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2015 Slogan:

Embrace Change:
Awareness:

(Seek Opportunities)

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Betsuin Obon Service To Be Observed July 5Th At 10:00 AM

Speaker: Rev. Kosho Yagi, Aiea Hongwanji

All members and friends are welcome to join our Obon Service. When you hear the word "Obon," what comes to your mind? Traditionally, in some Buddhist sects, this is the time our ancestors' souls come back to this world. In Japan, people observe Obon from August 13th through August 15th. On the first and last day of Obon, people burn fire to welcome and send back their ancestors' souls.

But in our tradition, Jodo Shin Buddhism, we do not burn fire to welcome souls nor send souls back. We believe that because we are sentient beings (bonbu) who are filled with self-centered blind passions, we cannot earn merits to save our departed ancestors.

So, why do we observe Obon? In Jodo Shinshu, we take this opportunity to listen to the Buddha Dharma that is Amida Buddha's compassionate Vow that enable all beings to attain birth in the Pure Land. We, the surviving family are sad because we are separated from our loved ones. Those who have heard this Vow are now in the Pure Land and they actively and dynamically deliver Amida's Compassion to us who are living in this world. On this occasion of Obon, through our departed ancestors, let us together appreciate the Teachings together.

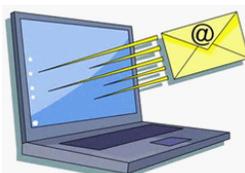
This year's Obon service speaker is **Rev. Kosho Yagi of Aiea Hongwanji**. He was born in Shiga Prefecture in Japan. He earned his Tokudo Ordination in August 1991 and Kyoshi (Advanced) Ordination in April 1998. Rev. Yagi graduated from Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin, both basic course and advance course.

Rev. Yagi moved to Hawaii in September 2003. His first assignment was Lahaina Hongwanji. After three years serving at Lahaina Hongwanji, he moved to Kapaa Hongwanji, then to Honoka'a Hongwanji, where he also took care of Kamuela, Kohala, and Paauilo Hongwanji. From the Big Island, he moved to his current temple, Aiea Hongwanji, in June 2015.



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the Goji and any inserts. If this sounds good to you, visit <http://hawaiihetsuin.org/e-goji> to sign up. You'll help the Betsuin go green and save on printing and postage!

Rimban's Column: Changes in Bon-Mairi Service Format for 2015

In past years, Hawaii Betsuin has conducted Bon Mairi Services on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the second week of July. This format will change this year. All of the Bon Mairi Services will be combined services, and they will be held on three separate weekends of July. **The combined services for the regular Bon Mairi will be on the following days and times:**

Saturday, July 11, 10:00 am and 6:00 pm
Saturday, July 18, 10:00 am and 6:00 pm
Saturday, July 25, 10:00 am and 6:00 pm,
and Sunday, July 25 at 5:00 pm

This change was made because fewer families were coming to the temple for the individual Bon Mairi services, and more and more members were attending the combined services. Please call our Business Office (536-7044) to make

a reservation for one of the combined services. We will also be accepting "walk-in" reservations on those dates too.

For each of the combined services, there will be a check-in table at the entrance of the main temple where the services will be held.

During the combined services, the names of your family will be called for offering of incense. One new element will be the inclusion of a simple Power-

Rev. Tatsuo Muneto

Point presentation of the songs to be sung by the congregation.



After the services, families will receive offerings of "senbei" and a booklet entitled What is Jodo Shinshu. If you know any relatives and friends who usually attend the Bon Mairi Service, will you inform them of this change?

If you and your families want to observe Bon individual family service in July, you can do so with reservations made at the Business Office.

For 2015 Hatsu-Bon Services, or first anniversary Bon services, invitations were sent to the families. The Hatsu-Bon services will be held on Sundays, July 12 and 19 at 5:00 pm in the main Hondo. Your cooperation will be deeply appreciated. Should you have any questions, please contact the Business Office at 536-7044.



