



ONENESS

KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

June 2023

BISHOP'S CORNER

“Go forth...for the good of the many...”

Bishop Eric Matsumoto



On Sunday, May 7, 2023, the Pacific Buddhist Academy held Commencement Exercises for 17 Graduates of PBA's Class of 2023. It was held at the beautiful 700-seat Moanalua Performing Arts Center which is equipped with state-of-the-art audio-visual systems and LED lighting not to mention air-conditioned. As is the unique tradition of PBA, the Head of School gave a tribute to each individual Graduate. Further, each Graduate expressed their appreciation by acknowledging the support they received from their families by giving a kukui nut lei to them as families were called onstage. The

feeling of sangha was strong. The following is the Benediction of the Commencement Exercises delivered by Bishop Eric Matsumoto, the 16th Bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

Benediction for Pacific Buddhist Academy's Class of 2023 Commencement Exercises

Today, as Pacific Buddhist Academy's Commencement Exercises for the Class of 2023 draws to a close, in the presence of Amida Buddha, All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion, let us reflect.

As we congratulate our Graduates, we hope that some of the universal Teachings and Virtues of the Buddha will guide our Graduates for the rest of their life. The most fundamental Teaching or Truth that the Historic Buddha, 2600 years ago, became aware of is that all life, all existence is interconnected and interrelated and nothing exists in total isolation by itself as depicted by the beautiful metaphor of Indra's Jeweled Net meaning we should mutually respect, care and appreciate one another.

A virtue of an Enlightened Person is that the Buddha's very existence benefits both the Buddha and also everyone (and everything) else. It is not that one does something for oneself and does something else for someone else, but whatever one does brings benefit to (both) self and others, together, simultaneously. May our Graduates live their life and continue their endeavors guided by this virtue of the Buddha.

We hope our Graduates will be guided and inspired by Enlightened Wisdom and Compassion for more peace and harmony in the world. As encouragement, I would like to share the exhortation of the Historic Buddha to the monks and nuns of Ancient India to our Graduates (as they go forward themselves). The Buddha said *“Go forth... for the good of the many, for the happiness of the many, out of compassion for the world, for the welfare, the good and the happiness of gods and people.”*

To slowly conclude, may we express our gratitude to one and all. Let us express our gratitude to each other. As we thank our Graduates for their endeavors, let us all express gratitude to all others who played a part in our lives.

Finally, to conclude this Benediction, for those who wish to join me, please join me in gassho/anjali, a gesture of reverence and respect in Buddhism, to recite Namo Amida Butsu, The Buddha’s Name That I Call in Gratitude in response to Namo Amida Butsu, The Buddha’s Name Which Calls Me to Entrust.

Namo Amida Butsu, Namo Amida Butsu. Namo Amida Butsu/ Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion.

BSC SUMMER SESSION

“Shinran’s Challenge: A Shin Buddhist in the 21st Century”



The Buddhist Study Center (BSC) is pleased to offer its 49th Annual Summer Study Session in person and online, June 5-9, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (HST). The featured speaker is Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji, Hongwanji Minister of Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church. The format for each evening includes a lecture by Rev. Miyaji and question-and-answer time. Themes of Summer Session 2023 is “Shinran’s Challenge: A Shin Buddhist in the 21st Century”.

What does a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist look like? It is a difficult question to answer. However, if we go back and investigate the works of Shinran Shonin, there is a wealth of suggestions and themes presented by our founder. He enables us to envision what the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist identity looks like, even today. Shinran Shonin is challenging every one of us to think about what it means to be a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist.

As the American Buddhism movement develops, there is a growing challenge to sustain the teaching brought to us by Shinran Shonin. Let us delve during this weeklong session into these suggestions and themes to have a better understanding of being a Shin Buddhist in the 21st Century.

Our Summer Session speaker is Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji. Since August 2020, Rev. Miyaji has

been the minister of the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church. In addition to his ministerial duties, he teaches at the Institute of Buddhist Studies located in Berkeley, California.

Rev. Dr. Miyaji graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and Japanese language and literature. He received a master's degree in Buddhist Studies from the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, California. Rev. Miyaji received a master's degree in Shin Buddhist Studies and completed the doctoral coursework at Ryukoku University in Kyoto, Japan.

Registration and Donations

Free registration is required to receive Zoom link or attend in person.

Please visit <http://bit.ly/bscsummersession2023>

Or, contact the BSC Office at (808) 973-6555. Please register by Saturday, May 27, 2023.

