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Healthy Sanghas:
Nurturing Empathy
and Respect

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Betsuin to Observe Buddha Day April 11th; HBC Buddha Day Scheduled for April 4th

April 8th is the birthday of Shakyamuni Buddha, the founder of Buddhism. It is said that he was born in Northern India, in an area that is presently called Nepal, about 2500 years ago, and that when he was born, many beautiful flowers bloomed, and sweet tea rained from the sky.

According to Sutras, which describe the event, Siddhartha took seven steps as soon as he was born. Pointing to the heavens and to the earth, he said in a loud voice, "In the Heavens above and on the Earth below, I alone am the World-Honored One. All that exists in the Three Worlds is suffering, but I will bring comfort." The Heavens were said to have been so moved by these words that they rained down sweet tea in response. (Quoted from Jodo Shinshu A guide).

The seven steps signified that he surpassed the world of the six realms, which are realms of suffering, and he stepped into the world of awakening. The words he proclaimed signified that his life was precious. Nobody can live for others and no one can live for you. No matter what, our life is just simply precious and unique as it is.

So every April, most Buddhist temples have a religious service to celebrate the Buddha's birthday, and the service is called the Buddha Day service or "Hanamatsuri Service," which means flower festival. During the service, the baby Buddha's statue is set up within a flower shrine, and sweet tea is poured over the statue to represent the moment of his birth.



Let us observe the online Hawaii Buddhist Council Buddha Day Service on April 4th and online Hawaii Betsuin Hanamatsuri Service on April 11th to celebrate the Buddha's birthday!

Eshinni Day & Kakushinni Day

Sunday April 25 at 9:00 am

Via Zoom Hosted by
the Betsuin Dharma School
Link will be sent to all Betsuin Bulletin
Subscribers and
BWA membership via email



Dharma Message: "As a Child of Amida Buddha" Rev. Yurika Hasebe



Hello. I hope this message finds you well. Recently, I had a chance to call my sister in Japan and was able to see my niece's face via internet video call. She is now two years old, and I am always amazed how fast children grow up. She used to say only "Ah..., ah..." and coo, but now she invites me to watch TV with her and brings the cell phone in front of the TV to show the program to me.

However, she is still just a two year old girl; therefore, she often fusses and whines whenever things don't go as she wishes. My sister and her husband hold her and try to calm her down, but my niece extends her

legs and arms, shouts out, bends backward, and moves her whole body without care! She doesn't mind that her mother and father are having difficulty trying to make sure they don't drop her.

When I saw my niece bending over, twisting her body, and crying out while in her mother's arms, I realized that I couldn't do such a thing anymore because I am afraid that I would be dropped. If I were dropped, I may get hurt or fractured. If I were my niece, I would just stay still, and I would make sure to grab something with all of my might so I am not dropped. However, the baby has no concerns about being dropped or falling from her mother's arms. She has no doubts that her mother would keep her safe. Of course, she still has to deal with her problems and sufferings, but she is surely secure in the mother's warm arms without thinking about it.

One of the important terms in Jodo Shinshu is "Sesshu Fusha." It means "Being grasped and never to be abandoned." Shinran Shonin explains this word as "Embracing the one who runs away." No matter what, Amida Buddha always embraces us, holds us tightly and never fails to keep us from falling.

As an adult, I always thought only babies can roll around and shout out while in their mother's arms and never feel afraid of being dropped, but actually, I realize that we, as grown-ups, also do the same thing. Without knowing that we are embraced by the Great Compassion, we complain, monku, smile, cry, feel upset and disappointed, and spend our everyday

life without knowing that we are always being held by Amida Buddha. No matter how old we are, we are like babies crying in Amida Buddha's arms without realizing it.

Like a baby crying loudly yet being secure in the mother and the father's firm and strong arms, we, all of us, no matter how old we are, live with smiles and tears, embraced by Amida Buddha's great and warm arms. Let us remind ourselves that Amida Buddha as our true mother and father always embraces us, so we may live every day at ease.

Namo Amida Butsu.



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BETSUIN FRIENDSHIP TELEPHONE TIME

If you would like to talk or want to have a short chitchat, please call the Hawaii Betsuin at 536- 7044.