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Serving Lunch To Kids In The Impact Summer Program

The Betsuin is one of four churches participating in the Impact Summer Program serving lunch to approximately fifty kids in the summer long program. The After School All Stars work with the children in the morning at Central Middle School and the YMCA provides the afternoon program. On this date, the volunteers from the Betsuin serving lunch were Rev. Muneto, Rev. Tomioka, Mel Kawahara, Barbara Brennan, Stacy Bradshaw and Arthur Nakagawa. Other participating churches include Harris UMC, St. Peters and St. Elizabeth.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 49 Joanne Ebesu Eagle Scout Service Project Jared Tomori

Jared Tomori is 17 years old and a junior at Assets High School. He started out in Scouting as a Tiger Cub Scout in Pack 49 when he was 8 years old. Outside of Scouting, Jared practices karate.

Jared came up with the idea for his Eagle Project by researching various options. His first choice was his mentorship at the U.S.S. Missouri, but there were no big jobs available at the time, so he decided to ask his school if they had any projects he could help with at their new campus. The school administrators suggested this project,

which was to paint and repair the table benches and add erosion control to the picnic area of the new campus.

Some of the challenges Jared faced in coordinating his Eagle Project were organizing and dealing with a large group of about 50 volunteers, but he learned new skills in these areas by doing this project. He learned that he could lead a large project successfully, and was glad that the end product was completed as he had intended and enhanced the look of the new campus.

As a Boy Scout, Jared has held leadership positions including Assistant Patrol Leader, Den Chief, and Quartermaster. The most valuable lesson he has learned as a Scout is that no matter how much you plan, not everything goes according to those plans. He has learned leadership skills that he can use in the future, and is proud of his Eagle Project as it will help his school. During his years in Scouting, Jared has really enjoyed going camping and hiking, and realizes that he would not have been able to enjoy so many outdoor and camping experiences without Scouting. Jared's plans for the future include becoming an EMT and a comic book artist.

Jared would like to thank his Mom and Dad for their continued support. He would also like to thank Mr. Mast-suoka for all his help with his Eagle project, and Auntie Irene Nohara for her help and encouragement through his many years of scouting. Finally, he would like to thank Mr. Merriam for a wonderful Troop experience.



Calligraphy, Or Shodo, Class And Ikebana, Or Flower Arrangement, Exhibit



Mrs. Michiko Okano, wife of retired Bishop, Thomas Okano, is the instructor of the Calligraphy class as well as Flower Arrangement (Saga ryu) of Hawaii Betsuin's Culture classes. Calligraphy classes are held on the second and fourth Tuesday mornings from 9:30AM to 11:00AM in the dining room. Classes are on vacation in the months of August and December. Flower arrangement classes are held on Wednesdays from 1PM to 3PM.

Calligraphy is the art of handwriting, and our focus is on Japanese writing. It is very disciplined writing class. Annual exhibit is in May at the Gotan-E, Shinran Shonin's birthday celebration. Also, flower arrange-

Betsuin BWA News

THANK YOU FOR FOLDING THE CRANES:

A total of 70,847 cranes were sent to Honokaa Hongwanji from Honolulu Hongwanji BWA, which included those from Jikoen, Kailua as well as Moiliili BWAs. A couple of hundred which were received after our completion deadline of May 24th will be going to Hilo with Colleen Kunishige (secretary)'s dad, Mr. Shikuma. Approximately 40,000 cranes were shipped with the Boy Scouts. We were very fortunate to have been able to send all the cranes free of charge because of the generosity of the many travelers as well as the scouts. Thank you very much.

We hope Honokaa Hongwanji's undertaking is a huge success for the 70th memorial services for Hiroshima and Nagasaki bomb victims. It was on two dreadful days, August 6 and 9, 1945 that the atomic bombs were dropped and killed 199,000 people who were in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. There are still a few survivors of that devastating bombs living in Hawaii as well as in Japan.

Wars are of no essence and we hope the leaders in the world can always come to peaceful negotiations instead of killing human beings.

