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2024 Slogan:

**"Building Healthy  
Sanghas: Sharing  
Nembutsu Moments"**

## BETSUIN MINISTERS

Chief Minister  
Rev. Yuika Hasebe

Ministerial Staff  
Rev. Shingo Furusawa  
Rev. Blayne  
Nakasone Sakata  
Rev. Charlene Kihara

## Betsuin Obon Service Scheduled for July 7; Guest Speaker: Rev. Barbara Brennan

Please join the 9:30 AM English Obon Service on July 7, 2024 at Hawaii Betsuin. Our speaker will be Rev. Barbara Brennan.

Obon is the season when we remember our departed loved ones. Because of them, we are able to have this day together. Through this season, we have come to realize that there are an uncountable number of people connected to our lives. There are not only our immediate departed parents, and grandparents, but also there are so many people who touched our life and helped us to grow. Through our departed loved ones' voiceless voice, let us take this opportunity of Obon to peacefully and spiritually listen to Amida Buddha's calling.

Rev. Barbara Brennan is currently the part-time Minister Assistant at the Windward Bud-dhist Temple in Kailua (Kailua Hongwanji). Rev. Brennan was born into a Jodo Shinshu family in Mesa, Arizona and was a member of the Arizona Buddhist Temple. She joined Hawaii Betsuin and was later active as a Dharma School teacher, a leader for the Hongwanji Girl Scouts, a Project Dana volunteer, and is a member of the Betsuin BWA. Barbara received Tokudo ordination at the Hongwanji in Kyoto in July 2016. In November 2022 she was given the title of Kaikyoshi-ho to serve at the Windward Buddhist Temple. She will resign from her position at Windward at the end of July to spend time with her family and her three young grandsons.

Rev. Barbara hopes to continue sharing the Dharma so that others may learn the value and experience the Joy of the Nembutsu.

Please schedule your family **Obon Mairi** services with the Business Office. This year, Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin will not be having joint Obon services, but private services are available. Also available are Bon Memorial lanterns. Information flyers are available in the Business Office.

## Aloha Message: Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata

Dear Hawaii Betsuin Sangha,

With August right around the corner, I will soon be leaving Oahu for the Big Island and starting my journey as an associate minister of Hilo Betsuin. Thus, I would like to take this brief moment to thank each and every one of you who has played a role in my first year as a minister and a minister of Hawaii Betsuin. A lot happened within one year of being at Hawaii Betsuin, and I am grateful that I have been a part of it all as your minister.



I also learned a lot about what kind of minister I want to be for our organization and what I personally want to do in order to see our teachings thrive. This would not have been possible without you, the Hawaii Betsuin Sangha, welcoming me with open arms and listening to what I had to say. Just as Shinran Shonin was saddened to leave his master, Honen Shonin, Honen reminded Shinran that we are all connected within the great embrace of Amida Buddha. While my time in Hawaii Betsuin was short, let us never forget that we are all embraced by Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion and are together within the Name, Namo Amida Butsu. So let us continue to strive to share the joy and appreciation no matter where life takes us as we continue to walk this nembutsu path. Mahalo Nui Loa, Niffee Debiru, and Arigatō gozaimasu

In Gassho,

Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata

## Dharma Message: "Obon Season: A Time to Reflect"

I hope all of you are having a peaceful and enjoyable month of July. July and August is the time of Obon season. It is very important to pause and reflect on our lives during our busy everyday lives.

I always welcome this season with a little nostalgic and sentimental feeling. Because of the nature of Obon, I always remember my departed loved ones, and I have more and more people on the other shore. I remember my loved ones' smiles and gentle eyes. When I reflect on them now, even the small fights we had weren't too bad. I just miss them a lot. Do you remember your loved one's smile and

Rimban Yuika Hasebe



the treasured moments you were able to spend together with them?

It is true. Human life is filled with separation and sorrow. But the teachings of Nembutsu and Amida Buddha's vows give me comfort, especially during this season. I learned that my loved ones returned to their true home and became one with the Great Compassion of Amida Buddha. And also, it is where I will return to someday. Rev. Chikai Nakanishi, who was a Kangaku (one of the highest rank of Honpa scholars), left these words.

People will leave, but their smile does not leave.

People will leave, but their words do not leave.

People will leave, but their warmth does not.

People will leave, but they return to the hand placing together.

