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2019 Slogan:

Embrace Change: TRANSFORMATION (Walk in Peace)

> BETSUIN MINISTERS

Chief Minister Rev. Toyokazu Hagio

Ministerial Staff Rev. Yuika Hasebe Rev. Joshin Kamuro Rev. Sol Kalu Rev. Shingo Furusawa

Betsuin Obon Service Scheduled for July 7th Speaker to be Rev. Daido Baba

Obon is the season when we remember our departed loved ones. Because of them, we are able to have this day together. We tend to think our life is our own, but we have to realize that there are uncountable numbers of people connected to our lives. In addition to your departed father, mother, grandparents, or any other family member, there have been so many other people who touched your life and helped you to grow and become the person you are today. Obon is the time we express our respect and gratitude to our departed loved ones and the guidance they have given us.

There is another important meaning of Obon services for Jodo Shinshu followers. In Jodo Shinshu traditions, our departed loved ones are already embraced by Amida Buddha's Great Compassion and Wisdom. They are already well taken care of by Amida Buddha. Therefore, the Obon service is not for those who passed away but rather it is for us, the living, so we may hear and encounter Amida Buddha's Great Compassion and Wisdom through the dharma. Encountering the Great Compassion is a precious gift given to us by our ancestors.

Our Speaker: Rev. Daido Baba from the Hilo Betsuin



This year, we are fortunate to have Rev. Daido Baba as our speaker.

Reverend Daido Baba is currently an Associate Minister at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin. He is 34 years old. He comes from a temple family and his home temple, Shineiji, is in Chiba prefecture. He graduated from Ryukoku University in Jodo Shinshu studies; bachelors degree in 2008 and masters degree in 2010. Sensei worked at Honzan in Kyoto from 2010 to 2013; was assigned to Hawaii Kyodan as a Kaikyoshi minister in Oc-

tober 2014. After completing orientation at Hawaii Kyodan Headquarters, he

was assigned to Hilo Betsuin in November 2014. Baba Sensei is married; he and his wife, Aki, have two sons and a daughter – Dojun (10 years old); Doken (7 years old) and Anna (2 years old). He loves spending time with his family; likes sports watching soccer on TV and playing tennis. And he likes to travel and enjoys delicious foods.

Hawaii Betsuin welcomes all to join our annual Obon service on July 7, 2019 at 9:30 am!

Talk Story with
Rev. Daido Baba
"The Way of
Nembutsu Life"
July 6, 2019
9:00 am - 11:30 am
In the Annex Temple
No Charge for Session

Dharma Message: "Buddhology 101b Part II" CONTINUED

Fourth Misunderstanding: Karma Punishes People Who Deserve It

Karma is not a cosmic system of justice and retribution. In Buddhism, there is no supreme deity that judges and metes out punishment according to wrong deeds done in someone's lifetime. Buddhism teaches about the law of cause and effect, which is, good deeds bring good results; bad deeds bring bad results; what you do is what happens to you. It is not about batchi for something unwholesome that we did. If it is so, who is giving the batchi? Karma is not the only force that causes things to happen. The disasters of earthquakes and tsunamis that happened a few years ago in Japan, for example, do not mean that the people living in the damaged areas and those who died, deserved to be punished for past misdeeds. Unfortu-



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nate events can happen to anybody, anytime, even to the most righteous and good person. On the other hand, karma is also a force that results in something positive and happy.

Fifth Misunderstanding: Buddhism Teaches That We're Supposed to Suffer

The First Noble Truth that the Buddha taught upon attaining Enlightenment is often translated in the books as "Life is Suffering." People read that and think that Buddhism regards life as always miserable. Well, the Buddha didn't speak English and so did not use the English word "suffering." The actual word was "dukkha." which in the Pali language that the Buddha spoke during his lifetime, has many meanings. It can mean ordinary suffering, but it can also refer to anything that is temporary, incomplete, or conditioned by other things. So even the joy and bliss that we sometimes feel in our ordinary human life, are dukkha, because they come and go. They are not permanent and thus become the seed of future suffering when we no longer experience this temporary joy and bliss and crave for more. Some translators use "stressful" or "unsatisfactory" for dukkha. To say that Buddhism teaches that we're supposed to suffer is incorrect. Even if we accept the translation that life is suffering, as the First Noble Truth, the Buddha did not stop at that. He went on to teach the second, third and fourth noble truths, which identified the cause of suffering, that suffering can be minimized or eliminated and the ways to achieve this, that of course is the Noble Eightfold Path. So, Buddhism, rather than being pessimistic about life, is actually realistic and offers the solution to relieve or minimize sufferina.

