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2019 Slogan:

Embrace Change:
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(Walk in Peace)

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Issue of "Medical Aid in Dying" Buddhist Views: (Part 2)

Now that the State of Hawaii adopted the new law on Medical Aid in Dying early this year, Hawaii's residents who are terminally ill are able to choose to take drugs to hasten death. The adoption of this new law became a breakthrough in end-of life concerns; for some, it is a challenge. What are Buddhist views of Medical Aid in Dying, OUR CARE, OUR CHOICE ACT? Here are some answers to questions you may have.

Those who are suffering from such terminal illness as advanced cancer and heart disease, etc. may experience devastating pain. And many of them have serious concerns over their future and that of their families. Once a physician of Kyoto Honzan's Vihara

Program said, "Thanks to advancement in medicine and medical technology, pain became somewhat manageable. However, many patients wonder where they go after death." This is ever a spiritual dilemma.

The aim of Early (Theravada) Buddhism is to become free from suffering and sorrow that one has created, that is called Samsara (sheer cycle of births and deaths). This religious goal is attainable for monks, but for ordinary people who have families and jobs, thorough purification of thoughts, words and deeds are hardly attainable. One continues to die and is born

again endlessly in samsara. As a result of this human situation, the bliss of Nirvana or emancipation is difficult to reach in this life.

The "Three Homages" or Kikyomon in Japanese points to this truth of life. It reads: "Hard it is to be born into human life, now we are living in it. Difficult it is to hear the teachings of the Blessed

One, now we hear them." If we do not gain emancipation in this present life, in what life can we be liberated from suffering? Let us reverently take refuge in the Three Treasures, together with all others in the Sangha!

This well-known Mahayana passage alarmingly urges all to awaken to the presence of Buddha's wisdom and compassion within

their hearts and minds.

In order to save all, Amida Buddha has been calling "Namo Amida Butsu." In Namo Amida Butsu, Amida Buddha is saying, "I am with you always." In Namo Amida Butsu, Amida says, "Say my Name and attain birth in the Pure Land." In the Pure Land, all become free from the sheer cycle of births and deaths and become the enlightened one. This is the power of the Nembutsu that leads all from this shore of suffering to the other shore of enlightenment. In praising this spiritual power of

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liberation, a Shin teacher, Rev. Shinsui Haraguchi said: "Although I say 'Namo Amida Butsu' and hear these words, it is calling voice of my true parent (Amida), telling, 'I will take you to the Buddha land of peace.'"

Death is not simply the annihilation of one's life; death signifies attaining birth in the Pure Land. At the moment of awakening to the Compassionate Vow of Amida and saying "Namo Amida Butsu" in daily life, one is blessed with "eternal life" and lives in the unshakable foundation of human existence. Living and dying become essentially one in Jodo Shin living.

The Hawaii's Legislature announced that to take a drug to hasten dying is not "suicide." But, in the Medical Aid in Dying, taking one's own life is involved. Early Buddhism that prohibited taking a form of life may not approve the intent of Medical Aid in Dying.

However, Amida's compassionate vow reaches all, even those who break a precept of taking forms of life. Those who say the nembutsu in repentance and joy go to the Pure Land, and thus live this life with gratitude. Here lies the meaning of "quality of life."

Whether one continues to receive medical care until the moment of death or one takes drugs to hasten one's death is one's decision. However, this

choice must be made after the careful discussion with the family and clergy. And it is at the moment of awakening to Amida's compassion that this choice is made. Thus, Jodo Shinshu is considered to be compatible with Medical Aid in Dying.

If you have any questions about the issues in terminal illness or Medical Aid in Dying, please contact Hawaii Betsuin office (536-7044). Rev. Sol Kalu will coordinate with the Betsuin ministers and contact you for consultation.

The two articles on the Buddhist View of the new Medical Aid In Dying, OUR CARE, OUR CHOICE, were co-written by Rev. Tatsuo Muneto (Retired) and Rev. Sol Kalu of the Hawaii Betsuin.