A minister is available
12:30 PM-1:30 PM
Monday to Friday
to receive your phone calls
and talk story with you.

No reservation needed!

President's Message from Dexter Mar



Realizing Hope, part 3 of 4

Our Vision of What We Want to Be:

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

“A noble person is mindful and thankful for the favors he receives from others.” Sakyamuni Buddha

This month, let's focus on the third of part of the Hawaii Betsuin hope for our future:

“with gratitude and compassion”. How might we become our dream? In Shin Buddhism the expression of gratitude for the compassion that surrounds us, is to take action and give back to others. In the January 2021 GOJI, these two areas were proposed:

1. **Commitment:** electing a new Board of Directors for 2022-23
2. **Dana:** raising funds and volunteering

1. Commitment - Betsuin 2022 Elections

Every two years, Betsuin members elect an entire new slate of 35 directors and officers. American Buddhist Democracy in action! The election usually occurs by November 2021. This is a wonderful opportunity to actively engage in the legacy of Hawaii Betsuin. The duties of directors are simply to *“discharge their duties in good faith, with the care of a prudent person and in the organization's best interests.”* No special skills required! Just be a “prudent person”. More information on the Betsuin website: <https://hawaiibetsuin.org/board/>

ALL BETSUIN MEMBERS ARE INVITED to attend the April 25th Board meeting to consider By-law changes to allow mail-in voting and have officers selected by the elected directors. Currently, a member must come to the temple to vote; and officers are elected by members. Proposed by-law changes available by calling the Betsuin Office (536-7044). **Please attend!**

2. Dana (giving of resources and sweat)

As a volunteer for a not-for-profit organization dedicated to developing a healthy community for families, working together for a common good is fundamental to our existence. We are all very fortunate to live in Hawaii's diverse and Aloha-infused culture. Finding something to help is not hard. Just do something to help others! Call the Betsuin Office (536-7044) for volunteer opportunities.

Next month: What can be done to nurture ***“Inspired by Buddhist values”***.

BWA News and Events

Fujiko Motobu



Virtual BWA Online Market
Buy treasures on line then
pick up at the Betsuin.
hawaiiibwa.org
AVAILABLE SOON !
 Contact the BWA at (808) 536-7045 for more information

ENDURANCE DURING A STRESSFUL YEAR 2020, DRAGGING INTO 2021

I am sure many of you have experienced a very stressful year and perhaps feel a little safe now that you have been given your vaccines. There are many reasons we are stressed out. Some of the reasons are anxiety and panic regarding the coronavirus that is still spreading. Anger can cause stress as well as sleep problems. Depressive feelings, having difficulties with family relationships, being jumpy and always being on guard, and memory and concentration problems are all stress related problems.

We can't live with a lot of stress. In order to relieve stress in healthy ways, check the following suggestions to help you relieve some of your stresses.

1. Write down things that are causing you to feel so stressed. Keep a journal.
2. Talk over with your friend, family member, counselor, or even a minister whom you feel comfortable with to express your feelings.
3. Laugh. Laughing massages your brain.
4. Talk to your pet, play with your pet, walk and exercise with your dog.
5. Do volunteer work. You will forget your problems while helping others.
6. Do craft, art, or paint.
7. Work out puzzles, crossword puzzles, Scrabble.
8. Read a book that you enjoy.

9. Listen to music or play an instrument, like the ukulele, or piano.
10. Meditation. Join Alan Goto's Meditation class and learn to become peaceful in mind.

11. Pray. Learn to recite some of the sutras. It is a good time to memorize some of them, but stay on key. Don't recite off key. (That drives me nuts and gives me stress.)

As you grow older, focus on the nice and pleasant things in life and talk about nice things, especially of others. Start to dispose of the hate that you have stored in your heart. Replace all the hate with love and fun. After all, we will all meet in Nirvana when we leave this earth.

KEEP SHARP: BUILD A BETTER BRAIN AT ANY AGE,

by Sanjay Gupta, MD

There are five pillars of brain health. MOVE, DISCOVER, RELAX, NOURISH, and CONNECT. Move: Aerobic and nonaerobic exercise is not only good for the body, it is even better for the brain. As we grow old, we somehow don't move as much as we did. It is important to continue to exercise if not on a regular bike, a stationary bike, push ups, a swim, or a run or a walk. Exercise will stimulate your mind. "Try to break a sweat every day."



