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2022 Slogan:

“Building Healthy
Sanghas: Connecting
with Others”

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Hawaii Betsuin O-bon Season 2022

The O-bon season usually begins annually at this time of the year at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. O-bon, also known as the Ghost Festival, Lantern Festival or the Festival of Souls, is the traditional Japanese Buddhist religious observance as the time that people believe that the spirits of their departed loved ones return and stay with them for a few days. It is a holiday to celebrate the spirits of a person's ancestors that brings families together and reunites them with their departed loved ones.

The O-bon season is traditionally marked by rituals of setting up lanterns, religious services and lighting of fires both to welcome and guide the spirits back to the world of the dead upon the completion of the festival. In some places, bon dances are held to highlight the festivity of the season. However, Jodo Shinshu Buddhism rejects this notion of the spirits returning during the O-bon season. Rather it is a time of reflection, to remember our indebtedness to all our departed loved ones and the recognition that they have all been born in Amida Buddha's Pure Land and have become buddhas. Thus, O-bon, is also called Kangi-e, the Gathering of Joy.

Due to the unfortunate continuing presence of newer strains of the covid 19 virus and the rising number of cases in the state, Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin has decided to once again cancel this year's O-bon dance. Hawaii Betsuin will, however, continue to offer Bon related activities such as Bon and Hatsubon religious services and Bon memorial lanterns as a way for expressing gratitude for departed loved ones and their continuing influence and guidance in people's lives.

Last Stretch for the 2021-2022 Social Concerns Fund Drive

Hawaii Betsuin members and friends have so far contributed \$6,125 via the temple to the current statewide Social Concerns Fund Drive. Mahalo for your donations! You make it possible for the Hongwanji Hawaii's Committee on Social Concerns (CSC) to support food banks and other vital community services, fund innovative temple social concerns programs, and contribute to disaster/war relief efforts. As a reference point, last year's collection was \$7,275. The current collection period runs through August, so if you have not yet contributed and would like to, you still have time. You may make a check out to HHHB with "HHMH Social Concerns" in the memo line and mail or drop it off to 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813. You may also donate online at <http://honpahi.link/scdon> In gassho, - David Atcheson, CSC member



Betsuin Choir to Resume Practice

When attending the Sunday services, do you feel like there is something missing? Have you missed hearing the beautiful sounds of our gathas as sung by our Hawaii Betsuin Choir?

After a two-and-a-half-year hiatus, the Hawaii Betsuin Choir will practice in-person for the first time on Sunday, May 29. From that day on, the choir will have weekly practices on Sundays from 1:15-2:45 pm in the annex temple or main social hall, barring no surge in COVID cases. Safety protocols will be followed, such as social distancing and mask wearing throughout the practice session. The choir members will be practicing hard to attain their goal of singing at the Obon service in July.

If you like to sing, our choir ohana invites you to join Sunday practices -- we look forward to welcoming new voices. You do not need to be able to read music and, don't worry, there's no audition. For more information, please call the Betsuin Business Office (808) 536-7044 and leave your name and phone number or email address. A choir member will get in touch with you. Submitted by Sharyn Sekine

Dharma Message: "Our Spiritual Parents"

Rev. Shingo Furusawa

Unfortunately, we are still struggling due to COVID-19. Like the virus issue, a lot of hardships and difficulties come up in our lives. How should we get through them? Shinran Shonin, the founder of Shin Buddhism states:

***"The light of compassion illumines us from afar;
Those beings it reaches, it is taught,
Attain the joy of dharma***

So take refuge in Amida, the great consolation. "

Shinran Shonin reveals to us that Amida Buddha's light gives us the joy of listening to the Dharma. Also, he defines the Buddha as "the great consolation" because Amida's light gives us great comfort. That is, the Buddha always gives us the energy to live no matter what happens in our lives.

Let us get through this difficult time through listening to the teachings of Amida Buddha that always illuminates us all.
In Gassho.



Obon Memorial Lanterns 2022

The Hawaii Betsuin will, once again, offer Obon Memorial Lanterns for honoring our departed loved ones. There will be three sizes to choose from, and ribbons with your loved one's name will be attached to the lantern. Lanterns will remain on display in the Hondo until the end of August. Information will be



mailed out in June giving more details and an order form for your convenience.



