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2015 Slogan:

Embrace Change:
Awareness:

(Seek Opportunities)

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Rev. Satoshi Tomioka

Eitaikyo Service

(Sangha Memorial Service)

Scheduled for November 15, 2015

Rev. Shingo Furusawa to speak at the

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin welcomes all to our Eitaikyo Service known as the Sangha Memorial Service. The Eitaikyo services are held to pay respect and show our sincere appreciation to our members who passed away. For over 125 years, Hawaii Betsuin has provided a place for members to listen to the Dharma. Millions of people have come to this temple to pay respect to Amida. They were able to gather because of the numerous departed members' untiring support, sacrifices, and effort to protect this temple. Please join this solemn appreciation Eitaikyo service.

Meet Rev. Shingo Furusawa



We are pleased to have as our 2015 Eitaikyo guest speaker, Rev. Shingo Furusawa. Rev. Furusawa was born on May 17, 1978 in Hiroshima, Japan. He entered Ryukoku University in April 1998 and graduated in March 2002. His major was Buddhist History. He entered Ryukoku University Graduate School (Master Course) in April 2002 and graduated in March 2004. His major was Jodo Shinshu. He entered Ryukoku University Graduate School (Doctorate Course) in April 2004. His major was Jodo Shinshu.

Rev. Furusawa moved to Hawaii as a minister of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii on November 10, 2006. After the orientation at the Hongwanji Headquarters in Honolulu, he worked at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin from February 2007 to October 2008, so many of you probably remember him. He then worked at Pearl City Hongwanji from October 2008 to August 2010.

Rev. Furusawa received a scholarship from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for the period from August 2010 to 2011, and studied at the Institute Buddhist Studies, Berkeley California. He also studied English and Public Speaking at the Berkeley City College. From August 2011 to June 2014, Rev. Furusawa worked at Hilo Betsuin. Since June 2014, Rev. Furusawa has worked at the Honokaa, Kamuela, Kohala, and Paauilo Hongwanji Temples.

NOTICE...

A general membership meeting will be held on Sunday, November 15, 2015 to elect officers and directors for the 2016-2017 term. The meeting will be held immediately after the Eitaikyo Service

Rimban's Column: Here Are the Future Ministers!

Rev. Tatsuo Muneto



In the morning of almost every weekday, five members of the Pre-Tokudo Training Program join the Betsuin ministers for chanting of Shoshinge from 8:00 to 8:30 am in order to get used to chanting of sutras and reading of Rennyō's Gobunsho and other passages. The sutra chanting and reading of the sacred passages are part of the requirements for receiving Tokudo. Sutra chanting and scripture reading are considered expressions of one's Shin faith, which is to be embraced by Amida's compassion.

The local temple training for the Pre-Tokudo Training Program of the

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii started in April of this year. The five members are taking classes in the following areas: 1) Life and basic teaching of Sakyamuni Buddha, 2) the Pure Land sutras, 3) the teachings of the Seven Pure Land Masters, 4) Life and teaching of Shinran Shonin, 5) Jodo Shin teachings, 6) History of Hongwanji and 7) Structure of the Hongwanji. I am in charge of these classes, which are held on Fridays. Rev. Yuika Hasebe is the instructor for liturgy and general etiquette. Memorization of Japanese words is involved in this study. The candidates will continue their training until early December.

Originally meaning to "cross the stream of suffering to the other shore of Enlightenment," the term Tokudo signifies ordination. It is the first step to become a Hongwanji minister. After getting ordained, one has to get a Kyoshi certificate, which is required to become a full-fledged minister of the Hongwanji. A few years of official study of Jodo Shinshu at a school like

IBS at Berkeley is needed before going for the Kyoshi program at Honzan.

The committed candidates of the Pre-Tokudo program are Sherman Thompson, Barbara Brennan, and Charlene Kihara of Hawaii Betsuin. There are two Moiliili Hongwanji members, Kerry Kiyohara and Raymond Takiuye, Jr. They have their own local temple training once a week at Moiliili Hongwanji.