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PACIFIC
BUDDHIST
ACADEMY

LIGHTING OUR WAY

A banquet to honor inspirational leaders and support Pacific Buddhist Academy

Enlightened Learning

Friday, November 15, 2019
Reception 5:30 pm; Dinner 6:30 pm
Waialae Country Club
For more information, please contact PBA

NEW CLASS: 4 Drop in Sessions
(No Registration Required)
"Buddhism & Science"
with Rev. Sol Kalu
October 11, 18, & 25; November 1
Time: 4:00 to 5:00 pm in the lounge

President's Message: "Opportunity Knocks" Dexter Mar

Your Board of Directors has made much progress in 2019 in the first of the second hundred years of Hawaii Betsuin. Among the accomplishments are:



1. A Vision statement that will serve as a guiding light to what we want to become.
A welcoming place where all share the joy of living
with gratitude and compassion inspired by Buddhist values.
2. Year one of our Capital Campaign Fundraising effort in which we were granted \$400,000 by the State, becoming a finalist for a \$250,000 Federal grant and nearing \$1M in total donations by the end of 2019.
3. Completing preliminary design & management of renovations
4. Successfully holding our annual Bon Dance and Bon Mairi services with personalized "remembrance and appreciation" memorial ribbons.
5. Making progress on emergency, safety and security policies and procedures.
6. Evaluating and revising Betsuin personnel policies
7. Supporting our Hongwanji Mission School to another terrific school year with exceptional enrollment, student achievement, and financial performance.
8. Evaluating and revising the Betsuin membership model to better reflect our vision.
9. Painted and re-carpeted the "lounge" area.
10. Upgraded internet service and telephones throughout the main Betsuin buildings.

Our "Challenge 2020" will be to continue to develop programs and projects that bring our vision into focus, like a monthly "Newcomer's Tea", starting facility renovations, and main sanctuary upgrades (especially the sound system). Along with improving our facilities, our bigger challenges involve increasing the "brightness" of the Shin Buddhist message with our community.

To meet these challenges the Betsuin needs LEADERSHIP. This is the "opportunity knocking". The Betsuin elects its Board of Directors and Officers every 2 years, and the 2020-2021 term is fast approaching. The current board is beginning the nominations process for 24 elected lay directors and 11 elected officers. The balance of the board consists of the immediate past president, all full-time ministers, up to 5 lay non-member directors, presidents of affiliated organizations (BWA, Scouts, HMS PTO, others), the Executive Directors, and Head of Hongwanji Mission School.

Please suggest candidates by emailing our Executive Director, Stacy Bradshaw at execdir@hawaiibetsuin.org by October 30. Candidates must be Hawaii Betsuin members, although non-members can be considered for a non-elected position so please suggest good non-members too. The main consideration is the person cares and supports Hawaii Betsuin. The Betsuin Nominations Committee will reach out to those suggested to determine their willingness to serve.

An election ballot will be mailed to Betsuin members in early December. The minimum time commitment of Directors is about 4 hours per month. Monthly meetings are 1-2 hours and event participation (such as Taste of Hongwanji, Bon Dance, Bon Mairi, Golf Tournament) is another 1-2 hours. Of course, more involvement is welcome! A Board of Directors brochure is available in the Business Office too.

BWA News and Events

BWA WORLD CONVENTION WAS HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO

on August 30, 31, and September 1. Highlights of the Convention will be published in the November issue of Goji. All of the BWA members who attended the convention will be contributing their impressions.

AGE IS THE GIFT: Japanese scientists have not yet uncovered all the secrets to super longevity, but one thing is certain. Okinawa is a good place to grow old. There are more than 900 residents who are over a hundred years old. Lifestyle is often cited to explain Okinawans longevity. The Japanese call it "ikigai" which translates to "a reason to get up in the morning" That means gathering often with friends, even if it's to meet at karaoke or for us, at the temple.

LOVE AT OLD AGE: Beth, 70, met Harry, 72 through the dating site, and they have been together for seven years. As people live longer, later life romances have become increasingly common. And why not? Technology opens up new avenues for meeting older adults and attuned to what they need in a partner. Harry claims, "At this point in life, we're beyond game playing and the dramas that come with more youthful relationships," "We love each other, and

that's it." So, don't hesitate to find a nice partner. You still have a long way to go.

DOG OWNERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE:

University of Liverpool study showed that people who owned dogs walked far more often than those without dogs. Dog owners spent close to 300 minutes each week walking with their dogs, which was about 200 more minutes of walking per week than people without dogs. Standard guidelines for exercising for health calls for at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise every week. The results suggest that people with dogs are more physically active than those without. If you are old, you need to get an older dog, for a young dog will be full of energy and may make you lose your balance and you don't want to fall.