GOJI

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DEADLINE:

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The opinions expressed by individual contributors are their own and do not necessarily reflect those of the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin.

Due to the recent increase in COVID numbers, the Betsuin In-Person Bon Dance has been canceled!
Please see above for information on O-bon memorial lanterns.



President's Message: Alan Tomita

Hi All!

One main reason I decided to run for president was to bring out the issue of the temple surviving for another 100 years. We must ask ourselves if we, the congregation, want this. If so, what can be done to help bring this about?

For my family and me, the dedication to the Hongwanji started with my father. I'd like to share with you a short story about this. I'm sure everyone has one of their own.

My father grew up in a camp and was considered its No. 1 "waru bozu." He would squash the tofu blocks whenever they were delivered to the camp kitchen. He would pop the caps of the sodas so they would lose their fizz. There was a lady who told me that my father would go around

hitting ladies in their stomachs. My grandfather would discipline my father by tying him to the laundry pole and deprive him of dinner. That didn't work. After awhile, my grandfather finally gave up and turned my father over to the local minister. From then on, my father was required to accompany the minister on the minister's Sunday visitations to the families of his congregation. I don't recall how long he did this, but eventually he turned over a new leaf. He became a devoted member of the Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission and supported the temple in many ways until the day he passed.

What my father ingrained into my family and me from his involvement with the Hongwanji were the following: First, GIVE. Help your

fellow man, even if it is your last penny. Your generosity will be returned but probably not from the same people you were generous to. Expecting your generosity to be returned from people you were generous to would only result in trouble. One example of what my father did was when the temple decided to build its social hall in 1959. My father was the president then and felt that he needed to set an example by donating \$200.00. My mother told me (after he had passed) that at that time we had no extra money, so he went out and borrowed the \$200.00. Did it return? I would think so. Our family has gone from living very very frugally, as most

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Message from Jon Matsuoka, Executive Director

We are alive during one of the most tumultuous and critical periods in human history. Amid environmental fallout, social chaos, culture wars and efforts to roll back social gains from the end of the last century, I believe Buddhism provides a meaningful framework for guiding us towards a more humane future. Yet at a time when Buddhism is needed more than ever, it is on a steep and rapid decline.

When Betsuin was founded in 1918 there were 10,000 members. In a little over a century that number has dwindled to around 600 or 6% of the original base. In the last 15 years Honpa Hongwanji of Hawai'i membership has declined over 40% and is on a trajectory to disappear in 14 years, or by 2036. The

Betsuin prognosis is even more dire. During the same 15-year period, membership dropped by a staggering 52% and is on a course to shrink to nothing by 2034. That's a mere 12 years from now. It's fair to say the Honpa Hongwanji brand of Buddhism in Hawai'i is critically endangered. Because of the median age of our members, shrinkage is now occurring at an exponential rate. Prior to Covid, Betsuin ministers were conducting 20-25 funerals per month. Attrition through mortality far exceeds rates of replenishment through new membership.

If we want to survive as an organization, we cannot rely on past modes of operation. Raising membership fees for a shrinking

pool of members is a game of diminishing returns. Thus, it's imperative to explore alternative means for generating revenue. Betsuin is resource rich in terms of space and facilities, life services, and is in an ideal location with ample parking. Options for gaining financial viability through fees, rentals, and services rendered have never been fully explored or tapped. Other temples have used their land and space assets and advanced to points of lasting financial security. For the sake of sustaining and perpetuating the Sangha, I believe it is time for Betsuin to consider replicating these models of success.



BWA News and Events

DANA DONATION. Thank you to all of you who generously donated to the Dana collection. A total of \$4620.00 was collected, which was a generous "selfless giving" from you. The Honolulu United Buddhist Women's Association made a one-time donation of \$1,000.00 to Doctors Without Borders and World Central Kitchen. Due to the coronavirus epidemic as well as the war in Ukraine with Russia, the doctors all over the world have been extremely busy caring for the wounded as well as those who are ill.

The Russian president and others are certainly exposing their "GAS" characteristics which Shinran Shonin mentioned some six hundred years ago. The Russians are exhibiting their GREED, ANGER, AND STUPIDITY as in GAS while innocent Ukrainians have been dying and leaving their homes by the millions. We hope the war will end soon and Russia will be punished.

