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2022 Slogan:

"Building Healthy
Sanghas: Connecting
with Others"

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Acting Chief Minister
Rev. Yuika Hasebe

Ministerial Staff
Rev. Sol Kalu
Rev. Shingo Furusawa

Message of Remembrance

On September 25, 2022, Reverend Yuika Hasebe gave a message of remembrance at the 17th Annual Nisei Soldiers Memorial Service hosted by the Nisei Veterans Legacy to honor the soldiers who were Americans of Japanese ancestry who served during World War II. Following are her reflections of the service and her experience that day.

The annual Nisei Soldier Memorial Service was held at Punchbowl on September 25, 2022. Under the clear blue sky, the beautiful National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific was filled with warm serenity, appreciation, and deep respect. In front of five Nisei soldiers, the grand marching of local school students followed by the flag presentation opened the memorial service.

World War II was a time of struggling and suffering, but there were people who lived sincerely, bravely, and courageously. There were people who decided to sacrifice themselves for the betterment and the future of others. To find the light of hope in the time of darkness is very difficult. The light could not be found by people who stopped seeking it but it was found by people who never gave up on hope. The eyes of the Nisei soldiers were so deep and filled with gentleness. What have they seen during their lifetimes?

A community and the country where people and children of various ages, genders and ethnicities enjoy the gifts of freedom and liberty, this is where we live. After the memorial service, I was privileged to have an opportunity to shake hands and talk to the five Nisei veterans. One of them held my hands tightly and repeatedly said "Tanomimasu." "Tanomimasu" means "Please take care of things from now on." All of us who live in this community, Nisei soldiers and all those people who sacrificed themselves to protect the home, entrusted this community to all of us.

In Buddhism, we learn our existence is only possible due to others. Our life is so deeply connected to past, present and future. Our life is so deeply connected to the lives of the Nisei soldiers and all who sacrifice themselves for peace and all who will live in this country and the world. As Nisei soldiers never gave up hope for the future to come, we should never give up hope to create a harmonious world for the next generations.

I remember the day that I was at Punchbowl, and I solemnly placed my hands together. I remember the gentle gaze of Nisei soldiers; I remember their deeply wrinkled hands, their firmness and warmth. As I remember the moment, I confirm my responsibility for the future.



Eitaikyo To Be Observed November 6

Rev. Sol Kalu

November is the month in the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist tradition that “Ei-taikyo” is observed. Eitaikyo literally means the perpetual chanting of Buddhist sutras. This perpetual chanting of the sutras is a way of honoring and remembering all those people in the past who have made the Nembutsu a part of their lives and to carry on their wish to share the Dharma with future generations. The ultimate purpose of the Eitaikyo service is to listen to the wonderful Buddha dharma and pass it on to the coming generations. The Eitaikyo service also enables those who are still living to see how the teachings of the Buddha has helped in their lives and realize the oneness of all life through

remembering those who have lived the Nembutsu way of life and have returned to Amida Buddha's Pure Land.

The Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Betsuin English Eitaikyo service will be a hybrid service on November 6, 2022 at

9:30 am. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Jan Youth, a retired minister of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i.



Our Speaker: Rev. Jan Youth: Rev Jan Youth grew up in a household surrounded by families who had small altars in many of the homes in her rural neighborhood as well as a variety of religious images and faith expressions. Everybody had a place to be in Kapaa town. She took part in the full range of activities offered at the temple from dharma school to language classes to scouting programs to social

and service clubs organized at the temple.

Her life journey began with the department of education then transitioned into the ministry. Rev. Jan received Tokudo in 1994 followed by kaikyoshi in 1997. She served as an associate minister at Hawai'i Betsuin for six years before retiring from active ministry.



