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2022 Slogan:

“Building Healthy
Sanghas: Connecting
with Others”

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Chief Minister
Rev. Tatsuo Muneto

Fuku-Rimban
Rev. Yuika Hasebe

Ministerial Staff
Rev. Sol Kalu
Rev. Shingo Furusawa

Welcome Back, Rev. Muneto as Acting Rimban; Congratulations Rev. Hasebe, Fuku-Rimban

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Six years ago, in the December 2015 issue of the Goji newsletter, was this headline: “Betsuin Says Aloha to Rimban: Rev. Muneto to Retire; Rev. Hagio is New Rimban.” Today, January 1, 2022, the baton passed back to Reverend Tatsuo Muneto, who accepted the Bishop's appointment to serve as Acting Rimban (Chief Minister) through June 30, 2022.

When Rev. Muneto (temporarily) retired from active duty for the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Kyodan, he had served Honpa Hongwanji temples in Hawaii for 50 years, including four assignments to Hawaii Betsuin, beginning in 1965 as a new minister, in 1970 as Director of the English Department, in 1990 as Fukurimban, and in 2012 as Rimban.

At the Hawaii Betsuin 2022 New Year Service on YouTube, Acting Rimban Muneto announced his new role at the beginning of his Japanese-language message. You can watch the service, which also includes an English-language message from Bishop Eric Matsumoto, on demand at <https://youtu.be/epyTopilOuk>.

We also take this opportunity to announce that Rev. Yuika Hasebe, previously an associate minister at Hawaii Betsuin, has been promoted to the role of Hawaii Betsuin Fukurimban (Assistant Chief Minister).



As we enter a new year of opportunities and challenges for Hawaii Betsuin, we extend our deep appreciation to Reverend Muneto for answering the call to return to Hawaii Betsuin for a remarkable fifth assignment and our congratulations to Rev. Hasebe on her new role. May we all support our ministers and each other to realize this year's Hongwanji theme and slogan, “Building Healthy Sanghas: Connecting with Others.”
- David Atcheson, Interim Executive Director

Mahayana Buddhist Nirvana Day Commemorates the Physical Death of the Historical Buddha

Nirvana Day, also known as Parinirvana Day is an annual Mahayana Buddhist event observed in East Asia on February 15 in most East Asian calendars. The event commemorates the physical death of the historical Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama at the age of 80, in Kushinagara in ancient India. Parinirvana is a term that refers to the death of someone who has previously attained nirvana or enlightenment in their lifetime, and so therefore, the

entry into paranirvana is the last stage of complete enlightenment, of attaining Buddhahood, the final liberation from the cycle of birth and death, from all sufferings of samsaric existence and therefore will never be reborn again in a suffering realm. The Buddha taught that Nirvana is beyond ordinary human imagination and so it is futile to speculate on what it is like. Rather, as ordinary seekers of enlightenment,

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Dharma Message: "On the White Ashes"

***"Though in the morning we may have radiant health,
in the evening we may turn to white ashes."
---Hakkotsu no sho – On The White Ashes---***

Under Amida Buddha's Great Compassion, I hope those who are reading this message find a peace and joy in your everyday life. A couple of days ago, my sister texted me and said that the eye doctor recommended she get a reading glasses. I never had any problems with my eyes in my entire life, but I recently started to feel the same thing. I can see things that are far away, but it takes me a few seconds to adjust my eyes when I try to read

a book or try to see something closer. As I approach my mid 40's, I often feel that my body is starting to change. I used to love to drive at night to see the full moon at Sandy beach, but the nighttime driving makes me scared lately, especially when it rains. I feel a little uncertain when I carry or lift a heavy thing and my skin is often dry compared to my young time.

When I leave the temple for meetings, funerals, going out for dinner with friends, or just grocery shopping, I often think that this drive may be my last drive and I may not be able to come back to the temple. I may be crushed in an accident or may have a heart attack while driving. I may not be able to open my eyes the next morning or this breath may be my last breath. Whenever those moments arise, I remember the passage I quoted at the beginning of this message, "Though in the morning we may have radiant health, in the evening we may turn to white ashes." This passage is quoted from "The letter of White Ashes" and you may be familiar with this letter since

Rev. Yuika Hasebe,
Fuku-Rimban



it is read at Honpa funerals. Rennyo Shonin clearly explains how fragile our life is and how fast time is fleeting. This night, this meeting, and this phone call may be the last time we meet or talk. In the letter of White ashes, Rennyo Shonin concluded with, "By so understanding the meaning of death, we shall come to fully appreciate the meaning of this life which is unrepeatable and thus to be treasured above all else" and he encouraged us to listen to the teaching of Amida Buddha and listen to the Dharma.