The year 2022 Dana awardee is WE ARE OCEANIA. They are a charity serving Micronesian and Pacific island communities throughout the State, aimed at centralizing the support system for all Micronesian communities, families and individuals in Hawaii. Their first project was to open We Are Oceania as a one stop center. Jocelyn Howard, chief executive officer of We Are Oceania emailed a response to the congratulatory email which was sent to them. "I am so humbled by this news! This kind of act of kindness blesses the people we are so privileged to serve here at WAO. Words can't express how grateful I am. Please know that your organization's kindness will be returned in other ways."

The Dana check presentation will most likely be done at the joint Education and Membership workshop in August. They will be receiving a thousand dollars a

year for three years, 2022, 2023, and 2024. Liane Wong, Betsuin Dana Award Chairperson, asks our members to be on the lookout for nonprofit organizations that help children, women, or the elderly. Keep your eyes open and please report to Liane if you know of any such organizations.

YOU COME TO THE TEMPLE AND LISTEN TO THE SERMONS. DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? In Rev. Toshima's Japanese Language class he told the class that a minister did research and found that adults listen, yet do not retain what they heard the ministers talk about in the sermon. Children seemed to retain the minister's talk better than the adults, therefore, it was advised that the ministers talk in simple children's level to the adults.

A long time ago we listened to the speaker in school or in church for an hour's lecture. We took notes and remembered so that when we were tested we would pass with good grades. Later, the lectures were lessened to 45 minutes, and today, research has shown that people listen for only 12 to 15 minutes. In this high-tech world with iPad, etc. the people are very active in the brain. Listening for over 15 minutes cuts them off other factors. Therefore, the ministers must shorten their sermons to 12 to 15 minutes to make it meaningful.

I probably have been going to church for about 70 years, yet I never listened nor retained any of the sermons. When I became about 80 years old, I began to seriously wonder about the teachings and realized that I knew very little about Jodo Shinshu. Even in the matter such as reciting the nembutsu, why do the ministers

always begin the service by asking the audience to recite the nembutsu three times, and at the end of the sermon

in conclusion, the ministers again ask us to recite the nembutsu three times. Through my curiosity I asked many ministers about this and none of them gave me any answer except Rev. Kalu. He told me, "We probably recite the nembutsu three times for Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha." That is what I had always thought, but none of the ministers that I had talked to prior to Rev. Kalu answered me in that manner. Now, my other questions are, how could Shinran Shonin cut his ties from his son? Second question is how could prince Sidhartha abandon his wife and child, and after finding the answers and becoming Shaykamuni Buddha, why did he not return to his family? Do you have any questions? Do not hesitate to ask your ministers for answers.

MAY 8 WAS MOTHERS' DAY AND JUNE 19 IS FATHERS' DAY.

We should all remember our mothers and fathers, for they sacrificed a lot for the children and gave us much happiness that we undoubtedly took for granted. I am sure many of us took life for granted and merely expected things from our parents while they sacrificed a lot. We undoubtedly never thanked them enough. Now, we ourselves are parents and feel the shortcomings occasionally and feel badly that we did not do better for our parents. We must alter our ego and do our best in raising our children. Coming to church to the Sunday services is one way to guide our children to live a good life. Parents are the models for the children, so we must be very careful in living a good life.

Happy Mothers' Day and Happy Fathers' Day.



More BWA News: BWA Gratitude

Cindy Alm, President

BWA Upcoming Events:

- July 16: Hawaii Betsuin BWA Field Trip
- August 27: Honolulu United Education Conference/Membership Meeting
- May 2023: BWA 17th World Convention and Joint Celebration, Kyoto, Japan.

Eshinni/Kakushinni Day Service:

Our 2022 Eshinni/Kakushinni Day service was on May 8. As in previous years, BWA and Dharma School collaborated on the service. And because it was also Mother's Day, we honored all Mothers. We are grateful to Dharma School student Naya Furuyama, who served as MC; Jovie Yoshioka and Debbie Kubota, who coordinated for Dharma School; and Jo desMarets and Wendie Yumori, who coordinated for BWA. A special thank you to Liane Wong, who made the special announcement about BWA's annual collection for youth organizations, and our sincere gratitude to all who donated.