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NOVEMBER 2022 Betsuin Speaker Schedule

11/6 Eitaikyo
8AM Rev. Furusawa (Japanese)
9:30AM Rev. Jan Youth (English)

11/13
8AM Rev. Hasebe (Japanese)
9AM Rev. Kalu (Dharma School)
10AM Rev. Kihara (English)

11/20
Temple clean up
No service

11/27
8AM Rev. Muneto (Japanese)
9AM DS teacher (Dharma School)
10AM TBD (English)

Bloom Futaba 2022 Video Available on YouTube

The Bloom-Futaba 2022 video is available on You Tube by searching “Bloom-Futaba 2022 Lecture”.

Enjoy Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi's wise insights on Meditation, Mindfulness, and Gratitude.



President's Message

Letter from Alan Tomita, Hawai'i Betsuin Board President



Hi All,

After the year-end donation letter was mailed out, I found myself wondering why members and friends of the temple would consider making the donations being requested. On the day I first started to wonder about this, my son, who lives in Oregon, happened to call me. I took the opportunity to ask him if he was willing to make a donation. He said okay, but he was silent when I asked "why is he willing to donate?" After a few moments, he stated that it was because I had asked him to when I was elected President at the beginning of the year. The next day, I asked my daughter the same question. She said she would donate but also couldn't tell me why immediately. After a few moments she jokingly said "I don't think I would want to make you mad where you may disown me." So, why should we donate?

For me, it is simply so that our temple will continue to survive. Without the temple, the guidance by our clergy of how we can live a full life would slowly disappear. My parents and my wife's parents all strongly believed that the temple was an essential part of their lives. I may not study the Dharma that is taught at our temple, but I strongly believe in the Golden Chain of Love. In particular, the portion I try to adhere to is, "I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words, and to do pure and beautiful deeds, knowing that what I do NOW (in our present life), depends not only my happiness or unhappiness but also that of OTHERS."

For my family, another reason is to continue the practice of selfless giving or Dana left by my father. He believed that giving without expecting anything in return would lead to a happy and fulfilling life. I told my daughter that I strongly believe that this principle that was engrained into her was one of the biggest reasons for the success in her business. She always tells people that one of her primary goals is to help people to live a better life. She has helped hundreds of people, and I think her efforts have been returned tremendously. I told my son that his generous nature was also due to my father's practice. Because of that he now lives a comfortable life and has many friends. So, I could say that without our temple, teachings, and clergy, the lives of my family would probably not be as good. I believe such is the case for many other temple families.

When my son and daughter asked how much they should donate, I suggested that they use 1% of their annual income as a guideline. It is much less than the 10% tithing that other religions request of their members. Donating whatever amount they can because it is important to the survival of our temple should be done each year.

In closing, your participation in the year-end fundraising for the temple is greatly needed and truly appreciated.

With much gratitude,
Alan

BWA News and Events

EITAIKYO SERVICES HELD IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

This is the month when we honor and remember all of the deceased members of the Jodo Shinshu who are now gone from this earth. They left great legacies in having us continue to honor Shinran Shonin and Amida Buddha. As time goes on we realize the depth of importance that they left for us to continue in our teachings. Shinran Shonin was born on May 21, 1173, which is nearly 850 years ago. He was born near the ancient capital of Kyoto during a period of great social unrest. He lost his parents at an early age and became a monk at age 8 and studied Buddha Dharma for twenty years on Mt. Hiei. At age 28 he descended from Mt. Hiei and became a disciple of Honen Shonin. He attained the assurance of birth in the Pure Land which he sought all his life. Because of political pressure he was exiled to Echigo, and from there he immigrated to Kanto, (the modern Tokyo) where he spread the teachings of the Nembutsu. He returned to Kyoto when he became old. He wrote the Shoshinge and many other hymns.

Shinran Shonin was the first monk to have a wife, Eshinni-sama, and sired seven children, among them Zenran and Kakushinni. He died on January 16, 1262 at the age of 89. Please make an effort to attend the temple service in November in honor of the past deceased in our Eitaikeo services.