Saying "good night" before you go to your bed tonight could be your last chance to express your love and appreciation to your loved ones. This saying of "Namo Amida Butsu" and placing hands together, may also be our last chance. We tend to forget but we will never have a second chance to live the same day and a same moment and this is always the last chance. The White Ashes explains this important reality and encourages us to live together with Nembutsu which reveals to us the true joy and happiness.



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Parinirvana Day is a time of meditation or reading of the Nirvana Sutra and to reflect on death and impermanence.

The Buddha's final words spoken to his disciple Ananda, prior to his entry into Parinirvana were: "Now that I am frail, Ananda, old, aged, far gone in years. This is my eightieth year and my life is spent. My body is like an old cart, barely held together. Therefore, Ananda, be islands unto yourselves, refuges unto yourselves, seeking no other refuge; with the Dharma as your island, the Dharma as your refuge, seeking no other refuge."

Greetings from Our New, Acting Rimban!

In complying with the request of Bishop Matsumoto, I was assigned as Acting Chief Minister (Rimban) of Hawaii Betsuin effective January 1, 2022. Because I was assigned to the Betsuin numbers of times in the past, I feel more or less comfortable with the temple set up and the membership.

I will be looking forward to seeing the members of the temple, temple board, and the affiliates through the online religious services and programs.

Things have changed quite a bit in the Hongwanji and the society in the

past two years. In the midst of numbers of “uncertainties” due to the coronavirus pandemic, we wish to affirm our understanding of the “certainty” of our spirituality. That is the Dharma, and Amida Buddha’s compassionate vow to embrace us all.

The Hongwanji’s annual slogan for this year is “Build Healthy Sanghas: Connecting with Others.” This is a most fitting slogan for us now. Because human life is unpredictable, Amida Buddha’s

Acting Rimban, Tatsuo Muneto



wisdom and compassion have been directed towards each of us, so that we are able to connect to one another with love and respect.

If you have any concerns and questions in your life, please contact our ministerial staff for discussions.

Gassho,
Tatsuo Muneto

Joint Celebration at Honzan in 2023



A very important historic event for all Jodo Shin Buddhists will be held in Spring of 2023 at Honzan in Kyoto. That is the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin’s Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching.

This will be a great opportunity to express our appreciation for Shinran Shonin (1173-1263), who founded the Jodo Shinshu tradition. Thanks to this universal teaching that excludes no one, we are able to live with peace of mind, entrusting ourselves to Amida

Buddha’s salvific working. Our head temple, Honzan in Kyoto, looks forward to welcoming as many fellow Nembutsu followers as possible from the overseas Sanghas to this only once-in-fifty-years occasion.

For the ministers and all members of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, this historic Joint Celebration at Honzan must be noted as a very important commemorative event in the year 2023.

(More information will be in the Goji’s March 2022 issue)

“When you are born a lotus flower, be a beautiful lotus flower, don’t try to be a magnolia flower. If you crave acceptance and recognition, and try to change yourself to fit what other people want you to be, you will suffer all your life. True happiness and true power lie in understanding yourself, accepting yourself, and having confidence in yourself.” – Thich Nhat Hanh

BWA News and Events

GRATITUDE

Here I am, an old lady of 92 years in age, and just recently when I received a letter from Tomo Mohideen, did I realize and be awakened to the fact that Thanksgiving is not just eating a turkey dinner in November, on Thanksgiving day, the fourth Thursday of the month. Here is the letter that I received that I want to share with all of you, in case there are those who are like me, a real numbskull.