We are grateful to Charlene Kihara, Minister's Lay Assistant with Tokudo, who gave the Dharma message. She shared two touchingly beautiful stories illustrating her own mother's devotion to her family. Charlene reminded us of the significant contributions of three mentors for Jodo Shinshu women worldwide – Eshinni, Kakushinni and Lady Kujo. Eshinni, Shinran Shonin's wife, was devoted to Shinran and is known as the "Mother of Jodo Shinshu." Kakushinni, youngest daughter of Eshinni and Shinran Shonin, took care of Shinran during his later years and was the first caretaker of

the family mausoleum. Lady Takeko Kujo, following in the footsteps of Eshinni and Kakushinni, created the Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) or Fujinkai organization in 1904 with Lady Kazuko Ohtani,

New this year was a mailing of an Eshinni/Kakushinni Day postcard to BWA and temple members. Also new was the hybrid service format and a

photo booth for Mother's Day. BWA Activities -- thank you to our joyful volunteers:

Hosha helpers for light housekeeping in the Hondo In February, March, April and May, coordinated by Claire Groom.

Hanamido floral donations and decorators for Buddha Day service on April 10, coordinated by Charlotte and Roy Miyamoto.

Family Promise of Hawai'i Ohana Dinner donations and delivery on April 13, to 12 families at the Emergency Shelter, coordinated by Sharyn Sekine.

Mother's Day boutonniere creators, coordinated by Jo desMarets.



[Note: In the printed Goji, pages 6 and 7 are the Japanese-language Goji. For the web version that's a separate file.]

Dharma School News

Debbie Kubota

Statewide Dharma School Gathering



On Sunday, May 1, we had our Third Virtual Statewide Dharma School Gathering, with the theme of “Connecting with Others” which is our 2022 Hongwanji slogan. More than 80 participants joined us from across the islands. Our morning started with a service featuring emcees and minister advisors from all of our districts (Big Island/ Hawaii Island, Honolulu, Kauai, Maui, Oahu). We chanted “Gassho to Amida” together, recited the Golden Chain of Love together, listened to a wonderful Dharma message from



Reverend David Fujimoto of Moiliili Hongwanji about our earth and how to take care of it and each other, and sang “Nembutsu.” After our service, we divided into breakout rooms. Dharma School

students and parents were in breakout rooms which had Jr. YBA leaders as facilitators along with the planning committee members. They shared their thoughts about how we are all connected, how we can take care of each other and take care of our earth. They collected their thoughts on Google Jam boards. Adults were in a breakout room with Reverend David to listen to a Dharma message (“A Pale Blue Dot” which refers to our earth from millions of miles away). After the Dharma School students and parents came together to share their jam board creations, the adults wrapped up their session and everyone joined in for a Nembutsu gassho closing by Reverend Tomo Hojo, then ended the Dharma School gathering for the students and families.

After our service and activity, we had a Dharma School Teachers/Educators gathering in which we shared ideas about activities that will encourage our Dharma School students to return to in person services and activities. Hilo Betsuin had a lot of good ideas which have been successful at their temple. One of their Dharma School teachers, Holly Sumida, created a jam board which included Hilo’s ideas and encouraged everyone to add their ideas to the board so we can continue to share, even after the session.

Despite all of the challenges of the pandemic, we have had many unique opportunities to make connections with each other virtually. We look forward to future gatherings which can bring our entire statewide Hongwanji ohana of multi-generations together for services and activities.



Jōdo Shinshū and the Making of American Buddhism Is Jōdo Shinshū and the Making of American Buddhism

Dr. Scott Mitchell, Summer Session 2022 speaker



The Buddhist Study Center (BSC) is pleased to offer its 48th Annual Summer Study Session via Zoom and limited in-person attendance,

June 20-24, 2022
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (HST)

The featured speaker is Dr. Scott Mitchell, Dean of the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, CA. Format for each evening includes a lecture by Dr. Mitchell and question-and-answer time. Brief services are presented on the first and last days of the session.

Free registration required to receive Zoom link or attend in person.

Please visit <http://bit.ly/bscsummersession2022>

Or, contact the BSC Office at (808) 973-6555.

Suggested tax-deductible donation

5 sessions \$50, single sessions \$10.

Checks made out to HHMH.