Suggested tax-deductible donation

5 sessions \$50, single sessions \$10. Online at <http://bit.ly/hhmhdonate>. Or, via check made out to HHMH and mailed to the BSC at 1436 University Ave. Honolulu, HI 96822. Please note the BSC Summer Session on the memo line of your check.

LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAII™ NOMINATION FOR 2024

The Living Treasures of Hawaii™ Committee has updated the nomination form and process and is ready to accept submissions for 2024. Information and the nomination form is available at the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Headquarters Office located at 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 or on our website <https://hongwanjihawaii.com/living-treasures/>.

The completed nomination (nomination form with any letters of recommendation) must be received by the Living Treasures Committee no later than the close of business on August 1st. Any nomination received after August 1st will be considered for the following year. The presentation will be made in February of the following year. For additional information, please call our office at (808) 522-9200.

64th ANNUAL HONPA HONGWANJI STATE MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION SEMINAR

The 64th Annual Honpa Hongwanji State Ministers' Association Seminar will be held on June 6-8, 2023, via Zoom. The theme of the seminar is "Taiki Seppo: Exploring Modern Methods of Sharing the Dharma." The keynote speaker will be Bishop Marvin Harada of the Buddhist Church of America (BCA) and Rev. Shoukei Matsumoto, Hongwanji minister of Komyoji temple in Tokyo.

66th JR. YBA STATE CONVENTION

The Hawaii Federation of Junior Young Buddhist Associations will be holding its 66th Jr. YBA State Convention on June 23-25, 2023, at the Buddhist Study Center, Moiliili Hongwanji and University of Hawaii at Manoa hosted by the United Jr. YBA of Oahu. The theme of this year's convention is "SANGHA, Our Interdependent Environment."

PROPAGATION PROGRAM GRANT

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii "Propagation Program Grant Committee" would like to announce to all of you 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.

HQ BOOKSTORE UPDATE

The new book is available at HHMH Bookstore!

"Dharma Is Everywhere -Reflections Shared at the California State Assembly-"

by Reverends Bob and Patti Oshita

\$20/each

Published by American Buddhist Study Center 2022

Authors: Reverends Robert (Bob) and Patricia (Patti) Oshita are retired ministers of Buddhist Church of America (BCA). They served at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento for 32 years. When they retired it was among the BCA temples with the largest numbers of members.

In 2016, they were asked to be chaplains for the California State Assembly. They were the first Buddhist (and first husband and wife team) to serve the Assembly. Their two-term chaplaincy ended in December 2020. "**Dharma is Everywhere**" is an inspiring collection of their mindful and heartwarming messages to the California State Assembly.

Mahalo for Your Contributions & Support
April 20- May 21

Funeral Service

In memory of the late...

Dr. Clyde Ishida
Emily Ishida

Memorial Services

In memory of the late...

Yasuyo Oshita -
Kay & Clyde Takekuma
Leila & Roy Nishida
Nancy Masada -
Pamela Shimomura
Yvonne Masada,
Gail Matsukawa
June Lizama
Mitsue Hirata -
Wayne Fujioka
Avis Hirahara,
Dean Mizumura

In Memory of the late ...

Yasuyo Oshita
Clyde & Kay Takekuma
Roy & Leila Nishida
Bessie & Richard Nagaoka
Ed Nagaoka & Family
Mitsue Hirata
Wayne Fujioka

Lanterns of Remembrance

Jay Hiramoto
Richard Kubota
Haven Kuboyama
June Lizama
Yvonne Masada
Katherine Matayoshi
Gail Matsukawa
Roy Morita
Baron Nakamatsu
Sally Nakamura
Ethel Aiko Oda
Hiroko Oshima
Carol Saiki
Mae Sakamoto
Carole Seshiki
Pam Shimomura
Joan Slingerland
Patricia Sugai
Dennis & Sadie Sunada
Clyde & Kay Takekuma
Glenn Yagihara

Eshinni - Kakushinni Day

Ed Nagaoka & Family
Erin Takekuma

Gotane Service

Ed Nagaoka & Family
Carol Saiki
Gloria Shimizu
Roberta Yanagawa

Sunday Services

Mildri Cifuentes
Ralph Kitashima
Ed Nagaoka
Leonora Orr
Carol Saiki
Gloria Shimizu
Roberta Yanagawa