Sixth Misunderstanding: Buddhists Are Supposed To Be Vegetarians

Vegetarianism, because of its refraining from the taking of life of animals for food, is encouraged by most schools of Buddhism, but at the same time, it is a personal choice, not a commandment.

Rev. Sol Kalu

Some schools do insist on vegetarianism. In our own Jodo Shinshu tradition, the eating of animal flesh is not an issue. We



acknowledge our being foolish, ignorant, filled with bonno or blind passions, and we have to take animal life in order to live. In becoming aware of this, we entrust in Amida Buddha's Primal Vow to extinguish the negative karma generated by our killing and eating animals for our survival. Monks during the early times and even today, in some parts of the Buddhist world, begged for their food and the monastic rule was that meat as an offering is allowed for consumption unless the receiving monk knew that the animal was slaughtered specifically for him to eat.

Seventh Misunderstanding: Buddhism Is Not A Religion

I purposely placed this on the latter part of the list because it requires further discussion and explanation. Is Buddhism a religion or a philosophy, a way of life? My answer is: it is both a religion and a way of life. To proclaim oneself to be Buddhist but not putting into practice the Eightfold Path and other teachings in one's daily life, is hollow Buddhism. It has to become a way of life for the true seeker of truth and liberation from the suffering brought about by the the poisons of greed, anger, and ignorance. And for us Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, Buddhism is definitely more than a way of life. For the core of Jodo Shinshu is Shinjin, a word difficult to directly translate into English, but something similar to "faith" or "entrusting." Because we entrust ourselves to the workings of the Primal Vow of the Buddha of Infinite Life and Light, Amida Buddha, Jodo Shinshu Buddhism cannot be just a way of life or philosophy. Entrusting, hearing the name of the Buddha, and responding to the call by saying Namu Amida Butsu is something outside of philosophical thinking. But also because the essence of Buddhism is emptiness, general Buddhism is whatever one makes it or whatever one wants it to be.

President's Message:

"Season of Remembrance and Appreciation"



Obon Odori on June 28-29 marked the start of Betsuin's "Season of Remembrance and Appreciation" which shows

the unique perspective of Shin Buddhism that finds our loved ones in our hearts rather in a distant metaphysical location. For Shin Buddhists, our loved ones are with us always, not just once a year. Physical death opens the doorway for guiding others in their daily lives. In this spirit we write messages of appreciation their guidance. Our Obon season continues with Obon Service on July 7 and then

Bon Mairi Services on July 27-28 and August 3-4.

These events
mark a unique and
sacred Hongwanji
contribution to our
community by offering the opportunity to celebrate
the miracle of our
lives today through
the legacy of those
people and events

that result in our present lives. Our Buddhist teachings tell us that every

Dexter Mar

amazing moment is the result of previous circumstances and our job is to

wake up to its beauty.

This year our Obon Memorial Ribbon project included the ability to write personal messages expressing remembrance and appreciation for our loved ones. This opportunity will continue at Obon Service and Bon Mairi Services, and we hope you will open your hearts and replace grief with gratitude through a simple expression of love on a ribbon. The ribbons will be on display

near the main altar until August 4th.



10th Annual 4-Petals Peace Walk for Nuclear Restraint Dexter Mar



On Friday, August 9th, the 74th anniversary of the last nuclear bombing on humanity in Nagasaki, Japan will be observed with a Peace Walk from Hawaii Betsuin to the Nagasaki Peace Bell in Honolulu Hale Park.

Hawaii Betsuin co-hosts this annual, interdenominational observance with "4-Petals" partners The Quaker Friends Center, The Catholic Newman Center, and The Church of the Crossroads.

