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## Message from Rimban Yuika Hasebe



I have been reading the book titled **Kodomo to Aku** (child and the evilness) written by Mr. Hayao Kawai who is a well-known psychologist in Japan. In the book, he wrote that it is natural that sometimes, children do bad things as they grow up to adulthood. It is not about serious crimes but more like innocent evilness such as taking friends' toys without saying anything, small lies, bending the game rules and so on. Those may be done innocently, but it still can be said to be stealing, lying, violence. One poem is introduced in the book. The poem was written by a first grader whose name is Mr. Naoto Goda. The title of his poem is "Uso" which means "a lie."

### A Lie

Written by Naoto Goda

I took a day off from school.  
Because I lied to my mother.  
I can't tell you what my lie was about.  
I made my mother cry.  
I also cried.

My mother said that she never thought I was such an inconsiderate child.  
She said "This is the first time I have ever felt so disappointed.  
I was an idiot, and a fool, and did such a stupid thing.  
I was sad and heartbroken, too.  
But my mother hugged me and told me that "I love you, Naoto, more than anyone else."  
I will never do it again.  
(Translation: Hasebe)

The boy deeply regretted what he had done. He was shocked to see his mother crying, and he blamed himself for his ignorance. We don't really know what he actually did, but I can imagine his pain watching the crying mother because of his deed and action. Naoto wrote that he was sad and his heart was broken, but Naoto's mother hugged him and said, "I love you more than anyone else." Mother's heart was also broken and hurt by her son's deed. She cried because her one and only precious child did a bad thing, but it didn't stop her from loving him. Then the boy concluded his poem with he will never do it again. His determination of not committing the same bad deed arose naturally within him, embraced by his mother's love.

When we think about ourselves, we are not always perfect and right. Maybe we should ask ourselves how different we are from the boy. We all are exposed to and have committed evil actions at some point in our life. I believe that none of us are pure and completely clean. Considering Naoto wrote the poem, he may be more honest and courageous than I. Not only do we com-

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# Mary Mikahala Foster Concert

Jon Matsuoka



The first concert honoring Mary Mikahala Foster was held at Foster Botanical Garden on September 8, 2023. The concert was sponsored by the Honolulu District Council of Hongwanji Temples and Friends of Foster Botanical Garden. The concept of the twilight concert

was first proposed by Rev. Yuika Hasebe and the planning occurred through an inter-temple committee that focuses on bringing Mary Mikahala Foster's legacy to light and bridging the Hongwanji and Hawaiian communities. Along with being a major benefactor to Honpa Hongwanji we believe Mary Mikahala Foster, the first Buddhist of Hawaiian descent, had a vision for Buddhism, Hawaiians, and all the people of Hawai'i.

The Foster Botanical Garden people were incredibly receptive to the idea

and were instrumental in the success of the concert. They estimated over 300 people were in attendance. The musical lineup included: Nola Nahulu and the Hawai'i Youth Opera Chorus, recording artists Herb Lee and Wayne Shishido on slack key guitar, Lehua Matsuoka and Keola Kauwenaole of Halau Hula o Lehua o Nana'ihale, shakuhachi master Katsumi Takemoto, cellist Udi Bar-David with the Philadelphia Orchestra, and Hyaku Sen Ki Kai Taiko Drummers from the Pacific Buddhist Academy. Additionally, I want to express gratitude to the Hawai'i Betsuin and Soto Mission ministers, speakers who offered background on Mary Mikahala Foster, and the many hands and minds that worked diligently to make the concert a reality.

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## OCTOBER 2023 Speakers Schedule

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10:00AM Mrs. T. Yagi
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8:00AM Rev. Hasebe  
9:30AM Rev. Nakasone Sakata
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8:00AM Rev. Hasebe  
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Ms. S. Sekine  
10:00AM Zoom  
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School Gathering
- 22  
8:00AM Rev. Toshima  
9:30AM Rev. Kihara
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8:00AM Rev. Hasebe  
9:30AM Dr. B. Bruch

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mit bad actions which we are aware of, but we are also creating suffering unknowingly or unconsciously.