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families did back then, to living very very comfortably today. I was the youngest but not the spoiled one. I got all my brother's hand-me-downs.

Secondly, if a cup is half full, be grateful that it is half full instead of grumbling that it is half empty. He would say that if you want to have it filled more, then do something about it.

Lastly, fellowship. He loved going to the temple whether it was for attending a service, upkeeping the facilities or doing whatever was needed for the minister and congregation.

For me, this is the legacy that I want to carry on with regard to the Hongwanji. I have expressed this to my children and they have both agreed that their grandfather's beliefs have helped them in their lives, so the legacy should live on.

Likewise, I'd like for everyone to think back and see how the temple played an important part in your lives. If we feel that the temple and what it can provide should live on then pass this on to your families and friends. This would help formulate the "WHY" we should have the temple last another 100 years. In Gassho,

Alan Tomita

Betsuin DIALOGUE Project

Next Meeting: July 14, 2022

All Welcomed!



"Dialogue... is the collective compassion for the common good. It is meeting with meaning, participation and purpose, speech in the service of others... we might not get the correct answers, but we get closer to asking the right questions..."

— from 'What If' by Amanda Gorman, 2019

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, July 7, 2022. The topic will be War vs Diplomacy and the relative impact and efficacy of diplomacy versus war in America's foreign policy. Does Buddhism consider participation in the military incompatible with right livelihood?

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

Betsuin Continues to Offer In-person services

**8 AM and 10 AM In-person
services will continue at the
Betsuin until further notice.
Please call the office for the
latest information.**

Scouting News Boy Scout Troop 49



Dillon Pang
Troop 49

This month, Troop 49 was hard at work! During the month of April, the Troop held its weekly in-person meetings where various activities were conducted. The Badger Patrol (new scouts) continue to advance in their requirements and are starting to make good progress towards their next rank. This month's theme was "Fitness" led by the Cobra Patrol. Scouts got healthier and strengthened their

physical abilities by participating in various physical activities. Scouts also renewed their Cyber Chip which teaches them how to use electronics safely and how to be aware of possible scams.

Our first major event for April was Onizuka Day of Exploration (ODE). This event was held at Pearl Harbor's Aviation museum where various troops demonstrated all types of STEM-related activities. We had 17 scouts and various adult leaders volunteer for the event. Our activity was making ice cream in a bag. It was very popular among the visitors and scouts that visited our booth, as we served over 300 people at the event. Scouts even got the chance to interact with other scouts from different troops. It was nice to see things getting back to normal.

The second major event in April that we had was camping at Camp Ehrhorn. This camp was only for one night but it was very important for the Badger Patrol. as this was the badgers' first camp with the troop without any parental supervision. They eagerly participated and learned many things such as how

to properly perform a flag ceremony, how to properly use knives, axes, and saws, and how to build and start a fire. The Badger Patrol even completed their first hike with the boy scouts which was over 5 miles! The more experienced scouts helped the badgers set up their tents and taught them the ways of Troop 49. This camp definitely helped the badgers on their way to becoming independent people. The weather was wet and muddy but that didn't stop the scouts from having fun and eating camp snacks.

Upcoming events for the month of May include making go-carts out of wooden pallets and racing them, as well as two major events. The first event will be Colby Fujino's Eagle Scout project on May 14. His project will be held at the Children's Discovery Center and will include making sensory bins, a butterfly enclosure, and sanding/painting balance beams. During the Memorial Day weekend, the troop will be coordinating their Good Turn event. This event is when Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Cub Scouts volunteer their time to pick and gather flowers and make leis which will be placed on the headstones at Punchbowl Cemetery. Cub Scouts and Boys Scouts will join up and hike up to Punchbowl cemetery on the Sunday before the Memorial Day

Holiday to honor the fallen soldiers who have given their lives for our country.

We all are excited about the coming months as the community begins to get back to normal. Stay tuned for more exciting news as to what the Boys Scouts are up to.



Headquarters Connections

'Headquarters Updates' and 'Ka Leo Kāhea' (The Calling Voice) newsletters are available at [News & Announcements – Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii](#)



Doggie Bags and Buddhism in Hawaii: From "Earth Day Message (PBA) 2022" and "Encouraging a Green Hongwanji: Dharma Message 2016"

By Bishop Eric Matsumoto

The title of this morning's message is "Doggie Bags and Buddhism in Hawaii." I would like you to consider, "What do doggie bags have to do with Buddhism?" To lead us in a certain direction, let me also ask, "What are we observing today, April 22nd?" Yes, Earth Day!