We walk in solidarity, first in gratitude for the restraint shown in the past year that has kept us safe from nuclear devastation, then with hope for another day of restraint, and another, and another...

Unfortunately, the threat of nuclear aggression continues to grow with deteriorating relationships with the eight

nuclear-armed countries: Russia, the United States, France, China, the United Kingdom, Pakistan, India, and Israel. With additional threats arising from Iran and North Korea.

Each step in our mile long "Silent Journey" is an aspiration of hope for an Earth without nuclear destruction. Please join us and add the power of your wish for Peace with the 4-Petals Peace Partners.

at 5pm with a lantern service in the Hongwanji Temple at 1727 Pali Highway and end with bell ringing at 7pm at the Nagasaki Peace Bell Memorial at the Honolulu Civic Center (on South Beretania Street, across from the Board of Water Supply). Chartered bus service will be available for those who are unable to walk that far. Suggested apparel

About the walk: The walk will start

The movie, "GATE: The Atomic Flame", will precede the walk at 3pm in the Hongwanji Temple.

is "something Peaceful" and comfort-

able shoes.

WHEN: Friday, August 9, 2019, 3pm Movie, 5pm Peace Walk, 7pm Peace Rell

WHERE: Hongwanji Buddhist Temple located at 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813

CONTACT: Temple Office 536-7044

BWA News and Events

2019 DANA AWARDEE:

Hawaii H.O.M.E. Project (Homeless Outreach & Medical Education) This project is comprised of 1. UH premedical students

- 2. John A. Burns School of Medical students.
- 3. UH & Tripler Army Medical Center resident physicians
- 4. UH faculty & community attending physicians

Their mission is to improve the quality and access to health care for the homeless in Hawaii, while increasing student and physician awareness and understanding of the homeless and their health care needs. They will be servicing 10 different sites of sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals. Clinics provide care for acute and chronic medical problems, preventive care, minor procedures, vision and dental screening, TB tests and vaccines, lab testing, health education, resource and referral management and medication for the uninsured.

In addition to the medical clinics, special programs and events for the homeless children including teen mentoring program, Halloween carnivals, an annual school supply drive, Christmas gifts and parties for the children and quarterly movie nights.

The recipient of the 2019 year award will be receiving \$1,000.00 annually for three years, which will be years 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Dana awardees are the following:
Perpetual: Project Dana; 3rd and last
year: Project Vision; 2nd year: Aoi
Foundation-Kahuiki Village.
Through your generosity, we collected
\$3945.00, just \$55. short of \$4,000.00.
The BWA put in the \$55, so with
\$4000.00 the Dana Day activity was
again a tremendous success. Thank you
to all of you.

Fujiko Motobu

ESHINNI-KAKUSHINNI DAY:

Thanks to the Dharma School students, parents, and teachers, Eshinni-Kakushinni Day Service was again a very successful event and we collected \$2170.00, in just one day. BWA supplemented it with \$230.00, making the total into \$2400.00.

The collection was divided into three \$800.00 amount, and were presented to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Dharma School on Gotan E service day. The BWA truly appreciates the young ones who support all of us at the temple. Thank you very much. You are the backbone of our future.

REMINDER TO ALL BWA MEM-

BERS: Dues for year 2019. Don't forget to pay your \$15.00 for BWA membership. At the same time, don't forget to pay for the GOJI membership fee for year 2019 too.

THANK YOU for supporting the Mini Market in February, April, June, and the last one will be in October. We're counting on you for donations and help. Thank you.

HONOLULU HONGWANJI COUNCIL IS sponsoring a FOOD DRIVE in the month of July, It will begin on July 1, Sunday and end on July 28, Sunday. Canned goods (meats, vegetables, fruits, soups, etc.) and items such as coffee, rice, and cereal are all welcome. The food drive is for Kahauiki Village where 30 more families will move in August. Duane Kurisu's initiative created affordable long-term housing for Hawaii's homeless families in a community that embraces the plantation values of generosity, trust, dignity, and honor. Please bring your donations to the Hawaii Betsuin Office.