Discover: A 2014 study from the University of Texas at Dallas tells us that picking up a new hobby, like painting or learning a new piece of software or language can strengthen your brain. Doing something new can be things such as seeing a 3D movie, joining a new club or even using your other hand to brush your teeth. Don't be afraid to try a new thing as often as you can.

Relax: Relaxing is not a physical thing for your body alone, your brain needs time to chill out too. Chronic stress can impair your ability to learn and adapt to new situations. Multitasking can slow your thinking. Poor sleep can lead to impaired memory, so work on decreasing your stress level. (Follow the suggestions offered in this issue.)

Nourish: There is evidence to show that eating certain foods, e.g. cold-water fish, whole grains, extra virgin olive oil, nuts and seeds, fibrous whole fruits and vegetables, is good for us. Limiting certain other foods, those high in sugar, saturated fat, and trans fatty acids can help avoid memory and brain decline, protect the brain against disease, and maximize its performance. Eating well is more important than ever now that we know our diet can affect our brain health.

Connect: Connecting with others, in person and face to face, is very

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Wednesday Gang News

Today's article marks the resurrection of the decade long, defunct contribution to the Goji from the Wednesday Gang.

No, we are not as unsavory a group as you might think. In fact, like COVID-19, we have been muted and have mutated to include the female gender among our cadre of outdoor volunteers. While historically, we had loosened our belts to include dedicated women of the former Fujinkai in a more encompassing and politically correct "Wednesday Gang and Gals," in October 2019, we welcomed Joyce Tomita into the ranks of the, heretofore, male-dominated "Wednesday Gang."

With COVID not yet tamed, the "Wednesday Gals" sector has been kept from utilizing their work areas in the temple, and the gals are anxious to get back into the temple and magically transform mottainai scrap pieces of cloth into much sought-after and salable clothing, blankets, and various knick-knacks for our Annual Bazaar or nominal gifts for our ministers to take on their care home visits. Ima wa sabishii demo, matte imasu; translated it means although it is lonely without you all, we are awaiting your return. (Doesn't it bring a tear to your eye?)

Why, you ask, is the "Wednesday Gang" allowed on premises at this time? Like the rest of our City and State, we have had an on again, off again past year. When the authorities determined that isolation was necessary, we didn't assemble (cowering, instead, in our homes like most of you); but for the most part we have shown up each Wednesday morning to assist/tetsudai Elmer in outdoor landscape/maintenance tasks that continue, regardless of COVID. Grass, hedges, and trees need to be trimmed regularly. Large amounts

of debris need to be weeded, raked, and hauled to trash bins, or where possible, even composted. Outdoor walkways are, periodically, pressure washed with jets of water to remove slipperiness and to, otherwise, give that "kept up" spiffiness that the community is accustomed to, that our temple deserves, and that lends a sense of stability and welcome during these COVID times. (What, oh sorry, we no like you come now kine time, becuz still sta' COVID.) We are not considered a gathering, but an outdoor-oriented, socially-distanced work force, and therefore, is not limited to the current 5-person rule. (If by the time this article gets published, and we are at Tier #3, those, who were hesitant to join us because of wrongly-perceived limitations, should join us to replace recently retired member, 80-plus years old Elwyn Suzuki.)

Our current mask-wearing participants are: Leader Mel, Joyce, Bruce, Howard, Herbert, and Ralston. Elmer, usually, prior to our arrival onsite has already pre-cut more difficult trees and shrubbery and sets out necessary tools so that the crew can get right to work each Wednesday morning. Dennis is recuperating since early 2019, as has Davey.

Last, but not least, we are pleased that Jed Sasaki has, as of last December, joined our team and has mastered the lurching and powerful lawnmower; Welcome aboard, Jed!

Wait, wait, wait! How could I have forgotten to include Ray? He deserves a paragraph all to himself. Like a ninja he toils in anonymity, by himself (that is if his grandsons are not pitching in during school breaks), sorting recyclable bottles and "pancaking," cans for redemption. Ray has been nominated for tolerating one of the World's Most

Ralston Nagata

Onerous and Odiferous Professions. He says, "I think I can win this year, by keeping both container doors closed, while inside for two or more hours. It's no different from going into a sulfur sauna at a Japanese onsen."

