



ONENESS

KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

August 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP



It is with immense joy and a sense of humble responsibility that I began my duty as the 17th Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. While I am fully aware that I have much to learn and that the responsibilities of this role are significant, I am also filled with an unwavering enthusiasm to serve alongside each and every one of you.

As we continue this shared Nembutsu journey, I want to, first of all, express my gratitude for the dedication and commitment you have put into your temple, district, and the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Thank you very much. I am humbled to be surrounded by such inspiring ministers and Dharma friends. I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to meet you and collaborate with you to share the joy of the Nembutsu teaching with people in our community.

Please know that my door is always open, and I am here to support you in any way that I can. Whether it is guidance, encouragement, or simply a listening ear, I am committed to fostering a warm and nurturing relationship within the embrace of Amida Buddha. Together with the entire Headquarters staff, I look forward to working together with you. If you are in the vicinity, please drop by to say “Hi” and visit YOUR HQ’s Office and Bookstore.

May our life’s journey be inspired and guided by the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha.

Namo Amida Butsu,

Toshiyuki Umitani
Bishop

PERSONNEL

Rev. Shinkai Murakami was relieved from his position as the Minister Advisor of Federation of Buddhist Women's Association as of May 31, 2023.

Rev. Blayne Higa was appointed to the Minister Advisor of Federation of Buddhist Women's Association as of June 1, 2023.

Rev. Yuika Hasebe, currently serving at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as its Acting Rimban (Chief Minister), will be assigned to the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as its Rimban (Chief Minister) as of August 1, 2023.

Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata, upon completing his two-month onboarding program, will be assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as its Associate Minister as of August 1, 2023. Rev. Nakasone also serves as the Chaplain of the Pacific Buddhist Academy as of August 1, 2023.

Rev. Daido Baba will be relieved from his position as the Chaplain of the Pacific Buddhist Academy as of July 31, 2023.

Rev. Sol Kalu, currently serving at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as its Associate Minister, will be assigned to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Headquarters as Headquarters Staff in the Office of Buddhist Education as of August 1, 2023.

Rev. Kazunori Takahashi, Rev. Shinkai Murakami, Rev. Satoshi Tomioka, Rev. Mieko Majima, and Rev. Blayne Higa were relieved of their position as Sanmu (Bishop's Advisory Board) as of June 30, 2023.

Rev. Kazunori Takahashi, Rev. Shinkai Murakami, Rev. Ai Hironaka, Rev. Yuika Hasebe, and Rev. Blayne Higa were newly appointed as Sanmu (Bishop's Advisory Board) as of July 1, 2023. Rev. Takahashi serves as Sanmucho (Chair of the Bishop's Advisory Board).

2022-2023 SOCIAL CONCERNS FUND DRIVE UPDATE

Reminder that the current Social Concerns Fund Drive will run till August 31, 2023. The Committee on Social Concerns requests that temples please submit all collected donations to Hawaii Kyodan HQ by September 30, 2023.

Through your generosity, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is able to support worthy organizations and programs with funding to continue their work in our community and allows us to provide aid during times of disaster. We also continue to award Golden Chain Grants to encourage sharing the Dharma through compassionate service.

Your support directly impacts the lives of others. Mahalo for your generosity!

In Gassho,
Rev. Blayne Higa, Chair
Committee on Social Concerns

66th JR. YBA STATE CONVENTION REPORT

Aloha!

On behalf of the Hawaii Federation of Jr. YBAs, we hope you are doing well! Last month was eventful for our organization as members participated in the 66th Jr. YBA State Convention hosted by the United Jr. YBA of Oahu! Every year, members assemble to make new connections, discuss parliamentary business, and practice the Dharma together.

This year's theme, "Sangha: Our Interdependent Environment," intertwined the concept of interdependence, which we can apply to our connection with the Earth and the micro-communities we are a part of.

Our workshops during our convention helped us explore this concept. We learned about Native Hawaiian practices from students of the Hale Hāola Kanaka Cultural Institute. They shared their experiences about revitalizing and caring for the land. We cared for the 'āina by volunteering at Ka Papa Lo'i O Kānewai at UH Manoa by removing weeds from the taro patches. The kumu shared the interdependence of the water system in the ahupua'a. Taiko Sensei Jay Toyofuku also led an interactive Kumi Daiko workshop emphasizing the importance of playing together.

In addition to workshops, we also discussed business matters. This year we passed five resolutions. We covered resolutions that introduced parliamentary changes to improve our organization and honored members of our community- Former Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Mrs. Kerrie (Wong) Tom.