HEALTH AND DOCTORS HUMOR:

A health expert is giving a talk on well-being in a town hall. "The best way to start the day is to do five minutes light exercise, and five minutes of deep breathing," says the expert. "Then take a short hot shower, and feel rosy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR BWA

Sat. July 7 and 14: Band concerts July 7 at Ala Moana center stage 7 pm; July 14 at Kahala Mall, 7 pm, Temple Goji members participating musicians.

Sat. July 11 Executive board meeting 11:30 am dining room

Sun. July 12 Mini Market sale (donations welcome)

Sun. July 19 BWA General Membership Meeting #3 in Hondo 11:15 am

Excursion planned for August. Information to be disseminated.

all over." A voice from the back of the hall shouts, "Tell us more about Rosie".

BEING HEALTHY IS FOR YOU AND ME: DRINKING WATER IS GOOD FOR YOU.

Drinking water at certain time maximizes its effectiveness on the body.

- 2 glasses of water after waking up helps to activate the internal organs.
- 1 glass of water 30 minutes before a meal will help digestion.
- 1 glass of water before taking a bath helps lower your blood pressure.
- 1 glass of water before going to bed will avoid stroke or heart attack. Water at bedtime will also help prevent night time leg cramps.

You may say, "but if I drink water before bed time, I'll have to get up during the night to urinate." Why do people need to urinate so much at night time? A cardiac doctor replied, "Gravity holds water in the lower part of your body when you're upright (legs swell). When you lie down and the lower body (legs, etc.) is level with the kidneys,

it is then that the kidneys remove the water because it is easier. The body needs water to flush the toxins out of the body. Therefore, it is important to drink water at the correct time during the day.

Article submitted by Sharyn Sekine.

Reminder:
No August Goji



**BWA
Mini
Market**



**Mark your calendar!
JULY 12th**

Report On The Buddhist Women's Association World Convention: Calgary 2015



Following are a few reflections of some BWA members who attended the World Convention in Calgary, Canada. Their initials are in parentheses at the end of their reflection.

The Location of our Convention

The 15th World Buddhist Women's Convention, with the theme, "Embraced in the Oneness of Life," was held in the beautiful city of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Calgary is nestled in an area between the Canadian Rockies and the Canadian Prairies with the Bow River running through the city. We stayed at the Delta Bow Valley Hotel which was conveniently located two blocks from the Calgary Telus Convention Center, one block from Chinatown, 1 ½ blocks from the Bow River, and within easy walking distance of downtown Calgary. Many of us caught the shuttle bus to the Convention, but some of us walked the two blocks to the Convention Center which took between 4-8 minutes. The streets of Calgary were very clean and relatively safe, and there were no visible homeless encampments in the city. The people of Canada are very friendly and helpful, which made it

easy to strike up conversations with total strangers. Interacting with the wonderful people of Calgary truly captured the spirit of the slogan of the convention, "One World Sangha." (SS)

Entertainment Number

Though I thought I'd never be able to learn the hula routine for our convention, thanks to the compassionate and willing help from my fellow BWA ladies, I was able to perform with confidence.

Our intense practice paid off, for it seemed our audience in Calgary loved our Hawaiian Buddhist number. We smiled with our delight as we danced on stage while thousands of eyes appreciated our well-coordinated movements. Two large screens on either side of the stage showed the 2014 Choralfest singers and dancers which provided our accompaniment.

I'm still humming the tune of our hula music (Lullaby to Children of the World/Nonno Sama) and will continue to do so as the years roll by. (AH-G)

World Convention Keynote Speaker
The key note speaker on the first day of the convention, Rev. Nana Yanase, gave a heart rendering, inspirational talk, leaving many of us in tears and awe.

Rev. Yanase, a young sixth generation resident minister in Nara, debuted as a singer-song writer about 10 years ago. At age 29, she was diagnosed with uterine cancer. Dealing with her cancer, her realization of deep sorrow became a source of joy through the Nembutsu, and music became her healing vehicle. Between her talks, she sang songs, lyrics she had written, connecting it to her presentation which made it so meaningful.

