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2016 Slogan:
Embrace Change:
New Vision
(Create Engagement)

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Rev. Toyokazu Hagio

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Rev. Yuika Hasebe
Rev. Arthur Kaufmann
Rev. Satoshi Tomioka
Rev. Joshin Kamuro

Betsuin Autumn Ohigan Service Scheduled for September 18, 2016

Newly Ordained Sangha Members to be Speakers



Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin will be observing its Autumn Higan service on September 18, 2016 at 9:30 AM. Higan's original meaning is "Other Shore," and Shigan means "this shore," which is our world. Our everyday life is very busy and without noticing, we are overwhelmed with a large and continuous amount of information and tasks. It is hard for us to have time to reflect on ourselves with a peaceful mind. The season of Higan, after the harsh summer, brings mild weather. At this time, let us think about ourselves quietly. Please join our Autumn Higan Service.

This year, we are fortunate to have two women from our Betsuin Sangha, Mrs. Barbara Brennan and Ms. Charlene Kihara, who recently received their Tokudo ordination, as our speakers. They will be sharing their experiences on the Nembutsu Path.

Mrs. Barbara Brennan completed Tokudo (ordination) studies with some Betsuin and Kyodan ministers. She then completed Tokudo training sessions in Kyoto, Japan, in July. The path leading to her decision to pursue Tokudo was the result of many karmic events in her life. She grew up in a strong Jodo Shinshu family with grandparents and parents living their lives with the Nembutsu in their hearts. Barbara was active at the Arizona Buddhist Temple early in her life as a member of the Junior YBA and as a Sunday School teacher. After graduating from the University of Arizona, she moved to Hawaii to work for Pan American Airways. She visited Hawaii Betsuin and met Rev. Yoshiaki Fujitani and made new Sangha friends. Through the years, Barbara was a Betsuin Dharma School teacher, a member of Lotus Fellowship, a leader with the Hongwanji Girl Scout program, a member of various Betsuin and Kyodan planning committees, and the coordinator as well as volunteer, dancer, and trainer for Project Dana. She is currently a member of BWA and the Betsuin Choir. She and her husband, Barry, have a son, a daughter, and two grandsons. An important part of her journey on the Nembutsu path included completing the Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course in 2011. All of these events and commitments have been a part of her decision to attend and complete Tokudo ordination.

Ms. Charlene Kihara was born in Honolulu in 1955 and lives close to Palolo Higashi Hongwanji. She earned her degrees at the University of Hawaii, including a Masters in Social Work with a concentration in Gerontology (Gerontology consortium at Tripler Hos

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Dharma Message from Rev. Yuika Hasebe

I hope this newsletter finds you well. I had one gold fish and one guppy at my residence. I named the goldfish "Kin-chan (kingyo means goldfish)." I really loved the goldfish because he followed my finger and ate food from my hand. One day, I thought I could make my goldfish happier if I added extra air to the fish tank. I thought Kin-chan would breathe more easily. So, I went to a store and bought an aeration machine. I placed it at the bottom of the fish tank. I pressed the button, and many air bubbles came out. It looked pretty, and my Kin-chan looked like he was dancing among those bubbles.

However, a couple of weeks later, I noticed that Kin-chan was swimming strangely. He almost lay flat and couldn't

swim straight. I was worried about him and checked the internet to find any information about goldfish diseases. I found many scary diseases that the goldfish might get, and I read articles about the air bladder of fishes. Fishes naturally have an air bladder to control their buoyancy but too many air bubbles and a strong stream created by an aeration machine sometimes smash their air bladder. I read about the symptom of a damaged air bladder, and it was exactly the same symptom that my goldfish had. Also, it mentioned that once the air bladder is damaged, it will never heal. I loved my goldfish, and I thought I was taking good care of him, but I found out that what I did was hurting him. Even though my action came from a good intention, the result was not good. My goldfish, Kin-chan, died a couple of days later.

Shinran Shonin mentioned in the Tanisho that "We do not kill because our thoughts are good, but because we do not have the karma to kill. Yet, even though we do not want to injure anyone, we may be led to kill a hundred or a thousand people." After I buried Kin-chan, I thought about Shinran's words. It is so true what Shinran Shonin said. My intention was to give the goldfish a better

life, but actually I took his life without knowing it. Sometimes, life brings us unexpected results. I am living happily everyday, but if my situation were to change, I don't know what I would do. I have food, a bed, and clothes now, but if I lost them and desperately needed them, I might steal food or clothes from somebody. Or I may hurt somebody without noticing it. Even if we are not hurting anybody right now, it doesn't mean we are good persons. Right now, it just happens to be like that, but there is always a possibility that we will hurt others. Also, like Shinran Shonin mentioned, we may be hurting somebody right now even if we don't want to.

A wife who lost her husband, a happy groom, or a man who is in jail, any of them could be us. We can be anybody if causes and conditions come together. His suffering could be my suffering if I am in his position. Her sadness could be my sadness, as well. When we see each other like that, we can feel other people more closely and gently. We are all different, but at the same time we are all human beings.



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Betsuin Blood Drive



November 12, 2016

7 am to 3 pm

For information
contact Cheryl Sora
at 382-9561

**Requesting donations of non-snack food
items such as sandwiches, musubi,
soy beans, noodles, etc.**



BOY SCOUT TROOP 49 Japan Troop Visit

Reverend Hagio, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts hosted a reception for ten adult leaders from the Tokyo-chuo Boy Scout Troop #10 and seven adult leaders from Tokyo-to Girl Scout Troop #155 originating from the Tokyo Tsukiji Hongwanji. We were happy to offer them dishes that they had never tried before but are common to us in Hawaii such as spam musubi, chili with rice, Kalua pig cabbage and haupia dessert. The guests visiting from Japan brought us omiyage of patches, towels, neckerchief slides and other great items. Despite most of us not speaking Japanese very well or at all and, conversely, the Japanese guests not being able to speak English very well, it was a heartwarming fellowship experience.