ANNUAL BWA EXCURSION: Field trip is being planned for visitation to

three locations. They are Izumo Taishakyo Mission of Hawaii, Daijingu temple of Hawaii, and Queen Emma Summer Palace. The field trip is being planned for a Saturday, July 20, 2019. Letters will be sent to BWA members with lunch order forms. Guests are invited to come along if you would like to invite someone to accompany you. The seniors would feel more comfortable with someone accompanying the elder.

HONOLULU UNITED BWA MEETING

August 10. JIKOEN WILL BE HOST-ING A JOINT Education/Membership conference. Information flyer will be available on July 7 and registration deadline is July 21, with \$20.00 fee.

EXERCISE IS NECESSARY TO BOOST ADULT BRAINS: Mental and physical exercises are essential in having rapid effects on brain function and these effects could accumulate and lead to long term improvements in how our brains operate and we remember. Keeping the brain active with reading, exercises, communications are better than resting your brain. Catching on to jokes stimulate your brain.

HUMOR: from Reader's Digest 1. The knight who was afraid to fight: Sir Render 2. The undercover knight: Sir Veillance 3. The knight who always guessed right: Sir Miser 4. The knight who showed up unexpectedly: Sir Prise and 5. The knight who drank too much: Sir Rhosis.

English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger, nor apple or pine in pineapple. If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

Dharma School News

Debbie Kubota

Sunday, May 26 - Kindergarten-1st Grade Dharma Message



The Kindergarten-1st Grade Dharma School class delighted their audience by sharing their "Gratitude Train". Each student had their own color and added their colored train car to the "Gratitude Train" which became longer and longer during the Dharma School year. When the students stretched out the train to show it off at the start of their Dharma message, it was so long that it stretched across from wall-to-wall at the front of the temple!

The students presented the story, Cookies—Bite-Size Life Lessons by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, Illustrated by Jane Dyer.

They enacted scenes from the book, which depicted life skills and values, such as respect, cooperate, trustworthy, fair, compassionate, loyal, content, and generous. Many thanks to our students who participated that day... Sarene Bradshaw, Naya Fukuyama, Kieran Goto, Mahana Labuguen, Charles Mueller, Asami Nishihira, Allyson Takao. We missed Kainoa Brennan that day, as he was away, but attended regularly throughout the year.



Sunday, June 3 - Dharma Message by Reverend Hasebe



The Dharma School sangha was thoroughly entertained by Rev. Hasebe's Dharma message, in which she used handcrafted finger puppets to convey the Shinshu Pledge. What a creative way to keep everyone interested and to explain the meaning of the Shinshu Pledge. Thank you, Reverend Hasebe, for your creativity and talent!

Sunday, June 3 - End of the Year—Taco Party

Our 2018-2019 Dharma School year came to a close with a delicious taco party. We had all the fixings to make tacos, nachos, taco salad or any other food creation you could make out

of ground beef, kalua pork, fish, tortillas, chips, sour cream, guacamole, spanish rice, beans, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, onions, and salsa. We all ate to our hearts content and the kids had fun playing board games, especially the Pokemon card game.

Many, many thanks to Thanh Giang for his leadership and coordination to help make the 2018-2019 Dharma School Year such a memorable one. We really appreciated all of his hard work, along with Jovie Yoshioka, our wonderful Dharma School Supervisor, who helped to make this a very fun and successful year.

Wishing all of our Dharma School Families a wonderful summer and an invitation to join us for Mochitsuki (practice for New Years) on Sunday, July 14 and our Dharma School Registration and Pool Party on Sunday, August 25 at 9 am at the Hongwanji Mission School.





Betsuin Girl Scouts News Girl Scout Camp 2019 **Girl Scouts Awards Banquet**

Jan Nishihira



On May 5th, the Honpa Hongwanji Girl Scouts held their annual Awards Banquet in the main social hall. This event was to honor the Gold and Silver awardees and to recognize the scouts who will be bridging to the next level. The Gold Award is the most prestigious award that a Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador can earn. These scouts have demonstrated leadership skills that created positive changes in their community while upholding a standard of excellence. The Silver Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn. Scouts who earn this award have shown leadership skills and the dedication to improving their communities. Congratulations to all the scouts who have worked so hard to earn the Gold and Silver Awards! Thank you to all the families, friends, and fellow scouts in supporting their achievements.

