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2019 Slogan:

Embrace Change:
TRANSFORMATION
(Walk in Peace)

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Rev. Sol Kalu
Rev. Shingo Furusawa

Autumn O-Higan Service Scheduled For September 22nd

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin will observe its Autumn O-higan service on September 22, 2019 at 9:30 AM. This special service is observed twice a year, one during the spring and the other in the fall season.

The word "higan" is a translation of the Sanskrit word "paramita" and it means "arriving on the other shore." It signifies "getting across." Buddhism teaches that the world in which we live, called the impure world or saha realm (literally realm of endurance), is a place of suffering and troubles. In this schema, the saha world is located on this side of the shore. The source of all suffering — the three paths of earthly desires, karma and suffering — is likened to a great river. The life condition of enlightenment is likened to the other shore. In order to cross from the impure world, over the life and death sufferings of the great river, and reach the pure land on the other shore, people must embark upon the boat of the Buddha's teachings. This is the most common way of teaching O-higan, using the boat of the Dharma to get to the other shore. In Jodo Shinshu, the boat is not only the Dharma but also the Vow of Amida Buddha, a great ship that ferries us without fail across the turbulent ocean that separates us from the world of Buddha's enlightenment.

The guest speaker for this year's autumn O-higan service at Hawaii Betsuin will be Rev. Jeffrey Soga, Prior to the Sunday service, Rev. Soga will also conduct a talk story session on Saturday September 21st at the Annex temple.

Meet Our Speaker, Rev. Jeffrey Soga



Rev. Jeffrey Daien Soga was born in Miyoshi-shi Ken, Japan, and graduated from Joge High School. After graduating from Ryukoku University in Kyoto majoring in Buddhism, he came to Hawaii as an overseas minister assigned to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission in 1985. Since coming to Hawaii, he has served at the Hilo Hongwanji Betsuin (1985-1990); Puna, Pahala and Naalehu Hongwanji Missions (1990-2001); Kahului and Lahaina Hongwanji Missions (2001-2003); and back to the Hilo Hongwanji Betsuin (2015-2017). He is currently

serving as the resident minister at the Waipahu Hongwanji Mission. Rev. Soga is married to Kumiko Soga who is also an ordained minister. They have four grown children, a boy and three girls.

Dharma Message: “Live Right Now!” Rev. Shingo Furusawa

Buddhism teaches us that the present is the most important, and we must treasure every moment of our lives. If we ignore our present life, what will happen?

As an example, I would like to introduce a story about a man. Once upon a time, there lived a man who was very greedy. One day, a devil came up in front of him and said, “Run until the sun goes down. I will give you all the land on which you run.” The man ran very hard. As time passed, he gradually got tired, but he continued to run. When the sun set, he had run a very long distance, and he shouted,

“I ran very far. I got this very large land. Now I am a rich man!” However, he fell down and died because he was extremely exhausted from running. Some people found him and buried his body in the ground. For the burial, only the land for his height was enough.....

What do you think about this story? The man ran very hard to be a rich man. In other words, he ran to get his future happiness, but he dug his own grave because he pursued only future happiness. Please do not misunderstand that this story never said that we must not dream. It is very important that we have future dreams and try our best to accomplish them. In the case of the man, he ignored his present life. Our lives are composed of an accumulation of each and every

moment. This story tells us if we ignore these present moments, we will fail in our lives like him.

In Shoshinge, Master Shinran, the founder of our Shin Buddhist tradition states:

“Everywhere the Buddha casts light immeasurable, boundless, unhindered, unequaled light-lord of all brilliance,

Pure light, joyful light, the light of wisdom,

Light constant, inconceivable, light beyond speaking,

Light surpassing sun and moon is sent forth, illuminating countless worlds;

The multitudes of beings all receive this radiance.”

(Praising Amida's Virtues Jodo Shinshu Service Book page 12-13)

These passages include many difficult words, but Master Shinran reveals that Amida Buddha is light, and the Buddha's light always illuminates all places and all beings. In other words, Amida's light illuminates us right here and now! Even now, if we forget about Amida Buddha, the Buddha's compassionate light illuminates us at this moment. If we ignore each moment of our lives, we will waste Amida's untiring compassion. So let us live right now!

In Gassho.



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You're Invited! NEW CLASS “Buddhism and Science” with Rev. Sol Kalu

TOPIC: Buddhist metaphysics, relationship between Buddhist teachings and scientific explanations of how and why things happen in the universe, the law of cause and effect reincarnation, rebirth and karma.