For us, who don't have eyes to see the truth and can't truly grasp the whole universal truth, sadness often overwhelms us because from our eyes, it is almost the same as our loved ones being gone forever. However, Shinran Shonin taught us that we will always be together with Buddha continuing to guide us. Like Rev. Nakanishi's words, people leave from this world, yet through placing our hands in gassho, we can realize the deep and warm connection with our departed loved ones and behind the connection, we will see the unconditional compassion which always embraces us together.



# GOJI

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## Hawaii Betsuin JULY 2024 Speakers' Schedule

July 7 Bon service  
8:00AM Japanese Rev. Hagio  
9:30AM English Rev. Brennan

July 14 Regular Service  
8:00AM Japanese Rev. Hasebe  
9:30AM English Rev. Furusawa  
1:00PM Japanese Rev. Hasebe

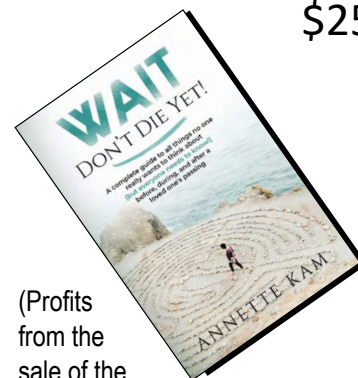
July 21 Regular Service  
8:00AM Japanese Rev. Furusawa  
9:30AM English Rev. Nakasone Sakata  
Note: Last Sunday message for Rev. Blayne; Coffee Hour after service

July 28 Regular Service  
8:00AM Japanese Rev. Hasebe  
9:30AM English Rev. Kihara

## Planning Guide to Put Your Affairs in Order

Annette Kam, Author

Available at the  
Betsuin Office  
\$25



(Profits from the sale of the book go to the Betsuin)

# President's Message: Summer Thank You

Cindy Alm, President



The summer season is the time for Bon Dance, a tradition brought to Hawaii by Japanese immigrants. Hawaii Betsuin's Bon Dance has been a lively community event for generations. A heartfelt thank you to our Sangha and the community for attending our Bon Dance.

There are many elements for a successful Bon Dance. A list of the groups and individuals with energy and commitment who brought these elements together and provided time, talent and in-kind support, appears below.

Notable this year is that the Bon Dance helped to support two Girl Scout projects; a Gold Award project that included HI-5 beverage container recycling, and a Silver Award project to promote literacy that included collecting donated books. Scouting America (formerly Boy Scouts) sold pre-packaged smoked meat to fundraise for a trip to Mt. Fuji in Japan. The poster and "shaka Yagura" mascot were created by a 2024 Pacific Buddhist Academy graduate who will be going to design school in the fall. We also had crafters who offered an array of unique items.

We are grateful for the opportunity to express our gratitude, share Japanese and local traditions, provide opportunities to engage with Jodo Shinshu Buddhist teachings, and raise some funds for Hawaii Betsuin. We hope that as you reflect on the 2024 Bon Dance, there were memorable and joyful moments.

Mahalo to all.

## Board Meetings – May 2024 and June 2024

Our board meets on the last Sunday of the month after the temple service. The May board meeting was chaired by President-elect Wayne Yoshioka because I was traveling in Japan. There were update reports but no actions by the board in May. We did not have a board meeting in June because the last Sunday was the day after the Bon Dance and there were no temple services. The Executive Committee met on June 18 to address time sensitive matters relating to COVID protocols, finance, and personnel.

## Bon Dance Mahalo

- Committee Chairs: Gayle Hirohata Goto, Rick Tabor. Advisors: Ralston Nagata, Jerry Tamamoto, Eric Osaki.
- Committee: Scouting America Troop 49 and Cub Pack 49 (formerly Boy Scouts), Hongwanji Girl Scouts, Hawaii Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association, Hongwanji Mission School, and Pacific Buddhist Academy, kitchen coordinators Camille and Kevin Teshima, MC Dennis Sekine, audio technician Darren Cantrill, craft vendor coordinator Jas Apana, Bon Dance teacher Estelle Araki, individual Bon Dance committee volunteers Liane and Albert Wong, and Mikey Bradshaw. Hawaii Betsuin Facilities Committee Chair John Toguchi, Executive Director Jon Matsuoka, Business Manager Jenny Wakumoto, Office Coordinator Colleen Kunishige, and maintenance staff Elmer Cagaoan.
- Dance instructors Joyce and Estelle Araki; Honolulu Fukushima Bon Dance Club; Hawaii Shin Kobukai; Hawaii Eisa Shinyuu Kai. Also, Hawaii Betsuin Taiko and Hyaku Sen Ki Kai (PBA taiko group).
- Volunteer groups including Hawaii Betsuin's Dharma School Ohana, Junior YBA, Hawaii Betsuin's Board of Directors, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Club 100, Lanakila Seniors, Responsive Caregivers, Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce, the 2024 Cherry Blossom Queen and Court, tea ceremony teachers who helped dress people in kimono.
- Rintaro Kawai (poster and sticker design); Studio 3 (photography); Commercial Plumbing, Inc., GP Roadway Solutions (in-kind donations), andagi and waffle dog companies; David Atcheson (publicity).
- Special thank you to our ministers – Chief Minister Yuika Hasebe, and Rev. Shingo Furusawa, Rev. Charlene Kihara, and Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata – and minister's lay assistants, including Dexter Mar and Alan Goto for greeting visitors in the Hondo and providing information about our temple.