In Jodo Shinshu, there is a word "Sesshu Fusha" which means "be embraced and never to be abandoned." We are filled with passions, egos, anger, ignorance, and self-centeredness. Driven by ignorance, we do things we shouldn't do, we say things we shouldn't say, we think thoughts we shouldn't think. We should stop doing wrong, but we can't and it constantly arises within us, but Amida Buddha always feels sorrow and pity for us and our ignorance, and keeps telling us "I love you more than anyone else."

When we are touched by the Great Compassion, always embracing us and never leaving us alone, an indescribable joy naturally arises within us. Like the boy, we want to be better and try our best to become a good person as much

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## Message from the Executive Director: Jon K. Matsuoka

This past August I attended a Buddhist retreat at the Barre Center for Buddhist Studies in Massachusetts. The retreat entitled, "Roots and Refuge: An Asian American Buddhist Writing Retreat" was organized by Chenxing Han, author of "Be the Refuge" and "One Long Listening." The Lenz Foundation was the financial sponsor of the event.

There were 32 people of Asian American descent from all around the country and a variety of Buddhist sects. Along with myself, there was representation from other Jodo Shinshu temples including Mountain View and Vista, California. The group was largely comprised of younger people (I was one of the older guys), ethnically mixed, and professionally diverse. There were a number of Buddhist scholars and clergy, academics/educators, businesspeople, those

with IT backgrounds, and an abundance of people from human service and health care fields. There were more women than men and a number identifying as LGBTQ+.

While offered as a "writer's retreat", it was so much more. Much of the time was spent in large and small groups deciphering issues pertinent to Asian American Buddhists. I was personally moved by the level of social consciousness and impassioned involvement of young Asian Americans using a Buddhist approach to build and articulate agendas of social and environmental justice. It was heartening to know that those who shall inherit the Earth were drawing answers from Buddhist precepts.

I sometimes say that I stopped being Asian American when I moved

to Hawai'i several decades ago. The social statuses and dynamics of Hawai'i are qualitatively different than that of Asian Americans on the continent. Discussions at the retreat focused a lot on "whiteness, white privilege and supremacy" and coping strategies among Asian Americans. Subjects that were relatable given national trends in white entitle and hegemony and corresponding rates of hates crimes against Asian Americans.

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### Visit with Glen Kila of Wai'anae Jon Matsuoka



In an effort to forge stronger connections with the Native Hawaiian community, Rimban Hasebe, James Toyama, and Jon Matsuoka traveled to Wai'anae on July 6 to spend the day with Kumu Glen Kila, author and cultural practitioner. Glen taught us protocol in entering sacred places, offered history and meaning to culturally significant sites from Poka'i Bay to Kaena, and spoke to his experiences growing up in Wai'anae. As the founder of Marae Ha'a Koa, Cultural Learning Center, Glen was instrumental of gaining formal recognition for Hawaiian religion before the United Nations. Over the years he has cultivated strong relations with the Ainu people of Hokkaido.

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- Avoid any or significantly decrease taxes on the donation
- Secure lifetime income
- Ensure that your children and heirs are taken care of

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## BWA News and Events

Fujiko Motobu

**BWA UP COMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER**

Sat., Oct. 7, 9:00 am - 11:00 am: Executive Board meets in person in the lounge; NO ZOOM!

Sun., Oct. 8: Ministers' Appreciation Day;

Sun., Oct. 15, 9:30 am: Dana Awareness Day Service in person only;

Sun., Oct. 22, 11:00 am: General Membership Meeting #4 in the Hon-do after the service;

Sun., Oct. 22, after the General Membership meeting:

BWA BookTalk #2 with Tomo Mohideen in the lounge;

**History That Should Not Be Forgotten: December 7, 1941**

On a bright Sunday morning at around seven o'clock, Japanese airplanes flew over Pearl Harbor on Oahu and bombed the naval shipyard, which was the beginning of World War II. This happened 82 years ago, and immediately Hawaii was declared to be under martial or military law and under severe restrictions. Blackout was declared from that evening, and all homes could not have any lights that would brighten the homes in the evenings and be seen from the outside. People were also restricted under military law and could not leave their homes after 8 o'clock in the evenings. Since we could not live in the darkness in the evenings, our parents bought denim materials and covered all the windows and doors so lights could not seep out. Today, those denim materials are used for jeans, full of holes and tears, which seem to be the fashion. Whenever I see them, I remember the blackout days.