SOME FACTS ON DEHYDRATION:

Don't wait until you are thirsty to drink. It's too late. Thirst is one sign of dehydration and you shouldn't wait until you are parched to drink. Dehydration has some other common symptoms which are dark urine, dry skin, headaches, and muscle cramps. Some other symptoms are, feeling

sleepy, tired, irritable or confused. In rare cases dehydration can include convulsions and even delirium.

There is no magic number on the amount of water to drink. Experts often cite the "8X8" rule: eight 8 ounce glasses of water per day. That is a good general rule to follow, but with each individual the amount differs, some need more, while others need less. For women to emit urine, sitting and standing are considered good exercises, so don't fret about the number of times you visit the latrine and drink lots of water. Don't drink sugary drinks from aluminum cans.

NOW FOR SOME HUMOR TO EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN:

Birds of a feather flock together and then crap on your car! A penny saved is a government oversight. The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends. The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement! Did you ever notice The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL (extra large)! If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame. Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it. When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of Algebra! You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks! One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young. Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

UPCOMING BWA ACTIVITIES!

Sat. Oct. 12: BWA executive board meeting
Sun. Oct. 13: Mini Market (Donations welcome)
Ministers' Appreciation Day

Hawaii BWAs Entertain at 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention

Wendie Yumori and Sharyn Sekine



Moments before our Hawaii BWA singers and dancers were to ascend the steps to the banquet room stage, Sharyn Sekine and I exchanged looks, as if to say, "This is it...!"

For us, this was the culmination of many months of active preparation. Sharyn, as the Hawaii FBWA Entertainment Coordinator, had invited Hawaii BWA members in all districts to sing or dance at the WB WC banquet in San Francisco on Aug. 31, 2019. Sharyn requested from BJ Soriano of Hilo Betsuin an audiofile of BJ's spirited "Life in Harmony" gatha (lyrics by BJ, Sharon Nohara, and Debbie Kubota) for distribution. I contacted Donna Sasaki of Tacoma Buddhist Temple who consented to my request to choreograph a hula, using American Sign Language and hula movements, to her lovely "Golden Chain" gatha. Mahalo to Sharyn, Doris Oshiro, and Lillian Inatsuka who danced the hula with me for the YouTube video that Sharyn sent out to all districts.

And now, here we were, going on-stage -- 45 BWA singers and 25 BWA dancers from across the State, eager to share our aloha with almost 1700

banquet attendees from the Buddhist Churches of America, Canada, Brazil, and Japan! The singers filled the front half of the stage, all wearing Hawaii FBWA purple shirts and lavender leis. Lined up behind them, we dancers wore colorful kihei, garments tied over the left shoulder, and golden leis. Our MCs, Mrs. Lois Toyama and Mrs. Tamayo Matsumoto, introduced our program in English and Japanese and then BJ Soriano and assistant, Joy Nishida, began strumming their ukuleles, leading the singers into a rousing "Life in Harmony." They received enthusiastic applause as they exited the stage and Donna Higashi and Lois Ohta positioned the singers in the banquet room; since the dancers would be performing the "Golden Chain" hula twice, the second time for audience participation, the singers were prepared to help the banquet attendees by doing the hand motions with them.

We hula dancers moved to the front of the stage, facing bright, white lights. The music of the "Golden Chain" music began and I immedi-

ately felt its calming effect. We started dancing... smiling as our eyes swept the whole of the banquet room from right to left as we sang of "Amida's Golden Chain of love that stretches around the world." After we performed the hula the first time, the MCs invited everyone at the tables to do the hand motions with us. Thanks to all the wonderful Hawaii BWA singers and to all the beautiful Hawaii BWA dancers, we and the banquet attendees, who joined us in doing the "Golden Chain" motions, filled the room with aloha! It was so amazing to see, and so touching!

After we made our way back to our seats, we relaxed and enjoyed the performances offered by groups from Canada, So. America, and Japan. Donna Sasaki was among the banquet attendees and she e-mailed me to say, "Your Golden Chain Hula was absolutely beautiful! My heart was full of joy and happiness. Many of our northwest members are hoping we could learn at least the motions and sign language, we may not be able to do the hula as beautifully as you all

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16th World Buddhist Women's Convention

Cindy Alm



"I hope that you will learn new things, deepen your appreciation of the nembutsu, and meet new friends."

