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Building
Healthy Sanghas:
Embracing Generosity
and Openness

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You're Invited!

You are cordially invited to view the
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin's
Eitaikyo (Sangha Memorial) Service.

Scheduled for November 8, 2020 (Sunday)

Time: 10:00 A.M. on Hawaii Betsuin YouTube channel

The Eitaikyo observance is held to express our appreciation to our departed Sangha members who passed the torch of Dharma to us and wished for the prosperity and perpetuation of the Dharma for the generations to come.

How could we know the beautiful expression of Gassho unless people before us transmitted it to us ...How could we enjoy Sangha friendship if there were no Hongwanji in Hawaii... There were always people who kept sharing the joy of Nembutsu and connecting the Dharma to the next generation. They passed on to us the teachings of Great Wisdom and Compassion to help us live our uncertain life.

The Eitaikyo service is a great opportunity to hear the Dharma, which always guides our life, and to reflect once again on the precious gift we are receiving from our predecessors.

We must not only receive, but in turn we must share the Dharma with the coming generations.

This year, we are fortunate to have a wonderful speaker, our long-time friend, Rev. Satoshi Ka'imipono Tomioka.

About Our Speaker:

Rev. Satoshi Ka'imipono Tomioka

As our speaker for this year's Eitaikyo Service, we are fortunate to have Rev. Satoshi Ka'imipono Tomioka of Puna, Pahala, Naalehu Hongwanji Buddhist temples. Rev. Satoshi Ka'imipono Tomioka was born in Shimae, which is in the southern part of Japan. He majored in Intercultural Communication at Ryukoku University and received an M.A in Shin Buddhist Literature. His first assignment was at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin in Honolulu (2013-2017,) and currently he is a resident minister of Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple on the Big Island.



Please don't miss this precious opportunity to hear Rev. Tomioka share the Dharma as we observe Eitaikyo 2020!

Dharma Message from Rev. Shingo Furusawa “Family Altar”

I think that many of you have a family altar (Butsudan) in your home, but you may wonder, “Why do I have to have an altar in my home?”

Shinran Shonin, the founder of Shin Buddhism, wrote:

*“Seeing the sentient beings of the nembutsu
Throughout the worlds, countless as particles, in the ten quarters,
The Buddha grasps and never abandons them,
And therefore is named “Amida.”
(Hymn of the Pure Land)*

As Shinran Shonin says, Amida Buddha is always watching over us all, and the Buddha’s compassionate working always reaches us no matter what happens in our lives, but we tend to forget about the Buddha’s working. Through the family altar, we can always know that the Buddha is always watching us.

Many people have contacted our temple and said, “I have a Butsudan, but my house is too narrow to place it. I do not need it. May I give it to you?” When listening to the request, I always feel sad. Your ancestors treasured their family altar very much and gave it to

you. It may be arranged on a shelf, bookcase, or table. I hope that you will treasure your altar.

Now, we are experiencing difficult situations due to the COVID-19, but Amida Buddha’s compassion is always working for us and giving us the energy to live. With the altar, we can feel that we are always the main concern of the Buddha’s untiring compassion.



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Social Concerns Fund Drive for 2020-2021 Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity and Openness

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Social Concerns Committee meets quarterly and as needed to discuss disaster relief, urgent community needs, and social issues. I’ve had the honor of being a Honolulu District representative on the committee for several years. One of our important activities is to make grant recommendations for HHMH Board approval. We have recently facilitated grants to food banks, meal programs operated by temples, programs for the houseless, MA’O Organic Farms, Project Dana, Ohana Arts, counseling programs, and for health-related community presentations.

What makes these and other grants possible is your contributions to the annual, statewide Social Concerns fund drive. In the 2019-2020 drive, I’m pleased to report that Hawaii Betsuin donors gave \$11,495. We launch the 2020-2021 drive

in a time of challenge upon challenge due to the pandemic. When you see the letter and envelope announcing the new drive, your replies with checks enclosed will be greatly appreciated — especially by those who directly benefit from the valuable programs we support. Mahalo nui loa.

