

Hongwanji Radio Programs

JANUARY 2013

KZOO 1210 AM

Japanese Language

Sat., 7:30 AM

- 05 Gomonshu Kosin Ohtani
and Bishop Matsumoto
- 12 Rev. Toshima
- 19 Rev. Toshiam
- 26 Rev. Muneto

January 2013

Betsuin Services Adult English Services

9:30 am

- 13 Ho'onko Service
Rev. Earl Ikeda
- 27 General Membership and
NY Party after combined service
Rev. Tatsuo Muneto

10am

- 6 Rev. Richard Tennes
- 20 Rev. Yoshiko Umitani

Dharma School Service 9am

- 6 Rev. Bert Sumikawa
- 13 Combined service 9:30 am
- 20 TBA
- 27 Combined service 9:30 am

- 3 **Hale Nani (10AM)**
Rev. Richard Tennes
- Hale Ho Aloha (10AM)**
Rev. Tomo Hojo
- 10 **Maluhia (10AM)**
Rev. Tatsuo Muneto
- Liliha**
Rev. Bert Sumikawa
- 11 **Kuakini (9:30AM)**
Rev. Bert Sumikawa



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Betsuin's Annual New Year's Party date and time have changed!

The new date and time is **Sunday, January 27, 2013** after the combined Dharma School and Adult service which will start at 9:30 A.M.

The change is to accommodate those members reluctant to drive at night and to encourage all supporters of the Temple to participate in this yearly General Meeting and Celebration.



As in the past there will be a silent auction to offset expenses of our members who represent us at the yearly statewide Legislative Assembly and Laymen's Convention. With the Dharma School in charge of the program, we can anticipate an interesting change in the program format.

Tickets for the function will be sold in January for a nominal amount.

Donations of dessert will be appreciated.
(Please notify the Betsuin office.)



The great practice is to say the Name of the Tathagata of unhindered light. This practice, comprehensively encompassing all practices, is perfect and most rapid in bringing them to fullness. For this reason, it is called "great practice." Saying the Name then breaks through all the ignorance of sentient beings and readily brings all their aspirations to fulfillment. Saying the Name is in itself mindfulness; mindfulness is nembutsu; nembutsu is Namu-amida-butsu.
- Shinran Shonin



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2013 Slogan:
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Rev. Richard Tennes
Rev. Tomo Hojo
Rev. Bert Sumikawa

Ho'onko Services January 12 and 13

Hawaii Betsuin will hold its observance of Ho'onko, the Memorial of Shinran Shonin, on January 12 and 13. For Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, Ho'onko is a most important observance because it allows us to commemorate the life of a man whose unique insight into the meaning of Buddhism has transformed the lives of countless people and brought deep joy and appreciation to many. Our remembrance of Shinran's Memorial is especially significant because Shinran's teaching is one most appropriate to our modern world, and as it finds new expressions and forms, will certainly continue to benefit people on into the future, bringing true happiness to the world.

Yet, though we remember our teacher Shinran with deep appreciation, it is his thoughts and religious outlook that we celebrate and revere on this important occasion. Shinran Shonin taught us to rely solely on the infinite compassion of Amida's Primal Aspiration, the "Other Power" which constantly works to save every person, burdened by blind passions, from the endless sufferings of birth-and-death. "Ho'onko" means "a gathering for expressing our debt of gratitude"; saved by the working of Amida's Aspiration, we are joyful to have this opportunity to express our gratitude through our Ho'onko Service.

Our guest speaker for the Sunday Morning Japanese and English Services will be Rev. Earl Ikeda, Resident Minister of Moliili Hongwanji. Rev. Earl M. Ikeda (Shaku Shoshin) was born in Hilo, Hawaii. He graduated from Hilo High School in 1966 and

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2013 Ho'onko Service Schedule

Saturday, January 12

7:00pm Evening English Service (Speaker: Rev. Bert Sumikawa)

Sunday, January 13

8:00am Jinjo Japanese Service (Guest Speaker: Rev. Earl Ikeda)

9:30am Combined English Family Service

(Guest Speaker: Rev. Earl Ikeda)

1:00pm Gomanza Japanese Service (Speaker: Rimban Tatsuo Muneto)

Change of Time for Japanese Service

Effective on January 6, 2013, the starting time for Sunday Japanese Service will change from 7:30 AM to 8:00 AM. This change of time has been made in consideration of safety issue of those who attend the service and the ministers. Particularly, improving the working condition of Toban minister on Sunday was considered.