FORMAT: Questions and answers; discussion and exchange of views or opinions.

Date: October 11, 18, 25
(Friday)

Time: 4:00 on to 5:00 pm
Place: Annex Temple or Lounge
(if Annex temple in use)

President's Message: "and" Dexter Mar



"and" is such a small word that we often miss its impact. "And" is used to connect, join, add concepts together. Have you noticed that Shin Buddhist concepts often use "and" ?

"Wisdom AND Compassion"
 "Buddha, Dharma, AND Sangha"
 "Immeasurable Light AND Life"
 "Bright AND Strong"

What is Wisdom without Compassion? Or, Compassion without Wisdom?
 What is the Buddha without the Dharma or Sangha? What is Light without Life?
 What is Bright without Strong? Or, Strength without Intelligence?

From our Shin Buddhist teachings we do not stand alone. Our path focuses on living AND working together, versus going off in isolation to figure things out.

AND also resonates with our "Golden Chain of Love" which begins with "I am a link," then inspires us to keep our links "Bright AND Strong." Each link is important. Each of us is responsible for maintaining the integrity of our link AND helping others with theirs.

September is the time when the current Betsuin Board of Directors looks for its 2020-21 Directors to lead the Sangha for the next two years. In the past two years we have embarked on a \$3.2 million Capital Campaign to finish in 2021; refreshed the Betsuin Lounge; introduced a "Season of Remembrance AND Appreciation" starting with Bon Dance AND connecting to Obon and Bon Mairi services* via a personalized memorial ribbon concept; HMS Chaplain program; supported our affiliated organizations; AND developed a Betsuin "Vision Statement" (what we wish to become).

A welcoming place where all share the joy of living
 with gratitude and compassion inspired by Buddhist values

The 2020-21 Board of Directors will be entrusted with deciding how to become "the Betsuin we must be" to meet the challenges of the next 100 years. Guided by our new Vision Statement, we will work together to better serve our members, affiliates and the community.

So, be INCLUDED as a Betsuin leader on the Board of Directors. Keep your link bright AND strong by stepping up. More information on the Betsuin website (<https://hawaiiibetsuin.org/board/>) or ask for the Board of Directors brochure at the Business Office. "Come as you are" AND join the Board!

*Bon Mairi Services have become a "signature" Betsuin memorial service with many added touches to enhance the experience of participants. Pre-service videos with "I'll Remember You" and "A Million Stars" provide a thoughtful and connected prelude to the service. The service features Oshoko with hanging a personalized memorial ribbon, singing "I'll Remember You" and having a sentimental message of appreciation by a minister. Hatsubon (1st year) Bon Mairi memorial services also include photos and Homyo (Buddhist name with translation) of each loved one. These combined family services are a powerful experience in interconnectedness, sharing and appreciation.



BWA News and Events

Fujiko Motobu

COMING EVENTS:

There are five Sundays in September. The second Sunday, September 8 is Grandparents Day, and September 22 will be Spring Ohigan service, since the first day of Autumn falls on Monday, September 23. That is the day when day and night are of equal length.

September used to be an exciting month when schools started each year for the students; however, today schools start in the month of August when it is still summer. The only thing that seems to remain the same is the length of the school day when it opens at 8 am and closes at 2 pm for most schools. In this day and age we would assume that there are a lot more things for the students to learn so the school hours should be longer. Long ago there used to be Japanese language or Chinese language schools after school, therefore, the students were kept occupied and busy until about 5 pm.

BWA MEMBERSHIP: There are a mere 128 active members and 69 Associate members at Hawaii Betsuin. All adult women are encouraged to become BWA members. The fee is a mere \$15.00 per year and we encourage you to also become a Gojikai member of Hawaii Betsuin. The benefits of being a member of Hawaii Betsuin is that you are a member of a beautiful temple which is over a hundred years old, there are many nice people to associate with and there are five ministers plus the Bishop and his assistant and all of their wives and children to mix with. You will receive the monthly newsletter, Goji, and you can rent the Hondo hall for a discounted price. If someone in your family dies and you have ashes in an urn to preserve, you probably want to obtain a "Nokotsudo" to place the ashes. This is available at the temple.