The military soldiers were sent over immediately; therefore, some of the school buildings were taken over by them until their barracks were built. For me, Hilo Intermediate School was one of the schools that had been taken over by the military. We, students in grades 7 through 9, had no classes

from December 8, 1941 until March, 1942. During this time we were instructed to stay at home and grow vegetables in our victory gardens. We were not allowed to play around and roam around during school hours during the three months of no school. Being under military law, we were afraid to break any rules; therefore, we abided the laws very seriously.

Besides Pearl Harbor on Oahu, no other place was destroyed by the Japanese. Any destruction was due to our American forces trying to counter attack the Japanese enemy planes. Places that were destroyed on Oahu were due to our military.

When the Japanese attacked, immediately, all Japanese as well as Japanese Americans in Hawaii and on the mainland were suspects. In Hawaii, 1500 Japanese and Japanese Americans were taken in as enemies and spies. They were ministers, teachers, Japanese counsel employees, Japanese councilmen, Japanese businessmen, and those highly involved with the Japanese government. On the mainland, all Japanese and Japanese Americans, including families were made

to leave their homes and businesses and were hauled in to farm lands in Texas, Utah, Arizona, etc. and they had to live in animal shelters where the horses and cows had made their homes. They were all treated like non human animals and there were over 150,000 people, adults as well as children, who had to leave their homes and be incarcerated.



This was all under the declaration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt that the Japanese Americans were treated as enemies and spies.

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**BWA Book Talk #2**

with BWA member,  
Tomo Izumi Mohideen

October 22 after the  
BWA General  
Membership meeting  
In the Lounge



\*sponsored by the  
Betsuin BWA  
**Everyone Invited!**

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In December, 1941 and into 1942, the young men from Hawaii and the mainland tried to enlist in the armed forces, but they were denied, being told that they were enemies and not Americans. However, by 1943, the war had expanded from Asia as well as into Europe with Italy and Germany being enemies. Italian and German families were not mistreated as the Japanese were. The military began to see shortage among their soldiers and decided to open up positions for volunteers from the Japanese Americans, hoping to get about 200 men to join. Such hopeless predictions. From Hawaii and the mainland, 10,000 men volunteered and they made up the 100th battalion, 442nd infantry, interpreters, etc. with a great number of excellent Japanese experts who could read, write, speak and interpret the language well in negotiating. They certainly were assets to the American military.

War ended with the disaster of bombing Hiroshima and Nagasaki with atomic, or nuclear bombs, which to this day carries negative impact among those who were injured and are still surviving. War ended in August of 1945 with Japan admitting to defeat. When the war ended the GIs who survived were given GI Bills, which meant that they could go on to college. The men did go to college and got their education that they had always hoped to get but could not afford. The education was certainly an asset and helped the future of the Japanese Americans who aspired to get a good education. Another admirable behavior among the Japanese is that they were taught by their parents from childhood, never to shame their name, for their name has great honor among the past ancestors.

Today's children and future generations should never forget that there was a time when the Japanese Americans were mistreated and incarcerated like

animals, even though they did no harm here in America. The Japanese Americans were loyal to their country. The school students need to learn this in their curriculum that they should always be proud to be Japanese Americans. It has been 82 years since the Japanese Americans experienced such mistreatment and this history should not be forgotten. This should never occur in the future. The schools must take responsibility and teach the students. President Truman publicly apologized to the Japanese and Japanese Americans for the mistreatment that President FDR had ordered.

Honpa Hongwanji School students should learn this history and never forget what their ancestors went through to make America great. There are many books that tell stories of this horrible experience

### HEALTH CAUTIONS:

For women over 50, eating fried food might increase the risk of heart disease and death. Women who ate fried chicken once a week or more had 12 percent increased risk of premature death. (If you want to eat the chicken, peel off the fried skin, and eat the meat only)

Good news. A research study out of the University of California came out that drinking alcohol could be the key to prolonging life into your 90's—even more so than exercising. You can drink 2 glasses of beer or wine a day. (don't go overboard and drink more)

### HUMOR KEEP YOUR BRAIN

**SHARP:** Thank you, donor. I won't reveal your name.

1. What's the difference between a hippo and a Zippo?
2. What does a house wear?

3. What do you get from a pampered cow?
4. Why were they called the "Dark Ages"?
5. What did the Buddhist ask the hot dog vendor?
6. Why are frogs so happy?
7. Why doesn't the skeleton go to the dance?
8. What happened when a faucet, a tomato and some lettuce raced together?
9. What do you call a belt with a watch on it?
10. What did the grape do when it got stepped on?