(My sincere apology for any oversight in the acknowledgments list.)

## BWA News and Events

## Fujiko Motobu

**JULY 2024 BWA EVENTS**

- 07 Sun Obon Service
- 13 Sat BWA Executive Board Meeting; 9-11 am in the lounge
- 14 Sun BWA Drum Circle in the Lotus Room
- 20 Sat BWA Field Trip to be scheduled at later date
- 21 Sun BWA 3rd General Membership Meeting in the Hondo
- 28 Sun BWA refreshments for Asaji, and Adult Service

Half of the year 2024 is gone! It is the month of July, and we have had services for Shinran Shonin's passing in January, Hoonko, then we went through Ohigan in March, then Gotan-e, Shinran's birthday on May 21. For the remainder of the year we have Obon in July when we honor all those who are deceased. September is when we have autumn Higan, and finally in November we have Eitaikyo when we remember all of the past deceased members.

In Jodo Shinshu we honor the deceased, for they are all in Ojodo or Nirvana, having been reborn into Buddhas. However, Buddhism is a religion for the living. We need to nourish and treasure our lives while we are living, and honor and respect one another with love and sincerity. We honor our mothers with Mother's Day in the month of May and Father's Day in the month of June. Our parents are honored in May and June, however, we love and honor them each day of our lives. It was not easy raising us, for I am sure that we were not "perfect" children. I am sure we all caused deep problems for our parents while we were growing up.

On Mother's Day, Rev. Kihara spoke to us about her mother. I will share with

you what she spoke about.

"When I was growing up, I thought my mom was so lucky. I thought she was fortunate because her birthday would often fall on Mother's Day. One year, my mother had two cakes. My father brought home a Dobash cake for Mom's birthday, which he bought on his way home from work, not knowing that my grandfather had walked about a mile to buy a Chantilly cake for Haha no Hi, Mother's Day. That day and the next day we had delicious cake for dessert. Mom's birthday does not fall this year on Mother's Day, but it is tomorrow. My mom will be 99 years old. Happy Birthday Mom!

"Growing up, I was a Spock baby. Years before Star Trek, the TV show, there was Dr. Benjamin Spock, who wrote a preeminent resource book for parents that revolutionized child-care. 'You know more than you think you do.' The friendly and reassuring statement was Dr. Spock's advice to parents in the 1950's and 60's. Dr. Spock's advice encouraged parents to be more affectionate and flexible with their children. I grew up in such an environment. However, although my mother valued the advice in Dr. Spock's book, we lived in a multi-

generational household where my grandmother, a Meiji-era farmer's wife, was the matriarch of our household. My grandmother was strict in disciplining us and made

sure that I learned how to sew, crotchet, and do chores. Grandma ensured that we went to Japanese school, and I often was with her at the temple as she helped the Fujinkai. She was also a member of the Goeika, a bell choir. My mom, aunts, and grandmother helped cook at the temple and sorted donations for the temple rummage sale. In this kind of dichotomous environment, which was strict but liberal, I was allowed to use my imagination to create a tobacco farm, pretending that the hibiscus leaves I picked were tobacco leaves and pretending to smoke the leaves, pretending to be a treasure hunter and I always told my mother I wanted to be an Egyptologist or archeologist. I thank my mother and grandmother for all the lessons they gave me and for encouraging me to use my imagination. However, I am most grateful that my family always taught me to say, 'Namo Amida Butsu.' Every day in the morning and evening, my parents and grandparents offered senko incense at our home's Butsudan or home altar, and would recite Namo Amida Butsu. Before we left the house my mother would remind us to Gassho at the altar. My mother would always say the Nembutsu at any time throughout the day.