If approved as Pre-Tokudo Training candidates at the December State Sessions, they will take part in the ten-day Tokudo sessions and ceremony at Honzan next year. And most of them are planning to continue to study Jodo Shin Buddhism for the Kyoshi certificate.

Indeed, it is encouraging and heart-warming for me and other Betsuin ministers to see these members who are highly motivated to serve the Hongwanji as ministerial staff in the future.

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Mission Pre-Tokudo Training Class



GOJI

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Dharma Message: My Bitter-Sweet Memory Satoshi Tomioka



Before I came to Hawaii, I had a girlfriend. She was beautiful. When we were dating, you may guess I was happy. That is not so; I was super happy. I had my hair styled, I tried on various clothes and looked at myself in the mirror saying "this is not OK.... maybe this is it..." finally, I was ready for my date and I was about to leave my house, but returned to the mirror and once again checked my hair and clothing. Usually, I arrived at the place where we were to meet 10 minutes earlier than the scheduled time. When I arrived there, can you guess what I did? I looked around and if I found the mirror or window, I checked my hair style and clothes again. Even during the date, every time I found the mirror, I tried to

check my hair style and clothes. Finally, my girlfriend said, "Excuse me, you are dating, not with yourself in the mirror, but with ME." Her words brought me back to the present and I realized that I was dating this beautiful girl! Why did I check my hair style and clothes and not look at her! She was there for me! How stupid was that?

This bitter-sweet memory taught me a lesson. That is when we are busy looking only at ourselves, we cannot see the most beautiful things even when they are in front of our eyes.

In the same way, if we so strongly have our "I, my, me, mine" mind, we cannot see and feel the Dharma which is always, always guiding us. We may get angry, sad and frustrated when things don't go as we wish. In those moments, unfortunately, our hearts and minds are not calm and gentle. The "I, my, me, mine" mind shows our limitations. We

cannot be perfect. Rather, we are perfectly imperfect. However, once we are awakened to the Buddha's perfect and ultimate wisdom and compassion, then we realize that our lives are totally embraced by Buddha's wish and it enables us to live our lives with gratitude.

We have the same number of hours each day, but the way we live is different. Buddhism teaches us the way to live our lives meaningfully. Our "I, my, me, mine" mind are transformed into kind, gentle and beautiful hearts and minds. Buddha's voice is calling to not everybody. Buddha's voice is calling to only each of us. Let us hear the Buddha's voice.

With an attitude of gratitude, let us appreciate each moment and what we have now. Then, that attitude will lead our lives to a more meaningful way of life. Namo Amida Butsu

Mark your calendar!
NOVEMBER 1st

Presentation by
Frances Kakugawa
Poet, Author, Lecturer

**"Dignity, Joy and Compassion
in Giving Care"**

Sunday, November 8, 2015
11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Registration and Refreshments
Hawaii Betsuin Social Hall
11:00 am to 11:30 pm



Betsuin BWA News

African Sangha

contributed by Terry Fujioka

Did you know that in Kenya, East Africa, where President Obama's father came from, there is a Jodo Shinshu Mission. In the year 2010, the Puna Hongwanji Newsletter had an article written by Akira Yamamoto, who is the brother of Terry Fujioka, one of our Betsuin and BWA members. In the article he refers to the late Reverend Norito Nagao as the source of information. The Reverend Nagao was an older brother to the late Michiko Hori, another staunch BWA member, who recently passed away. I shall quote the passages that Akira had written. "From 1994 to 1997 the late Reverend Norito Nagao of Kurtistown had

been in touch with Mrs. Kemunto Osaka of the Jodo Shinshu Mission in Kenya, East Africa (Kenya is almost the size of Texas). She was so happy that Reverend Nagao of Papaikou Hongwanji was sending some financial help and photos and publications from Hawaii. There are some 20 small groups of Buddhists that have great faith in Amida Buddha, Shinran Shonin, message of nembutsu and reciting Namu Amida Butsu. When she first received a certified bank check of \$50.00 from Hawaii, she was filled with excitement. They also received \$500.00 from Hongwanji International Center, Japan and were curious about such a large amount being sent. It was a great relief as they are con-

stantly short of funds for the mission.. Most of the Africans are farmers and are very poor.