As a result of this change, the Early Morning English Service will be changed from 7:00 AM to 7:30 AM. This change will take place effective on Sunday, February 10, 2013.

Rimban's Column: On Minister's Lay Assistant Program Rev Tatsuo Muneto



The Hawaii Betsuin's ministerial staff would like to invite adult members of the temple to join the Minister's Lay Assistant program, a new

program that will train lay volunteers to assist the temple ministers in providing religious, education and other programs for the sangha. This program will provide a learning experience in living the Dharma for both clergy and lay.

The Hawaii Betsuin is in need of this program due fewer ministers being assigned to the Betsuin. From 2011 to 2012, the number of ministers decreased from six to four. Although the number of ministers carrying out the work of the Betsuin is a concern, a more important consideration for implementing the Lay Assistant Program is that the Lay Assistant program will provide the opportunity for both men and women in the sangha to be part of the Jodo Shinshu ministry in Hawaii today.

When I think about the collaboration of ministers and lay members in the temple operation, I am grateful to many volunteers who supported the program in the past. Take the Sunday English Adult Service, for example. The Sudhana Fellowship was organized decades ago in order

to have its members assist the at the Sunday service by ushering, setting up incense tables, serving as the MC, recording the service for radio broadcasts and any other assistance that was needed to hold the service. The Sudhana members have been the backbone of the English service for many years.

With the change of spiritual and religious climate in the community, the temple needs to address the different needs of the congregation, old and new. More people are asking about meaning of life in Buddhism, and asking what they should do in the temple. It is here that Ministers' Lay Assistants, with proper education and training in Jodo Shin teaching, history of Hongwanji and liturgies, provide support to the ministers and the temple organizations.

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In Memoriam  November 2012

The Hawai'i Betsuin extends its deepest sympathies to the families of the following members who passed away recently. May the family members find solace and comfort in the Nembutsu.

Namo Amida Butsu

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| 5 Barbara Natsuko Miyata (88) | 15 Setsuo Okuma (88) |
| 7 Norman Sadao Murakami (68) | 19 Jason Chikao Ban (66) |
| 7 Daniel Akihisa Okuda (82) | 20 Winona Wakata (83) |
| 9 Yukiko Ohara (93) | 22 Misae Nakamoto (92) |
| 10 Seigi Ikehara (98) | 22 Fusano Yoshimasu (92) |
| 12 Shigeru Ito (92) | 22 Ruth Chizuko Matsumoto (104) |
| 15 Richard Sawayoshi Iwata (86) | 30 Margaret Yukiko Furuya (77) |

2012 Memorial Service Schedule

2013 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

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| 2012 – 1 year | 2001 – 13 year | 1981 – 33 year |
| 2011 – 3 year | 1997 – 17 year | 1964 – 50 year |
| 2007 – 7 year | 1989 – 25 year | 1914 – 100 year |

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Events Calendar

The Goji provides this monthly Events Calendar to keep everyone informed about cultural activities at our temple. Please help us by submitting information by email to hibetsuin@hawaii.rr.com, or by calling the Betsuin office at 536-7044.

Hawaii Betsuin January 2013 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Shusho-E (NY Service) 10:00a – Bishop Eric Matsumoto (English) Rev. Muneto (Japanese)	2 7 pm–Quiet Meditation	3 9 am Flower Arrangement 5:30 pm Choir Practice 7 pm Ballroom Dancing	4 9 am Project Dana Dance	5
6 8:00 – Rev. Muneto 9:00 – Rev. Sumikawa 10:00 – Rev. Tennes 1:00 – Rev. Hojo	7	8	9 9 am Wednesday Grp 7 pm Bon Dancercise 7 pm–Quiet Meditation	10 9 am Flower Arrangement 11 am Sahn Bo Dahn 5:30 pm Choir Practice 7 pm Ballroom Dancing	11 9 am Project Dana Dance 9 am Sumi-e Class	12 10 am Hawaiiana 1 pm Taichi 7 pm Ho'onko Evening Service –Rev.Sumikawa
13 Ho'onko 8:00 – Rev. Ikeda 9:30 – Rev. Ikeda 1:00 – Rev. Muneto	14 9 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life	15 9 am – 1:30 pm Rhythm & Life	16 9 am Wednesday Grp 9 am Japanese Language 7 pm Bon Dancercise 7 pm–Quiet Meditation	17 9 am Flower Arrangement 11 am Sahn Bo Dahn 5:30 pm Choir Practice 7 pm Ballroom Dancing	18 9 am Project Dana Dance	19 10 am Hawaiiana 1 pm Taichi
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Happy New Year!