This concludes the Wednesday Gang's goings-on for this issue of the Goji. If this kind of information is of interest to the readership, perhaps on a quarterly or semi-annual basis, we may be able to come up with anecdotal information about the Wednesday Gang or even dredge up some history behind this gang of masked volunteers. Dewa mata.

Up Date from the Betsuin Events Committee

Hi Everyone,
Hope all is well with you.

The Events Committee is currently looking at different ways to fundraise. We are also working on different ways and dates to continue our tradition of Taste of Hongwanji and Bon Dance.

We are currently looking for people to join our fun committee.

Please contact the Betsuin office and leave your name and phone number if you would like to be a part of the Events Committee. Please take care!

With Gratitude,
Wendy Harman and
Stacy Bradshaw
Events Committee Co-Chairs.

From the Office of the Bishop,
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

Statement Against Anti-Asian Violence

March 21, 2021

The recent killing of eight people in a series of mass shootings that took place at Asian-owned spas in Atlanta, Georgia are both shocking and horrifying. We mourn the loss of life and denounce the continued acts of violence against Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities across our country.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began a year ago, there has been an exponential rise in hate crimes directed toward Asian Americans. As with other marginalized groups, there is a long and painful history of racism, scapegoating, and exclusion of AAPI communities in the United States.

The conditions for violence have been fomented by the continued use of hateful speech directed toward Asian Americans. This kind of racist language has resulted in verbal and physical harm. We must all work together to stop these acts of violence.

The Buddha taught,

The mind is the forerunner of all actions. All deeds are led by the mind and created by the mind. If one speaks or acts with an agitated mind, suffering follows, as the wheels of a cart follow the ox pulling it. If one speaks or acts with a calm mind, happiness follows, as surely as one's shadow.

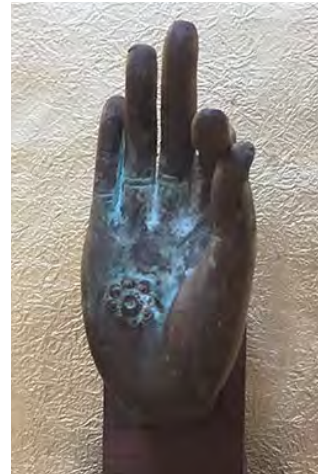
Let us take great care to use language in ways that foster compassion and love, not anger and hate.

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is a spiritual community devoted to sharing the Buddha's teachings so everyone may enjoy lives of harmony, peace, and gratitude. We decry with deep lament all acts of hatred and violence and we stand in solidarity with all who walk the path of peace and equality.

May we be guided by the light of all-inclusive wisdom and all-embracing compassion in the difficult days ahead.

Namo Amida Butsu

Eric Matsumoto, Bishop
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii



Header photo: A sculpture of the Buddha's hand in the Abhaya Mudra (Semui-in), which symbolizes protection, peace, and the dispelling of fear. The sculpture is in the stylized form of the Sukhotai Period of Thailand.

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Dharma School Students to Host Special Service Honoring Eshinni and Kakushinni Via Zoom!

Each year, a special service is held in honor of Eshinni, the wife of our founder, Shinran Shonin, and their youngest daughter, Kakushinni.

Eshinni was dedicated in her support of Shinran Shonin. She made it possible for him to pursue his life's work of spreading the Nembutsu teaching.

Kakushinni cared for her father during his final years. She built a small temple in Kyoto to enshrine his ashes and portrait. This temple grew and was named the "Hongwanji."

This year's special service will be on Sunday, April 25, 2021. As in past years, the Dharma school is planning the service and a special collection will support youth organizations of our temple.

The special Eshinni Day service with donations collected to support youth activities, the designation of Eshinni Day as World Peace Day, and the celebration and honoring of the life of Kakushinni were established by resolutions adopted at the World Buddhist Women's Conventions in 1978, 1986, and 2002.

We look forward to honoring the legacies of Eshinni and Kakushinni.