- David Atcheson



President's Message from Dexter Mar

Thank You!

The sun is setting earlier and earlier, heralding the coming of the Thanksgiving season.

Of all the major American holidays (New Year's, ML King Jr, Presidents', Memorial, Independence, Labor, Veterans, Christmas), the Thanksgiving holiday aligns to our Shin Buddhist teachings most closely. Though our usual family and friend Thanksgiving gatherings may not be possible this year, let's be sure to invite Amida Buddha to our observance and feel the embrace of Wisdom and Compassion.



Given this major disruption in our lives, how might we find the silver lining in our COVID-19 medical, economic, and political woes?

Let's consider your top 10 "Thankfulness Gems" of 2020! I'll start.... I'm grateful for:

1. No COVID-19 outbreaks around Hawaii Betsuin campus. Learning about how to manage COVID-19 contagion.
2. "Pivoting to virtual" (Zoom and YouTube) outreach for services and meetings.
3. Dana for Recovery – without our usual fundraising events, we've been supported by members & friends to pay our bills.
4. Re-organizing our Business Office and implementing a new plan with Hazel Russell as the Business Manager and Stacy Bradshaw focusing on Executive Director duties.
5. The Betsuin Board of Directors in supporting the Betsuin through leadership donations, stepping up to fill vacancies, and helping in outreach to members efforts.
6. The presence of "Essential workers" (Health care professionals, grocery store staff, gas station attendants, utility workers, postal service carriers, police, fire fighters, delivery folks and many others) that make our every day lives possible. Many are featured in the Hongwanji Treasures Mahalo videos.
7. Our fundraising consultants, The Shain Group, who have embraced the Hongwanji's mission, vision, and its people by teaching us to "fish".
8. Hongwanji Mission School leadership and ingenuity in keeping our students, families, faculty and staff safe, learning, and productive.
9. The Betsuin legacy of resilience and the example of generations of Hongwanji members who have endured worse crisis and inspired us to move forward.
10. Namo Amida Butsu and our teachings to sustain me.

So, as our teachings guide us, "all around a hope abounds*" and let's stay positive and keep moving forward.

* From the gatha "Because You Are There" by Mitsuo Aida and Hiroshi Nanjo

BWA News and Events

Fujiko Motobu

HONOLULU UNITED BWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP VIRTUAL MEETING: "WE ARE BWA"

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2020, 9:00 A.M.

Speaker: Sharyn Sekine

Program: 8:30 a.m. opening of Zoom, 9:00 a.m. service, 9:55 a.m. general membership meeting, 11:00 a.m. socializing time, 11:15 a.m. end of meeting. DEADLINES: November 11, email information or drop off registration form at Betsuin office. Zoom link will be sent out on Sunday, November 22.

If you have any questions, contact Dianne Ida by email at toyo1920@yahoo.com, or call 536-7270.



Due to the Coronavirus epidemic, the temple is closed and the members of all the organizations are barred from gathering in groups, therefore, the meetings have been held over the computer.

Meanwhile, do take care of yourselves so that you will not become ill. Hopefully we can all gather once again in the year 2021.

The following essay is by Tomo Izumi Mohideen, daughter of late Rev. Kakusho Izumi. Tomo is a BWA member and the sister of another very devoted BWA member, June Iwahashi.

KARMA AND GRATITUDE: My father, Rev. Kakusho Izumi, taught me that Buddhism teaches the Law of Cause and Effect, Karma. One should do good deeds to have good Karmic results, for we are the one who caused those results. It is our deeds that decide whether what we have sown is to be reaped as good or bad.

I would like to deliberate on one of the aspects of Karma, the meeting of two persons. My father said it takes the Karmas of perhaps hundreds and thousands of people to bring about a meeting of two or more people. Thus, we should always not ignore this meeting, but be grateful that, not only the karmas of the two of us brought us together, but that it took many, many people's karmas

to bring about these meetings. We should at least be nice to anyone at our first meeting, for this may turn out to be the beginning of a wonderful relationship.