She has been sharing her time and effort in aiding relief work for those affected by the East Japan Great Disaster of March 2011, by creating and composing the "Makenai Towel" (an odd size towel with the words in Japanese meaning NEVER GIVE UP) as a fund raising relief effort which has so far sold 85,000 towels. Hope we could all hear this beautiful young minister with a gentle and heart rendering vocal, speak and sing to us in Hawaii one day. She has left us all with a deep and long lasting impact! (EM and LS)

When Rev. Yanase was diagnosed with cancer at age, how devastated she must have felt. There would be no infant son or daughter to cradle in her arms, nursing him or her, humming lullaby's while lovingly putting him to sleep. There would be no ex

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citement when he cuts his first tooth, or when he takes his first step, then later walks and utters his first “mama” or “dada”. I can’t imagine how she must have thought she was missing. Her child would go on to develop his own personality and become an individual she would be so proud of. All this she would be missing.

Rev. Yanase, being resourceful and the multi-talented individual that she is, overcame her tragedy by singing and composing songs and involving herself in a relief projects. Women all over identify with her tragedy and are uplifted by her journey. (LS)

Embraced by the Oneness of Life
Going to the 2015 World Buddhist Women’s Convention for me was an opportunity to find the answer to my dilemma. I was at a point where I was about to quit the BWA. Death was getting too frequent within the group of aging women I made friends with.

At the convention Rev. Nana Yanase the “singing nun” said “We are born alone and die alone. We come alone and go alone”. That was my awakening. Knowing that with life there will be death. I now look at life as a floral bouquet knowing that each freshly cut flower will dry up and die. But if I look at the floral bouquet with the end result in my mind it would be too sad and painful. But rather I should look at the bouquet and enjoy the cut flowers for however short their life span will be, enjoy the moment and enjoy the beauty of each blossom. By enjoying the essence of now I will embrace the oneness of life.(LW)

Sunday’s Keynote Speaker: Reverend Patricia Usuki

Our keynote speaker’s parents and grandparents were uprooted from their Pacific area home and interned at The Rocky Mountain Relocation Camp during WWII. After the war they moved to Toronto to start life anew where Patricia Kanaya Usuki was born and educated. She received her BA degree from the Univ. of Toronto with a degree in Modern Languages and Literature, and a BEd from the Univ of Ottawa. She was employed by the federal government where her European language facility was utilized. She was versed in French, Spanish, Portugese, German, and Italian. After spending years in high security level of work she retired and began her new journey into Buddhist Studies.

She received her MA degree in Jodo Shinshu at the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, Calif., studied at Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin in Kyoto, and in 2002 received her Kyoshi ordination from Honzan. While in Kyoto she served as a European language specialist at the International Center and also as editor of the publication, Jodo Shinshu – A Guide (2002). She became the head minister of the San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple near Los Angeles, California in 2004. In 2007, her master’s thesis was published as a book, “Currents of Change: American Buddhist Women Speak Out on Jodo Shinshu.”

Her message of embracing change in our lives resonated in us. Everything in life is in a state of flux and we should honor and appreciate it. As we honor babies change as they grow, we should also honor change as we age.

How often we fail in the latter. How powerful it is to become aware of it and change our words and actions. She also touched upon how our lives are interconnected and interrelated. Our interconnectedness is obvious in our daily lives, so we must focus on life and our interrelatedness. We must be mindful and grateful for what we receive from other life. There is no separation between self and others; our very existence is a result of others. Her message was a good reminder to all of us about the importance of the Buddha’s teaching of interdependency. (S and C)

Gift Exchange

My table consisted of a seating of 10 chairs. There were 6 ladies from Kagoshima, May Imamura from our temple, 1 and 2 vacant seats. I worried because we were told to bring only 6 gifts for exchange from Hawaii. Fortunately, the two seats remained vacant!

I also worried that the ladies would speak in their Kagoshima dialect, but to my surprise they spoke the Japanese language that I understood and we had a wonderful conversation with them.