The members who attend the temple are very nice, friendly people whom you

would enjoy socializing with. Many of the folks are from the neighbor islands and it is nostalgic to reminisce about their past. Ladies with husbands may have their husbands become auxiliary members of the BWA, and the men do not need to worry about paying any dues. We welcome all men to help the BWA ladies whenever necessary. We seek their manpower and friendship. Men need to socialize; otherwise they will develop dementia. Women can always help them.

BWA SENIORS NEED TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT FALLING:

Here are some hints on how to prevent from falling. **EXERCISE:** Include exercise in your daily routine. 20 minutes a day of aerobic and anaerobic exercise. Weightlifting to strengthen your legs is a good idea. Tai chi appears to be an effective way to improve your balance. **MIND YOUR MEDS:** Medications, especially those that help with sleep are especially bad. Benadryl and Advil PM are bad for balance. If everybody got off the sleeping pills it would help a lot. **RE-ACCESSORIZER:** Eyesight is a crucial component when it comes to falls. Avoid bifocal or progressive lenses when walking outside. If you are wearing bifocals and stepping down off a curb, that changes your depth perception. No high heels. Anything the foot slides into is a terrible idea. All shoes should have a back and with good tread on the sole. Slippers can be bad. Slippers make you slip. Bare

foot is good, therefore, try to be barefooted in the house. No more slippers.

ELIMINATE TRIPPING HAZARDS:

Get rid of scatter rugs in your home. Eliminate extension cords that stretch across a floor. Pets can also be a hazard. You can trip over your pet. Keep a light on at night for visual access to the bathroom. **EARLY AND OFTEN TO THE BATHROOM:** Hydration is a good way to fight dizziness. Drink plenty of water throughout the day. Don't wait until you are desperate to go to the bathroom and need to rush. Doing the sit-to-stand is good exercise and good for balance so go often and do your exercise for bonus.

HUMOR:

Unless you exercise your brain, you will develop dementia. To appreciate or to catch on to the humor, you need your brain, so let's exercise. 1. When blue-collar workers go out together at the weekend they talk about football. When middle management are together, they talk about tennis, whereas top management discuss golf. Conclusion: the higher up you are, the smaller your balls. 2. A little boy is doing his homework. He says to himself, "2 plus 2 the son of a bitch is four. 3 plus 6 the son of a bitch is 9. "His mother hears him and gasps. "What are you saying?" The little boy answers, "I'm doing my homework. This is how my teacher taught me to do it." Infuriated, the mother confronts the teacher the next day. "What are you teaching my son in arithmetic? He's been saying 2 plus 2, the son of a bitch is four" the teacher replies, "Oh, dear, What I taught them was, 2 plus 2 the sum of which is 4."

REPAIRING NENJUS: A workshop on repairing nenju was held as part of the 3rd general membership meeting

Issue of “Medical Aid in Dying” (Part 1)

An Important Announcement Regarding the New Hawaii Law, “Our Care, Our Choice Act” for You and Your Family!

This is to inform the members of Hawaii Betsuin about the new Hawaii law that became effective on January 1, 2019. The new law is known as “OUR CARE, OUR CHOICE ACT”. This law allows Hawaii residents, 18 years or older, who are diagnosed with a terminal illness and have a prognosis of six months to live, to seek medical assistance to end their lives. Individuals meeting this criteria may obtain an “aid-in-dying prescription” from their physician. The new law gives Hawaii residents choices in their end-of-life concerns. The choices are whether they wish to continue receiving medical care until the end of their lives or if they wish to take drugs to hasten their deaths.

It is estimated that about fifty adults, this year, will request prescription

medication to hasten their death. John Radcliff is one of these individuals. He has advocated for medical aid in dying at the Legislature for some time. According to his testimonies, he underwent chemotherapy more than fifteen times and experienced both physical and mental suffering because of the treatment. He requested to participate in medical aid in dying for the sake of quality of life in terms of independence and sense of freedom. According to a survey, more than 60 per cent of Hawaii’s residents are in favor of Medical Aid in Dying.

Some of the ministers of the Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin started to study the issue carefully. They feel that time has come for them to provide assistance to local Buddhists who have a terminal illness, and to their families, by offering appropriate psychological and spiritual assurances for peace and comfort in their lives. The ministers will respect the members’ privacies and choices with Amida Buddha’s love and care as

Rev. Sol Kalu

their guide.