OUR HEALTH IS OURS TO KEEP:

To protect from lung cancer, the following vegetables are good for you; cabbage, broccoli, brussel sprouts, and cauliflower.

Mayo Clinic has come up with seven

tips to live a happier life. Try them, will you?

1. Eat nourishing food. A well-balanced diet is the core of well-being.

2. Sleep at least seven to eight hours per night. Prioritizing sleep is one of the best things you can do to set yourself up for a great day. Sleep deprivation can cause serious health conditions as well as negatively affect your mood and energy levels.

3. Keep company with good people. Maximize the amount of time you spend with people you enjoy being around. Be selective about who you hang around with.

4. Avoid News Overdose. Consuming news is an important way to stay connected to what is happening in the world. It can be educational, entertaining and uplifting. However, too much news filled with stories of suffering is not good. Try to minimize your exposure to troubling news.

5. Get regular exercise. Do you find yourself feeling lethargic halfway through the day? Exercise relieves stress and tension, strengthens muscles and boosts endurance, and helps our body work more efficiently during other physical tasks or activities.

6. Do something meaningful each day. What do you feel passionate about? Do you have a special talent you would like to use more often or share with others?

7. Think good thoughts for others.

Fujiko Motobu

Maintain a compassionate mind-set. Smile more to friends and even strangers.



Follow the seven guidelines and you will live a happier life. A smile never hurts anyone, especially when you come to the temple.

More BWA News

Cindy Alm, President

COMING UP: BWA Year End Party, Dec 11, at the Hawai'i Betsuin Social Hall. Updates will be sent by email and US Postal Service (for those without email).

Congratulations: Rev. Charlene Kihara

Charlene Kihara, BWA Secretary, is now a Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i minister. We look forward to working with you in your new capacity at the Betsuin.



Congratulations!

Mike Ida, Kalani High School math and computer science teacher, is Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year for 2023. (Mike is the stepson of Irene Ida, and son of Mel Ida. Both Irene and Mel are BWA members.)

25th Anniversary of Hawai'i Betsuin Project Dana Dancers

It's a Silver Anniversary year! It has been 25 years since Sumie Sueishi and Ayako Taketa co-founded the Hawai'i Betsuin Project Dana Dancers. Over these many years, with the exception of the pandemic period, the Project Dana Dancers have shared their spirited dance programs with countless nursing home residents. After Hawai'i Betsuin loosened restrictions last spring, the Dancers decided to resume weekly practices in July. With Sumie stepping back from the leader's role, the Dancers discussed the program for the upcoming year. One of the goals was that the Dancers perform "Aloha 'Oe" at Hawai'i Betsuin on Sunday, Oct. 23, in celebration of Dana Awareness Day and the 25th Anniversary of founding of the Project Dana dancers.

To this end, the Dancers invited Kumu Hula, Lehua Matsuoka, who had choreographed "Aloha 'Oe" many years ago, to help the Dancers refine elements of their "Aloha 'Oe" hula. Lehua graciously accepted the invitation and led two practice sessions with warmth and humor. She emphasized that "Hula is about telling a story" and, therefore, clarified the meaning of the Hawai'ian words and their expression in hula movements. Lehua made Queen Lili'uokalani's story of "Aloha 'Oe" come alive.

From Oct. 21 – 23, the Dancers were in high gear. On Oct. 21, the Dancers

hosted a luncheon at Natsunoya Tea House in celebration of their 25th Anniversary and Sumie Sueishi's 92nd birthday. Sumie was honored for her role in co-founding Hawai'i Betsuin's Project Dana Dancers and she was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers in gratitude for her many years as an inspirational leader. Sumie spoke touchingly of those who had passed -- Project Dana visionary, Rose Nakamura, Project Dana Dancers co-founder, Ayako Taketa, and Project Dana Dancers' friend, Carol Yamamoto. After a satisfying lunch, singing of "Happy Birthday," and gift presentation to Sumie, the Dancers performed a hula entitled "What a Wonderful World" for Sumie and guests. This lovely reminder, to see the beauty and love in the world, brought the luncheon to a close.