Note: A link for the Zoom Eshinni Day Service will be sent to BWA members via email and to subscribers of the Betsuin Bulletin prior to the day of the service. If you do not receive the link, please call the Betsuin office.



Kakushinni (left) and Eshinni (right). April 2019 service.
Photo by Cindy Alm.

News from Fujiko Motobu continued

important. A 2015 study tells that having a diverse social network can improve our brains' plasticity and help preserve our cognitive abilities. Interacting with others not only helps reduce stress and boost our immune system, it can also decrease our risk of cognitive decline.

I always said that women outlive men because they interact person to person frequently; whereas, when a man loses his spouse he remains solemnly alone and doesn't interact with people as much as women do. Now, you have an answer, so socialize and mix. Don't hesitate.

To continue in the next issue, How Not to Lose your Mind.

HUMOR: This has to be one of the best singles ads ever printed. It was listed in the Atlanta Journal. SINGLE BLACK FEMALE seeks male companionship, ethnicity unimportant. I'm a very good girl who LOVES to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pickup truck, wind in my face, hunting, camping and fishing trips, cozy winter nights lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me. Call 808-6420 and ask for Daisy. I'll be waiting.

Over 15,000 men found themselves talking to the Atlanta Humane Society about an eight week old black Labrador retriever.

Earth Day Services + Zoom Sharing on April 18



Happy Earth Month to all! Did you know April 22, 2021 will mark the 51st annual Earth Day and that the theme this year is Restore Our Earth? Learn more at earthday.org, including an invitation to register for a cleanup event. On Sunday, April 18, Hawaii Betsuin's plans for commemorating Earth Day include the following:

- Dharma School's Earth Day Service will be on Zoom at 9 a.m. followed by students sharing projects made from recycled materials. For more information, please email Debbie Kubota at dekub88@gmail.com.
- Hawaii Betsuin's 10 a.m. YouTube service will include a talk by EcoSangha founder Rev. Don Castro, Rinban Emeritus of Seattle Betsuin. Visit youtube.com/honpahongwanjihawaiiibetsuin
- At 11 a.m., the Green Team will host a Zoom session for Dharma Dialogue and some environmentally-themed sharing (for sure a poetry reading). And, back by popular demand: a prize drawing!



If you'd like to attend the 11 a.m. Zoom session, please register by RSVPing to greenteaminfo@hawaiiibetsuin.org. If you'd like to propose something to share during the session such as a craft, project, poem, art piece, song, photo, etc. please add that to your RSVP. Mahalo!

- David Atcheson for Green Team / Social Concerns

News from Headquarters: Ministerial Assignments

Rev. Mieko Majima, currently serving at Kapaa Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister, was assigned to the Headquarters as the Office of Buddhist Education Assistant as of February 1, 2021. Rev. Majima will continue her assignment to Kapaa Hongwanji Mission as its resident minister.

Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, currently serving at Jikoen Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister and Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin as its Acting Rimban (Chief Minister), will be relieved of his duties at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin as of February 28, 2021.

Rev. Kazunori Takahashi, currently serving at the Headquarters as the Executive Assistant to the Bishop, will be assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin as its Acting Rimban from March 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 while he continues his duties as the Executive Assistant to the Bishop. Rev. Takahashi will be assigned to the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin as its Rimban as of July 1, 2021.

Rev. Masanari Yamagishi, currently serving at the Headquarters, will be assigned to Kamuela Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister as well as

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OR

**A minister is available
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talk story with you.
No reservation needed!**

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

Honokaa Hongwanji Mission, Kohala Hongwanji Mission, and Paauiolo Hongwanji Mission as their Overseer Minister as of May 1, 2021.

Rev. Daido Baba, currently serving at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin as its Associate Minister, will be assigned to the Headquarters as the Executive Assistant to the Bishop as of July 1, 2021.

Betsuin Dharma School News Debbie Kubota

Virtual Betsuin Dharma School Services and Activities - Sundays at 9 am



Our Honolulu Dharma School families from Betsuin and Jikoen continue to join us on Sundays for our services and activities. We are so grateful to have our students support our services by being emcees and reading aspirations. Many thanks to Naya and Keiden Furuyama, Chris Leu, and Vincent Saito for all of their help.