There are many cultures and traditions, including religions, that place a strong emphasis on respecting the natural environment. Buddhism is one of those traditions. His Eminence Koshin Ohtani, descendant of Shinran Shonin and 24th Spiritual Leader of the Hongwanji, said, "All lives are interrelated, and therefore, armed conflicts or climate change cannot be regarded as the problems of other people. We must address these as issues that concern us all. It is our duty to provide leadership for lives of moderation that enable all life, from humans to flora and fauna, to be cherished and to live peacefully."

To my original question, "What do doggie bags have to do with Buddhism in Hawaii?" In Japanese Buddhist communities, we often hear the expression "mottainai," meaning "how wasteful," encouraging us "not to waste" by acknowledging the preciousness of all things, including plant and animal life. This results in the thought that I should not waste food! There is also a deeper meaning found in Buddhist Teachings. In Buddhism, everything and everyone comes into existence due to causes and conditions and in mutual interdependence, and in this sense, we are all equal. Understanding this, a deep sense of connection, gratitude, and responsibility for each other results. Thus, understanding mottainai supports the common practice of the non-wasteful doggie bag!

Let us not forget, as the metaphor of Indra's Net teaches, that because of the truth of interdependence, we are closely linked to all others, and what I do affects not only my life, but the lives of others, too. A few years ago, we created a new committee, called the "Green Hongwanji Initiative Committee," with the goal of educating ourselves to make a bigger positive difference regarding sustainability and protecting our natural environment. Would anyone here want to be on this committee as a PBA representative?



In closing, a thought has often entered my mind. Suppose some aliens from outer space are observing our planet Earth. They see that there are many different life forms on this planet. They notice one life form in particular. I wonder what they would conclude about us. Would they see us as a species with a wonderful civilization, or would they see us as parasites, slowly killing our planet? What do you think? Thank you and Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion.

*Compiled by Hawaii Betsuin Board members Steve Lohse and Cindy Alm
from personal communications with Bishop Eric Matsumoto.*

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

04...Rev. Ryoso Toshima
 11...Rev. Satoshi Tomioka
 18...Rev. Shingo Furusawa
 25...Rimban Tatsuo Muneto

NOTICE:

(Updated Information)

Attendee limits for in-person funerals and memorial services are now based on room capacity and families' comfort levels. 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 10 a.m. English-language services (as well as the occasional 9:30 a.m. combined services) are now open to in-person attendees. A Zoom option continues to be available. Also, the 8 a.m. in-person Japanese language services have resumed. The Betsuin Dharma School is on summer break.

Many past services are available for replay on the Hawaii Betsuin YouTube channel. 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 at (808) 536-7044.



In Memoriam



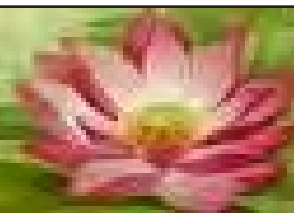
The Hawai'i Betsuin extends its deepest sympathy to the families of the following members who recently passed away. May the family members and friends find solace and comfort in the Nembutsu. Namo Amida Butsu

8/23/2020	MATSUDA, Fujio (95)
2/11/2022	SEO, Stanley Toshio (94)
3/17/2022	IWAMOTO, Tsugio (96)

APRIL 2022

02	MUNESUE, Gary Tsuneto (72)
03	NAKAI, Thomas Masao (90)
03	SHIMOMAYE, Dorothy Hisako (88)
05	TOKITA, Jean Kimiye (83)
07	IKEDA, Sharon Akie (95)
08	FUKUDA, Betsie Ayako (97)
11	SAKIHARA, Scott Shigeru (90)
11	YAMASHIRO, Marian Yoshiye (95)
12	TAGAWA, Theodore Tetsuji (91)
17	NAKATANI, Thomas Katsuhiko (90)
18	TANAKA, Helen Sachiko (83)
24	MATSUMOTO, Myron Kazumi (75)
25	DOI, Deborah Anne Toshie (61)
29	ONO, Toshiko (103)

**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	2006: 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 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