New At The Betsuin: Watercolor Class With Pablo Tello

ABOUT THIS CLASS

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin is offering a watercolor painting class. This class is an introduction to watercolor painting. In this class we'll explore basic drawing techniques, composition, color mixing, use of dillerent materials including paper, brushes, paints. Every session will start with a demonstration. Time will be allotted for questions. The class will address individual needs in areas of composition, drawing, color mixing.

ABOUT THE TEACHER:



PABLO TELLO is an artist, potter and teacher. He owned and operated a pottery and art studio in Albuquerque, New Mexico for 25 years; participated in group

art and craft shows in Albuquerque and Honolulu. He currently teaches ceramics at the Hawaii Potters' Guild. Pablo is a graduate of Berea College (Kentucky) with a BA in art; a BA in education from College of Santa Fe in Albuquerque; and a MA in education from University of New Mexico (Albuquerque. Self-Portrait

Where: Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin -- Main Social Hall - 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813. Please enter the temple grounds and parking lot from Lusitania Street behind the temple.

When: Every Thursday morning from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm; beginning on August 15 to November 14, 2019.

Please know that some classes may be cancelled due to scheduled temple activities. Notice of class cancellations will be announced in a timely manner.

Class Size and Registra-

tion: A maximum of 15 students will be enrolled. To complete registration, please mail or submit registration form and initial payment of \$10.00 to Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813, Attention to Alan Goto. Please make your check payable to Honpa Hongwanji

Hawaii Betsuin or HHHB. Registration **Deadline:** No later than July 15, 2019. Enrollment preference will be given to Hongwanji temple members and students affiliated with Hawaii Potters' Guild. Registered students will receive confirmation by mail or email.

Please Note: Temple facility use fee of \$10.00 per student per month is requested.



Tsukemono Treasure (Pickled Things) Cindy Alm

Tsukemono, the sweet-sour-salty pickles served in small dishes as an accompaniment to a Japanese meal, are both elegant and earthy. Freshness preserved for future enjoyment.

The tradition of tsukemono-making was again carried forward within our own Buddhist Women's Association. This year, a simple inquiry, "Is anyone interested in learning how to make tsukemono?" led to a small workshop by our BWA treasure, June Iwahashi. Her tsukemono is legendary. Her self-taught skills acquired by collecting recipes, replicating distinctive tsukemono she enjoyed in restaurants, and making staggering quantities and varieties of the Japanese pickles for Hawaii Betsuin.

In reflecting on her experience, June said, "I am grateful to all the people who helped, for their good ideas, and for working together." Truckloads of daikon grown by Herbert Yasukochi were made into tasty tsukemono with the able leadership assistance of Michi Shibata and Fujiko Motobu, and the

"Tsukemono Crew" including Sue Kaizawa, Michi Hori, Nora Matayoshi, Doris Nishizawa, the late Sets Takashige, and Mitsuko Kaneshiro, as well as Grace and Ethel Kitagawa. At the height of production, Jerry Tamamoto transported and stored the tsukemono off-site due to lack of space at the temple. An assortment of chayote squash, mountain apples, and mangoes supplied by Connie Fukumoto have also been made into delicious treats.

June's workshop was held in January. The art of making varieties of tsukemono was joyously imparted to eager learners. Under June's guidance, the group's newly acquired skills were used to transform a seemingly endless supply of daikon into tsukemono for the 2019 Taste of Hongwanji.

Beyond the recipes and techniques, June showed us the spirit that she puts into making each batch of tsukemono – she is the daughter of a minister and her mother's family was from a line of ministers going back generations. Appreciate the vegetables that will be used as well as those who grew the vegetables, adapt

the recipes to the vegetables you have, think of those who will be eating what you make, and put your heart into the process so that it's always your very best effort. If a mistake is made (and we made mistakes), or things don't work out as planned, don't be hard on yourself, accept it, do what you can to correct it, learn from it, and find a way to move forward. No task is too large, or too small. Stay in the moment. Be kind. Show appreciation.