Take our temple and its members of the congregation, for instance. Why have we all met and become members of this particular "otera"? If each of us would ponder on this, we may find that it was because we all believe in Amida Buddha and his Teachings and so we became members of the Jodo Shinshu Nishi Hongwanji sect. Were we brought to this temple or to our childhood temples by our parents? If so, they may have been from families that were Jodo Shinshu believers for generations. Already this would entail so many people's karmas, to have made us also become members of this sect. To be at the very same place and time for meetings of friends at get-togethers resulted from hundreds of people's karmas for all of us to be there.

I would like to tell you of one incident that confirms this theory. Because of the things that happened in both of us in the past, those causes resulted to an incredible and unexpected

happy meeting of two friends.

Most of you know that the Buddhist ministers were arrested, relocated and confined as internees or prisoners on the mainland in various camps during World War II. My family was held at the Crystal City Internment Camp in Texas. The families that were taken in Hawaii by the FBI agents on August, 1942 to be repatriated to Japan with our fathers, in exchange for American prisoners and their families held in Japan, were joined by some internees from the West Coast and some Latin American countries. Some families were also transferred to our camp from the other relocation centers, where 120,000 West Coast Japanese aliens and some of their American citizen children were held.

Among those that came to our camp in the early 1940s, from the Tule Lake Relocation Center, were families that were very pro-Japan. Even the boys' baseball team was called "Nippon." Although they were all American citizens, the boys and young men shaved their heads bald like the boys in Japan did as students. All of them went to Japanese school and probably wanted to be sent back to Japan. These "pro-Japan" feelings were most likely nurtured because of the inhumane actions taken by our government, which made them feel resentful and humiliated. I had a classmate, Ayako Takamine, whose family was from Los Angeles. I cannot remember if her family was chosen to be sent back in 1944 when two ship

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Ministers' Appreciation Day

Ministers' Appreciation Day, the second Sunday in October, is a national day of recognition and thanks for members of the clergy. This year, we BWA members knew that we would not be able to gather in the Main Hondo on Sun., Oct. 11, for an in-person service and celebration of Ministers' Appreciation Day as we did last year. Nevertheless, we wished to convey our deepest thanks to our ministers for helping us deal with the many challenges we faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On Fri., Oct. 9, BWA President Dianne Ida and BWA Past President Wendie Yumori presented a "Thank You" gift bag to each of our dedicated ministers at HHMH

headquarters and at Hawaii Betsuin. We expressed our gratitude for their compassionate concern for us and for all the ways in which they have responded to our needs. They have continued to reassure us that we are not alone -- Amida is walking beside us, our ministers are here for us, and we are part of a wonderful temple ohana.

Included in each gift bag, sewn by Arlene Matsubara, were two face masks sewn by Jo desMarets, a BWA thank you card created by Fujiko Motobu, and soap, organic tea, and "Thank You" forever stamps contributed by Tamayo Matsumoto, Cindy Alm, and Wendie Yumori.

Wendie Yumori

After the presentation of gift bags, Dianne Ida gave each minister a special "Thank You" treat -- Okinawan sweet potato buns!

The very next day, Bishop Eric Matsmoto, sent this message -- "Thank you so very much for the Clergy Appreciation Day gifts. Your kind and thoughtful gifts touch my heart along with the dedication, commitment and support of the BWA members towards the ministers, youth and temples (to name just 3) everyday, but especially in these challenging times of Coronavirus. Please extend my gratitude to the Betsuin BWA members. Thank you again. Namo Amida Butsu."



Gift bags were presented to the ministers at Headquarters and at the Hawaii Betsuin for Ministers' Appreciation Day.



Hawaii Betsuin Is Anchor Site For “Ring Your Bell For Peace Day”

The statewide Hongwanji Peace Day Committee tried something new for Peace Day (September 21) this year: an international bell-ringing event conducted via Zoom and streamed live to Facebook! The wonders of technology and an assist from KTUH helped us connect over 100 bell-ringing sites in Hawaii, Canada, and the continental U.S. in a novel use of Zoom, a tool designed primarily for online meetings and presentations.