Columbarium

Sally Nakamura

Obon Choba

Sally Nakamura
Joan Slingerland
Mildred Tsukuda

Miscellaneous Donations

Sharon Contrades
Rev. Mieko Majima
Michaela Manago
Sally Nakamura
Ethel Aiko Oda
Leah Orr
Calvin & Rona Sakai
Barbara Tsunehiro
Gordon Yoshihara

Bon Dance Craft Donations

Hester Haraguchi
Kuni Quon
Sharon Takatsuki

Membership

Sharon Contrades
Roy Morita
Evelyn Nakamura
Sally Nakamura
Mildred Tsukuda

Social Concerns

Mildred Tsukuda

Building Fund

Marie Hashimura
Honpa Hongwanji Mission Social Concerns Com.
Susan Morita
Sally Nakamura

Hall Rentals

Kings Chapel
Maui Arts & Cultural Center
Michaela Manago
Dustyn DeSilva
Laurel Costa

Volunteer Support

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



Kapaa Hongwanji Mission
2023 Bon Dance
Committee Assignments (Updated)

June 9-10, 2023

Hi everyone! The Bon Festival will be held on June 9-10. The community is excited and looking forward to enjoying the dancing and the Festival. Please check your committee assignments. If you cannot work on Friday or Saturday, please inform the chair of your committee and assist in finding a replacement. We welcome family, friends and supporters who would like to work together to make this community event possible.

General Co Chair: Roberta Yanagawa, Kaleigh Ramil

Planning Committee: Madison Doo, Marie Hashimura, Milton Nakamura, Kaleigh Ramil, Carol Saiki, Gloria Shimizu, Pearl Shimizu, Clint Saiki, Rona & Calvin Sakai, Lane Sunada, Clyde Takekuma, Wendy Yamamoto, Ralph Kitashima and Rev. Majima.

Publicity: Madison Doo - flyers, Angela Petel - distribution of flyers, TGI & Hawaii Herald (RY)

Yagura: David Ishida, Milton Nakamura, Stanford Iwamoto, Clyde Takekuma, Ralph Kitashima

Construction (booths & ring): Stanford Iwamoto (Chair), Haven Kuboyama, Milton Nakamura, Clint Saiki, Lane Sunada, Clyde Takekuma, Ralph Kitashima

Lighting/Audio System: David Ishida (Chair), Landen & Paul Ishida

Purchasing: Roberta (Chair), Gloria Shimizu, Calvin & Rona Sakai, and Clint Saiki and Chad Sakai.

Signs: Madison Doo, Angela Petel

Finance: Milton Nakamura and Gloria Shimizu

Choba: Roy Nishida and Winston Kawamoto

Food Booth Cashiers: Marie Hashimura (Chair), Carol Saiki

Counter/order takers: Carol Saiki (Chair), Heide Murakami, April Murakami, Iris Murakami, Brandi Yamamoto, Key Club students (6)

Food Booth Facilitators (replenish food for counter/make orders):

Stanford Iwamoto, Rene Furukawa, Lorraine Sanow

Cone Sushi & Spam Musubi: Gloria Shimizu (Chair), Pearl Shimizu, Marie Hashimura, Yasuko Murakami, Joan Slingerland.

Rice Cooking: Haven Kuboyama (Chair), Milton Nakamura

Kitchen Crew: Haven Kuboyama, Regina Kawamoto, Yasuko Murakami

Dinner Plate - Roberta ?, Lions Club and CSL members to serve.

Flying Saucer: Clint Saiki (Chair), Lane Sunada (filling chef), Kay Takekuma, Erin Takekuma, Stanford Iwamoto and Clint's Friends

Pronto Pups: Milton Nakamura (chair), Ralph Kitashima, Joan Slingerland, Dennis Sunada (batter)

Yakitori: ClydeTakekuma, Mason Doo, Robert Hiraoka, and Clint's Friends

Somen Salad: Rev. Majima, Roberta

Shave Ice: Calvin Sakai (Chair), Chad Sakai & Jenn Sakai and friends

Drinks: Calvin Sakai, Melissa Proctor, Mr. Proctor

Fish Pond: Madison Doo, Taryn Ramil

Ring Toss: Kaleigh Ramil, Tami Ramil

Country Store: Rona Sakai (chair), Pat Yamamoto (cashier) Joan Kurosaki, Jean Kurosaki, Teri Yanagawa, Mary Jane Fujimura.