This convention was only possible with the tireless dedication of many individuals and support from the greater Hongwanji community. This convention was a testament to how interdependent we are. Thank you to all the temples, organizations, and individuals for your donations in support of our convention!

The Jr. YBA is always looking for new members. We welcome youth from 6th grade to 2 years after high school graduation. No temple membership is required. Jr. YBA offers opportunities to develop essential skills, meet other Buddhist youth, serve our communities, travel, and much more. If you are interested, please visit our website: <https://www.hawaiiiryba.com/>.

We hope to see you next year in Maui for our next convention!

In Gassho,

Chihiro Okawa & Ty Wakahiro

SAVE THE DATE

HONOLULU & OAHU HONGWANJI COUNCIL NEMBUTSU SEMINAR

Date & Time: Saturday, August 12th, 2023, 9 am -11:30 am
Speaker: Rev. Ko'e A. Umezu, Assistant Minister at the West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple
Topic: Diversity & Acceptance in Buddha's Vow
Place: In-person at the Buddhist Study Center and online via Zoom
Free Registration: <https://forms.gle/N9nCqL14xpviooUf8>
Registration Deadline: Saturday, August 5, 2023

HAWAII DISTRICT NEMBUTSU SEMINAR

The In-person and zoom online Hawaii District Nembutsu Seminar in August 2023

Date & Time: Sunday, August 26, 2023, from 10 am to 11:30 am (HST)
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson, Professor of Religious Studies and East Asian Studies at Renison University College and the University of Waterloo, Canada / Minister's Assistant, Toronto Buddhist Church
Topic: "Living Nembutsu: Jodo Shinshu and Social Engagement"
Online Registration: <https://forms.gle/HasehA5mhBNouAed7>
Registration Deadline: Thursday, August 17, 2023
Fee: \$10 with lunch (in-person), Free (online)

2023 KAUAI HONGWANJI COUNCIL NEMBUTSU SEMINAR

Date: Saturday, August 26, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Speaker: Rev. Tatsuo Muneto

Title: "Manifesting Amida's Compassionate Heart
Legacy of the Nembutsu Followers in Hawaii."

Registration: <https://forms.gle/7tHn5Kw1XhnsJN7DA>

The goal of the Buddhist Path is to be liberated (saved) from suffering and sorrow caused by one's blind passion. And the ultimate goal is to achieve the bliss of Nirvana. In Jodo Shinshu, this goal is attained through awakening to one's defiled self and the boundless compassion of Amida Buddha simultaneously. Are you walking this Nembutsu path here and now with your Dharma friends?

In the 135 years of the history of Hongwanji in our Hawaii-nei, there were a number of Nembutsu followers who attained the joy of walking the path of freedom. They went through the search for spiritual awakening and left a number of poems describing how they attained Entrusting Heart (shinjin). They became humble and cheerful people who shared the Nembutsu path with others. Through the 2023 Kauai Nembutsu Seminar, Rev. Muneto will share the legacy of Nembutsu followers he met during his ministry on the Big Island and Kauai.

Mahalo for Your Contributions & Support

June 19-July 21, 2023

Family Obon Service

Ralph Kitashima
Carol Saiki
Gloria Shimizu
Roberta Yanagawa

Sunday Memorial Service

Ralph Kitashima
Carol Saiki
Gloria Shimizu
Roberta Yanagawa

Obon Graveside Service

Winston Kawamoto
Jessie Muramaru
Calvin & Rona Sakai
Yanagawa Family

Choba

Pearl Shimizu
Janet Sueoka
Jeannie Yoshida

Bon Dance Donation

Hanalei Nihonjin Kai Association

In Memory of the late...

Mildred Fujimoto & Colin Sunada
Colette Saiki

Miscellaneous Donations

Sharon Contrades
Clyde Takekuma

Building Repair Fund

Gloria Shimizu

Membership

Josephine Dodo

Volunteer Support

Madison Doo
Mason Doo
Marie Hashimura
David & Ruby Ishida
Stanford Iwamoto
Winston Kawamoto
Ralph Kitashima
Haven Kuboyama
Rev. Mieko Majima
Milton Nakamura
Ray Paler
Kaleigh Ramil
Tami 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



Hanalei Nihonjin Kai Cemetery Donation

The Hanalei Nihonjin Kai Association needs our help to restore the cemetery which was washed away in the 2018 landslide and flood in Hanalei. Many of our Hongwanji ancestors' gravesites were lost. The association will be building a monument with the names of the individuals who were interred there. They need to raise enough funds to proceed with this project. Your kokua with a monetary donation in memory of the deceased members will express our sincere gratitude for their contributions. A return envelope is included with newsletter.

