, and the removal of fear), non-violence and compassion to name a few at work as it guides you in your understanding and thus how you live too. Thus, I am very grateful to the wonderful teachings/Dharma which provide you and me with guidance and a balanced healthy perspective for the betterment of one and all.

Finally, we, I, must be grateful to the Buddhas like Shakyamuni for sharing the Dharma with us and especially Amida Buddha for Unconditional Compassion which accepts and embraces promising birth in the wondrous Pure Land of Enlightenment where there is no suffering and our ultimate transformation into a Buddha occurs. No wonder, many of our Sangha Members though living alone, not being able to socially gather with family and friends, or facing economic challenges are still optimistic and filled with joy and gratitude which makes their life meaningful even in these circumstances of the Pandemic. Yes, knowing that Amida Buddha as Namo Amida Butsu is always with us, let us recite, the Nembutsu in grateful acknowledgement of Amida Buddha's love and compassion in awareness, joy and gratitude of Great Wisdom and Compassion.

Once again, to the Three Treasures, "Thank you, thank you, thank you" and Namo Amida Butsu (Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion)!

2022 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The 2022 HHMH Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) will be held on February 11 & 12, 2022 virtually via Zoom. The registration forms were sent on November 2, 2021 to the Temple & Council Presidents. Please submit your completed registration form by December 31, 2021. Since the event will be held online, there is no registration fee. The 2022 Giseikai documents & Zoom link will be emailed to attendees in early February 2022. Thank you very much for your cooperation.



CONDOLENCE

Mrs. Akiko Kie, wife of the late Rev. Soshin Kie, passed away on July 23, 2021 at the age of 95. The ingo (Posthumous Title) of JOU-KOU-IN 浄香院 which means "Pure Fragrance" was conferred by Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

HAWAII DISTRICT NEMBUTSU SEMINAR 2021

Hawaii District Ministers Association will host an online Nembutsu seminar in December 2021.

Date & Time: Saturday, December 11th, 2021, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (HST)
Place: Zoom
Guest Speaker: Rev. Tatsuo Muneto, Retired Minister of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
Topic: Ways of living in wisdom and resilience—
"Following the Footsteps of Nembutsu practitioners on the Big Island"
Fee: Free

Registration is required. Please go to the registration link (<https://forms.gle/bQToK62Pi6J2UoD78>). If you already have registered before, no registration is required. If you have any questions, please contact <hawaii.kyogakkai@gmail.com>

PROPAGATION PROGRAM GRANT

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's, "Propagation Program Grant Committee" would like to announce that the "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 grant 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 how to apply, please check with your resident minister or HQ.

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Buddhist Churches of America Social Welfare Committee and the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Committee on Social Concerns are planning a fun Zoom sharing session about food waste -- both the issue and how we can address it. The selected date of Saturday, April 16, 2022, helps tie the event to Earth Day (April 22).

We hope you will join us in a very impactful joint Hawaii Honpa Social Concerns Committee and BCA Social Welfare Committee event. No matter where we live on this Earth, we all enjoy eating!! But, many rarely consider how the estimated 40% of all food produced in the United States is wasted, discarded or never used for a variety of reasons.

We are looking for your ideas in all phases of the food supply chain, including better planning in purchasing, repurposing surpluses, and disposition (such as donation of extras) after your events. We look forward to your experiences and imagination in creating a better world with less food waste. Let's work together to learn and share ideas for controlling our own food waste as well as how we can help those who are less fortunate.

A survey form to share your experiences and ideas is available using the link below:
<https://forms.gle/9FSjHnuGLm3ZUSyMA>

MAHALO FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS & SUPPORT

October 12-November 19, 2021

In memory of ...

James Yanagida - Linda Naea
Edwin Yoon - Grace Yoon

Eitaikyo Service

Jim Jung
Ralph Kitashima
Karma Klein
Carol Saiki
Gloria Shimizu
Sidney Yanagawa

Sunday Service

Jim Jung
Dimples Kano
Ralph Kitashima
Karma Klein
Angela Petel
Carol Saiki
Gloria Shimizu
Roberta Yanagawa

Columbarium

Kathryn Matayoshi

Membership

Neal & Celeste Kakimoto
Ronald Matsumura
Evelyn Nakamura
Glenn Yagihara

Temple Donations

Sharon Contrades
Ralph Kitashima
Sharyl Lam Yuen
Rueben Yoshida

Volunteer Support

Madison Doo
Marie Hashimura
Robert Hiraoka
Stanford Iwamoto
Winston Kawamoto
Ralph Kitashima
Haven Kuboyama
Rev. Mieko Majima
Milton Nakamura
Ray Paler
Tami Ramil
Taryn Ramil
Carol Saiki
Calvin & Rona Sakai
Gloria Shimizu
Pearl Shimizu
Joan Slingerland
Clyde & Kay Takekuma
Erin Takekuma
Keith & Thelma Tsukamoto
Brian & Wendy Yamamoto
Sidney Yanagawa