For our Valentine's Day Dharma School activity, our students were able to surprise the Betsuin and Kyodan ministers who attend our services regularly by having our students share cards, drawings and creations based on the ministers' answers to our "Getting to know you" questions from a couple of weeks before. We wanted to show them how much we care about them. Our service on February 21 focused on the theme, "Empathy and Respect" (2021 Hongwanji slogan), and the Dharma School families helped to



create Kindness Quilts using Google Jam boards.

On February 28, we had a joint service with Mililani Hongwanji and Hilo Betsuin, with the service theme of "Friendship." Shaun Inake (Hawaii Betsuin, joining us from Maryland) was our emcee and Yuma Kamuro (Hilo Betsuin) read the aspiration. The ministers from each temple participated in various service aspects. Reverend Yuika Hasebe (Hawaii Betsuin) led the Vandana Ti-Sarana. Reverend Daido Baba (Hilo Betsuin) led the sutra chanting, Juseige. Reverend David Fujimoto (Mililani Hongwanji) gave

the Dharma message. Our gatha was "You've Got a Friend in Me," from the movie Toy Story 2. For our Dharma School activity, Reverend Fujimoto suggested that we have a pen pal project in which our students are paired with a pen pal from another temple and write letters to each other. The students had fun getting to know a little bit about each other by answering questions such as "Did you make your bed this morning?" "Have you traveled to another state/country and if so where?" "Do you like to eat vegetables? Which ones?" "What

is your nickname?" We plan to have a follow-up joint service on May 23 and ask the pen pals to share some stories about their experiences getting to know each other. We hope that these friendships will last through the years so that our students will have some connections when they attend YESS camp and participate in Jr. YBA activities together.

For our service on March 7, we will be focusing on a Girls' Day theme, and the read-aloud book "My Name is not Isabella" will be shared during our Dharma School activities with a discussion with our students after hearing the story.

No matter what your age, our virtual services are open to all generations from across our islands and the Mainland. Please contact our Betsuin office to have the Zoom link sent to you if you are interested. Hope to "see" you online with us soon!

Radio Programs
APRIL 2021
KZOO 1210 AM
Japanese Language
Saturday at 7:30 AM

- 03 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
 10 Rev. Shingo Furusawa
 17 Rev. Ryoso Toshima
 24 Rimban Toyokazu Hagio

NOTICE:

The Betsuin is now scheduling in person funerals and memorial services with a limit of 9 attendees or hybrid services via Zoom with 9 in person attendees.

Other options are available.

Please call the office at 536-7044 for more information.

On site Sunday services continue to be **CANCELLED**
 The 10 am English services are premiered on YouTube at 10 am Sunday mornings.

Go to the website
hawaiiibetsuin.org
for a link



In Memoriam



FEBRUARY 2021

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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| 4/3/2020 | NAKASHIMA, Harry Mitsugu (83) |
| 4/14/2020 | FUKUMOTO, Tadashi (96) |
| 4/20/2020 | FUJIKAWA, Bert Masatoshi (76) |
| 9/26/2020 | DOUE, Raymond Yukio (91) |
| 1/27/2021 | KONISHI, Eleanor Hatsumi (79) |
| 1/28/2021 | MATSUOKA, Dorothy Kiyoko (97) |
| 04 MIHARA, Robert Kazuo (88) | 16 MATSUI, Helen Yukiko (91) |
| 05 MATSUDA, Satoru (91) | 18 HIGASHI, Harold Takeshi (88) |
| 09 HAYASHI, Patsy Kinue (84) | 21 HASHIMOTO, Ethel Hiroko (86) |
| 10 HIRANO, Peggy Kikuyo (95) | 21 MASUNAGA, Florence Chiyoko (96) |
| 13 INATSUKA, James Satoru (85) | |
| 15 FUJIMOTO, Doris Miyuki (89) | |
| 15 SUEHIRO, Hayako (105) | |

Nursing Home Services

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

2021 Memorial Service Schedule

2021 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

2020: 1st year	2009: 13th year	1989: 33th year
2019: 3rd year	2005: 17th year	1972: 50th year
2015: 7th year	1997: 25th year	1922: 100th 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