They told us that Reverend Yasuaki Hayashi, who was the Assistant to the Bishop during the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii’s Centennial Celebration in 1989, retired from Honzan in Kyoto and he and his family returned to his hometown in Kagoshima.

When it was time to exchange gifts

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receive many gifts from ladies from other tables as well!

Our ladies told us how much they enjoyed the Hawaii group's hula number to the gatha "Lullaby for Children of the World" (Nonno Sama), but had hoped we had danced an additional number.

I really enjoyed this convention – the workshops and guest speakers were educational and excellent. I was especially moved by the Reverend Nana Yanase, a singer/songwriter, who gave a moving account of her life experiences and sang several songs including some of her own compositions. (LI)

Workshop: Right ConductLine Dancing

A dozen line dancers with the Japanese Centre Line Dance Group demonstrated favorite line dance steps to the tune of "Lollipop", and a popular song, "Happiness".

Over a hundred delegates participated in the exercises to learn these popular dances. Everyone had so much fun doing line dances and we all had great exercise with laughter! (MIU)

My Convention Experience

What an impactful message Rev. Nana Yanase gave to a roomful of BWA members of the world...so full of tears and emotion welling over the hearts of many. The music Rev. Yanase composed and lyrics she wrote sent us the idea that we must go on when we meet traumatic challenges in life as she had gone through. "Makanai de" (do not give up). Through all she had gone through, Namu Amida Butsu was the only thing that sustained her.

Music and writing made her realize that suffering does not end there. From deep suffering, go beyond and show and give compassion to others who may be experiencing challenges in life. Suffering becomes the seeds of caring (compassion) for others. Music seems to be a significant basis of learning and helping people go beyond their suffering and difficulties. Compassion is the end result.

With her makanaide towel, she uplifts others (e.g. Fukushima earthquake victims). Not just one towel waving, but with many towels waving in unison and reciting Namu Amida Butsu. Thus, this will enable us to overcome suffering.

On the lighter side, but just as important, Dr. Andrew Ishikawa of Calgary, in his workshop, emphasized music as a way to bring children and adults out of psychological difficulties in school and life in general. Dr. Ishikawa (a Buddhist) is a music therapist. He did not mention it directly, but I surmise that with music, Jodo Shinshu can be more relevant to children and adults at our temple. At the Betsuin Dharma School, Debbie Kubota has composed many relevant songs for the children.

What a convention!!

As an aside, some of us visited the Calgary Buddhist Temple. There we met a young lady who said she was Lillian Ono, daughter of Rev. Ono who passed away while serving as minister of Aiea Hongwanji. She left Hawaii with her mother and two siblings and now lives in Calgary. What a wonderful act of Karma to meet someone from the past ...in Calgary, no less! (MF)

HONGWANJI 2015 BON DANCE SCHEDULE



Moiliili Hongwanji Mission:
6:00 p.m. July 3 & 4,
(old Varsity Theatre parking lot),
Call 949-1659

Waipahu Hongwanji:
7 p.m. July 10-11
94-821 Kuhaulua St.
Call 677-4221.

Jikoan Hongwanji Mission:
6 pm July 17 & 5:30 pm July 18,
1731 N. School St.;
Call 845-3422

Waianae Hongwanji:
6:30 p.m. July 18,
85-762 Old Government Road.
Call 677-4221.

Kailua Hongwanji Mission:
7 p.m. July 25,
268-A Kuulei Road;
Call 262-4560.

Waialua Hongwanji:
7 p.m. Aug. 1,
67-313 Kealohanui St.
Call 637-4395.

Pearl City Hongwanji Mission:
7 p.m. Aug. 7-8,
858 2nd St.; Call 455-1680.

Mililani Hongwanji:
7 to 10:30 p.m. Aug. 21-22,
95-257 Kaloapau St.;
Call 625-0925

Aiea Hongwanji:
7 p.m. Aug. 29, 99-186 Puakala
St.; Call 488-5685



BOY SCOUT TROOP 49 Joanne Ebesu Eagle Scout Service Project - Justin Kunimune

Justin Kunimune is a 17 year old senior at Punahou School. He has been in Scouting since the second grade as a Wolf Scout. Outside of scouting, Justin focuses primarily on robotics. This year, he attended the World Championship for FIRST Tech Challenge.