Interfaith Thanksgiving Support

Ralph Kitashima
Rev. Mieko Majima
Calvin & Rona Sakai
Gloria Shimizu
Pearl Shimizu
Kristin Yanagawa
Sidney & Roberta Yanagawa
Teri Yanagawa

General Cleanup Support

Madison Doo
Marie Hashimura
Stanford Iwamoto
Ralph Kitashima
Haven Kuboyama
Milton Nakamura
Tami Ramil
Calvin & Rona Sakai
Gloria Shimizu
Pearl Shimizu
Joan Slingerland
Dennis & Sadie Sunada
Lane Sunada
Clyde & Kay Takekuma
Erin Takekuma
Brian & Wendy Yamamoto
Kristin Yanagawa
Sidney Yanagawa

Hall Rental

Lighthouse Outreach Center
Malama Kauai

Social Concerns

Jessie Muramaru
Kathleen Yamamoto
Jill Yoshimatsu



IMPORTANT NOTICE

NO MOCHI SALE

We are sorry we will not be able to have the sale due to COVID-19.

NEW YEAR'S SERVICE

January 2, 2022, 9:00 am

NEW BOOKS

HQ Bookstore

Be The Refuge: Raising the Voices of Asian American Buddhists

by Chenxing Han

\$15

Shinran and Pure Land Buddhism

by Jerome Ducor

\$20

from the president's corner...

Aloha Everyone! It's December and the end of the 2021 year. We extend our sincere gratitude to all of you for your dedication, contribution and support throughout the year. We would not be able to survive this difficult covid year without you. We can smile and say thank you Amida Buddha for making this a wonderful year! Namo Amida Butsu.....

Kapaa Interfaith Thanksgiving - Many helping hands brought smiles and a delicious hot meal to the community on Thanksgiving Day. A Thanksgiving Service at the All Saints Episcopal Church with Rev. Majima and the ministers from various interfaith churches began the day. This was followed by a drive through free meal pick up and deliveries to the homebound. We are thankful for Mark Oyama and his staff who prepared and served the meals and the many volunteers who contributed their time to make it a HAPPY THANKSGIVING for all.

General Cleaning of the temple and social hall - A BIG MAHALO to all who helped to clean the temple and hall before the new year. Everything looks clean and beautiful.

Guest Speaker - Rev. Myoko Takano of the Jodo Mission of Honolulu, Kapaa and Koloa shared his Dharma message at our Sunday Service on November 28. We enjoyed the visual presentation of his family's temple in Fukuoka, Japan and the training he experienced. Wagen aigo was an interesting topic he shared, to bring peace and happiness to all.

Repair & Maintenance - The soffits on the ocean side of the social hall had deteriorated and was falling. It became a safety hazard. The Board approved the repairs which cost \$8,000.

Nomination of 2022 Board of Directors - We welcome new members to the Board. If you would like to serve, please call me before our next meeting on Wednesday, December 8.

Wishing all of you a happy and safe holiday season as we look forward to the New Year. Let us continue to build a healthy sangha and listen to the Dharma at the Sunday Services.

Women's Association

The Kauai United Women's Association decorated the Veterans Cemetery for its annual Lonesome Grave project. The graves were beautifully decorated with flowers and greens to honor and thank the many veterans who served our country. Mahalo to our veterans!

United Jr. YBA of Kauai

The Jr. YBA is on a mission to recruit new members. Although they currently have only 2 members, they work hard and fulfill the responsibilities in various roles of the organization. Madison Doo is the President and Secretary and Taryn Ramil serves as the Vice President and Treasurer. They continue to recycle plastic bottles and aluminum cans to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House which is the charity that was chosen by the Federation of Jr. YBAs. Many thanks to the members who have generously donated the bottles and cans.