In response to the concerns of the Hawaii Betsuin ministers that sangha members considering their end of life options have Buddhist counseling available to them, Bishop Eric Matsumoto expressed the following personal views:

“Medical Aid in Dying is a complex issue with no simple answer. It requires mutual heart to heart, open, honest, empathetic, compassionate and respectful conversation by all those affected especially listening to the individual contemplating it.

For me, as a Jodo Shin Buddhist, it is important not to be judgmental and only centered on oneself by keep in mind the principal of interdependence, impermanence, preciousness of life, and true liberation from suffering. I am not unconditionally for or totally against Medical Aid in Dying.

However, I will say, it can be the last option to be considered from among the other possible options available and only after all other options have also been deeply considered. It is essentially for clergy to be involved in providing guidance.”

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the Medical Aid in Dying law, or the Buddhist perspective on this issue, please contact the temple office at 536-7044 and ask for Rev. Sol Kalu. Having a rich experience as a former dialysis nurse, Rev. Kalu will coordinate with the ministerial staff in answering your questions regarding your end-of-life concerns. We will continue our discussion of this important issue in the October 2019 issue of the Goji.

Mahalo Golf Tournament Volunteers



Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make the 23rd Annual Golf Tournament a success. Warmest mahalo to all of the golfers, sponsors, generous donors, and L&L. With hard-working Melvyn Kawahara spearheading the event, over \$25,000 will be added to the support of youth, cultural, and Buddhist education programs. Mark Thursday, August 13, 2020 to make certain you will be part of our next golf tournament.

Betsuin Co-hosted 2019 Peace Walk



Peace Walkers make their way to the Nagasaki Peace Bell Memorial in downtown Honolulu.

Photo by Rev. Kazunori Takahashi

On August 9, 2019, Hawaii Betsuin co-hosted the 10th Annual Peace Walk from our temple to the Nagasaki Peace Bell Memorial. Co-hosting were our Four Petals Partners: Honolulu Friends Meeting, Church of the Crossroads, and the Newman Center Hawaii.

Our silent steps were aspirations for peace as we reflected on the 74th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Japan and the 13th anniversary of the 1600-mile pilgrimage of three Buddhist monks to save humanity from the cycle of nuclear destruction. The monks' pilgrimage is depicted in the documentary "GATE," which screened prior to the walk.

In the words of our founder, Shinran Shonin, "May peace and tranquility prevail throughout the world."

"raising a peaceful child in challenging times"

2019 NEMBUTSU GATHERING - HONOLULU & OAHU DISTRICTS

Sponsored by HONOLULU & OAHU HONGWANJI COUNCILS &
the OFFICE OF BUDDHIST EDUCATION



Saturday, November 2 - 9:00 am to 2:30 pm
Aiea Hongwanji - Registration Fee: \$15 per adult participant

Call Hawaii Betsuin for more information: 536-7044. / Child care will be provided for children 3 years and older.

Lunch is included for adults and children.

This Nembutsu Gathering is an opportunity for parents/grandparents to gather together, listen to experts in the educational field and panelists from our Sangha. The challenges of raising a peaceful child in today's world will be addressed, incorporating Buddhist values into strategic parenting. Topics include: social-emotional development, making their own decisions, mindfulness, bullying, youth risk behavior, academics/career aspirations vs. extracurricular activities.

Listen to our Presenters: Stephen Chinen, Solomon Elementary School Counselor & Author of "Rainbows in Me: Values of Aloha" and Kena Heffernan, Math Teacher/Athletic Director, sumo champion/sumo coach

Be inspired by our Keynote Speaker: Chad Miller, Ph.D., 2012 Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year,; Associate Specialist, Institute for Teacher Education & Uehiro Academy for Philosophy and Ethics in Education, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Interact with your peers in small group discussions to share parenting strategies about raising a peaceful child...

More BWA News and Events continued from page 4

of BWA on July 29. A follow-up will be scheduled soon for those who missed it.

BUDDHIST WOMEN'S WORLD CONVENTION will be held in San Francisco from August 30 to September 2. Most of our Betsuin BWA officers will be attending.

RECIPE FOR YOU:

HORENSO TO TOFU (SHIRAAE aka Penny's power spinach) from Penny Atcheson.