Clean up: Everyone please kokua after closing on Friday and Saturday. Sunday at 7:30 a.m. for breaking down and cleaning up. Thank you very much for your participation, cooperation and support. Let's keep a *smile* on our faces and make this an enjoyable, meaningful and memorable event for all.

All committees are requested to wash and dry the pans and utensils you take to the sink. This will eliminate the huge mess at the sink and eliminate dishwashing for hours at the end of event. *Mahalo!*

2023 Bon Dance Schedule of Events

- June 3(Sat.) @ 7:30 am: Set up tent for grilling area in the back of kitchen.
Attach yagura stairs and rope off dance area. Put up Bon Dance sign.
Hang wiring for lighting and sound system.
Dressing room at the temple office. Important items moved to parsonage on 6/05/23 by Jr. YBA.
- June 5 (Mon.) @ 9:00 am: Pick up frozen chicken skewers (20 cs.) from Sysko and refrigerate.
- June 6 (Tue.) @ 7:30 am: Pick up fresh produce
HFA Bread Delivery. (240 loaves of Heath & Harvest)
Take out of tray and arrange on tables to thaw out.
Ground Beef (140 lbs.) delivery from Wailua Meat Co. by Roy
Prepare spices for flying saucer filling.
Measure and bag pronto pup dry ingredients.
- June 7 (Wed.) @ 7:30 am Prep veggies for flying saucer
Prep veggies for nishime.
Prepare sushi vinegar mixture.
Prepare yakitori marinade. (306 lbs. chicken)
Remove bread ends and cut into cubes for flying saucer ingredient.
@ 10:00 a.m. Marinate chicken skewers.
Wash grills and flying saucer irons.
- June 8 (Thu.) @ 7:30 am: Cook flying saucer filling.
Cut chicken for nishime and bag in ziploc.
@ 9:30 am Receive non perishable items for the country store.
Prep lomi salmon - dice tomatoes, onion and green onions
Sweet potatoes: wash and steam or boil
@ 10:30 am: Prepare cone sushi ingredients
Pack lomi salmon in 4 oz. containers w/lids. Refrigerate
@12:30 p.m. Cover yagura and set up game booths outside with pop-up tents.
Put us signs.
Clean and arrange chairs around the dance ring.
@ 1:00 pm: Prepare somen and salad ingredients.
Slice sweet potatoes
- June 9 (Fri.) @ 7:30 am: Butter flying saucer bread slices.
Hang chochin over dance area.
Rope area for:
Mahelona: ? chairs, 1 van 1 car
Set up chairs around the dance ring.
@ 9:00 am Receive items for country store.
Set up outdoor food cooking area.
Set up food booth and country store.
Put up signs, Menus on counter, menu order forms, pencils, calculators.
@ 12:00 noon Wash and cook rice for cone sushi. (30#) and for dinner plates.
@ 1:00 pm Mix rice with vinegar sauce, carrots and green beans.
All sushi volunteers arrive for sushi production.
@ 1:30 pm Begin cone sushi production. Pack 4 cone sushi in each container.
Pick up ice for shave ice and drinks. 500# (Chad and Calvin)
@ 2:30 pm Fill bread w/flying saucer filing. Wash & cook rice for dinner plates.
@ 4:30 pm Set up area for dinner plate serving, heat corn, receive roast pork.
Begin grilling flying saucer and yakitori. Mix batter for pronto pup.
@ 5:00 pm Begin serving dinner plates and cooking pronto pups.