Memorial Service

December 2021

Tsuru	Yamamoto	27th	12/9/1995
Sono Hamada	Kodani	33rd	12/11/1989
Shigeo	Yata	13th	12/15/2009
Patsy	Sugita	3rd	12/15/2019
Masaru	Kawamoto	27th	12/16/1995
Takeshi	Yamamoto	3rd	12/16/2019
Satoshi	Hirata	27th	12/19/1995
Kazuyuki	Tsukuda	13th	12/30/2009

January 2022

Jean Masako	Nakamura	13th	1/6/2010
Hatsumi Kuboyama	Haraguchi	17th	1/9/2006
Tomoko	Mitsui	13th	1/17/2010
Yoshimatsu	Yamamoto	33rd	1/22/1990
Natsuko Yamamoto	Tada	7th	1/24/2016

End-Year Service & Bell Ringing

KHM, December 31, 2021 5:00 pm

New Year's Service

KHM, January 2, 2022 9:00 am

In Memory of our Dharma friend



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

From Minister's Desk

Happy Holiday Season! I would like to extend my appreciation to the members and friends for supporting Kapaa Hongwanji activities throughout the difficult time.

Kapaa Interfaith Association is recognized for The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii's 2021, Challenging Religious or Political Extremism. Thank you again for giving back to our community.

May you always have a smile on your face, kindness and peace in your heart as you remember the compassion of Amida Buddha.

Namo Amida Butsu

Temple Cleaning & Flower Arrangement

	11/27/2021	General Cleanup	Rona Sakai
Group 4	12/4/2021	Ms. Gloria Shimizu - Chair Mr. Haven Kuboyama, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Sunada, Mrs. Pat Yamamoto	Ruby Ishida
Group 5	12/11/2021	Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Sakai - Chair Ms. Carol Saiki	Joan Slingerland
Group 6	12/18/2021	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tsukamoto - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Brian Yamamoto, Mr. Winston Kawamoto	Kay Takekuma
	12/25/2021	Volunteer Cleanup	Rona Sakai
	1/1/2022	No Cleanup	Ruby Ishida
Group 1	1/8/2022	Mrs. Marie Hashimura - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hiraoka, Mr. Milton Nakamura, Mr. Ray Paler	Joan Slingerland



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December 1, 2021

Dear Members and Friends of Kapaa,

Subject: 2021-2022 Social Concerns Fund Drive

We celebrated gratitude in the month of November. The Thanksgiving holiday and the Eitaikyo observance are reminders of the countless blessings in our lives and how we live deeply connected to the world around us. It is in this spirit of gratitude that we begin our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive. The fund drive will be from November 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 and the headquarter requested temples to submit their collected donations by September 30, 2022.

Through the generous contributions of Sangha members, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is able to support worthy organizations and programs with funding to continue their work in our community. Your support also allows us to provide compassionate action during times of disaster and the ability to respond to social issues affecting our community. Because of your commitment to promoting the Buddhist values of compassion and loving kindness, we were able to lend our support to organizations such as Project Dana, Hawaii Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (Hawaii VOAD), Malama Kauai, A Cup of Cold Water, and various food banks on each island.

The Golden Chain Grant program was established to promote compassionate action through innovative community service projects. Your generosity directly helps those in need and promotes a more humane world. Some of the grants awarded this year were COVID-19 related, including temple projects to prepare and distribute meals. We also created the COVID-19 Resilience Grant to help temples acquire PPE and cleaning supplies for the health and safety of Sangha members.

Envelopes have been provided for those wishing to use it. Please feel free to ask us if you need extra envelopes. Please make all checks payable to **KAPAA HONGWANJI MISSION**. Our temple treasurer will then make one combined check to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

Your kokua is greatly appreciated. Please continue to support the Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive. Mahalo!

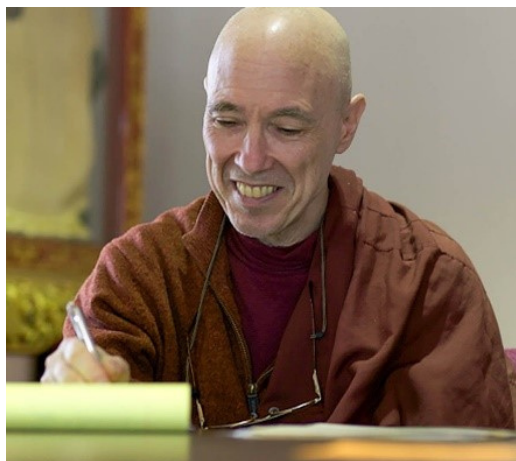
Roberta Yanagawa

Roberta Yanagawa
Chairperson

Mieko Majima

Rev. Mieko Majima
Resident Minister

Main Speaker: Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi



SDGS & BUDDHISM GOAL 2: ZERO HUNGER

What can we do now for our future?
- From Buddhist Perspectives -

-PANELISTS-



Rev. Noriaki Ito



Rev. Konjin Godwin



Rev. Eric Matsumoto

2021.12.11 (SAT) 2-4PM (PST)
FREE ADMISSION
@ZOOM

Registration → <https://forms.gle/YNpDGGBJQ1me7r3p7>
※YOUR DONATIONS HELP OUR EVENT ! !