1 block firm tofu (12 oz. is plenty unless you're using for main protein);
2 large bunch spinach 16 oz. or more;
¾ cup memmi or other shoyu based dashi;
1T low sodium soyu or ponzu

Drain tofu and mash into small curds. Add memmi sauce and let marinate while you prep spinach. Thoroughly wash spinach, even if you're using pre-washed greens. Steam spinach until limp but still green, not mush and gray. Drain spinach and squeeze out excess liquid. (You can save liquid and use in smoothies or soups.) Chop spinach and add to tofu mash. Mix with extra sauce, shoyu or ponzu, to taste. You want it to be evenly flavored but not runny with liquid since you drained and squeezed out all the excess. Garnish with your choice of extras—bonito flakes, green onion, sesame seeds, sesame oil, pepper flakes (sesame oil and pepper flakes makes it more Korean than Japanese).

Prep time is about 15 minutes. You can double or halve this recipe depending on the number of people eating. Good chilled or at room temp. Stay healthy and live long by eating right, exercising, and not becoming obese.

"History In Our Neighborhood" BWA Field Trip

Cindy Alm

Our summer adventure was a simple bus trip to three locations, all within three miles of our temple, each with more than a century of history. Our first stop was Izumo Taishakyo Mission Of Hawaii (Hawaii Izumo Taisha), on the outskirts of Chinatown. Bishop Daiya Amano and Reverend Jun Miyasaka met us at the entrance to the Shinto shrine. The shrine structure was built in 1922 by a master builder from Japan. Hawaii Izumo Taisha was established in 1906 and is a branch of Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine in Shimane, Japan. Due to social media, many young people from Japan visit the shrine.

Lush Nuuanu Valley was the location of our second stop, Daijingu Temple of Hawaii, a Shinto shrine serving the people of Hawaii since 1903. The shrine has been at its current and permanent location since 1958 and is tucked away in a residential neighborhood near Nuuanu Park. Reverend Akihiro Okada, head priest, greeted us with a blessing and closed our visit with a taste of sake for the attendees.

During World War II, the property of Hawaii Izumo Taisha and Daijingu Temple of Hawaii became the property of the City and County of Honolulu and U.S. government respectively. Shinto priests, like Buddhist ministers, were interned. In a living history note, one of our BWA members, the daughter of a Hongwanji minister, recalls being interned with the family of Bishop Miyao of Hawaii Izumo Taisha. Rebuilding after the war included finding a temporary and then a permanent location. For Hawaii Izumo Taisha, a long court proceeding ultimately resulted in the return of their shrine property in 1962.

Our third stop, also in Nuuanu Valley, was Queen Emma Summer Palace, the summer home of Hawaii's Queen Emma, her husband, King Kamehameha IV, and their son, Prince Albert Edward, both of whom predeceased her. She used the home from 1857 until her death in 1885. The home was built in 1847 of materials shipped from Boston. Queen Emma inherited the home from her uncle, John Young II, who acquired it in 1850. In 1915, Hawaii's Territorial Government planned to demolish the home because it had fallen into disrepair. The Daughters of Hawaii, dedicated to historic preservation, acquired the home to maintain it as a museum. The stories behind the collection of antiques, belongings, and furnishings of Queen Emma provide a glimpse of her life as queen consort, mother and widow.

Thirty two BWA members and ten guests participated in the field trip on July 20, 2019. Upon returning to our temple, the group enjoyed a special vegan bento prepared by Chef Jon Matsubara (son of BWA member Arlene Matsubara). Ideas and suggestions from BWA members for next year's field trip are welcomed.

Mahalo For A Successful Food Drive!

Wendie Yumori

Many, many thanks to you for your donations to the Kahauiki Village Food Drive from June 30 – July 28. With Honolulu Hongwanji Council's support, all four Honolulu District temples participated in this wonderful effort!



How did we come to develop a connection with Kahauiki Village? On Nov. 19, 2018, we BWA members and friends from HI Betsuin, Jikoen, and Moiliili gathered happily at Kahauiki Village to see Duane Kurisu accept Honolulu United BWA's first year Dana Award of \$1,000 to Kahauiki Village. Following the presentation, Duane spoke to us about his vision to develop permanent housing for homeless families. Phase I of Kahauiki Village opened its doors to 30 families in Jan. of 2018. Duane then

led us on an amazing tour of Phase I. When asked in what ways we could help, Duane responded that donations of non-perishable food items would be so appreciated.

As we HI Betsuin BWA members drove back to the temple, we excitedly discussed plans for a Kahauiki Village Food Drive. This idea, when brought to the Honolulu Hongwanji Council,

was supported by all four temples. HUBWA President, Donna Higashi, then communicated with Kahauiki Village's umbrella organization, the aio Foundation, to schedule an appropriate time frame for the food drive. The aio Foundation folks notified us that 30 families would be moving into Kahauiki Village's Phase II in August of 2019. Therefore, it was decided to hold the food drive from June 30 – July 28 at each temple.