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Don't carry them through the evening and into the night.

Life is short. Enjoy it and the now "supposed" stress that you have conquered.

1. Accept the fact that some days you are going to be the pigeon, and some days you are going to be the statue.
2. Always keep your words short and sweet, just in case you have to eat them. (I have a hard time with that one.)
3. If you can't be kind, have the decency to be vague.
4. If you lend someone \$20 and never see him again, it was probably worth it.
5. Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because it doesn't leave you a leg to stand on.
6. It's always the second mouse that gets the cheese.
7. Birthdays are good for you. The

more you have, the longer you live.

8. We could learn from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty, and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.

9. A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

I would like to close this talk with an excerpt from a poem written by Chiyono Sasaki, who was born in Kau on the island of Hawaii. It is entitled, "**As I Am.**"

I am so happy about being as I am that I naturally bow my head.
Being good or bad, I am what I am.
Being false or true, I am what I am.
Having or not having, I am what I am,
Rain or shine, I am what I am.
Crying or laughing, I am what I am.
Being dissatisfied with what I am, how greedy can I be!
Being as I am does not change, it cannot be changed.
Only Oya-sama affirms me, calling, "Come as you are."
Because the compassion of Oya-sama is all embracing, I am now contained within it.
Oya-sama is pleased, and I am happy too.

Namo Amida Butsu

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Lay Assistants are also needed in such other areas as Adult Dharma Classes, Hongwanji Mission School religious education, regular Nursing Home Services and so forth. Even in the area of altar preparations for the Six Major Services, lay assistance is needed, and it becomes a precious opportunity to learn about altar symbols and meaning, and temple etiquette.

As a prominent Buddhist teacher from Asia said, to clean the temple (altar, hall and rooms) is not just cleaning the building. It is to embody one's appreciation of the Buddha's wisdom and compassion. Study of the theory "salvation" must be practiced through living the Dharma. The Minister's Lay Assistant program will encourage liv-

ing the Dharma through assisting the minister's work in and outside of the temple.

Thus, the Minister's Lay Assistant program will become one of the vital ways to realize the Hawaii Betsuin's Strategic Plan in the next few years. It states the following Mission Statement:

"The mission of Hawaii Betsuin is to enrich people with a life of gratitude, harmony, and peace by sharing Buddhist teachings.

- We share Amida Buddha's Teachings of wisdom and compassion as taught by Shinran Shonin through religious services, classes, and programs.
- We create safe, welcoming, and

aesthetically supportive environment to nurture religious development.

- We care for people by tending to their spiritual, physical, and emotional needs.
- We provide education guided by Buddhist values. "

Will you be part of this Shin Buddhist movement? If you are interested in this program, please contact one of the Betsuin ministers. They will give you a flyer with the program guidelines and tentative schedule of classes. Recruitment for the Lay Assistants program will begin in early January and continue to end of February, 2013. The weekly training sessions will begin in early March 2013.

Dharma message: Rev. Bert Sumikawa A Bodhi Day Reflection

In December, we observed Bodhi Day at the Betsuin and at the Higashi Hongwanji Betsuin that was sponsored by the Hawaii Buddhist Council. As you recall, after years of effort, Siddhartha Gautama meditated under the pippala tree and attained enlightenment. He entered into a quiet meditation to learn the true nature of himself. He saw how in innumerable past existences he had traveled toward this moment, supported by the work and kindness of others, and learning to perfect the paramitas.

Born as a crown prince, young Siddhartha had everything in the world – wealth, power, everything an ordinary person would want or long for. However, there was a great deal of struggle within him. He wanted to know about life and how its sufferings could be overcome. All beings are subjected to suffering caused by illness, old age, death and the sufferings that arise from the separation of loved ones and the forced contact with those we dislike. It is from our desires that are the root causes that cannot be satisfied.