"Happy Thanksgiving to all! What a wonderful day to reflect and be grateful that we are all well in spite of the pandemic that have changed our "Ways of Life," and made us even more aware of the many, blessed things we have been granted and taken for granted up to now, in each of our lives. First, gratitude, and appreciation for life itself during these disastrous, dangerous, COVID-19, Delta Variant virus, Mu virus, which have taken so many lives and sickened people all over the world, Thankfulness for our WELLNESS. Gratitude that we were born as human beings, the highest form of LIFE, not an animal or plant or even an insect. Bless the GOOD LORD who granted us this LIFE as those who are able to think, and enjoy LIFE! Gratitude for even one single day of LIFE, for there is no guarantee for a tomorrow for anyone. This is an inevitable TRUTH. Gratitude for our families, our Karmas with that of our ancestors, and those that are to come, the next generations, that have brought us to become akin, related as generations of LIFE, as families. Gratitude for the love, friendships and togetherness of lifelong friends, love for our spouses, girlfriends, boyfriends, parents, children, just to know and embrace love, for it is LOVE that makes LIFE worthwhile.

GRATITUDE for the interdependencies

of LIFE: The workers in all sorts of business that makes LIFE livable. Farmers who grow the vegetables, raise the cattle, sheep, chickens, the various foods for our meals, the fishermen who go out to the high seas and catch the delicious seafoods, the businessmen that make these needs available by operating stores, their clerks and salespeople, the bakers, the chefs, the teachers, the government, the legislators, people that are responsible for our being clothed, the schools, the churches and temples, the clergy and the laic, gosh, there are no ends to interdependencies that make LIFE comfortable and appreciative. NO MAN IS AN ISLAND!

Gratefulness brings happiness. Happiness brings satisfaction. Satisfaction makes LIFE appreciable and thankful. All things above bring LOVE. Love is to be shared. Giving is good. Receiving is also good. Give and Take make Good Karmas. Doing good deeds are because the persons or the situations give us opportunities to do good. To do or not to do are options each one of us can decide for oneself. With gratitude, helping each other is also a blessing. What goes around, comes around. One must reap what one has sown. So, with gratitude in our hearts, let us live LIFE as best as we can, with GRATITUDE and APPRECIATION.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING. NAMO AMIDA BUTSU. Love, Tomo"

After all these years, I have realized that I must be thankful for every moment of my life from the moment I wake up in the morning until the time I go to bed at night.

Fujiko Motobu



Thanksgiving now has a totally new meaning for me, one that I appreciate and feel glad that Tomo helped me to discover it. I can live each day with a lot more happiness, and so can you. Let us get rid of HATE, GREED, ANGER, and rely on gratitude, kindness, and a big smile. Thank you very much, Tomo, for awakening me. Even Namo Amida Butsu has a deeper impact for me now.

YEAR 2022 ENGLISH LESSON FOR BWA MEMBERS

Homographs are words of similar spelling but with more than one meaning. A homograph that is pronounced differently is a heteronym. You think English is easy? (from Ralston)

1. The bandage was *WOUND* around the *WOUND*.
2. The farm was used to *PRODUCE* *PRODUCE*.
3. The dump was so full that it had to *REFUSE* more *REFUSE*.
4. He could *LEAD* if he would get the *LEAD* out.
5. The soldier decided to *DESERT* his dessert in the *DESERT*.
6. Since there is no time like the *PRESENT* he thought it was time to *PRESENT* the *PRESENT*.
7. The buck *DOES* funny things when the *DOES* are present.

(from Hanayo)

What's the most slippery country? (**Greece**); Where did the dog with the broken tail go? (**Tailor shop**); What has four wheels and flies? (**Garbage truck**) What do you call cheese that isn't yours. (**Nacho cheese**); What did the fish say when it hit the concrete wall? (**Dam!**); How do you get Holy water? (**You boil the Hell out of it**)

Interim Executive Director Report submitted by David Atcheson

Aloha members and friends! By sharing this adaptation of my report for the January 23, 2022 board meeting, I hope to give you some insight into inner workings of Hawaii Betsuin.

Emptying the Lounge: The lounge and mezzanine (upstairs level) need to be emptied before renovations that will begin in a few months. A first step was to move items from the mezzanine floor down to the main level of the lounge. The Boy Scouts accomplished that on MLK Jr. Day (thank you Troop 49 scouts and leaders!). If you or your group may have items to make decisions about (toss, sell, give away, store elsewhere, repurpose, etc.) please make arrangements to review the materials. It's now easier to see what's what. Items in the shelves upstairs (e.g., Dharma School materials and books) remain there for review.