### ANSWERS

1. One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter.
2. Address
3. Spoiled milk
4. Because there were lots of knights
5. "Make me one with everything"
6. They eat whatever bugs them
7. Because he had no body to go with.
8. The lettuce was ahead, the faucet was running and the tomato was trying to ketchup.
9. A waste of time
10. It let out a little wine.

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can. Egos and obstructive passions keep arising, but we are never abandoned. Instead of focusing on justifying our self-centered egos, let us appreciate that we are embraced by Amida Buddha even with our strong egos. Amida Buddha's compassion is not hindered by our strong egos or self-centeredness but continues to embrace us no matter what. That is how deep and strong the Great Compassion is.



## Dharma School News

A summer activity was held by the Dharma School on Saturday, August 12, Pizza and Fun Night. The evening started with a service and a wonderful Dharma Talk by Rimban Hasebe about the statue of Amida Buddha on the altar. Then we all went down to the social hall for food and fun, and divided into small groups to choose pizza toppings. Everyone went into the kitchen to have the groups make their pizzas. While the pizzas were baking, we went back to the Social Hall for some fun playing board games and video games.



## Debbie Kubota

Once the pizzas were done, it was such a feast! The pizzas were so delicious, and we also had hot dogs, chili, nachos, salad and desserts. After dinner, the fun continued with games, along with corn hole and pickleball, which was set up in the Annex Social Hall. It was a fun night for all!

Dharma School activities in September were:

- Sunday, September 17 - Fall Higan Service at 10 am in the main temple followed by food and fun intergenerational "balance" activities in the Social Hall.

- Sunday, September 24 - First Day of Dharma School and the HHMH Maui Wildfires Memorial Service. We had a Dharma School activity at 9 am and invited all Dharma Schools from the island of Oahu to join us. After our activity, we attended the memorial service together. It is a rare opportunity to get all of the Dharma School students together in-person. A visit was also made to the Headquarters bookstore to get the Kyodan stickers for the Honolulu District passport booklets.

From October 1, our Dharma School service will be combined together with the 10 am English-Language service with a different start time of 9:30 am in the main temple. Since combined services will be held on a regular basis, we look forward to having more intergenerational activities. The Dharma School

will also be having more Saturday night activities which we hope will get more families to come out, since some have sports and other activities which conflict with our regular Sunday service/classes.

We welcome all to join us as we have Sunday morning and Saturday evening Dharma School activities throughout the coming year.



Open Invitation to All...

### 5th Virtual State Dharma School Gathering

Featuring Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

**Sunday, October 15, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m. to 12 noon**  
 (8:45 - 9:45 am - DS Teachers/Educators Session)



"Just As You Are"

RSVP Deadline: October 1, 2023

Click on the link to register:  
<https://forms.gle/79eEt3an4q4d8127>

Questions? Please Contact: Debbie Kubota - [dekub88@gmail.com](mailto:dekub88@gmail.com)

Gathering Zoom Link will be emailed to participants by Friday, October 13.

8:45 - 9:45 am - DS Teachers/Educators Session

10:00 - 10:30 am - Intergenerational Service: Dharma Message by Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

10:30 - 11:30 am - Breakout Rooms: DS & Adult Rooms

11:30 am - All return to Main Room: DS Groups share creations

12:00 pm - End

A Commission on Buddhist Education (CBE) Project of Hanpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii





# Scouting News Girl Scout News and Events

## Honpa Hongwanji Girl Scout Registration Day

Emma Leong, Scout  
Lisa Leong, Leader  
Junior Troop 383



Troop 257, Daisy Troop 844, and the potential scouts. As part of the Junior Troop, our patrol started with a couple of fun games to get to know everyone and then, worked on a Drawing badge. We learned about perspective, shading, and using different drawing tools such as crayons, pens, pastels, and pencil. I enjoyed using the pastels for blending by smearing the colors with my