On this Bodhi Day observance, what do you think would make the Buddha happy? What do you really think the Buddha would want you to do? Think of what a parent would want for you. A parent would want you to be happy throughout your life. In the same way of thinking, the Buddha would want you to attain full enlightenment, to be truly happy. At least, to try to move toward that direction. Is this hard to achieve? Well, for the Buddha, it took six years.

In arriving at the answer to the hard question, the Buddha asked this: Why do people suffer? But if you look around you at this moment, you're actually not suffering, right? You have a pretty good place to call a home, enough food to eat, good clothes to dress yourselves with, friends and so forth, so right now, you are not suffering, right?

However, I don't think the Buddha meant it that way. What he meant was, that somehow, life won't go directly as you want it to. There are ups and downs.

It is said that life is a bumpy road, that we experience disappointments, fear and sadness. Some of us hit more bumps than others, maybe, but bumps are our natural part of our human existence. But, we are always in some kind of suffering because we keep wanting things. We never seem to have enough. When I was a young boy, every Christmas I used make this long want list of things I wanted my mother to get me for Christmas. I would literally hound her practically every other day it seems, whether she went shopping to get the things I wanted. It got so that after a while, to her, it didn't seem like gifts to me were really gifts, but selfish desires and wants.

But, as I recall, she got them for me anyway. Do you think I was an overindulged kid? Maybe. So I got all these presents from her, played with them for I don't know how many days or weeks, and then promptly put them aside to be forgotten. Then, when



she asked me, "Why don't we give it away", I flatly refused, saying that I still needed them."

How many of us are guilty of this insatiable desire for more and more? For example, if we are short, we want to be taller, if we are too tall, we want to be a bit shorter. If we are fat, we want to be skinny, and if we are too skinny, we wish we could put on some weight. If you are losing your hair like I am, you would want to have more hair.

If you are greying, you want to color your hair. If your hair is naturally black, you want to make it a different color. We don't just go to barbers anymore for a haircut, but to hair stylists. What else do we long for. Oh, if we have single eyelids, we want to make them double. Cosmetologists and plastic surgeons are very happy. We want to live forever.

Why do we constantly keep wanting things? It's because we keep thinking that we need things.

However, Bodhi Day is also a time for us to reflect on our own lives. As we

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Temple News and Activities



BOY SCOUT TROOP 49 Kualoa Camp

By Douglas Yanagihara,
Troop 49 Boy Scout

From Friday, November 30 to Sunday, December 2, 2012, the Pack 49 Cub Scouts and Troop 49 Boy Scouts enjoyed their annual joint camp at Kualoa Regional Park. The Boy Scouts taught activities to Cub Scouts such as fire building, knot tying, knife safety and first aid, while the Cub Scout parents prepared meals.

Some Scouts were even able to take advantage of a catamaran ride to a sandbar and race back to shore. Shooting off rockets for the Scientist Webelo Pin was the highlight of the camp for some Scouts and leaders. As a Boy Scout, I am grateful for opportunities for fellowship with other Scouts and for leadership by teaching skills to Cub Scouts.



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think deeply on the life of Shakyamuni Buddha and his awakening under the Pippala tree, we can also look at how our lives have been impacted and therefore enabling us to live our lives in deep gratitude and appreciation for what has been given us through the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha.

In Buddhism, we are perfect as we are. But, because we keep wanting things, we live in a constant state of dukkha. We are never satisfied, and so we suffer. Suffering is attributed to our attachment to our ego self. We believe that we are individuals separated from others. This attachment to our ego-self creates a whole world of delusion called samsara, or the world of birth and death. We should live our lives in gratefulness. Even the negative things can turn into positive experiences. That is what the Buddha wants, and that is what he taught. The myokonin Genza deeply understood the Buddhist teachings. He was forever grateful of his situation in life, while from the outside, others would often complain. When a friend commented how difficult it must be for him to hurry so with his bent back, he replied, "No, no bother about walking, because as you can see, my head is already going ahead of me and the only thing to do now is to see that my legs would go forward in time to keep me from falling head first."

Another episode of Genza took place on another hot summer day when somebody complained to Genza that it was too hot. Then he replied, "If it is too hot outside, we have clothes to protect us from heat and sunshine. In case it rains, we have an umbrella. Oyasama always makes everything

all right. How can we complain? Back in April of this year, there was a story in the Star Advertiser about a man by the name of Alvin Wong who lived in Manoa who was selected as the happiest man in America by the New York Times. Do you recall reading this in the papers?