The event needed an “anchor” site where Peace Day Committee chair Rene Mansho would emcee and Bishop would deliver an invocation and kick off the bell ringing. Hawaii Betsuin was a natural choice, partly due to our kansho (temple bell) and the strong Internet connection available on the Betsuin campus. The site featured a professional video crew and a beautiful backdrop of origami peace cranes on bamboo poles, the same ones carried in the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade in honor of Norman Hirohata-Goto. Mahalo to Wendie Yumori for coordinating this special touch!

You can view video of the bell-ringing event on Honpa Hongwanji’s YouTube channel — just search on YouTube for “Hongwanji Peace Day” or visit https://youtu.be/wa79LP_3p-k. The interfaith program included several ceremonial and spiritual elements in addition to the main event. A highlight is seeing a few seconds of each bell ringing site where individuals ring everything from tiny handheld bells to massive bonsho.

The first virtual Ring Your Bell for Peace Day event was truly a moment of togetherness across oceans to celebrate peace. The committee is already discussing plans for version 2.0 in 2021. May peace prevail!

- David Atcheson

PS. The kansho wasn’t the only venue on campus for Peace Day participation. Pacific Buddhist Academy was an additional bell-ringing site at Ring Your Bell for Peace Day. At Hongwanji Mission School, students watched a Peace Day service on YouTube and created peace-themed cards and artwork. The Hawaii Betsuin virtual Dharma School via Zoom on September 20 included peace-themed paper crafts.



Dharma School News

Debbie Kubota

Virtual Betsuin Dharma School Services and Activities - Sundays at 9 a.m. Zoom sessions have been our new norm on Sunday mornings as our virtual Dharma School Services have continued online.

It has been fun to have Dharma School friends join us from across the islands, including Jikoen, Mililani, and Hilo, along with our own Betsuin ohana. We are grateful to our own keiki for stepping up to help with emcee and aspiration duties. Many, many thanks to Talin Giang, Chris Leu, Cora Saito, Jayce Labuguen, Maddie Okuda, Ellen Ruckmann-Bruch, Vincent Saito, and Kim and Dean Williamson for their willingness to take on these leadership roles at our services.

Reverends Sol Kalu and Yuika Hasebe have helped to coordinate and conduct our Sunday Services with all of our Betsuin ministers participating. It has been fun to see and hear all of our ministers, as they lead the Vandana Ti-Sarana, and Sutra Chanting and deliver the wonderful Dharma messages.

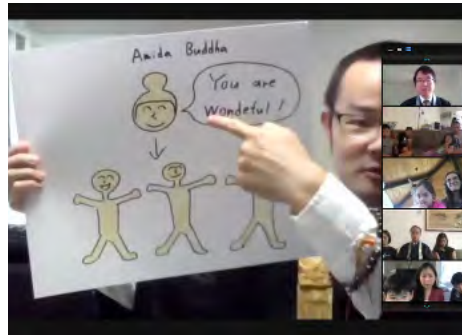


Every Sunday, Dharma School activities have been done after services. For Peace Day, we had a reading of "The Peace Book" by Todd Parr. The following Sunday, Alan Kubota helped to lead an "I Spy" Game to ask everyone to introduce themselves, and talk about their favorite food, or something they have done during this "stay-at-home" time. On October 4, we were fortunate to have a special guest, Dave Atcheson, who participated all the way from Seattle, WA, to teach our ohana some basic greetings in American Sign Language as well as the Three Treasures, which we plan to practice every Sunday during service. On October 11, we watched a short video about compassion and gratitude and had some sharing/discussion about which of the Eightfold Path values were depicted in the video.

For the remainder of the month, we will be focusing on embracing differences and on Halloween activities, promoting being your true self and not hiding behind a mask.

We look forward to continued virtual gatherings and plan to coordinate the ministers' Dharma messages with our Dharma School activities.