Facilities Reserve Fund: Some years back, Hawaii Betsuin sold a condominium unit and put the proceeds into an investment account. \$194,000 of investment gains on the initial proceeds have recently been withdrawn to establish a Facilities Reserve Account. Projects are already identified for some of the funds, including lead paint abatement on the Annex Temple building.

COVID rules and Facilities Usage: With case counts still climbing, we are maintaining Zoom only Sunday services for now and a limitation of 15 for memorial services and funerals. We are allowing some facilities use by affiliated groups. Examples: Ikebana in the Dining Room, Cub Scouts modified pinewood derby in the Annex

Hall (livestreamed). A Cub Scout bridging ceremony with very limited attendance may include some food consumption in the Social Hall (vaccination or approved test or exception required). City & County said no event plan was required to be filed, but we will require an attestation form by the affiliate representative.

Residences: We will be reviewing possible renovations for the Rimban's residence.

2022 Legislative Assembly:

The annual, statewide Hongwanji legislative assembly ("Giseikai") will be held February 11 and 12 on Zoom. Hawaii Betsuin will have 9 lay delegates, plus the ministers, and three observers. Resolutions to consider include the passage of the statewide budget, consolidation of Papaaloe Hongwanji and Honohina Hongwanji, establishing a statewide newsletter, establishing a statewide online calendar, establishing an annual endowment campaign, instituting a permanent annual subsidy to Pacific Buddhist Academy, plus condolences and appreciations.

Website Data: The Hawaii Betsuin website continues to be an important outreach tool. We get about 50-225 pageviews per day. Over the past few months, besides the home page, top pages include Cookbooks, Contact Us, the Japanese-language page, and the MLK Day Food and Hygiene Products Drive page.

Technology: For Sunday Zoom services, we are using a personal

laptop with 2 Blue Yeti Mic inputs (podium and altar) and the Betsuin camcorder

input. This is working well in an all-online scenario. A different configuration will be needed for hybrid services where amplified sound is needed in the venue as well as streamed.

Upcoming Mailings: These will include an annual membership appeal letter. We intend to roll out a new youth membership level this year.

NOTE: The Interim Director's Report continues with a report on the Betsuin's MLK Day Food Drive and Hygiene Products collection on page 6 after the Japanese Goji.



A houseless individual: We have worked with Partners in Care to seek assistance for a houseless individual who frequents the Betsuin campus. We do have a trespass order against him (as does HMS) so police can be called if necessary. This individual has not exhibited threatening behavior. But if you see someone who may be him on campus, please notify a staff person or minister (rather than approaching him yourself) so we may address the situation. Outreach workers from H3RC (one of the partners in care) have established contact with him and intend to build trust and provide help. He is so far refusing shelter.

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MLK Day Food and Hygiene Products Drive: Wow!

Many thanks to all who donated food and/or hygiene products to the MLK Day drive held at Hawaii Betsuin, Aiea Hongwanji, and Windward Buddhist Temple on January 17! The Hawaii Foodbank reports that 3,480 pounds of food were collected by the three temples. That's 1.74 tons! And the collection for Mai Movement Hawaii also exceeded expectations, with multiple SUV loads of period and hygiene products. Both groups also received

hundreds of dollars in monetary donations.

The 2022 Hongwanji slogan of "Connecting with Others" was beautifully expressed through the event. Groups in the Hongwanji ohana made their unique contributions, including the Boy Scouts (tents and parking/traffic control), BWA (greeter station and paper cranes), PBA (student power, multiple stations!). Connecting

with the Honolulu Hawaii NAACP and associated groups as well our beneficiary organizations will continue to bear fruit in the years to come. Mahalo to all the donors, volunteers, and visionaries who made this event what it was!

A mahalo video by volunteer organizer Lorna Strand is available at https://youtu.be/xHNrTP_MhVg.

- David Atcheson



Dharma School News

Debbie Kubota

Happy New Year, Everyone!
For our December 19th service, Ellen Ruckmann-Bruch was our emcee and Talin Giang was our aspiration reader. Reverend Shingo Furusawa gave the Dharma message related to gratitude, featuring the Japanese golfer, Tadao Furuichi. He reminded all of us that gratitude is very important for us no matter what we do. We are always supported by others and we should always say, "thank you," to all who support us. People who can say thank you will improve themselves. This was a perfect message leading

into our Dharma School activity in which the students and families created whiteboard thank you messages as a gift to our Betsuin ministers.