His secret? "Don't take life too seriously. I have always not stressed out about things and not be serious. He was relieved when he went to hear the Dalai Lama at the Stan Sheriff Center and the audience was told that being serious causes stress. That's the key, he said. He always made fun of things but not at the expense of others." His dream is to create a website that will address happiness and create a dialogue with others on happiness.

Wong said, "If we can get others to think along those lines and more and more of us start thinking about what makes them happy, we should have a better world."

It is through these and other life's stories that the Buddha teaches us life's lessons and how through the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha, we are able to see our true selves.

So let us reflect on these things and as we go through our daily lives let us live in gratitude for all the things we have, and let us try to remember, that we are all alright, just as we are. We can turn the negative into the positive, just like the coffee beans that turns the water into the sweet smelling aroma of brewed coffee that welcomes you into another yet bright sunny day.

Now, I relate this story to you: It's called, The True Meaning of Stress or Dukkha:

A young lady confidently walked around the room while leading and explaining stress management to an audience; with a raised glass of water, and everyone in the audience knew she was going to ask the ultimate question, "half empty or half full?".....she fooled them all.

"How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to more. She replies, "The absolute weight does not matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem.

If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm.

If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance.

In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

She continued, "and that's the way with stress." If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again.

When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden—holding stress longer and better each time practiced. So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down.

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existence and happenings around us. We should not think "That has nothing to do with me" or "That's not my problem." Of course, practically and realistically, we cannot be fully involved in everything, but the Dharma does promote within us this feeling of being connected with all others and thus makes a big difference in how we perceive what is happening in life and the world. The perspective is "We are in this together. How can I make a difference?" Whether it is a problem and/or solution, we see our relationship with it. We are not totally disconnected with anything or anyone. Everything and everyone exists in an intricate web of existence each affecting and being affected by the other. It is this feeling of oneness and togetherness that the Buddha-Dharma fosters within us.

A perfect example of this oneness is Amida Buddha. Amida Buddha does not distance itself from the bonbu/foolish

being and instead totally embraces the foolish being who entrusts. As Gomonshu says "To save all, is the reason for Amida Buddha's existence. This is how Shinran Shonin thinks and feels." Well, this may be the extraordinary part of Shin Buddhist Teachings in which the foolish being "as-we-are" is promised enlightenment with birth in the Pure Land as Rennyō Shonin shared. What greater expression of Compassion is there than being accepted "as-we-are", imperfection and all and thus the reason why we respond in gratitude by trying to be better persons by living with the Dharma as our guide.

To conclude, our trying to live the Dharma is also a means by which others can come to know and appreciate the Buddhist Teachings. Let us provide the opportunity for others to encounter the Buddha and share the Dharma with others. I believe, whether we are Buddhist or not, we can all

avail ourselves to Wisdom and Compassion and be guided and inspired by it. It is my hope that 2013 will be a year in which we, who do call ourselves Buddhists, will truly see the significance of "Living the Teachings." Let us reflect "Am I saying the Nembutsu? Am I praising the virtues of the Buddha?" Like Shinran Shonin and many before us may we continue to recite the Nembutsu of Gratitude for Amida Buddha's Unconditional Compassion and praise Amida Buddha's Virtue so all may hear about Great Compassion. A very Happy New Year to all and I encourage you, your family and friends to listen to the Dharma and may we be active in our community so all lives may be enriched by Wisdom and Compassion. Namo Amida Butsu and Happy New Year!

In gassho,
Eric Matsumoto

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volunteers. Temples are finding it difficult in finding members willing to be on the board of directors and/or officers. It is difficult to get people into leadership positions at the temple level and even more so at a statewide level. The length of time it took to get volunteers for our strategic planning committees indicates that our members are busy and the temple/organization is not a priority in their lives as it was with the Issei and Nissei.

It is a Catch 22 situation. The long range goal of the strategic plan is to make the temple/organization a priority in our members' lives. But not enough members are willing to take leadership roles because the temple/organization is not a priority in their lives. Therefore all we can do is to ask you to believe in our strategic plan

and get involved in all levels of the organization, especially in leadership roles. Without your help, we will be unable to grow for our future generations

We are truly grateful for the many hands that help us at all levels of our organization. Let us show our gratitude and lessen their burden by offering our help. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your patience, understanding, cooperation and support. Your participation is crucial in our leadership role for the international propagation of Jodo Shinshu.