"The busses there are very irregular, costly and usually full so most of them walk many miles to the village to attend the service. The leaders wish they had a bicycle or motorcycle to cover the many villages. They have built a two-room Shinshu Hospital to see pregnant women, treat all kinds of disease, snake bites, malaria, etc. There is one woman clinical official who works tirelessly. More work needs to be done to the clinic but there are no funds. Mrs. Osaka is telling her husband to sell part of their farmland to fund the hospital. Other farmers have also sold part of their precious farmland to support the mission.

Life Is Water

contributed by Sharyn Sekine

How many folks do you know who say they don't want to drink anything before going to bed because they'll have to get up during the night? Something else I didn't know..I asked my doctor why do people need to urinate so much at night time?

Answer from my Cardiac doctor: Gravity holds water in the lower part of your body when you are 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.

I knew you need your minimum water to help flush the toxins out of your body, but this was news to me.

Correct time to drink water. Very Important, from a Cardiac Specialist!
Drinking water at a certain time maximizes its effectiveness on the body.

2 glasses of water after waking up helps activate internal organs.

1 glass of water 30 minutes before a meal***helps digestion

1 glass of water before taking a bath helps lower blood pressure.

1 glass of water before going to bed**avoids stroke or heart attack.

Water at bedtime will also help prevent night time leg cramps. Your leg muscles are seeking hydration when they cramp and wake you up with a Charlie Horse.

Fujiko Motobu

"There have been times when the Christian local church leaders printed zealous anti-Buddhist literature, and mobs have disrupted their meetings, calling them devils. But a local district officer from the government who visited the center recently said, "What a beautiful Shinshu Mission center."

"They must build more shelters but they do not have any resources. The membership keeps increasing so they must all make tremendous sacrifices and work harder for the mission. Honpa Hongwanji invited Mrs. Osaka to Hawaii in 1995 but she was not able to get a visa from USA."

It would be interesting to research and see how wide spread Jodo Shinshu has grown in Kenya and in other parts of the world.

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In Memoriam AUGUST and SEPTEMBER 2015

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. Namo Amida Butsu

AUGUST



SEPTEMBER

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| 1 OTO, Richard Tamotsu (86) | 4 MIZUSHIMA, Judith (72) |
| 1 SUDA, Elsie Koyoshi (103) | 4 TAKAKI, Edith Hisako (79) |
| 2 OMURA, Toshio (89) | 4 YAMAMOTO, Haruaki (96) |
| 3 KONO, Frederic Denichi (75) | 4 YAMAMOTO, Takeo (91) |
| 4 INOKUCHI, Takeo (88) | 7 NAKANISHI, Richard Osao (74) |
| 6 MASUDA, Curt Katsuji (45) | 7 OSAKI, Flora Natsuye (94) |
| 6 TERAU, Yaeko (87) | 8 HORI, Michiko (88) |
| 9 NOZAKI, Roger Hifumi (83) | 9 SHIMIZU, Toshiechi (93) |
| 10 FUKUSHIMA, Masuichi (94) | 10 TAKAOKA, Kimiko (89) |
| 14 TANAKA, Tsune Muranaka (106) | 12 YOSHIMOTO, Reiko (83) |
| 14 TOKUNAGA, Nancy Chieko (95) | 13 INOUE, Fukuso (96) |
| 15 SEMINARA, Jane Fumiko (94) | 17 FUKUSHIMA, Fumie (101) |
| 16 MINAMI, Ralph Tadashi (79) | 18 HABU, Fukiko (79) |
| 19 KNIGHT, Gloria Emiko Itokazu (72) | 19 ISHIKAWA, Donna Midori (67) |
| 21 TADA, Sharon Misao (68) | 19 NAKAMOTO, Jean Aiko (81) |
| 23 JODOI, Tokio (96) | 20 SODETANI, Takushi (91) |
| 25 HIGA, Grace Masako (93) | 20 YAMAMOTO, Elsie Fumie (81) |
| 26 SUETSUGU, Aiko (95) | 21 NIIMOTO, Clara Yoshiko (88) |
| 27 TOYAMA, Frances Kyoko (92) | 21 YAHIRO, Kenji (77) |
| 27 WATANABE, Fred Katsuji (94) | 22 YANO, Kataru (99) |
| 29 FUJIMURA, Yoshie (96) | 23 TAMURA, Hirotochi (94) |
| 29 MASUDA, Fumiko Yonemori (92) | 24 HASHIMOTO, Clarence Kazuo (91) |
| 31 MINATO, Grace Misao (102) | 25 KAWABATA, Judy Takako (89) |
| 31 TATSUNO, Aiko (90) | 25 MUNEOKA, Dennis Yoshio (60) |
| | 30 OSUMI, Yoshiko Tomishima (94) |