"In the Wasan poem, Shinran explains that Shakyamuni Buddha is like our father and Amida Buddha is like our mother, full of compassion for all human beings despite our human nature. Shakyamuni and Amida guide



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## Hawaii Betsuin Social Concerns Committee



### Betsuin DIALOGUE Project

3-Part Series: **“Living Nembutsu”**

July 10, August 14, September 11, 2024

6:00pm - 7:30pm, Zoom Only

**All Welcomed!**  
**Come As You Are!**

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 will be a 3-part monthly series held on July 10, August 14, and September 11 to discuss Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson's new book, **“Living Nembutsu.”** Professor Wilson will be the 25th Annual Bloom-Futaba Memo-rial Lecture's in-person speaker on October 11th, 2024, so this series will be an opportunity to prepare for his visit to Honolulu. [For more information about the Bloom-Futaba lectures please check the Hawaii Betsuin website under “Events.”]

Our DIALOGUE discussion will focus on Chapter 5 of **“Living Nembutsu,”** where the distinct Shin Buddhist social engagement perspective is fully explored in the context of Shinran Shonin's “radical” views. Dr. Wilson illuminates why helping others is fundamental to every day Shin Buddhist living, especially in the development of American Shin Buddhism.

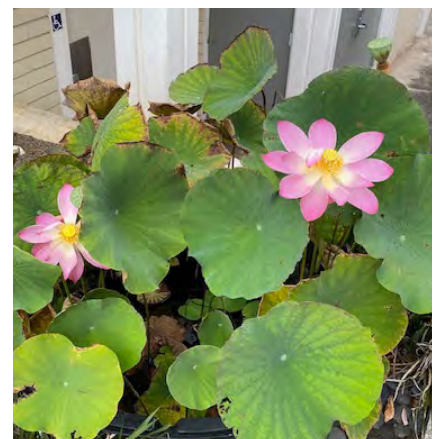
Through framing Shinran's views in “Six Principles for Engaged Buddhism,” Sen-sei Jeff poses the question “what must Pure Land Buddhism, especially the Jodo Shinshu school, do to contribute to the reduction of suffering in the world, especially as caused or heightened by social ills such as discrimination, poverty, war, and climate change?”

For Hongwanji Hawaii, the question might also include: “How can social engagement be cultivated in our sanghas?”

Please see [hawaiibetsuin.org/dialogue](http://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 Hawaii Betsuin's Social Concerns Committee.

**Reminder!**  
**No Goji**  
**for the**  
**Month**  
**of**  
**August**

**Sprouting Lotus Seeds**  
**for the Betsuin Lotus**  
**Pond! Mahalo to the BWA**  
for reviving the lotus first  
planted in the mid 1990s  
by the Wednesday Gang!





## 15th Annual Four Petals PEACE WALK

*Peace starts one  
step at a time*

Please Join Us!  
Sunday, August 18, 2024  
at 5:30pm

Join a multi-faith service & silent walk to remember the 79th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Japan, the 18th anniversary of the 1600-mile pilgrimage of three Buddhist monks to save humanity from the cycle of nuclear destruction, and the continuing threat of global warfare by "conventional" weapons. Join us at the Nagasaki Peace Bell Memorial at Honolulu Hale to express our gratitude for another year without global nuclear destruction, our hope for continued nuclear restraint, and the end to the wars in Ukraine, Gaza, and too many other countries.

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Through tax strategies you can leave real estate properties and IRA Roth accounts, required distribution amounts, and stocks to the temple, and:

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

Planned Giving experts are now working with Hawai'i Betsuin to support our long-term sustainability while making sure that your financial needs and those of your descendants are met.

For more information please  
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Director, Hawai'i Betsuin  
808-536-7044  
jatsuoka@hawaiibetsuin.org

## Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations Seeking Delegates for the 2025 Student Exchange Program



**What:** Student Exchange Program to Japan

**When:** Early July 2025 for about 10 days

**Who:** Two Women, ages 17 to 23 from the Hongwanji Ohana

**Why:** Experience Buddhist and Asian Culture in Japan;  
Represent Hawaii as a missionary of good will

### To apply:

1. Obtain applications from the temple office or at [www.hawaiibwa.org](http://www.hawaiibwa.org) search for "Student Exchange"
2. Submit completed application to:  
Student Exchange Committee Chairperson  
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii  
Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations  
1727 Pali Hwy., Honolulu, HI 06813

**Deadline to Apply: October 31, 2024**

If you have any questions, please call (808)522-9202, email your questions to [hqbooks@honpahi.org](mailto:hqbooks@honpahi.org), or contact a BWA member.