In Gassho,
Alton H Miyamoto, President
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received a BA in Japanese at UH Manoa in 1970. He studied at Ryukoku University in Kyoto from 1971 to 1973 and lived and studied at Kaikyoshi Kenshusho.

Receiving his Tokudo ordination in 1972 and Kyoshi certification in 2000, Rev. Ikeda has served as resident minister at West Kauai Hongwanji Mission (1999-2002); Puna Hongwanji, overseeing Pahala and Naalehu (2002-2011); and has currently been serving at Moiliili Hongwanji (2011-Present).

Rev. Ikeda is married to Myra and has a son, Brian. Besides Buddhism, his interests include Wagashi (Japanese candy-making); Shojin Ryori (Monastic Cooking); and Okinawan music and dance.

The Ho'onko Saturday Evening Service will be Rev. Bert Sumikawa and for the Sunday Afternoon Service (Gomanza), Rimban Tatsuo Muneto.

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New Year's Greetings

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Gomonshu's New Year's Message

Gomonshu Ohtani Koshin

Immeasurable Light and Life. Reciting the Nembutsu, we welcome the new year. I express my warmest greetings to you. Following the East Japan Great Earthquake, one year and ten months has passed. More than a hundred thousand people continue to live in evacuation center housing, unable to return to their homes. Personally, I find the events of the Seven hundred fiftieth Memorial for Shinran Shonin and East Japan Great Earthquake to be inseparable.

I am sure that each person directly affected by the natural disaster has his or her own sufferings and is being faced with various problems and tasks. It goes without saying that

support and recovery efforts are important. However, with this as an opportune time, as a fellow earthly being, I would also like to reflect on the fundamental issues we all have in common. What we need to reconsider is how we have easily come to accept our common values and ways of perceiving things, regardless of whether we are conscious of it or not. For example, there is the notion that development in science technology and economic competition increases happiness. Although technological advancements and economic strength may be immediate solutions for simple issues at hand, stopping there can result in something else becoming overlooked. That is our infinite humanly cravings, our limited intelligence, and our lack of harmony with the greater nature. This is an issue that is deeply connected with Buddhism.

The beauty of Mt. Fuji and other mountains and valleys are all results of volcanic activity and earthquakes. Although nuclear energy may appear to be an efficient prescription for the immediate situation, not only does it become a problem when an accident occurs, but with our current technological skills, we are unable to safely dispose of radioactive wastes. We cannot simply pick and choose just what is convenient nor do we have the power to control nature. It is my hope that the measures we take will not simply end up as temporary solutions. But rather, they will help to make a positive change in our social values and reflect on our own standards and realize a sustainable society.

January 1, 2013
OHTANI Koshin
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

The Ministers and Staff of Hawaii Betsuin
Wish All of You a Happy Holiday
And a New Year of Reflection and
Appreciation!



2013

New Year's Greetings

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Bishop's New Year's Message

Eric Matsumoto

With the Nembutsu upon my lips, a Happy New Year to All!

As we begin a new year, I extend my most sincere best wishes to you. As we start the year, let us take a moment to ponder our 2013 Slogan and Theme which reads "Path of Entrusting: Living the Teachings." Rennyō Shōnin shared "Ever in sight of Amida Buddha's Teachings, let us always humbly reflect." When I think about it, much of Buddhist Teachings is not really so extraordinary, although there are exceptions. In a way, it can be said that the extraordinary part of Buddhist Teachings is how ordinary it is and yet as I reflect "How difficult it is to live this Teaching." As an example, interdependence, we have heard this word over and over and yet how hard it is to truly, one hundred percent, live interdependency. Go-monshu says

"Among the basic tenets of Buddhism is the teaching of pratitya-samutpada: all things are interdependent, interconnected, and intricately joined together. While this is true of human life, it is also true of life outside the human sphere, as well as things outside of life itself, with nature as a whole being connected in this way-this is the truth of pratitya-samutpada." "Pratitya-samutpada, thus, offers a valuable way of looking at things when we seek to address today's problems of environmental destruction, armed military conflict, and other events where countless lives are lost; not merely human lives alone." If we are truly guided by this Teaching of Interdependency, we should feel a connection with all