DENTO HOKOKU HOYO “The Commemoration of the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition”

A series of services will be held between October 2016 and May 2017 at the Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto to officially recognize that the tradition of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching of Shinran Shonin has been transmitted to the 25th Senryo Gomonsu, and to express the wish that the teachings of the Onembutsu will continue to spread throughout the world! The date for the overseas districts is October 21, 2016 and March 31, 2017.

A tour that includes the Accession Ceremony, 7-8 days of sightseeing, fellowship, and spiritual enrichment is being planned. Details are forthcoming! Please contact Rev. Hasebe if you are interested in participating or have any questions.

CORRECTION

In the October 2015 Goji, we published an article on the Betsuin Girl Scouts' trip to Japan. We neglected to give credit to Troop 415 Girl Scouts Randi Shioi and Jenna Tom who wrote the article.

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

Betsuin Offers New Classes in the Hawaiian Language for Beginning and Advanced Students with Kumu Alison Ledward

Hawaii Betsuin announces two new classes in the Hawaiian Language, taught by Kumu Alison Ledward: (1) A beginner's class, starting on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, will be conducted in 8-week cycles and meet in the dining room from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The class will include pronunciation and building of vocabulary with application of the vocabulary to develop listening, reading, and speaking skills. There will be a lot of class oral drills. The classes are low stress, and the students will dictate the pace of study.

There is no homework and no testing. Taping of the classes in any form will not be allowed. (2) An advanced class started on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2015, in the dining room from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. There will be three 15-week cycles per calendar year. The advanced class increases/expands the basic knowledge, using different resources [old newspaper articles, stories, songs, etc] to help students develop their language skills. The advanced class is open to anyone having one year of high school Hawaiian or one semester of college-level Hawaiian language. Registration is through the Hawaii Betsuin office.

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Time for a Good Laugh!

A little old lady was speeding along the highway and was stopped by a cop. He asked to see her license. The little old lady looked at the cop with a frown and said, "Why don't you cops get your act together? Yesterday, the other cop took my license away from me, and today, you want it."

Don't mess with old ladies.



BLOOD DRIVE



**Honpa Hongwanji
Hawaii Betsuin**

**Saturday, December 12
7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Main Social Hall**

To schedule your donation contact
**Cheryl Sora at 382-9561
cheryl.sora@gmail.com**

**Miki Saito at 221-0137
Saito.miki.t@gmail.com**

Blood Bank of Hawaii
Give Blood. It's Safe. It's Simple. It Saves Lives.

Please bring a valid photo I.D. with birthdate | Be sure to eat well and drink plenty of fluids before donating
Drive date, time and location are subject to change

Can't donate blood but still want to contribute to the Betsuin's Blood Drive 2015

Please donate sandwiches, small bags of chips, cookies, fruits or other food items that can be served to blood donors. Items should be dropped off at the Betsuin office on Friday, December 11 or at the Blood Drive on Saturday December 12 before 7:00 AM.