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and teach us in our lives. Shakyamuni teaches his Dharma lessons by using 'skillful means.' The meaning of 'skillful means' is that the Buddha teaches us by using stories called Jataka Tales to describe a situation. In the Jataka Tales the Buddha is a lion, tiger, elephant, or bird and even a small child or even a man or woman. Shinran said that Shakyamuni Buddha wanted to ensure everyone understood the Dharma. Shakyamuni Buddha told 547 Jataka tales to teach the dharma. Each of these tales are retold as sutras and told the story of the Buddha's past lives. Let us not forget that Shinran teaches us that Amida is like our mother who is kind and gentle. Amida's deep compassion is shown in the Primal Vow. In deep gratitude for this vow we say the Nembutsu. For Mother's Day we thank our parents for what they have done for us and let us be grateful to Shakyamuni and Amida Buddha for their deep compassion for all human beings. Let us remember with gratefulness that Shakyamuni is our father and Amida is our mother. Let us put our palms together in Gassho. Namo Amida Butsu, Namo Amida Butsu, Namo Amida Butsu."

This ends Rev. Kihara's talk on Mother's Day. Let us all remember that we all have two mothers and two fathers. Thank you Rev. Kihara for the nice talk.

### HELPFUL HINTS FOR YOUR HEALTH

As seniors, we tend to lessen our responsibilities, whether they are physical or mental. When we do lessen our jobs that we were used to doing, such as cooking or preparing meals, vacuuming the house, mowing the lawn, hanging the laundered clothes on the line, etc. we are inviting more aches and pains of our body and we

begin to forget a lot more. Therefore, it is better to keep on doing what you have been accustomed to do daily. We do not want to get bed ridden and develop dementia.

We all seem to have microwave ovens at home; therefore, using the stove for cooking should be avoided. It seems that fires in homes are often caused by cooking and burning of food on the stove. People forget that they have the fire on and leave the kitchen, therefore, inviting fires.

Walking is essential for the seniors. The more we move and walk, the better it is for us, otherwise we tend to sit and become less active and ache in all of our joints. We should all learn to fall correctly so we won't hurt badly. Falling as though diving is better than falling backward, which will make you hit your head. I have noticed that the public sidewalks as well as the roads are generally in poor condition; therefore, when you walk, you must lift your legs high so you won't slip. I recite to myself, "Lift, down, Lift, down," and lift my knees up high. Needless to say, our representatives and senators should be more Akamai and take care of the city streets.

We seniors seem to live too long. Although social security was established so seniors at age 60-plus could collect, today, age 60 is too young to retire. In Hawaii, we should work until age 75 or 80, and the seniors should give up driving and the city should offer all seniors free bus passes. Have you noticed today that the busses are all running practically empty when the school students are in school between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.? Why are they spending so much on gasoline without any

passengers? If parking of cars on the street is free, why not be like Japan, in that when you purchase a car, you need to prove that you have a legitimate parking place. If In Hawaii, if we made all street parking pay, they won't need to raise taxes.

### HUMOR IS ESSENTIAL

An old woman was sipping on a glass of wine, sitting in the patio with her husband. She says, "I love you so much. I don't know how I could ever live without you."

Her husband asks, "Is that you or the wine talking?"

She replies, "It's me.....talking to the wine."

## Attention All Golfers & Duffers!!

Registration for this year's Betsuin golf tournament scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2024 is **CLOSED!**

**Donations and Prizes are still needed!**

Please contact the office for more information!



## Scouting News:



## Boy Scout Troop 49

The month of May was filled with many activities. This included weekly troop meetings where scouts learned and used navigation skills. Another activity was a camp at Ho'omaluhia where scouts got to hike and see the more historic part of the Pali Highway. Along with that, they participated in the Punchbowl Memorial Day service where they had to pick flowers and make leis the day before and then lay them the next day on the graves of the fallen soldiers. Finally, the scouts went on a journey through the Board of Water Supply's Waihe'e Tunnel Tour and learned about Oahu's water cycle.