We are grateful to June for her generosity and graciousness in sharing her knowledge and life lessons, and allowing us the opportunity to carry on the tradition.

June will be at the Honolulu United BWA Education Seminar/General Membership Meeting in August which is focused upon the Blue Zones project on how to live longer and more satisfying lives. In addition to June's demonstration on tsukemono making, the program will include other demonstrations and ideas for healthy living.

Here's one of the workshop recipes. It's from the Hawaii Betsuin cookbook with some modification.

YATSUMI ZUKE Favorite Island Cookery, Book 1, p. 25

1 medium sized HEAD CABBAGE

3 medium sized MUSTARD CABBAGE

4 Tbsp. or 1/4 cup Hawaiian salt

2 Tbsp. Roasted White Sesame seeds (optional)

SAUCE: 1/3 cup shoyu (2 2/3 cup) 1/4 cup Japanese vinegar (2 cups)

1/4 cup brown sugar, firmly packed (2 cups)
Chili peppers (optional with or without seeds)

Chop head cabbage and mustard cabbage into $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch sized pieces. Put the chopped cabbage in a big container, sprinkle Hawaiian salt and mix well. Let salted cabbage stand for about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour (if time is short, "massage" the salt into the cabbage). Rinse the cabbage with water and drain well. Next, squeeze the cabbage to remove excess water and put the cabbage back into the big container. Add sesame seeds (optional). Make the sauce by combining the shoyu, Japanese vinegar, and brown sugar in a pot and heat until the mixture starts to boil. Pour the hot sauce over the cabbage and mix well. Let cabbage and sauce cool for 3-4 hours at room temperature. Place cooled cabbage into storage containers and add sauce to the containers. Cover the containers and store in refrigerator.

Cookbooks are sold at the Hawaii Betsuin's Business Office and can be ordered on-line through the Hawaii Betsuin website.

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Radio Programs JULY 2019 KZOO 1210 AM Japanese Language Saturday at 7:30 AM

- 06 Rev. Gene Haruo Sekiya
- 13 Rev. Daido Baba
- 20 Rev. Shingo Furusawa
- 27 Rev. Yuika Hasebe

Betsuin Services

Asaji Service 8:00 AM

- 07 Obon Service Rev. Daido Baba
- 14 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
- 21 Rev. Shingo Furusawa
- 28 Rimban Toyokazu Hagio

Adult English Services

9:30 AM

07 Obon Service Rev. Daido Baba

10:00 AM

- 14 Rev. Sol Kalu
- 21 Rev. Jan Youth
- 28 Rev. Shingo Furusawa

Nicchu Service 1:00 PM

- 07 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
- 14 Rev. Shingo Furusawa
- 21 Rimban Toyokazu Hagio
- 28 Rev. Yuika Hasebe

Dharma School 9:00 AM

Summer Vacation Until August

> REMINDER: NO AUGUST GOJI!



Everyone Welcomed!

In Memoriam



MAY 2019

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

3/14/2019 YAMAMOTO, Carol Sumie Nunotani (88)

4/22/2019 OKADA, Miyako (96)

04 HIRATA, Emiko (96)

09 KOBAYASHI, Dennis Hiroaki (75)

09 NAKAUE, Amy Matsuyo (95)

11 FUJITA, Kikue (95)

15 NAKANISHI, Masaru (99)

19 KURIHARA, Robert Kenji (88)

20 YEMPUKU, Paul Shodo (92)

24 ARAKI, Charles Takeshi (85)

24 NISHIYAMA, Dorothy Mitsue (94)

24 ORITA, Albert Yooji (86)

25 OKAZAKI, Yuriko (89)

29 FURUYA, Scott Kenji (47)

31 MATSUDA, Teruko (92)

31 MURAKAMI, Suteyo (97)



2019 Memorial Service Schedule

2018 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

 2018 – 1 year
 2007 – 13 year
 1987 – 33 year

 2017 – 3 year
 2003 – 17 year
 1970 – 50 year

 2013 – 7 year
 1995 – 25 year
 1920 – 100 year



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 Namo-amida-butsu.

-Shinran Shonin