Justin looked for potential Eagle Scout projects at Leeward Community College because his mother works there. He talked to some of her co-workers, and one of them suggested ideas for a fitness trail. It seemed like a good amount of work and it was unique, so that's what he selected.

For his project, Justin installed signs marking out a one-mile fitness trail around the LCC campus. He also planted some native plants along with signs indicating the historical and cultural significance of the plants and the surrounding area. The greatest

challenge for him in this project was that, unlike most projects, he had to coordinate people doing different jobs in different places, scattered along a one-mile trail. However, the 55 volunteers who attended did a good job of self-coordinating when he was not present, and most people ended up finishing far earlier than he had expected. Justin learned how important timing can be and to never underestimate the ability of your volunteers.

As a Boy Scout, Justin has held various leadership positions, including Quartermaster, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader (three times), and Den Chief for over a year. The most valuable lesson he has learned as a Scout is his leadership skills. He has learned the importance of being able to be a leader when necessary, and feels that Scouting has given him basic experiences that allow him to deal with such situations. The accomplishments he is most proud of

are his Den Chief Service Award and his current proximity to the Eagle Scout rank.

Justin appreciates that Boy Scouts has been a unique experience that has been both a major time commitment and a necessary counterweight to academics and Robotics. He thinks all young people should have access to such a program. In the near future, he may become an assistant scoutmaster for Troop 49, as he will likely be attending UH Manoa next year. He plans to major in either physics, mechanical engineering, computer science, or engineering physics.

Justin's parents have been especially supportive, especially his father, throughout his Scouting journey. He also could not have accomplished his rank thus far without the Scoutmasters in the Troop and his fellow Boy Scouts.



Justin giving instructions for his Eagle Project to the Troop 49 volunteers.

Mark Your
Calendars!
Betsuin Blood
Drive
Will Be Held
Saturday,
Nov. 14, 2015

A letter from Brazil #2

Submitted by Rev. Satoshi Tomioka

Rev. Doi, a minister at Sao Paulo Betsuin, is a friend of Rev. Tomioka. Rev. Tomioka asked Rev. Doi to share information about his temple. The following is a translation of a letter that Rev. Doi sent.



Rev. Doi of Sao Paulo Betsuin

(The following is a translation of a letter sent to Rev. Tomioka from Rev. Doi of Sao Paulo Betsuin.)

Japanese immigrants who had lived in the deep country area in Brazil moved to Sao Paulo city because the economic conditions drastically improved after the war. The Japanese population of Sao Paulo city was 3,457 in 1939 and increased to about 62,000 in 1958. ("Brazil Nihon Imin Hachijyunenshi", 1999, Brazil Nihon Bunka Kyokai)

1958 marked the 50th anniversary of the Japanese immigrants arriving in Brazil. The Japanese in Brazil suffered discrimination after the war and were not regarded highly.

At this time, in the presence of Shonyo Shonin (former Gomonsu), there was a ceremony for the completion of the Sao Paulo

Betsuin building and the enshrining of the statue of Amida Buddha. The construction of the Betsuin had progressed with passionate determination to show the Japanese legacy and pride in the city of Sao Paulo. In other words, the Sao Paulo Japanese hoped the completion of the temple would bring them a higher status.

At the entrance of the Betsuin, there are four pillars, which are similar to the rounded-style pillars of Horyuji temple in Japan. The architect, Chuta Ito, had introduced Horyuji temple as the oldest wooden temple in Japan.

Ito thought that in ancient time Horyuji temple, which shared a similar style of pillar as the Greek Parthenon, was a result of an encountering of east and west. ("Kenchiku Zasshi" No.

11, 1893, Chuta Ito). He insisted that the Hellenism of ancient Greece had spread to the Buddhist temples in Nara city via India. He insisted on his theory without having any evidence.