These words are from the welcome message of Rev. Kodo Umezu, Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America, to the nearly 1700 attendees of the 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention held on August 30, 31 and Sept. 1 in San Francisco.

The formal program began with an opening service, an address by His Eminence Kojun Otani, Monshu, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, and two keynote speeches.

Keiko Toro, an independent scholar, spoke of her decision to leave academia and focus on "Everyday Buddhism." She starts each day reading Buddhist sutras and books while having coffee, an adaptation of chanting each morning. "We can become attached to or stuck with tradition," she noted. "Fresh ideas are needed." She suggested that we find the meaning behind what we are doing, and carry out the original intention in a way more suitable for our lives today.

Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi, Resident Minister, Buddhist Church of Stockton, who previously served Hawaii Kyodan, spoke of having an inferiority complex for years and how she turned away from Buddhism and struggled to appreciate the teachings before becoming a minister. She urged us to have the courage to see and accept ourselves as we are. We are responsible to make each moment of our life true and real.

Afternoon workshops, nineteen in all, explored the conference theme, "Live the Nembutsu." The range of topics included mottainai and EcoSangha, connecting to Buddha through Apps (technology), LGBTQ+, Lady Takeko Kujo, Buddhist weddings, music composition, line dancing, and changing with the times.

The day ended with a banquet and entertainment. Our Hawaii contingent led by Sharyn Sekine and Wendie Yumori sang "Life in Harmony" by B. J. Soriano, Sharon Nohara and Debbie Kubota. We also performed a hula choreographed by Wendie Yumori to Donna Sasaki's "Golden Chain" gatha

that incorporated both American Sign Language and hula hand motions.

The second day featured a panel presentation by women from each region -- South America, Canada, Hawaii (Carol Valentine, Lihue Hongwanji Mission), Japan, and the continental United States. They shared their life experiences emphasizing the importance of kindness and gratitude. If we see individuals as human beings and not nameless and faceless people, we can be compassionate. We can take simple steps to be grateful by pausing for a few moments each day and asking "What am I grateful for right now?"

The convention concluded with a general meeting followed by a closing service and ceremony. The post-convention activity was a Bon Dance at an urban park. Pre-convention offerings included workshops and a marketplace of books, crafts, and gifts.

Our BWA members wore dark purple polo shirts and lavender yarn lei, making it easy for others to identify us and for us to connect with others.

Hawaii leadership included Federation Honorary President Tamayo Matsumoto, President Lois Toyama, Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Hawaii Kyodan President Pieper Toyama. Hawaii Betsuin BWA Advisor, Rimban Toyokazu Hagio, and Honorary Advisor Junko Hagio also attended. Our BWA members included Cindy Alm, Penny Atcheson, Barbara Brennan, Janet Honda, Jennifer Honda, Irene Ida, Lillian Kadomoto, Charlene Kihara, Charlotte Miyamoto, Susan Morishige, Joy Nishida, Karen Oda, Carol Ogino, Sharyn Sekine, Florence Wasai, Sharon Yokoyama, and Wendie Yumori. Our group also included several family

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did! Thank you for bringing my gatha to life!"

Pieper Toyama, President of HHMH, took a terrific video of our "Golden Chain" hula performance that he and Lois posted to the Facebook page for Hawaii Buddhist Women's Associations. This hula video has had over 900 views so far! Pieper commented – "...The women were lovely...the movements inspirational...the costuming stunning. The effect was inspirational and mesmerizing. I was so proud to be from Hawaii as I watched the performance unfold..."

We were surprised and pleased to receive requests from BWA ladies of BCA's Central, Coast, and Northwest Districts for instructional videos of the hula and we were happy to send electronic links via e-mail. Donna Sasaki noted that some ladies wished to know if teachers at their temples could teach the "Golden Chain" hand mo-



tions to Dharma School students. Our response was, "Yes, we'd be absolutely delighted!"

What an awesome realization -- that "The Golden Chain of Love," which was written by Dorothy Hunt in Hawaii and published almost 100

years ago, continues to warm and inspire. In the words of our MCs, as our performance came to a close, "...let us all create harmony with peace and love and strive to become brighter and stronger links in Amida's Golden Chain. Mahalo and aloha!"

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members. Ministers, leaders and BWA members and family from other Hawaii temples also attended.