We took a break from services and activities for the remainder of 2021 and the first Sunday in January, so that our Dharma School ohana could enjoy spending time together for the holidays.

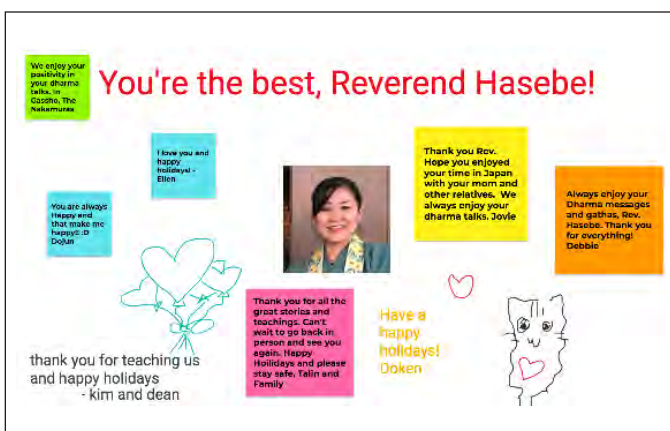
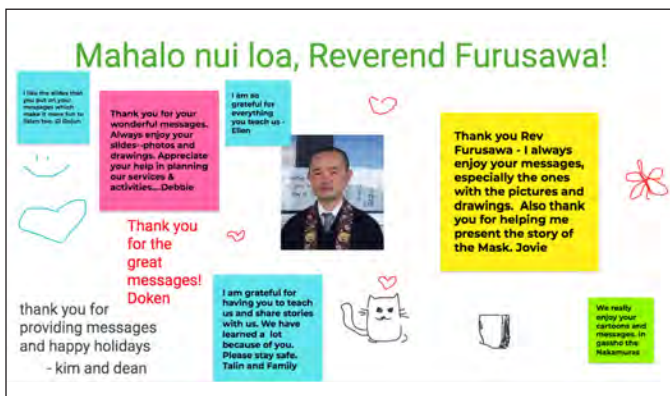
As 2021 came to a close, we expressed our appreciation to all of our Betsuin ministers for coordinating and conducting our virtual Sunday services every week. We will miss Rinban Hagio, who is now retired, and all of the leadership

he provided for our Dharma School. We are also very grateful that we have a regular contingent of Dharma School families that join our Zoom services on a regular basis.

For our Dharma School Services in January 2022, we focused on the 2022 HHMH slogan, "Connecting with Others." We also featured an activity about Martin Luther King, Jr. on the weekend of his birthday, January 16, 2022.

We look forward to a fun and exciting 2022. Our services and activities are open to all generations across Hawaii and on the Mainland. Feel free to join us anytime! If interested, please contact the Betsuin office to get the link for our Zoom services.

Hope to see you in person or online with us, very soon!





Scouting News

Happy New Year from Troop 49!

2021 was a whirlwind of a year for the troop as we persevered and continued with our scouting activities despite the ongoing COVID pandemic. After developing a return to in-person activities plan based on current CDC guidance, the troop resumed weekly meetings to continue to learn essential life skills and continue their scouting advancements in the fall of 2020. In 2021, we were able to hold our scheduled biannual Court of Honor ceremonies where we recognized rank advancements, merit badge awards and incoming troop and patrol leaders. The troop participated in the Aloha Council virtual Onizuka Day of Exploration, previously known as Makahiki, where the scouts made homemade instruments

Boy Scout Troop 49 Adjusts to Pandemic; Activities Continue

and were recorded playing them while supporting the Betsuin's drive thru bon dance. A few of our scouts participated in the flag signing ceremony at the Japanese Cultural Center which was spearheaded by the Honorable Johnny Gogo, a judge from Santa Clara Superior Court in California. The Honorable Judge Gogo obtained signatures from 442nd Infantry, 100th Battalion, MIS, and World War II internees on a 48-star American flag which will be donated to the Japanese American Museum of San Jose on January 30, 2022.