The 25th Anniversary celebration continued on Oct. 23 at Hawai'i Betsuin's Dana Awareness Day Service. Following the message of guest speaker, Dr. Nina Guerrero, 10 Project Dana Dancers came to

Wendie Yumori

the front of the Main Hondo and performed "Aloha 'Oe" for both in-person and Zoom attendees. After the service, Cyndi Osajima, Project Dana Executive Director, noted, "When they were up front and dancing 'Aloha 'Oe,' my eyes became teary. Rose Nakamura always was so proud of the dancers and what they stood for. The dancers always served as role models to keep moving and stay active. Also to have fun!" Jo desMarets, Hawai'i Betsuin Project Dana Coordinator enthused, "I'm looking forward to Season 26 of the Project Dana Dancers!"

One dancer made the observation that each dancer's unique energy and enthusiasm combines with that of other dancers to create a vibrant whole – the glowing harmony and happiness that Project Dana Dancers always wish to share with others.



Pride Parade Expression of LGBTQ Solidarity

Honolulu's Pride Parade was held Saturday, October 15, 2022 as an expression of LGBTQ solidarity. The march began at Magic Island and ended at Kapiolani Park. There were approximately 2,500 who marched and around 100 groups represented. It was a festive occasion that included many corporate/business groups, non-profits, and government agencies. I was involved as a representative of the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission. The march represented an important expression of human rights and diversity in the face of social regression and antagonism towards non-binary oriented people. In the future we hope to gather a contingent from _ Betsuin and other temples to show our support. It's an important cause, good fun and exercise.

(Photo courtesy of Comic, Jhonny Rox-Hollywood #bluenotehawaii)



Hawai'i Betsuin Executive Director Jon Matsuoka is a commissioner on the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC). On October 15, 2022, Jon joined with fellow HCRC staff and commissioners to walk in the Honolulu Pride Parade from Magic Island to Kapi'olani Park.

Joining Jon (right most in the photo) for the parade are Liann Ebesugawa (HCRC Commissioner); Bill Hoshijo (HCRC Executive Director); Robin Wurtzel (HCRC Chief Counsel); Ar-sima Muller (HCRC Commissioner).

Betsuin DIALOGUE Project

Next Meeting: November 10, 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 Hawai'i Betsuin DIALOGUE Project is for you! The next DIALOGUE is Thursday, November 10, 2022. As of the GOJI deadline, the topic is to be decided. The topic may address "Election concerns," or "Woke Culture concerns," or other current subjects. Check the registration link to find out! Please see hawaiibetsuin.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 Hawai'i Betsuin's Social Concerns Committee.

Update from Rene Mansho regarding the 2022 Ring Your Bell for Peace video:

Aloha Peace Day Ohana!

Thank you so much for sharing your time, energy, and support for our Annual Ring Your Bells for Peace Day! We appreciate any comments and suggestions for future programs, too!

Here's the Vimeo link to Peace Day 2022 Zoom video.

<https://vimeo.com/761228338>



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November 2022

Re: 2022-2023 HHMH Social Concerns Fund Drive

We celebrate gratitude in the month of November. The Thanksgiving holiday and the Eitaikyo observance are reminders of the countless blessings in our lives and how we live deeply connected to the world around us. It is in this spirit of gratitude that we begin our participation in the annual Social Concerns Fund Drive organized by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH). The fund drive runs from November 2022 through August 2023.

Through the generous contributions of sangha members, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is able to support worthy organizations and programs working in our communities. Your support also allows us to provide compassionate action during times of disaster and the ability to respond to social issues affecting our community and the world.

Because of your commitment to promoting the Buddhist values of compassion and lovingkindness, we have been able to support humanitarian relief efforts for those affected by the war in Ukraine and the volcanic eruption in Tonga. We also sponsored a series of suicide prevention events organized by the Samaritan Counseling Center of Hawaii, supported ongoing disaster relief planning by Hawaii Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (Hawaii VOAD), renewed our support of The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii, and assisted food banks on every island in their mission to alleviate food insecurity.