The next convention will be in Kyoto in 2023 and will commemorate the 850th anniversary of Shinran Shonin's birth and the 800th anniversary of the establishment of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

In keeping with Bishop Umezu's opening aspiration, I'm certain that convention attendees learned new things, deepened their appreciation of the nembutsu, and made new friends.

For some, this convention was one of the many World Buddhist Women's conventions they have attended; for me, the 2019 convention was my first. At the start of the opening service, I felt embraced by love as I thought of my mother who passed away two years ago and how much the BWA organization and the temple meant to her. Tears welled in my eyes as I remembered many others who have given of themselves to bring us to where we are today. We have many challenges and much work ahead, but in that moment, on that opening day, there was a sense of renewal, warmth and joy.

Betsuin Blood Drive



NOTICE!

The Betsuin 2019
Blood Drive has been

CANCELLED

The Blood Bank
still needs donations.

Please
call them at
848-4770
to make an
appointment!



Project Dana Volunteers'

Appreciation Luncheon

Bento and a Craft: September 13, 2019



Our Craft:
Making A Honu



Betsuin Choir Performs at 2019 Dharmachakra Festival

David Atcheson



The Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Choir performed at the 2019 Dharmachakra Festival hosted at Soto Mission of Hawaii on September 14, 2019. The event, which celebrates the first teachings of the Buddha, was organized by the Hawaii Association of International Buddhists (HAIB).

Here, choir director Mari Murakami and a few members of the choir are joined by emcee Rev. Irene Matsumoto and the event's keynote speaker, Professor Emeritus Roy Tamashiro. The title of his talk was, "The Earth Is My Witness: The Healing Power of Being Heard."

Panelists for a discussion after the service included Rev. Thomas Okano (former HHMH Bishop) and Michael Kieran of the Palolo Zen Center (Hawaii Betsuin's 2019 Earth Day Service speaker). You can see a video of the choir's performance in the photo and video gallery at hawaiihetsuin.org.



From the Green Team

David Atcheson, Green Team

Betsuin Outreach at HMS Welcome Event



On August 23, Hawaii Betsuin was pleased to have a table at Hongwanji Mission School's all-school welcome event sponsored by the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). Mahalo to volunteers from the Green Team who staffed the table and provided the event's recycle bins. Betsuin's Cub Scout and Girl Scout programs also had tables, highlighting two of the many ways children and families can connect with Hawaii Betsuin.

If you are unable
to come to the
temple and would
like to have a
minister visit
you in your home,
please call
Rev. Yuika Hasebe
at 536-7044 to
request a home visit.



We miss you and
do not want to lose
contact with you!



Betsuin Girl Scouts

Cadette Troop Supports Humane Society

Emma Yonamine, Cadette Troop



At the end of the 2019 cookie season, our Cadette troop decided on a non-profit organization to donate twenty percent of our sales. The Cadettes chose the Hawaiian Humane Society. Each girl had a limit of thirty dollars to spend on dog and cat toys, food, towels, and other things on the Hawaiian Humane Society's wish list. On July 20th, the Cadette troop met up at the Hawaiian Humane Society to deliver their donations. The staff gave our girls a tour of the facility and brought out some of the animals for them to play with. The girls made bandanas for the dogs complete with golden

glitter. After their lunch, the girls left the Humane Society with smiles on their faces. "People for animals. Animals for people."



Girl Scouts Hold Donation Drive For Family Promise



Last month, the Honpa Hongwanji Girl Scouts held a donation drive in hopes of helping the individuals of Family Promise.

The Girl Scouts' advocate group, a handful of scouts from K-12, planned the donation drive which was held on the Girl Scout Registration Day, Aug. 24, from 10 am to 1:30 pm. In one day, the Girl Scouts collected, almost, 500 items, consisting of school supplies, art materials, and toiletries. The largest donation came from Sheraton

Hotel with 288 bottles of shampoo and conditioner. All the donations were delivered to Family Promise on Sunday, Sept. 8.

According to Whitney Blandford, the Resource Development Manager at Family Promise, they are currently working with 13 families. Each of these families can choose which of the donated items they need. Blandford continues, "As available, we try to get families who graduate our program a 'graduation gift basket' consisting of household items for a new home."

Homelessness has been one of Hawaii's main concerns for years. But organizations like Family Promise are working to end this issue.

Family Promise is a non-profit organization that has been aiding families in transition from homelessness into long-term housing since their opening in 2006. They provide shelter and meals for these families everyday of the year, by working with community

Jessica Tom, Senior Troop

groups including the Hongwanji temples. Additionally, Family Promise offers the adults workshops, such as job training, financial literacy, and nutrition.