No matter what your age, we welcome all generations to join our online Dharma School services and activities. We look forward to "seeing" all of you on Sundays!



If you would like to have a friendly conversation with one of our ministers, please call Rev. Yuika Hasebe at 536-7044!



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

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loads of internees from our camp were repatriated to Japan, or whether after the war they opted to be sent to Japan. It was on a Sunday morning on June, 1952, on my graduation day from McKinley High School, that my father called me at our home which was then on Houghtailing and Alani Streets in the McInerny Tract's sloping area below the Kamehameha Schools in Kalihi. He told me to go by bus to pick up a carnation lei he had ordered from Fujikami Florist on Nuuanu Avenue. He was too busy at the temple and said that perhaps he and my mother would not be able to even attend my graduation ceremony. They barely made it in time but were able to be at the graduation. Why did my father order my lei at Fujikami Florist among all of the flower shops in Honolulu? And how fortunate was it that this flower shop was located on Nuuanu Avenue. Mr. Fujikami was a staunch member of our temple. So, he would be one of the hundreds of people to be a part of the incident.

Ayako's family being relocated to Tule Lake Relocation Center and then to our camp, also involved many people, even President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who signed the Proclamation on December 7 and 8 to arrest "dangerous" aliens and the Executive Order 9066 to arrest, relocate and confine the West Coast Japanese aliens in camps. Also involved were the FBI agents through the Department of Justice that arrested us and the mainland internees, and the State Department people that were in charge of us internees. Their karmas also brought Ayako and me to meet in the Crystal City internment Camp in Texas.

I got off the bus at the corner of South King Street and Fort Street and was waiting for the street light to change to green to cross the street to walk to Nuuanu Avenue. Three persons, two middle aged women

and a young girl came walking up from Nimitz Highway. The young girl asked me if I could direct them to a restaurant where they wanted to have lunch. They had just gotten off the ship at the Aloha Tower and they were headed for California from Japan. Days of eating food on the ship made them want to eat at a restaurant ashore.

*(To be continued in the next issue.
Karma, by Tomo)*

HUMOR: We get heavier as we get older because there is a lot more information in our heads. Our brains cannot take any more information. We're not fat. We are just really intelligent and the head could not hold any more information so it started filling up the rest of the body. The fatter a person, the more intelligent she is, so do not make fun of the extremely obese person. Look at her as a great genius. This is my story and I am sticking to it.

Archives Project: BWA Reflections on COVID-19

Although the COVID-19 has led to many closures, cancellations and restrictions, the things that truly matter are not cancelled:

Sunshine is not cancelled. Spring is not cancelled. Love is not cancelled. Relationships are not cancelled. Reading is not cancelled. Naps are not cancelled. Devotion is not cancelled. Music is not cancelled. Dancing is not cancelled. Imagination is not cancelled. Kindness is not cancelled. Conversations are not cancelled. Hope is not cancelled.

You can think of many other things in your daily life that you choose not to cancel for your happiness and well-being.

This inspirational message from Carol Ogino and the reflections of many other Betsuin BWA members on their once-in-a-lifetime, unrepeatable experiences following the initial COVID-19 stay-at-home order in March have been preserved in print and electronically by Ruth Tokumi and Penny Atcheson.

The reflections are part of a Honolulu United BWA archives project that documents the experiences of Hawaii Betsuin, Moiliili Hongwanji and Jikoen members.

Excerpts from reflections submitted by more than 90 BWA members were included in a two-part 43-minute video written, produced and

Cindy Alm

directed by Wendie Yumori (and her husband Roy). The video was featured at the August 8 Honolulu United BWA virtual education program on Zoom chaired by Cindy Alm.

Betsuin BWA members who contributed to the education program and planning were Penny Atcheson, Ben Bruch, Charlene Kihara, Irene Nakamoto, Ruth Tokumi, Wendie Yumori, Betsuin BWA President Dianne Ida, and Honolulu United BWA President Sharyn Sekine.

Please mark your calendar -- the annual membership meeting of the Honolulu United BWA is planned for December 5, 2020, 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.