On August 27, 2023, the five Honpa Hongwanji Girl Scout troops welcomed potential scouts and their families to our annual Registration Event. Senior Ambassadors and Cadettes led activities or badge work for the Junior Troop 185, Brownie



thumb. For the perspective drawing, we drew a tunnel connected to a road with the mountain and sun in the background. We folded the paper between the tunnel and road, which gave the illusion that it was 3D. My favorite part was drawing a cartoon character. I picked Kerokero-keroppi, a happy frog. Before returning to join the other Troops, it was fun to see each other's drawings. I am looking forward to our next intertroop activity, Investiture, where new scouts promise and returning scouts rededicate themselves to scouting,

## HMS Fifth Grade Fundraiser 2024 East Coast Study Tour



Please help the Hongwanji Mission School 5th graders raise funds for their East Coast Study Tour! They are selling HMS-Eden in Love collab foldable totes (great to have for your shopping needs) and pixie pouches (great for pens or knick-knacks) and HMS-HiLife Clothing Co. collab t-shirts, tanks, decals, and bumper stickers online at <https://www.hongwanjissionschool.com/hongwanjistore.html>.

We offer pick-up at the Honpa Hongwanji Temple for your convenience! When you place your online order, please indicate in the order comments that you would like to pick up your order at the Honpa Hongwanji Temple. Please also be on the lookout for "special deals" online throughout the rest of the year!! Please support our 5th grade! Mahalo for your support!

Mahalo to all who  
participated!  
Your support for the  
Betsuin is greatly  
appreciated!



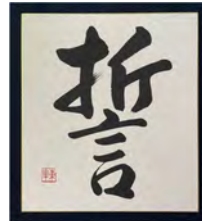
## Fundraiser for Hawaii Betsuin:

Hiromi Peterson, Master Calligrapher and 2023 Living Treasure of Hawai'i honoree, has offered to create works of Japanese calligraphy (such as family names) as a way to raise funds for Hawai'i Betsuin.

The calligraphy makes a great gift and family keepsake for younger generations. There are several different size and shape options.

Fee for a standard artwork on 12x10" sheet is \$60

For more information please contact  
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Chikau  
"To pledge or vow"

## Ring Your Bells for Peace Day, September 21!



In the spirit of promoting Peace Day in Hawaii and throughout the world, the HHMH Peace Day Committee invited the world to join us in ringing bells for PEACE DAY, Thursday, September 21st at 9:01 a.m. The Zoom event was hosted by Rene Mansho of the Mililani Hongwanji and involved a worldwide audience. At 9:00 a.m., a minute of silence was observed to honor all those who sacrificed for the cause of peace. Immediately following the minute of silence, bells were rung by representatives at all the respective temples, churches, schools, and community organizations and individuals for five minutes! At the Betsuin, the BWA participated in the bell ringing and joined other Betsuin participants for a Peace Day 2023 photo on the lanai by the temple bell!

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As a collective, it was clear they were not playing victim but responding to attacks with political prudence.

Hawai'i has a long history of racial discord by nary given a second thought by the majority and those holding sociopolitical power. Power tends to produce short term-memory and negligence. A mere 2-3 generations ago Asian and Japanese immigrants were pawns in a plantation economy, struggling for foothold in a system that devalued human worth. Now they constitute the power base of Hawai'i. As empathic Buddhists, we must abet the experiences of other communities, e.g., indigenous Hawaiian and recent Micronesian arrivals, challenged by the residual effects of colonization.

Every group, given their cultural properties and histories, adapts to America differently. As a Sangha built on ancestral memory and resilience, it is incumbent on us to be vested in the wellness of all communities striving for peace and prosperity. Being in the presence of Asian Americans was a reminder of how lucky I am to live Hawai'i, and how obliged I am to embrace the plight of others.





## Headquarters Connections

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



### **“Statement Regarding the Disaster on Maui” Message from the Bishop August 2023**

I would like to express my deepest condolences to those who lost their lives as a result of the disaster in Maui, and my heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost their homes and are living as evacuees.

The fire that broke out on August 8, 2023, devastated the city of Lahaina. As of today, 93 people are confirmed to have died, and more than 2,000 buildings have been damaged or destroyed. The historic town of Lahaina, which was once the capital of the Hawaiian Kingdom and a beautiful

tourist destination visited by many people, was burnt to the ground.

Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, located in the center of the city, was not spared the destruction by the fire. The Resident Minister, Reverend Ai Hironaka, his family, and many of the temple members have safely evacuated and are currently living a life of inconvenience. As for the damage to the temple, it is expected to take some time to confirm its state, partly because the town is under lockdown.

The history of the Lahaina Hongwanji Mission began in 1904. Since then, the light of the Nembutsu Dharma has been successfully passed down through the dedication and contribution of the Resident Ministers, their families, temple members, and many people in the community. Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, along with other churches and temples, was the place of refuge for the people living in the area. I remember the sound of the Nembutsu reverberating in the Hondo on Sundays. It is truly sad for all of us that such a practice hall of the Nembutsu was destroyed by the disaster.

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii established the Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund. Since then, we have received much support not only from within the State of Hawaii but also from all over the world, including the mainland United States, Canada, and Japan. On behalf of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii ministers and members, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to those who extended compassionate words and actions for those on Maui. I would like to humbly ask for your continued support.

Recovery on Maui could take years. Many people are living in anxiety about their uncertain future. As fellow travelers of the Nembutsu, let us stand in solidarity with those who are experiencing suffering and sorrow brought about by this unprecedented encounter.

Even though the temple buildings have been damaged, our sincere aspiration of listening to and sharing the Nembutsu teaching never disappears. This is not the end of 119 years of the history of Lahaina Hongwanji. We are all the more determined to dedicate ourselves to establishing a society where the sound of the Nembutsu prevails. May the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha embrace us all. May the sound of the Nembutsu brings us peace and comfort, and gives us the courage to move forward. Namo Amida Butsu.

Toshiyuki Umitani  
Bishop

'Headquarters Connections' is curated by Steve Lohse and Cindy Alm.

For fire updates and donation options, please see <https://hongwanjihawaii.com/>. Namo Amida Butsu.

Radio Programs

OCTOBER 2023

Japanese Language,  
SATURDAY AT 7:30 AM

07...Rev. Blayne

Nakasone Sakata

14...Rev. Ryoso Toshima

21...Rev. Shingo Furusawa

28...Rev. Masanari Yamagishi

**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 returns in OCTOBER 2023.

Many past services are available for replay on the Hawai'i Betsuin YouTube channel. For current information on Betsuin services, including Zoom connection details, see the online calendar at [hawaii.betsuin.org](http://hawaii.betsuin.org). You may also check the Betsuin Bulletin sent by email on Fridays (subscribe at [hawaii.betsuin.org/email-signup/](http://hawaii.betsuin.org/email-signup/)). Or, you can call the Betsuin office at (808) 536-7044.

**In Memoriam****JULY-AUGUST 2023**

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. Namu Amida Butsu

6/19/2023	MATSUMORI, Dean Akira (61)
7/24/2023	YOSHIZAWA, Izumi (99)
7/25/2023	TANIGAWA, Tsunako (102)
7/26/2023	PAVELKA, Satoko (91)
7/30/2023	FUJIHARA, Harry Shoji (96)
8/4/2023	TAMURA, Toshiko (100)
8/6/2023	HIGA, Jason Hideo (56)
8/5/2023	HONDA, Larry Katsumi (81)
8/6/2023	MIURA, Burton Hiroshi (83)
8/14/2023	KREHL, Tomie (81)
8/16/2023	YOSHINO, David Shoichi (84)
8/20/2023	FUKUMOTO, Rosie Tsuru (97)

**Schedule of Monthly Nursing Home Services****Leahi Hospital**

Service every 2nd Tuesday at 10:00 AM

**Hale O Meleana**

Service Every 2nd Friday at 10:30 A.M.

**Hale Ho Aloha**

Service Every 3rd Tuesday at 10:00 A.M.

**Maluhia Hospital**

Service Every 3rd Wednesday at 10:00 A.M.

## 2023 Memorial Service Schedule

2023 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

2022: 1st year	2011: 13th year	1991: 33th year
2021: 3rd year	2007: 17th year	1974: 50th year
2017: 7th year	1999: 25th year	1924: 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 Namu-amida-butsu.

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