In the future, Family Promise hopes "to start a shelter rotation network in Wahiawa/Central Oahu area," says Blandford.

The Girl Scouts would like to thank Sheraton Hotel and the families, who donated the items, for making this possible, as well as Family Promise for helping to end homelessness.



Dharma School News Jovie Yoshioka

August 25, 2019 was a beautiful day for our Joint Honolulu/Oahu District Dharma Schools' Pool Party/Chili Cook off/Registration Day. Thanks to volunteers from both districts, the tent set up and take down ran smoothly. The day started off with a short service led by Reverend Hasebe. The Dharma talk by Reverend Yagi (Aiea Hongwanji) complete with pictures, was enjoyed by young and old. He ended his talk by teaching everyone how to do sign language to the gatha, "Lord Buddha Is With Me." We all signed while we sang the verses. The ice breaker was a Bingo grid entitled "Find Someone Who." In order to get all ages involved, some of the blocks included themes for younger children, such as never been to Disneyland, can sing the Baby Shark song, loves to sing karaoke, and hates to sing karaoke.

The families seemed to have lots of fun in the pool and in the gym playing basketball. Then came lunch. We had 7 chili entrees and 2 vegetarian entrees. They were all so good, we just couldn't choose favorites. Some searched the internet for the perfect recipe! There were lots of fruits and veggies and many scrumptious desserts, including Goodie Goodie! And of course, Uncle Mel and his crew provided delicious shave ice for the group.

What a SUPER Sunday it was with lots of sunshine, food and fellowship. It was a great turn out, and with all the last minute arrivals, we were pushing 180 participants including the Ohtani family.

Join us for a fun Dharma School Year. Our next activity is a trip to the Pumpkin Patch followed by lunch and a pumpkin carving contest on Sunday, October 20. Hope to see you there!



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

- 05 Rev. Joshin Kamuro
12 Rev. Shingo Furusawa
19 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
26 Rimban Toyokazu Hagio

Betsuin Services

Asaji Service 8:00 AM

- 06 Rev. Joshin Kamuro
13 Rev. Shingo Furusawa
20 Rimban Toyokazu Hagio
27 Rev. Yuika Hasebe

Adult English Services

- 06 Rev. Sol Kalu
13 Rimban Toyokazu Hagio
20 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
27 Rev. Shingo Furusawa

Nicchu Service 1:00 PM

- 06 Rev. Shingo Furusawa
13 Rev. Joshin Kamuro
20 Rimban Toyokazu Hagio
27 Rev. Yuika Hasebe

Dharma School 9:00 AM

- 06 Rev. Jan Youth
13 Rev. Sol Kalu
20 Rev. Shingo Furusawa
27 Rev. Joshin Kamuro



Everyone
Welcomed!



In Memoriam



AUGUST 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

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| 02 KAWAKAMI, George Chikara (92) | 14 MITO, Yasuo (97) |
| 20 MIZOGUCHI, Satsuki (96) | 21 KUSHIYAMA, Mieko (87) |
| 23 KANOYA, Clare Hatsuko (75) | 22 TAKAHASHI, Harry Kazuo (80) |
| | 23 KOSAKA, Evelyn Sadako (92) |
| AUGUST 2019 | 23 SHIRAISHI, Lillian Yuriko (98) |
| 04 NAKAMURA, Herbert Katsumi (90) | 24 SHIRAISHI, Richard Hichiro (87) |
| 07 FUKUSHIMA, Leatrice Inouye (97) | 28 TASHIMA, Kiyoto (95) |
| 14 FUJII, Mariko (88) | 29 HORITA, Gilbert Masao (97) |
| 11 MIYATAKI, Lynette Yuriko (76) | 30 HAMAI, Makiko (91) |
| 14 HASEGAWA, Kenneth Iwao (87) | 31 MITANI, Sumie (92) |
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**Nursing Home Services
OCTOBER 2019**

- 03 Hale Nani – Rev. Hasebe
Hale Ho Aloha – Rev. Hagio
10 Maluhia – Rev. Kamuro
Liliha – Rev. Kalu
11 Kuakini – Rev. Furusawa
24 Nuuanu Hale (9:30 am) – Rev. Kamuro
25 Leahi – Rev. Furusawa

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