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President's New Year's Message

Alton H Miyamoto, President Hawaii Kyodan

Aloha and best wishes for a happy and peaceful New Year! 2012 was special in that it was the kick-off for our strategic planning committees. While it has taken us two years to organize and get enough volunteers for this important effort, it will take a lot more work to develop and implement plans to meet our strategic goals. We experienced more shortage of ministers and the closing of Kahuku Hongwanji. While these incidents can be viewed in a negative way, they can result into positive actions. The shortage of ministers has increased the interest of the lay members to participate in programs to assist the ministers. The closing of a temple is similar to a company

downsizing to stabilize itself before expanding once more.

As we downsize we must also have a plan to invest and expand in the future. Our strategic planning committees are working on that plan. There are also positive indications that things are turning around. PBA is close to meeting its initial capital campaign goal and start construction of a new building. While it has taken longer than desired to raise the funds because of the economic times, the interest and support of PBA's program has steadily increased. It has truly been a team effort of the PBA staff and Board of Trustees;



however, it wouldn't have been possible without the leadership and creativity of our Head of School Pieper Toyama, who will be retiring at the end of this school year. We are truly grateful for his vision and leadership and hope he will continue to be active in other roles/positions.

We all understand that our organization cannot function without

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年頭の辞



光寿無量

お念仏とともに、新しい年を迎えました。皆様、いかがお過ごしでしょうか。日本では東日本大震災から一年十ヶ月が過ぎました。十万人を超える方々が、自宅に戻れないで、

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避難所生活を続けていらっしゃるやいます。私にとつては、親鸞聖人の七十五回大遠忌と大震災を切り離すことができません。被災された方々はそれぞれに苦しみや課題を抱えていらつしやると思えます。先ず、支援や復興が大事ですが、これを機に、地球上に住むものとして、共通の課題も考えたいと思います。それは、意識するとならないにかかわらず従っていた価値観、ものの考え方で、例えば、科学技術の

進歩や経済の競争は人々の生活を向上させ、幸せを高めるといふ考えです。当面の課題、狭い範囲の課題を解決するには、科学技術や経済力が有効ですが、そこに止まると、かえって見落とすことがあります。それは人間の欲望には限りがなく、能力には限りがあること、そして大自然との調和です。これは、仏教とも深く関わる課題です。富士山の美しさも風光明媚な山や谷も火山と地震の結果です。核エネルギーは当面有効に見えますが、事故を起こした時だけでなく、廃棄物の処理が今の技

術では対処できません。都合の良いところだけを取るわけにはいきませんが、人間の力で自然界を完全に支配することもできません。一時しのぎの対策に終わらず、世の中の価値観を転換し、一人ひとりの節度ある生き方と持続可能な社会の在り方を考えたいと思います。

2013年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派 門主 大谷光真

1月の法縁

がっ	ち	ごぜん	がっ	ほうえん	えいご	まつもと	そうちよう
1月1日	午前	10:00	修正会	英語; 松本エリック総長	日本語; 宗藤達雄輪番	宗藤達雄輪番	
1月6日	午前	8:00	日本語礼拝	パート・スミカワ開教使	リチャード・テネス開教使	北條朋開教使	
	午前	9:00	ダーマスクール礼拝	パート・スミカワ開教使	パール・池田開教使	アール・池田開教使	
	午前	10:00	英語礼拝	アール・池田開教使	宗藤達雄輪番	北條朋開教使	
	午後	1:00	日中日本語礼拝	宗藤達雄輪番	戸島良三引退開教使	宗藤達雄輪番	
1月12日	午後	7:00	報恩講お逮夜法要	戸島良三引退開教使	宗藤達雄輪番	北條朋開教使	
1月13日	午前	8:00	報恩講日本語法要	宗藤達雄輪番	北條朋開教使	パール・池田開教使	
	午前	10:00	報恩講英語法要	パール・池田開教使	宗藤達雄輪番	北條朋開教使	
	午後	1:00	報恩講御満座法要	宗藤達雄輪番	北條朋開教使	パール・池田開教使	
1月20日	午前	8:00	日本語礼拝	パール・池田開教使	宗藤達雄輪番	北條朋開教使	
	午前	9:00	ダーマスクール礼拝	パール・池田開教使	宗藤達雄輪番	北條朋開教使	
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1月27日	午前	7:30	日本語礼拝	パール・池田開教使	宗藤達雄輪番	北條朋開教使	
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本年より日本語礼拝の時間を7時半より8時へ変更致します。