SDGs & Buddhism

What can we do now for our future?

-From Buddhist Perspectives-

SDGs (sustainable development goals) aim both in the present day as well as in the future at “a society in which no one is left behind.” This is a comprehensive and inclusive way that looks to resolving the seventeen related topics that 193 countries of the United Nations have identified including “poverty and hunger,” “correcting inequality,” “environmental conservation,” and “the realization of a peaceful society.”

We, the Soto Zen, Shinshu Otani-ha, Nichiren Shu and Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha International Centers in the Bay Area have created a group called the Bay Area Buddhist Association (BBA). We are planning to hold a Buddhist interdenominational event to learn about how Buddhism relates to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We hope that through this project ministers and members will learn about Buddhism and the SDGs from each other.

Now, let call for conscious action in accordance with the basic philosophy of SDGs most important goal of “Leaving no one behind,” and the Buddha’s teaching of the Four Major Principles found in The Meaning of Practice and Verification giving: kind speech, beneficial deeds, and cooperation, which are based on the practice of the “Bodhisattva’s Four Embracing Actions” the everyday way of life based on belief in Buddhism which is to carefully use the limited natural resources and food we receive without wasting anything

Speaker:

Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi is an American Buddhist monk originally from New York City. He holds a PhD in philosophy from Claremont Graduate University (1972). After completing his university studies he traveled to Sri Lanka, where he received novice ordination in 1972 and full ordination in 1973. From 1984 until 2002 he was the editor for the Buddhist Publication Society in Kandy, and its president from 1988 until 2010. Ven. Bodhi has many important publications to his credit, either as author, translator, or editor. His most recent publication is Reading the Buddha’s Discourses in Pali: A Practical Guide to the Language of the Ancient Buddhist Canon (2020). Ven. Bodhi lives and teaches at Chuang Yen Monastery in upstate New York. In 2008, together with several of his students, he founded Buddhist Global Relief, a nonprofit supporting hunger and poverty relief for poor communities around the world.

Panelists:

-Rev. Noriaki Ito, Bishop of Higashi Honganji North America District.(Shinshu Otani-ha)
-Rev. Konjin Godwin, Director of Soto Zen Buddhism International Center and the abbot of Houston Zen Center.(Soto Zen)
-Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.(Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha)



THE INTERFAITH ALLIANCE HAWAII

Dear Rev. David Kawika Jackson,

Congratulations! The Kapa`a Interfaith Association (KIA) has been nominated for The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii's 2021, Challenging Religious or Political Extremism award. For several years the Kapa`a Interfaith Association has been a leader in building bridges between faith traditions on Kauai to share in each other's traditions, celebrate in gratitude and to give back to the community.

As you may know, since 2002, The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii (TIAH) has honored the outstanding service organizations and their selfless leaders in the Annual TIAH Awards Celebration. Before the pandemic we traditionally celebrated the awardees in a banquet where they could invite colloques, family, and friends to join them. However, the COVID-19 restrictions of 2020 prevented us from doing that.

This year, we will celebrate the awardees from both 2020 and 2021 in a virtual Zoom event on Saturday December 4th at 6:00 PM where colloques, family, and friends can also join.

Please lets us know if KIA is able to accept the award and if you or other representatives will be able to attend the TIAH Awards virtual event on December 4th. Please email your RSVP to <cynthia.e.lynch21@gmail.com>.

With gratitude for all you do for our community,

Paul Gracie,
TIAH President

Cynthia E. Lynch
Commission on Community Building, Chair



Nembutsu Seminar 2021

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
Hawaii District Ministers Association

Living with Wisdom and Resilience:

Following the Footsteps of
Nembutsu Practicers on the Big Island

Saturday, December 11, 2021

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

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DHARMA TREASURES

SPIRITUAL INSIGHTS FROM
HAWAII'S SHIN BUDDHIST
PIONEERS



*English Translation of
Nembutsu Poems and
Commentaries by*

Tatsuo Muneto



Rev. Tatsuo Muneto
Retired Minister of Honpa
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Buddha Day Service
Sunday, December 5 @ 9:30 a.m.



Monthly Memorial Service
Sunday, December 12 @ 9:00 a.m.

Family Service
Sunday, December 19 @ 9:00 a.m.

Special Family Service
Sunday, December 26 @ 9:00 a.m.

End Year Bell Ringing Service
Friday, December 31 @ 5:00 p.m.