The month's first meeting covered the basics of navigation and compass navigation. During the meeting scouts broke off into three groups. One group focused on the compass and how to use it, one learned how to use maps, and one learned how to use navigation tools outside of compasses. These are the basics of navigation and an essential part of becoming a scout.

In the second meeting, scouts used the knowledge they learned in the previous meeting to complete a scavenger hunt. Scouts were broken up into patrols and had to navigate to three different points indicated by a piece of tape. Scouts had to use the tools and knowledge they gained from the last meeting to complete the course. All scouts were successful in finding their way through the navigation course.

The third meeting was another navigation activity. In this meeting, Scouts were put into pairs and used their navigation skills to find where one of them hid. One scout would go out and write down their coordinates, once they found a place they would give the coordinates to their partner. The other scout would then use their navigation skills to find where the other scout ended up.

The final meeting also focused on navigation. Scouts were split in half. One half performed a compass relay race where they were put into teams to complete the race using their compass. Along with this the other half of the scouts did trivia on the things they learned at the beginning of the month.

Some other events the Troop participated in this month included camp, Good Turn, and a

## Star Scout Cohen Sakamoto

Waihe'e Tunnel tour. Scouts attended camp at Ho'omaluhia, but visitors weren't allowed to use propane to cook their food so the scouts were challenged to create a menu that didn't need to be cooked or use propane. Some of the food that the scouts ate was cereal and pop tarts for breakfast, sandwiches for lunch, and the ASMs provided dinner. This camp is also notorious for its rain making it harder to start fires and stay dry when hiking. During their hike, scouts had to persevere through the rain and the wet muddy conditions. Next, there was Good Turn, this event is one of our most important events of the year. Before the event, scouts went to Chaminade and Aiea Elementary to pick flowers. Scouts then went to the temple and worked alongside the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts to make around 1,400 leis. During this event, Troop 49 and Pack 49 hike up Punchbowl to the cemetery where they lay thousands of lei made by the scouts and various community organizations on each grave of the fallen soldiers who fought to protect our country. Finally, the scouts embarked on the Board of Water Supply's Waihe'e Tunnel Tour in Kahalu'u. They learned about Oahu's water cycle, and the purpose and history of the tunnel and hiked 1500 feet into the dike tunnel which supplies Windward Oahu with fresh water.

We are deeply appreciative of all the support the temple has given us.

That's all for now. Be on the lookout for more exciting news from Troop 49!



Radio Programs  
KZOO (1210 AM)  
Japanese Language,  
SATURDAY AT 7:30 AM

JULY 2024

7/6.....Rev. Toyokazu Hagio  
7/13...Rev. Yuika Hasebe  
7/20...Rev. Shingo Furusawa  
7/27...Rev. Ryoso Toshima

### 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.

Services are open to in-person attendees and a Zoom option continues to be available for the 9:30 a.m. English-language Family Services. The 8 a.m. Japanese language services continue in person only.

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 JULY 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



## MAY 2024

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

The Betsuin was recently notified that following members have passed away on the dates indicated:

11/14/2023 OKADA, Shizuko (88)	4/17/2024 TANIYAMA, Janice Harue Nakasone (70)
12/08/2023 NISHIMURA, Kent Kazuo (65)	4/20/2024 FURUYA, Asako Nojima (85)
4/02/2024 HAMAMOTO, Sumie (96)	4/20/2024 KITAYAMA, Charles Tsuneo (91)
4/08/2024 OGAWA, Donald Noboru (88)	4/25/2024 HASEGAWA, Nobuyo (97)
4/15/2024 UYENO, Gertrude Kazuye (97)	4/26/2024 KAGENO, Madeline Utako (98)
	4/30/2024 NAKASONE, Mauri Ann (65)

### MAY 2024

01 MURAKAMI, Hiroko (93)	20 MORIMOTO, Betty Matsue (94)
06 FUJITA, Kenneth Yoshiyuki (83)	21 SHIROMA, Hideki (95)
06 TSUCHIDA, Sandra Kazuko (74)	24 MORIYASU, Hazel Satsuki (101)
07 UYEDA, Kazue (106)	26 ONO, Joyce Mitsue (91)
09 SHIROMA, Sandra Setsuyo (85)	27 NISHIOKA, Sachiko (97)
11 UTO, Kimiko (95)	

### 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.

#### 2024 Memorial Service Schedule

2024 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

2023: 1st year	2012: 13th year	1992: 33th year
2022: 3rd year	2008: 17th year	1975: 50th year
2018: 7th year	2000: 25th year	1925: 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.

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