Please make a donation payable to: **Hanalei Nihonjin Kai**

Send to: **C/O Kapaa Hongwanji Mission**

4-1170 Kuhio Hwy, Kapaa, HI 96746



from the president's corner...

Aloha Everyone! We congratulate and welcome our 17th Bishop, Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani. We look forward to working together to ensure that we will continue to share the Jodo Shinshu teachings and remain as a vital entity of the community.

Thankfully we have about 10 members who are committed to clean and prepare the hall to be leased. We have been working diligently to complete the task on Saturdays from 7:30 - 11:30 a.m. We have cancelled the cleaning day on August 5 due to a scheduled funeral service. If you are available to assist, please come on August 12 at 7:30 a.m. to help arrange the items for the flash sale.

Clean up & Flash Sale - Saturday, August 12, 2023 @ 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

We will be selling all kinds of used things such as dishes, small appliances, kitchen items, tables, used refrigerators, containers, etc.

Women's Association

The Kauai United Hongwanji BWA have scheduled the Fall Conference on Sunday, October 22, at 9:00 a.m. The Lihue Hongwanji Women's Association will be hosting this event at their temple. They are in the planning stage and will inform us of the details soon. The general membership meeting will also be held at the conference,

Kapaa Hongwanji currently has 2 active members. We are currently recruiting ladies who are interested in joining the Women's Association.. Please call Roberta at 808 822-4667 for the membership form.

United Jr. YBA of Kauai

The Jr. YBA is recruiting new members for this school year. President Madison Doo graduated from Kapaa High School and will be attending Western Washington University to major in Elementary Education. Taryn Ramil will continue her education at the University of Hawaii. They will not be on Kauai so it would be difficult to continue their long distance membership.

We would love to have new members join us. You don't need to be a member of Kapaa Hongwanji. Membership is now open from the 6th grade to the second year after high school. We meet each month to discuss activities, community service projects and temple events. State wide Federation Meetings are held once a quarter.

Memorial Service

August

Irene Hisako	Maeda	7th	8/16/2017
Toshio	Nakagawa	33rd	8/17/1991
Shingen	Nishida	23rd	8/22/2001
Kiyoko	Wakumoto	13th	8/26/2011

September

Takeo	Inoshita	50th	9/2/1974
Kazumasa	Morita	17th	9/11/2007
Herbert	Nakamura	33rd	9/11/1991
Fusae	Furumoto	33rd	9/23/1991

In Memoriam...

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

Doreen Reiko Koerte
May 5, 1960– July 13, 2023

Fusako Yanagida Harada
March 9, 1921– July 15, 2023



Namo Amida Butsu

From Minister's Desk

Obon is a significant observance deeply rooted in our cultural heritage. During this special time, families hold Obon Service as a profound way to honor their ancestors and cherish the memories of all those who have passed on. If you are planning to have a private gravesite Bon service, please contact the temple at 808.822.4667. There is a limitation for each person's life, but life is passed down from generation to generation, and we live in the immeasurable life. May this Obon be a time of reflection, remembrance, and unity as we honor the past and embrace the future.

Namo Amida Butsu

Temple Cleaning & Flower Arrangement

8/5/2023	Group 3	Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Takekuma - Chair Mr. Stanford Iwamoto, Mrs. Erin Takekuma, Ms. Madison Doo, Mrs. Tami Ramil, Ms. Kaleigh Ramil	Ruby Ishida
8/12/2023	Group 4	Ms. Gloria Shimizu - Chair Mr. Haven Kuboyama, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Sunada,	Joan Slingerland
8/19/2023	Group 5	Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Sakai - Chair Ms. Carol Saiki	Kay Takekuma
8/26/2023	Group 6	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tsukamoto - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Brian Yamamoto,	Rona Sakai
9/2/2023	Group 1	Mrs. Marie Hashimura - Chair Mr. Milton Nakamura, Mr. Ray Paler	Ruby Ishida
9/9/2023	Group 2	Mr. Clint Saiki - Chair Mrs. Yasuko Murakami, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Yanagawa	Joan Slingerland

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August 2023

Monthly Memorial Service

August 6, 2023, 9:00 am

Family Service

August 13, 2023, 9:00 am

Japanese Peace Day Service

August 20, 2023, 9:00 am

Family Service

August 27, 2023, 9:00 am