As can be seen in the July 28 photo, Hawaii Betsuin's Kahauiki Village Food Drive was extremely successful! Thanks to Sharon and Glenn Yokoyama and Dianne Ida for managing the drop off of food items at Kahauiki Village on Aug. 2. At the Honolulu United BWA Joint Conference at Jikoen on Aug. 10, Jaime Oliveira and Warren Daubert of aio Foundation expressed their appreciation for receiving HUBWA's second year Dana Award of \$1,000 on behalf of Kahauiki Village and they conveyed their most sincere thanks for everyone's generous support of the Kahauiki Village Food Drive!

Sing Namō Amida Butsu!

Wendie Yumori

Hawaii Betsuin recently received a wonderful gift from Kemi Nakabayashi, editor of Seattle Betsuin's new gatha book,

Sing Namō Amida Butsu.

Kemi, who was an enthusiastic Choralfest participant at Hawaii Betsuin last year, gifted Hawaii Betsuin with 180 copies of "Sing Namō Amida Butsu" in thanks for the assistance of chairperson, Francis Okano, and the HHMH State Music Comm. while Seattle Betsuin was preparing the new gatha book for publication. Kemi received permission from copyright holders in Hawaii such as BJ Soriano, Debbie



Kubota, Mitsuyo Saito, Irene Ida (for her mother, Mieko Takamiya), Carrie Kawamoto, and Dr. Takeo Kudo to include their gathas; she also received permission from the HHMH State Music Comm. to include a number of gathas translated by the Translation Subcommittee. With deepest thanks to Kemi, Rimban Toyokazu Hagio heartily approved Hawaii Betsuin's placement of the new gatha books in the Main Hondo in early July. What a wonderful added resource to "Praises of the Buddha" and the translated gatha folders! The gathas of the month for July ("Golden Chain"), August ("A Special Place"), and September ("Living Gratefully") were all selected from "Sing Namō Amida Butsu."

Publication of this gatha book was made possible through the generosity of Kemi's mother, Marion H. Dumont. Mrs. Dumont created the Hideo and Misao Kaneko Music Fund at Seattle Betsuin in memory of her parents who were founding members of the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple and Palo Alto Buddhist Temple Fujinkai (Buddhist Women's Association). Upon the passing of Marion Dumont, this fund grew through koden and donations made in her memory from many family members and friends.

It's heartwarming to realize that we at Hawaii Betsuin shall benefit from this music fund established by Kemi's mother in the name of Kemi's grandparents. Mahalo, Kemi, for sharing Seattle Betsuin's new gatha book with all of us. We are so pleased and grateful to be able to Sing Namō Amida Butsu with all of you!

Honpa Hongwanji to Celebrate Peace Day at VegFest Oahu September 21

International Peace Day and Peace Day in Hawaii are recognized on September 21 each year. This year, Honolulu temples and affiliates will be bringing Peace Day awareness to VegFest Oahu, a festival of plant-based food and cooking in its fourth year at the civic grounds at Honolulu Hale. The 2019 festival happens to fall on Peace Day, Saturday September 21, and goes from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will host a "Peace Day Lounge" in a 15'x15' tent, featuring displays about Peace Day and Hongwanji, peace-related activities, and an

informal setting to talk story. In addition, Peace Day will be recognized from the VegFest music stage -- including words from the Bishop and a performance of



"Golden Chain" by the Hawaii Betsuin Choir at about 3:25 p.m. Please make plans to attend VegFest

Oahu and drop by the Peace Day Lounge. While we share Peace Day and Hongwanji with the community at large, we in turn will benefit from the many learning opportunities, tasty and healthful food, and great music at VegFest Oahu. Some free parking is available underground. Carpooling and other modes of transportation are encouraged. See <https://vegfestohawaii.com/> for details!

(Note: This event takes the place of the Interfaith Peace Day Service that PBA and Hawaii Betsuin have typically hosted around Peace Day in recent years.)