For more informatoin, contact
Cheryl (382-9561) or Miki (221-0137)

BOY SCOUT TROOP 49

Douglas Yanagihara, Troop 49 Boy Scout

Scout Law Merit Badge Workshop

On Sunday, October 4, various Boy Scout troops gathered at the historic Ali'iolani Hale for a law merit badge workshop. Ali'iolani Hale houses the Supreme Court of Hawai'i, the Court administration offices, a law library, and the Judiciary History Center. We enjoyed a quick-paced session to fulfill the various law merit badge requirements, which ended in a mock trial in which all the Scouts had a part. It was interesting to see how the judiciary system works.

We would like to thank the following individuals who took time out of their Sunday schedule to hold this merit badge workshop for the boy scouts: Associate Judge Katherine Leonard, Intermediate Court of Appeals; Judge Edward Kubo, First Circuit Court; Attorneys Ian L. Sandison and Shirley Lou-Magnuson, Carlsmith Ball LLP; Toni Palermo, Judiciary assistant; Arnold Laanui, FBI



Boy Scout Camp Ho'omaluhia

Jacen Kimura, Troop 49 Boy Scout

From September 25 through September 27, Boy Scout Troop 49 camped at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens. Under the supervision of Scoutmaster Mark Merriam, 27 Scouts and five adults attended this camp, which was a time for fellowship.

Camp was right next to the beautiful Ko'olau Mountain Range. The weather did not cooperate, but the Scouts persevered. They were scheduled for a hike with the reward of Likeke Falls waiting for them. But due to the very rainy weather conditions, the hike was canceled and instead the Scouts made their way down to the pond where they found ducks and fish. Scouts were also able to leisurely enjoy the beauty of the botanical gardens.

Besides the sightseeing, the Scouts planned and cooked their own meals, some for the first time in their Scouting careers. The boys also had the opportunity to work on requirements to advance in rank and some even earned the camping merit badge, which is a requirement for Eagle rank. Some boys were also challenged to learn how to boil water with only a few materials, under the guidance of Francis Uechi, a former Troop 49 Scoutmaster.

All in all, this two-night camp was a good experience for the boys. As always, the Scouts cleaned up after themselves, leaving no trash at the campsite even though it was raining as they packed up on Sunday morning.



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

- 7 Rev. Dan Miyuki
- 14 Rimban Tatsuo Muneto
- 21 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio
- 28 Rev. Hiromi Kawaji

Betsuin Services

Asaji Service 8 am

- 01 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
- 08 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio
- 15 Eitaikyo Service
Rev. Shingo Furusawa
- 22 No Service
Temple Clean-up
- 29 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka

**Adult English Services
10:00 AM**

- 01 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
- 08 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka
- 15 Eitaikyo Service
Rev. Shingo Furusawa
- 22 No Service – Temple Clean-up
- 29 Rev. Arthur Kaufmann

**Dharma School
9:00 AM**

- 01 Rev. Arthur Kaufmann
- 08 Rev. Tatsuo Muneto
- 15 Eitaikyo Service
Rev. Shingo Furusawa
- 22 No Service – Temple Clean-up
- 29 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio

Suicide Prevention

Monday, November 23, 2015; 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Annex Temple
1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, Hi 96813

Learn the Signs: "Suicide can be prevented by knowing how to start the conversation and where to turn for help."

EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

For more information please call the Temple Office at 536-7044

Enter temple parking lot from Lusitania Street



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Notice to All Betsuin Goji Kai:

Please be advised that, effective January 2016, Membership dues will be increased in order to maintain the many functions and the structure of the temple. You will be receiving further details regarding this increase in the December Goji. Thank you for your continued support of the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha.

Nursing Home Services

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| 05 Hale Nani – Rev. Tomioka
Hale Ho Aloha
Rev. Kaufmann | 26 Nuuanu Hale – No service
(Thanksgiving Day) |
| 12 Maluhia – Rev. Hasebe
Liliha – Rev. Hagio | 27 Leahi – Rev. Tomioka |
| 13 Hale Pulama Mau
Rev. Kaufmann | |



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