The troop was able to safely hold our first in-person summer overnight camp at Malaekahana beach campgrounds in July since the pandemic started in

2019. Here, the scouts had opportunities to participate in multiple merit badge classes such as Personal Management, Emergency Preparedness and American Cultures as well as engage in activities such as fishing, meal preparing and team bonding. We had a blast! Recently, the troop participated in the Pack 49 joint camp at Bellows Air Force Base where the scouts taught the cub scouts knot tying, fire starting, knife safety and first aid skills.

The troop is continuously enrolling anyone 6th grade and older who is interested in joining scouting. Please feel free to contact Mr. Edward Nishikawa, Troop Committee Chairperson, at edward.nishikawa@hongwanji.us for further information.

Scout News submitted
by Lesley Yoshimori

Congratulations to New Eagle Scouts Byron Saito and Jason Ebesu



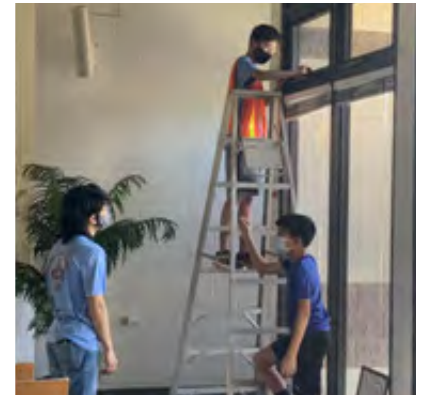
Byron Saito: For my Eagle Project, I worked with the Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool. My project consisted of building a xylophone for the school playground, shortening planter boxes, and painting and replacing trash cans and traffic cones. The project took place in March 2021 over the course of three days. I enlisted the help of six scouts and six leaders from the troop to help me execute the project.

The project was a huge success. I've been in contact with the preschool director since the completion of the

project and have been told that the students and the teachers of the preschool greatly appreciate the service we did for them. I want to thank the temple for continuing to support the troop in our activities and hope that we will continue to have a strong relationship for many years to come

Jason Ebesu: My project was held on April 10th and 17th at the Community of Christ Church, Kalihi Congregation. The work included power washing the parking lot lines, handicap stalls, sidewalk curb, and stairs, and painting the parking lot lines and sidewalk curb, and washing the interior windows. I was able to complete what I had originally planned very quickly thanks to everyone who came, and I was able to add more tasks to my project. On the first day, Saturday, I was also able to power wash the entire sidewalk, overhang on the side entrance, and parking stops, clean the outside of the windows on the chapel side, and power wash the windows on the social hall side. I had originally planned to paint the

next day, Sunday, but I had to cancel because it rained. Instead my uncle, who had volunteered at my project, went to the church on Monday morning with my parents to paint all the parking lot lines and handicap stalls with his airless paint sprayer. The following weekend Saturday, we met again to finish the painting and were able to quickly and efficiently paint the sidewalk curb and stairs. Since there wasn't much left to do and quite a bit of time left, we were also able to repair and paint the parking stops. I would also like to thank the temple for all the support they give to our troop to help scouts like me be successful in their scouting journey.



Search for New Executive Director Nearing Completion

After many months of meetings, the Personnel Committee of the Betsuin Board updated the Executive Director job description and had it approved by the Board of Directors. The Inkinen executive search firm has been invaluable in helping us identify qualified candidates. A vacancy announcement went out via numerous newspaper, newsletter, and internet sites.

From a number of applicants, Inkinen provided the Personnel Committee with seven possible candidates. The committee reviewed their resumes and, after a full day of interviews via Zoom, the committee narrowed the field down to three excellent individuals.

As of this writing, the finalists are scheduled to present to the full board for a final interview on January 16. Then, the board was to vote on how to rank the finalists to prepare for making an offer to the top-ranked candidate.

We're almost there. A big Thank You needs to go out to Dave Atcheson, who has been serving as Interim Executive Director and will continue to serve in that position until we have a permanent Executive Director. Thank You Dave!

- Submitted by Dennis Sekine, Personnel Committee member

About Our 2022 Slogan "Building Healthy Sanghas: Connecting with Others"

We are in the third year and slogan for our five-year theme: Building Healthy Sanghas.