Your support also funds the Golden Chain Grant program, established to promote compassionate action through innovative community service projects and also used recently for COVID-19 resilience grants. Any person or group that is part of the Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii ohana can apply for a grant of up to \$1,000 to help put the Dharma into action.

Hawai'i Betsuin will combine donations from temple members and friends to present to HHMH Headquarters. ***To contribute to the 2022-2023 HHMH Social Concerns Fund Drive, please make a check out to Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Betsuin (or HHHB for short), note "HHMH Social Concerns" on your check, and return it in the enclosed envelope.***

The amount is up to you. In past years, the cost of one restaurant meal per person in your household was suggested as a donation amount. We encourage you to make your donation early, but any time through August 2023 will ensure your donation is counted in the current fund drive. Your kokua is greatly appreciated. Mahalo!

In Gassho,

Rev. Yuika Hasebe
Acting Rimban

Alan Tomita
Board President

Jon K. Matsuoka
Executive Director

(This letter is based on one sent to temple presidents and resident ministers from Bishop Eric Matsumoto and the chair of the HHMH Committee on Social Concerns, Rev. Blayne Higa.)

When You Wish Upon a Star....

Betsuin Wish List Items

The temple has judiciously purchased audio-visual items to enhance the experience of services and meetings both in person and online. These have included a powerful laptop computer, a PA speaker, a projector, mics, cables, and a wireless camera. Two valuable additions would be:

- a second projector to replace the broken one in the social hall ceiling (est. \$850 for a bright one)
- a flat-screen TV with HDMI for "hybrid" meetings; the 48" diagonal screen on the one we occasionally borrow has been a good size (est. \$350)



If you would like to donate one of these items by giving the temple one you already have, sponsoring a purchase, or using your expert shopping skills to buy one on sale, please get in touch! David Atcheson, a member of our tech crew, would love to hear from you at (808) 536-7044 or datcheson@hawaiibetsuin.org. Thank you!

End of Year Fund Drive Off to a Good Start!

As of this writing, Hawaii Betsuin has received over \$25,000 in checks for our 2022 End of Year Fund Drive. This does not count the over \$8,000 that came in via Foodland Give Aloha (see box), which some use as part of their year-end gift.

This is a great start, but of course there's plenty of room left before reaching our End of Year Fund Drive goal of \$135,000. Letters went out in September.

Giving is as easy as making out a check to "HHHB" with "End of Year" in the memo line and mailing it to Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813. The suggested amounts on the letter ranged from \$100 to \$1000, but any amount is received with great appreciation. Each gift helps sustain temple operations and share the teachings. Namo Amida Butsu



With Hands Together in Gassho!



Girl Scouts Junior Troop Month in Review

Kara Shizumura, Junior Troop 185

The Girl Scouts Junior Troop 185 had their first meeting of the scouting year in September. We divided into two patrols and came up with patrol names: The Little Foodies and Creative Mango Athletes.

Also in September, we attended the monthly Advocate meeting where we made plans for our upcoming Investiture, camp theme, and SWAPS theme.

On October 2nd, the Honpa Hongwanji Girl Scout troops volunteered at the Susan G. Komen More Than Pink Walk held at Kapiolani Park. The Senior and Cadette scouts helped serve food and refreshments



in the Top Fundraiser tent while the Junior scouts helped give out ribbon leis, neck scarves, and goodie bags in the Hope Village tent. It made us feel so happy to give the breast cancer survivors the ribbon leis made by the Honpa Girl Scouts and their families.

Thank you to Aunt Brigid Barcarse for coordinating our participation in this rewarding event. Thank you also to all the scouts and parents who volunteered their time and effort that day.

Annual Temple Clean-Up Scheduled for Sunday November 20, 2022



“Traditional” Cleanup Returns!