KZOO放送 本願寺アワー

毎週土曜日午前7時半より AM 1210 Mhz

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1月5日	ごん	ごん	ごん	ごん	ごん
1月12日	ごん	ごん	ごん	ごん	ごん
1月19日	ごん	ごん	ごん	ごん	ごん
1月26日	ごん	ごん	ごん	ごん	ごん

スポンサー料は100ドル以上です。お申し込みはハワイ別院オフィスまで(電話番号536-7044)。尚、講師は変更になることもあります。



ケアホームビジテーション

1月3日	ハレナニ	リチャード・テネス開教使
1月10日	ハレホアロハ	北條朋開教使
1月11日	マルヒア	宗藤達雄輪番
1月24日	リリハ	リチャード・テネス開教使
1月25日	クアキニ	パート・スミカワ開教使
	ヌアヌハレ	北條朋開教使
	レアヒ	北條朋開教使

病院訪問のご案内

ハワイ別院では病気に成られた方や臨終が近づいて来られた方への訪問を行なっております。ご家族、お友達など周りの方でご存知の方がおられましたら、ハワイ別院オフィス(808)536-7044もしくはハワイ別院の開教使へご連絡を頂ますようお願い致します。365日、24時間お待ちしております。

ご案内

「修正会」

一月一日（元旦）朝十時よりお勤めいたします。ハワイ教団松本エリック総長と宗藤達雄輪番より新年のメッセージがあります。その後、階下ホールにて新年の祝賀交歓会が催されることになっていきます。

年末、年始の行事には、是非家族全員揃ってお参り下さいますようお願い申し上げます。

「報恩講法要」

ハワイ別院では、今年度の報恩講法要を左記の通りお勤めいたします。

報恩講は、浄土真宗のみ教えを開いて私たちにお示下さった宗祖親鸞聖人の、そのご苦労をしのんで営まれる一年で最も重要な法要です、ご家族揃ってお参り下さいませ。

合掌迎春

旧年中は大変お世話になりました。本年も宜しくお願い申し上げます。

ハワイ別院開教使
スタッフ一同



ハワイ別院写真館

12月2日にミュージック フェスティバルが開催されました。



すようご案内申し上げます。

記

御講師 池田オール開教使



1月12日（土曜日）
午後7時 報恩講お速夜法要
御講師 住川バート開教使

1月13日（日曜日）
午前8時 報恩講日本語法要
御講師 池田オール開教使

午前9時半 報恩講英語法要
御講師 池田オール開教使

午後1時 報恩講御満座法要
御講師 宗藤達雄輪番

「日本語礼拝の時間変更」

2013年より日本語礼拝の始まる時間が7時半より8時へと30分遅くなります。

「新年会」

1月27日、午前11時よりハワイ別院新年会が催されますので、皆様お誘い合わせのうえお出で下さいますようお願い申し上げます。

報恩講をお迎えするにあたって

1月12日、13日の2日間にわたりハワイ別院報恩講法要が勤修されます。

親鸞聖人は9歳から20年間、比叡山において、どうしたら迷いの世界を出て、さとりに至ることが出来るのかを一心に求められました。

ハワイ仏教連盟主催 成道会が12月9日に勤修され本願寺代表として松本エリック総長、本願寺仏教讚歌隊が参加を致しました。



ハワイ別院仏教婦人会の就任式が執り行われました。



そして29歳のとき、法然上人とのお出遭いを通して、それまでの自力聖道門の道を棄てられ、他力浄土門に帰依されました。それは、すべてのものを差別なく平等に救うと誓われている阿弥陀如来のご本願を信じることで、人生を歩んでゆく最も勝れた道をいただくからでした。

私たちが毎朝お勤めをするお正信偈には「正定之因唯信心」お浄土へ往生するための因は、ただ信心一つである。と示されてあります。私たち凡夫が迷うことのない因（タネ）は信心一つだよ、と親切丁寧に示して下さいましたのが親鸞聖人です。

共に阿弥陀如来さま、親鸞聖人さまへお礼の心を込めて報恩講にお参りをさせていただきますませう。