- David Atcheson, Member
HHMH Peace Day Committee

Dharma School News

Debbie Kubota & Thanh Giang



June 28 & 29 - Bon Dance

Dharma School Taiko Group
Our very own Dharma School Taiko group kicked off our Bon Dance activities on both nights. The group was able to showcase their original compositions; Warm Up #2 (Renshu #2)—an original variation of a well-known practice piece, with partners using 3 drums, Jan Ken Po—which includes audience participation with snack prizes, and Laulima—featuring our various ethnic cultures in the islands. They also played a group and crowd favorite, Yodan, which is one of their most active pieces with the

drummers moving around the drums in synchrony. It's always an honor for the group to be able to share their joy of taiko with all.

Dharma School PTO Shave Ice Booth

"Rainbow with snow cap" was by far the most popular order as the Dharma School parents and families busily filled orders for the sometimes never ending line of customers. But that didn't deter our Dharma School ohana from serving up delicious and refreshing ice treats with a smile. Many, many thanks to Reid Yamamoto and Thanh Giang and their families for their coordination and dedication to making sure that every detail was addressed and everything ran smoothly. We are so fortunate

to have such wonderful families in our ohana.

July 14 - Mochi Tsuki (Practice Session)

Thanks to Tamayo Matsumoto, the Dharma School was able to have a "practice" session to make delicious mochi in the traditional way. The mochi tsuki team was super at their trade. They spent time educating everyone on their craft. The children



enjoyed the opportunity to pound the rice and enjoyed eating even more. It was a nice crowd and a treat for all. We are looking forward to

December to give it another try. Please join us for another fun-filled Dharma School year!

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

07 Rev. Shingo Furusawa
 14 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
 21 Rev. Kojun Hashimoto
 28 Rev. Jeffrey Soga

Betsuin Services

Asaji Service 8:00 AM

01 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
 08 Rev. Shingo Furusawa
 15 Rev. Eigetsu
 22 Autumn Higan
 Rev. Jeffrey Soga
 29 Rimban Toyokazu Hagio

Adult English Services

01 Rev. Sol Kalu
 08 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
 15 Rev. Jan Youth
 22 Autumn Higan
 Family Service 9:30 am
 Rev. Jeffrey Soga

29 Rev. Joshin Kamuro

Nicchu Service 1:00 PM

01 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
 08 Rimban Toyokazu Hagio
 15 Rev. Joshin Kamuro
 22 Rimban Toyokazu Hagio
 29 Rev. Yuika Hasebe

Dharma School 9:00 AM

01 No DS
 08 Rev. Jan Youth
 15 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
 22 Autumn Higan
 Family Service 9:30 am
 Rev. Jeffrey Soga
 29 Rev. Sol Kalu

Everyone Welcomed!



In Memoriam



JUNE / JULY 2019

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

4/20/2019 ASATO, Yoshito (89)

5/31/2019 ARAKAKI, Jean Kazue (98)

JUNE

05 FURUKAWA, Eleanor Satoko (99)
 06 HANADA, Ruth Kawane (99)
 15 YAMASHITA, Sadako (94)
 17 KONDO, Wray Hikaru (68)
 18 MURAOKA, Helen Machiko (103)
 19 MORIKAWA, Paul Isao (83)
 19 WAGO, Bessie Michio (89)
 23 YOSHIDA, Alice Matsue (96)
 28 TOSHIMA, Alice Hatsue (96)
 29 MATSUDA, Larry Masaki (94)

JULY

02 MANAGO, Beatrice Hiroko (91)
 08 YAMANAKA, Tsuyako (93)
 10 SUZUKAWA, Gary Noboru (70)
 11 OSUMI, Stephen Yoshio (91)
 13 OGATA, Kay Kazuno (84)
 17 OTO, Mark Kiyoshi (64)
 20 KOBAYASHI, Edith Hatsue (94)
 21 SUGIBAYASHI, Kimiko Saito (104)
 23 ICHIYAMA, Ruth Fumiko (99)
 23 KANETA, Yukie (97)
 30 SUMIDA, Herman Minoru (85)

Nursing Home Services

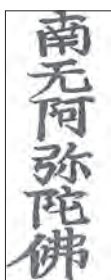
SEPTEMBER 2019

05 Hale Nani – Rev. Kalu
 Hale Ho Aloha – Rev. Hasebe
 12 Maluhia – Rev. Furusawa
 Liliha – Rev. Hagio
 13 Kuakini – Rev. Kalu
 26 Nuuanu Hale (9:30 am)
 Rev. Kamuro
 27 Leahi – Rev. Kamuro

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 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 Namo-amida-butsu.

-Shinran Shonin