Our 2022 slogan, Building Healthy Sanghas: Connecting with Others is an important worldview in Buddhism. In everyday terms, my actions not only affect my life but also affects other people and other things in this world. Therefore, it is important to connect with others in a mutually supportive community, in other words, a Healthy Sangha, so that we understand the people and the world around us which results in actions that will benefit the self and others.

We are fortunate that recently, our religious leader, Gomonsu Kojun Ohtani, provided us with guidance in our interactions with others called Our Pledge. It begins with a simple formula for connecting with others with a "smile and gentle words." It then informs us on how to maintain our connections with emotional maturity and well-informed actions by "Not being swept away by my greed, anger and ignorance." It further guides us to good interpersonal relations by "Breaking away from selfcenteredness" and to "share in the joys and sorrows of others." And finally, to "strive to live life to the fullest, with an attitude of gratitude," knowing that Amida Buddha is always with us, our perfect companion, and source of inner strength and support.

Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki, Former Director, Office of Buddhist Education, and the HHMH Commission on Buddhist Education

We're Collecting Aloha Shirts

The Betsuin BWA continues to collect aloha shirts for distribution to our military serving overseas. Please contact Jo desMarets (purpleldy2@aol.com) to donate aloha shirts or for more information!



Betsuin DIALOGUE Project Meeting MARCH 10, 2022

All Welcomed!

If you are interested in exploring social concerns with others through a Buddhist lens, then the Hawaii Betsuin DIALOGUE Project is for you! The next DIALOGUE is Thursday, March 10, 2022. Toward honoring Earth Day, the topic will be David Loy's "EcoDharma: Buddhist Teachings for the Ecological Crisis." Loy aspires to "show how much Buddhism can help us understand and respond to the greatest challenge that humanity has ever faced." He suggests that, ultimately, our efforts "are our openhearted gift to the earth." Please see

hawaiibetsuin.org/dialogue to register and receive participation info, including brief readings, to suggest future DIALOGUE topics, or to ask questions. DIALOGUE is a project of Hawaii Betsuin's Social Concerns Committee.





In Memoriam



Radio Programs FEBRUARY 2022 KZOO 1210 AM Japanese Language Saturday at 7:30 AM

05 Rimban Tatsuo Muneto
12 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
19 Rev. Joshin Kamuro
26 Rev. Shingo Furusawa

NOTICE:

The Betsuin is scheduling in-person funerals and memorial services with a limited number of in-person attendees. Other service options are available. Please call the Betsuin office at (808) 536-7044 for current information and to plan for your family's needs.

Information Regarding Sunday Services

The 9 a.m. Dharma School service and the 10 a.m. English service continue for now on Zoom. For speakers of Japanese, emailed messages are available -- please contact the office.

For current information on Betsuin services, including Zoom connection details, see the online calendar at hawaiiibetsuin.org. You may also check the Betsuin Bulletin sent by email on Fridays (subscribe at hawaiiibetsuin.org/email-signup/). Or, call the office. Recorded services are available on the Hawaii Betsuin YouTube channel, with "premieres" on Sundays at 11 a.m. (some exceptions).

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

04/07/2020	YOSHIDA, Setsuko (93)
06/19/2020	FUKUDA, Nobuyuki (94)
08/18/2020	IGE, Philip Keimin (95)
12/08/2020	TAKENAKA, Elaine Miyoko (79)
07/10/2021	FUJIMOTO, Grace Kimiko (102)

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01	DOI, Aiko Lorraine (90)
04	NEKOBA, Mihoko (89)
08	NAKAMURA, Sueko (91)
10	ARITA, Dorothy Mitsue (95)
12	MIYATAKE, Grace Fumiko (93)
12	SUMIMOTO, Kenneth Nakaba (91)
15	OHTA, Esther Kiyoe (81)
15	SHIGEKANE, Walter Kunio (90)
15	UCHIDA, Elaine Itsuko (96)
19	INOUE, Grace Sachiko (83)
29	ARAKAKI, Satsumi "Kay" (95)
31	SHIMIZU, Mikio (87)

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



2022 Memorial Service Schedule

2022 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

2021: 1st year	2010: 13th year	1990: 33th year
2020: 3rd year	2016: 17th year	1973: 50th year
2016: 7th year	1998: 25th year	1923: 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.

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