That was the 19th century. I can see Ito's belief and hope that Japan's culture and architecture would be as great as any western culture and architecture.

Although the architect, Jihei Noda, used the same style (Horyuji and Parthenon) pillars in the entrance of Sao Paulo Betsuin, unfortunately, I don't know what his reasoning was. However, I am certain that these pillars, which sustain the Betsuin building, manifest the Sao Paulo Betsuin members' aspiration to show their Japanese legacy and pride in Brazil and the rest of the Western world.



In Memoriam



MAY 2015

**Hongwanji
Radio Programs
JULY 2015
KZOO 1210 AM
Japanese Language
Saturday at 7:30 AM**

- 04 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka
11 Rev. Hiromi Kawaji
18 Yuika Hasebe
25 Rimban Tatsuo Muneto

**Betsuin Services
Asaji Service 8 am**

- 05 Obon Service -
Rev. Kosho Yagi
12 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka
19 Rev. Tatsuo Muneto
26 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio

**Adult English Services
10:00 AM**

- 05 Obon Service
Rev. Kosho Yagi
12 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio
19 Rev. Arthur Kaufmann
26 Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani

**Dharma School
on Summer Break!**

Nursing Home Services

- 02 Hale Nani – Rev. Muneto
Hale Ho Aloha –
Rev. Tomioka
09 Maluhia – Rev. Kaufmann
Liliha – Rev. Hasebe
10 Hale Pulama Mau –
Rev. Tomioka
23 Nuuanu Hale –
Rev. Hagio
24 Leahi – Rev. Kaufmann

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

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2/6/15 AOKI, Hideomi (96) | 12 TAKAO, Elsie Yoshie (102) |
| 2 YAMAMOTO, Betty Natsuka (91) | 13 MIYAHARA, Edith Tamayo (87) |
| 3 YAMASHIROYA, Margaret Tsugie (86) | 15 KAWAKAMI, Roy M. (61) |
| 3 KADOSAKI, Kazue (77) | 15 TSUNEYOSHI, Tsumayo (98) |
| 3 TANIGUCHI, Masayuki (91) | 16 OSHIRO, Shichiro (89) |
| 5 MATSUDA, William Tsuruo (79) | 20 HIRASHIMA, Elaine Kimiko (96) |
| 6 FUKUHARA, Sumiye (90) | 20 MORIKAWA, Chiyomi Yamashita (86) |
| 8 FUJINAKA, Mitsuyo (96) | 21 ONAGA, Edward Sukenobu (93) |
| 9 SAKAI, Ronald Tsugio (94) | 22 SUGIHARA, Fumiko Oshita (89) |
| 10 ITO, Nancy Satsuki (88) | 22 TANAKA, Lance Kenji (51) |
| 11 EBISU, James Nobuyoshi (65) | 24 YONEDA, Debbie Akiko (56) |
| 11 KAMISATO, Irving Harumi (70) | 26 STEELE, Charlene (69) |
| 12 KANESHIRO, Helen Tsuruko (94) | 29 HORI, Richard N. (92) |
| | 31 KAGAWA, Agnes Fumiye (95) |

2015 Memorial Service Schedule

2015 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

2014 – 1 year	2003 – 13 year	1983 – 33 year
2013 – 3 year	1999 – 17 year	1966 – 50 year
2009 – 7 year	1991 – 25 year	1916 – 100 year

Getting “Reel” with the HHMH Archives Committee

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Archives Committee is beginning to take inventory of stored items. There are some old-style reel-to-reel audio recordings we need to review and possibly digitize — but we don't have a reel-to-reel tape player. If you have one you might be able to lend, please let us know. We also have some VHS tapes and plan to hold some reviewing sessions (popcorn included). Would you like to join this effort? In either case, please contact committee chair Stephan Doi at shd008goo@gmail.com or via the Mission office, (808) 522-9200. Thank you!



The great practice is to say the Name of the Tathagata of un-hindered 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