		Place table at yagura for small drums, take out and set up large drum. Cooler with ice and water for the drummers by the yagura. Set up Choba table
	@ 5:30 pm	Open Choba table before Hatsubon Service.
	@ 6:00 pm	<i>Hatsubon Service:</i> No loud music during service.
	@ 6:00 pm	Open Country Store and Food Booth (NO PRE-SALES) Open Game booths
	@ 7:00 pm	<i>Opening Ceremony - chanting by Rev. Majima.</i> Silence during chanting.
	@ 7:30 pm	Dancing begins
	@ 10:00 pm	Closing - Thank you by Rev. Majima Bring drums to hall. Take trash to the dumpster. Clean up pans, equipment and utensils.
June 10 (Sat.)	@ 7:30 am	Clean and tidy up premise. Butter flying saucer bread slices.
	@ 2:30 pm	Prepare rice for spam musubi. Fill bread w/flying saucer filling.
	@ 3:00 pm	Begin spam musubi production. Pick up ice for shave ice and drinks (300#) Pick up 300 Lauiaus at Durant (will meet across Immaculate Conception)
	@ 4:30 pm	Set up serving area for laulau, lomi salmon, sweet potato and rice. Begin grilling flying saucer and yakitori. Mix pronto pup batter.
	@ 5:00 pm	Begin serving dinner plates and cooking pronto pups.
	@ 6:00 pm	Open Country Store & Food Booth (NO PRE-SALE) Open Game booth
	@ 6:00 pm	Open Choba table.
	@ 7:00 pm	Chanting by Rev. Majima
	@ 7:30 pm	Dancing Begins
	@ 10:00 pm	Closing - Thank you by Rev. Majima. Bring drums to hall. Take trash to the dumpster. Clean up pans, equipment and utensils.
June 11 (Sun.)	@ 7:30 am	Clean and tidy up premise. Take down and put away chochin, electrical wirings and audio system. Take down signs from side of hall and put away. Clean and put away chairs and tables. Move yagura to storage area. Clean dressing area in office and food/game booths and put away in the proper storage areas. Clean and dry the large refrig. and unplug from the electrical outlets. Sweep and mop the hall and kitchen floors. Wash, dry and put away all equipment and utensils. Take inventory of leftover supplies, pack and put away.
	@ 10:00 am	Lunch for workers. All Pau! Thank you very much!

Donations for the Country Store

We will be having a Country Store on Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10, 2023. We would appreciate any donations of fruits, vegetables, plants, flowers, baked goods, pickles, jams, handcrafted or sewn items, etc. You may drop off non-food items at the Social Hall on June 8 and food items on Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10 by 12:00 noon. Please label or make a sign for the food item listing the ingredients for people with allergies. When dropping off donations, please sign the donation list. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.



Memorial Service

June				July			
Katsumi	Ikeda	7th	6/5/2017	Masami	Iwai	33rd	7/5/1991
Clarence Yukio	Ishida	7th	6/10/2017	Harry Toshio	Saiki	17th	7/8/2007
Eleanoir	Seshiki	1st	6/10/2022	Asano	Saiki	17th	7/16/2007
Haruo	Watanabe	17th	6/13/2007	Shinobu	Tanaka	27th	7/17/1997
Francis	Ikeda	7th	6/17/2017	John Kazuto	Isobe	7th	7/18/2017
Hatsue	Shimada	50th	6/20/1974	Kawayo	Taketa	27th	7/30/1997
Iwao	Mitsui	33rd	6/24/1991	Namiko	Yoshida	17th	7/30/2007
Alice	Taogoshi	1st	6/25/2022	Irene Hisako	Maeda	7th	8/16/2017
				Toshio	Nakagawa	33rd	8/17/1991
				Shigeno	Nishida	23rd	8/22/2001
				Kiyoko	Wakumoto	13th	8/26/2011

In Memoriam...

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

Evelyn Nakamura

12/7/1930- 5/28/2023

Namo Amida Butsu

From Minister's Desk

Get ready to dance and join us on June 9 at 6:00 pm for Hatsu Bon service. Bring your family and friends as we gather to honor our loved ones. Namo Amida Butsu

Temple Cleaning & Flower Arrangement

6/3/2023	Group 6	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tsukamoto - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Brian Yamamoto, Mr. Winston Kawamoto	Ruby Ishida
6/10/2023	Group 1	Mrs. Marie Hashimura - Chair Mr. Milton Nakamura, Mr. Ray Paler Mr. Robert Hiraoka	Joan Slingerland
6/17/2023	Group 2	Mr. Clint Saiki - Chair Mrs. Yasuko Murakami, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Yanagawa	Kay Takekuma
6/24/2023	Group 3	Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Takekuma - Chair Mr. Stanford Iwamoto, Mrs. Erin Takekuma, Ms. Madison Doo, Mrs. Tami Ramil, Ms. Kaleigh Ramil	Rona Sakai
7/1/2023	Group 4	Ms. Gloria Shimizu - Chair Mr. Haven Kuboyama, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Sunada, Mrs. Pat Yamamoto	Ruby Ishida
7/8/2023	Group 5	Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Sakai - Chair Ms. Carol Saiki	Joan Slingerland

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June 2023

Baccalaureate Service

June 4, 2023, 10:00 am

Hatsu Bon Service

June 9, 2023, 6:00 pm

No Service

June 11, 2023

Father's Day Service

June 18, 2023, 9:00 am

Monthly Memorial Service

June 25, 2023, 9:00 am