There's a very special event coming up that is known to all of us – the Temple General Cleanup!

I invite everybody to join us on Sunday, November 20, 2022 from 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. to help in the cleanup. Lunch will be served afterwards. As a reminder, the temple has limited cleaning supplies so please bring your own buckets, rags, etc. See you there!

Bless All!
Elmer Cagaoan

We're Still Collecting Aloha Shirts “Hawai‘ian Shirts for Deployed Soldiers”

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!



Scouting News:



Boy Scout Troop 49

Orange you glad it's autumn? What a way to start the fall, with some Boy Scouts skills! Giving us the opportunity to show off our skills, and to compete with one another. The troop had a spectacular month, having lots of fun, while managing to learn a lot. The month of September was used as a "preparation month" to get ready for their upcoming Joint Camp with Pack 49 Cub Scouts. As our motto states "be prepared", the troop wanted to make sure they were prepared to teach the Cub Scouts but most important was to enjoy spending time with them and getting to know them.

Star Scouts Darian Pang and Vincent Saito led the first meeting, and scouts

brushed up on how to tie the key Boy Scout knots. This meeting was a great review for those who rusty with the knots, and a great learning opportunity for the younger scouts (Badgers). The meeting ended with a fun, competitive knot tying relay race to test the scouts knowledge of knots, and to determine who was going to clean up the meeting.

Winner of Relay Race:
Team 2

The skill of whipping and fusing ends of ropes was led the following week by Star Scout Andrew Shen. This important Boy Scout skill ensures the ends of ropes are not loose and unraveling. This skill was put to the

Dillon Pang, Troop 49

test, in yet again, another relay race to show who of the scouts could repeat these skills with no hesitation.

Winner of Relay Race:
Team 1

The last meeting of the month covered First Aid skills. First Class scout Davin Okino and Second Class scout Talin Giang went over skills such as head bandages, slings, splints, and made sure everyone was comfortable teaching them using the EDGE method (Explain, Demonstrate, Guide, and Enable). Our last relay race was held and it was great fun.

Winner of Relay Race:
Team 1

The Boy Scouts were now prepared with the confidence needed to teach the Cub Scouts. October 6th was the date of the Joint Camp and you'll have to wait till next month to find out how things went.

Four-Petals Peace Service and Affirmations

This **hybrid** (both in-person & live video) observance will be the 34th of a series of quarterly Peace Services, rotating between the sponsoring organizations. It is a multi-faith service for peace, of mindfulness and an expression that particularly resonates among our four faiths, blossoming from our common humanity.

For more information on this Quaker-led Peace Service, contact the Quaker Center at 988-2714.

Time: The service begins at 6:30pm,
please arrive early to sit and settle down.

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/9600129315>

password: 96822

Sponsors: Quaker Center
Newman Center Holy Spirit Parish
Church of the Crossroads
Hongwanji Shin Buddhists

Location: Quaker Center 2426 Oahu Ave. Honolulu 96822

We affirm that all people should have the opportunity to enjoy lives of harmony and peace.

We affirm that while we may follow different faith traditions, our traditions and beliefs all include a strong desire for peace.

We affirm that each faith tradition will offer its expression of contemplative reflection providing an experience of peaceful attentiveness with the common goal of peace and aloha.



Be on the look-out for how the Joint Camp went and other exciting news from Troop 49 Scouts!



Headquarters Connections

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

"Thank you, thank you and thank you!"

Bishop Eric Matsumoto



As we enter the time of the year in which we traditionally offer and express our gratitude with our Eitaikyo Services which is an opportunity for us to express our gratitude to those who supported Buddhism, including our temples, and also make our commitment to the perpetuation of the Dharma into the future, the Thanksgiving Holiday, and the many other religious and/or spiritual holidays including cultural observances, may I take this moment through this message to express my gratitude to the Buddha, the Dharma and you, the Sangha. Truly it is thanks to all Three Treasures that we are continuing as an organization to carry out our Mission Statement of "To share the living Teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism so all beings may enjoy lives of harmony, peace and gratitude."