Betsuin Girl Scouts

Senior Troop #415

Sewing Cloth Masks for Our Kūpuna

The Journey Girls Scouts of Senior Troop 415, Courtney Mann, Izzy Poepoe, and Emily Kawaoka decided to sew cloth masks for their Take Action Project. The importance of this project was to reach out to the community and make a positive impact. The scouts chose to help the elderly because they love and appreciate their kūpuna and wanted to make sure they were protected during the pandemic, especially since they were in a higher risk group.

Isabella Poepoe
Courtney Mann
Emily Kawaoka

The girls coordinated the jobs within the troop. One group was responsible for cutting the fabric and the second group was responsible for sewing the pieces together for the masks. The leaders were generous enough to help overcome the girls' challenges of distributing the fabric to the scouts who were cutting and the scouts who were sewing the masks. Due to the stay at home order, delivering the materials was difficult since they live far away from one another. They also could not meet in public places, so they were not able to distribute these materials at meetings. It taught them how to organize small parts of an event to successfully complete a big endeavor. The project taught them time management, organization, communication, and even how to write a proper email.

The scouts delivered 200 handmade masks on Saturday, May 16, 2020, to Kimberly Kaohi from the Aging & Disability Resource Center. That organization in turn distributed the masks to kūpuna who live in and around Papakōlea with their meal delivery and sent some to Na Pu'uwai Center, a health care center on the island of Molokai.



Congratulations, Rev. Tomioka!

Reverend Satoshi Ka'imipono Tomioka, the resident minister of Puna Hongwanji Mission and the overseeing minister of Pahala and Naalehu Hongwanji Missions, was married to Haruka Kuratate on July 18, 2020.

The wedding ceremony was held at Windward Buddhist Temple and officiated by Bishop Eric Matsumoto. Congratulations!

More Dharma via YouTube!

In addition to the Betsuin Sunday 10 AM services, you can listen to Dharma messages Presented by the Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii every Sunday at 11:00 AM! Scheduled November 2020 Speakers are:

- 01 Rev. Kerry Kiyohara
(Makawao Hongwanji Mission)
- 08 Rev. Jeffrey Soga
(Waipahu Hongwanji Mission)
- 15 Rev. Shawn Yagi
(Aiea Hongwanji Mission)
- 22 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio
(Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin)
- 29 Rev. Blayne Higa
(Kona Hongwanji Mission)

**You're Invited
to the Betsuin
Happiness Hour!**
Wed.; Nov. 11 & 25,
8 to 9 pm via Zoom!
email Rev. Hasebe
for your Zoom link
(yhasebe@honpahi.org)
Talk story and connect with
sangha members
Just For Fun!

**Radio Programs
NOVEMBER 2020
KZOO 1210 AM
Japanese Language
Saturday at 7:30 AM**

07....Rev. Ryoso Toshima
14....Rev. Satoshi Tomioka
21....Rev. Masanari Yamagishi
28....Rimban Toyokazu Hagio

**All Betsuin
on site
services and
activities are
CANCELLED
Until Further
Notice**

The 10 am English
services are
premiered on
YouTube



10 am Sunday
mornings.

Go to the website
hawaiibetsuin.org
for a link

Please call the office
at (808) 536-7044
if you have any
questions.
**We are here
for YOU!**

In Memoriam



SEPTEMBER 2020

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

03 / 04 / 2020 MARUYA, Betty Kiyoko (95)
08 / 26 / 2020 YOKOTA, Nancy Toyoko (103)

03 / 2020 EBESU, Elaine Yuriko (97)
03 / 2020 MAKI, Hanako (99)
11 / 2020 KAWADA, Wakao (95)
11 / 2020 KAWANO, Gail Shimoyo (93)

**Nursing Home Services
are cancelled until
further notice**



2020 Memorial Service Schedule

2020 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

2019: 1st year	2008: 13th year	1988: 33th year
2018: 3rd year	2004: 17th year	1971: 50th year
2014: 7th year	1996: 25th year	1921: 100th 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