I would like to thank you, Members and Friends of Hawaii Kyodan, both ministers and lay, for your support, dedication and understanding which enables us to continue especially during this challenging time. Lay Members, including Staff at temples and Headquarters, thank you for your continued financial support including volunteering your time and energy at temples and with affiliate organizations, and increasing your workload by assuming new responsibilities and contributing to the new Statewide Newsletter.

Ministers, thank you for continuing to spread the Dharma, including providing other spiritual needs for our members, like more pastoral care as fellow ministers and members require more guidance, direction and care, in some cases by risking your own health and safety. Lay Members and Ministers, your sacrifices, dedication, and willingness to support enables Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, its temples, affiliates, and programs and projects, to continue and thereby make a difference in our lives and people's lives all across Hawaii. From the bottom of my heart-and-mind, thank you very much! You, the Sangha of Hawaii Kyodan are truly precious and vital, and essential part of the Three Treasures.

As I observe, I can see the influence of the Dharma in your lives. I see very clearly the Buddhist teachings at work as they guide us in our understanding and how we live. Thus, I am very grateful to the wonderful teachings/Dharma which provide you and me with guidance and a balanced healthy perspective for the betterment of one and all.

Finally, we, I, must be grateful to the Buddhas like Shakyamuni for sharing the Dharma with us, and especially Amida Buddha for Unconditional Compassion which accepts and embraces, promising birth in the wondrous Pure Land of Enlightenment where there is no suffering and our ultimate transformation into a Buddha occurs. Yes, knowing that Amida Buddha as Namo Amida Butsu is always with us, let us recite, the Nembutsu in grateful acknowledgement of Amida Buddha's love and compassion in awareness, joy and gratitude of Great Wisdom and Compassion.

Once again, to the Three Treasures, "Thank you, thank you, thank you" and Namo Amida Butsu (Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion)!

HQ Connections is curated by Steve Lohse and Cindy Alm.

For the complete text of "Thank You, Thank You and Thank You!" see Hongwanjihawaii.com

Radio Programs
NOVEMBER 2022

Japanese Language,
SATURDAY AT 7:30 AM

11/05.....Rev. Shigenori Makino
11/12...Rev. Toyokazu Hagio
11/19...Rev. Ryoso Toshima
11/26...Rev. Mutsumi Wondra

NOVEMBER SPEAKERS

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Information Regarding Sunday Services

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.

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 resumed on September 11, 2022.

For current information on Betsuin services, including Zoom connection details, see the online calendar at HawaiiBetsuin.org. You may also check the Betsuin Bulletin sent by email on Fridays (subscribe at hawaiiBetsuin.org/email-signup/). Or, call the office at (808) 536-7044.

See also the Hawai'i Betsuin YouTube channel for selected dharma talks and some past services.



In Memoriam SEPTEMBER 2022

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

8/5/2022	TANAKA, Ellen Asae (93)
8/9/2022	KINOSHITA, Takeshi (98)
8/18/2022	KIKUTA, Harriet Yukiko (84)
8/18/2022	TANAKA, Harold Hiroshi (98)
8/19/2022	KANESHIRO, Ann Yoneko (96)
8/19/2022	KURAMOTO, Beverly Tatsuko (99)
9/9/2022	MATSUURA, Chisato (101)
9/10/2022	KINOSHITA, Kazuo (96)
9/11/2022	NAKASONE, Edward Katsuichi (95)
9/16/2022	NISHI, Sumiko (94)
9/17/2022	MATSUOKA, Margaret Ono (97)
9/20/2022	SATO, Ronald Masahiko (70)

**MALUHIA HAS RESUMED MONTHLY
SERVICES every 3rd Wed at 10:00 a.m.**

**All other nursing Home Services
remain 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 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