Douglas Yanagihara, Troop 49 Boy Scout



Choralfest Music Service At Betsuin

The special Music Service for Choralfest 2016 will be held at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin on Sunday, September 25, 2016, at 10:00 AM. One hundred singers from near and far will raise their voices in song in praise of the Buddha-Dharma. The festival choir will be conducted by Hongwanji Living Treasure Nola Nahulu and accompanied by Francis Okano. Come and witness this unique Hongwanji musical offering.

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pital, Practicum student with Adult Protective Services). Also, she received a Paralegal certificate from University of San Diego. She worked at various institutions such as the Supreme Court, District Court, Family Court, Aloha Nursing, and Ohana Health Plan. She volunteered at the American Red Cross as a mental health specialist. She is a mother of one son, Ryan, who lives in San Diego. She completed the Jodo Shinshu correspondence course and went through the Tokudo preparation program.

In July 2016, she and Barbara were ordained at Honzan in Kyoto. They look forward to sharing their experiences and the joy of discovering a deeper awareness and appreciation of the Dharma by making this commitment.

Golden Chain Grants Application Deadline October 31

David Atcheson, HHMH Social Concerns Committee Member

Do you have an idea for creatively applying the Dharma to a social concern such as homelessness, disaster preparedness, hunger, the environment, or special-needs populations? Could you use a little funding (up to \$1000) to help make it happen? If you answered "Yes" to both questions, consider applying for a Golden Chain Grant through the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's Committee on Social Concerns.



Grant program is to help you put Dharma into action by improving the world around us. Any person or group part of the Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Ohana can apply. The project should employ an innovative approach to a defined problem or need and have clear, logical, and realistic plans.

Applications are reviewed three times per year by the Committee on Social Concerns. October 31, 2016 is the next deadline. A PDF with complete details and the application form may be found at

The purpose of the Golden Chain

<http://bit.ly/goldenchainapp> or in the offices of Hawaii Betsuin or Mission.

*** American Sign Language for "Chain"**

Betsuin Dharma School News:

Debbie Kubota

Summer Fun Day at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden

July 10th was a day filled with puzzle pieces of plants, flowers and trees, scavenger hunting, feeding fish, nature hike, and yummy bento lunch-- all part of the fun at one the island's most lush tropical botanical gardens - Ho'omaluhia in Kaneohe at the foothills of the Ko'olau Mountains.



A brief morning service was conducted by Reverend Yuika Hasebe and emcee Jessica Tom. Alan Kubota led the Dharma School families in an activity in which they divided into three groups. They found their fellow group members by putting together puzzle pieces to form a picture of a plant, flower or tree. After studying their photos, each group had to go and find the actual plant, take a picture of it, determine its name, find out if it's native or alien to Hawaii and bring the photo and information back to share with the group. Then, each group studied all the other puzzles and had to go out and find all the other plants, flowers and trees that

were pictured. What a fun and educational activity.

With loaves of bread in hand, the group walked down to the lake to feed the fish. While some tore bits of bread to feed the fish, others flung whole slices into the lake like frisbees. The fish enjoyed being so well fed by our Dharma School sangha.

The group gathered back in the pavilion for lunch—Reverend Umitani prepared to lead the group in Words of Thanksgiving, but before he started, he and Naho led

the group in the surprise singing of "Happy Birthday" to Reverend Hasebe. Everyone enjoyed their bento lunches, desserts and fruits.

Wayne Yoshioka, a native of Kaneohe, shared the history of

Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden, which was built around the dam (lake). The dam was built for flood control and the garden was developed around the dam. The H-3 Freeway had to be constructed to go around the garden. It was a great opportunity to learn more about the history of the garden.

Alan passed out information about various birds found in the garden, then Reverend Hasebe led the group on a nature hike while the group looked for the birds, played with sleeping grass, and hiked up to a vantage point to enjoy a panoramic view of the Ko'olau Mountains and Kaneohe Bay. Everyone was tired at the end of the hike, but came together once again to enjoy snacks and refreshments before heading back home. What a wonderful day in a spectacular setting. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship, learning, fun, food and hiking!

These were other Dharma School Activities during the summer.

- Sunday, July 31- Sports/Pool Day at HMS (volleyball/basketball, pool & lunch) 11:00 am - 3:30 pm
- Sunday, August 21 - Dharma School Registration Day together with Honolulu Dharma Schools at Jikoen Hongwanji 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Sunday, August 28 - First Day of Dharma School at Betsuin



Green Hongwanji:



Betsuin Launches BYO-*CUPS *Cups, Utensils, Plates Initiative

While Rennyo was walking in the corridor, he noticed a scrap of paper fallen on the floor. "We mustn't waste the property of the Buddha Dharma Realm," he said, carefully picking up the scrap with his two hands.

- Rennyo Shonin goichidaiki kikigaki

The Betsuin has launched a new waste-reduction program inspired by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's Green Hongwanji Initiative. We're calling the effort BYO-CUPS, short for "bring your own cups, utensils,

and plates." The initial focus is reducing the number of styrofoam cups used at fellowship time after Sunday services.

A 2013 study by Trinity College in Dublin estimated that using a ceramic mug over its assumed lifetime of 500 uses produces only 2% of the CO2-equivalent emissions of using 500 styrofoam cups. Using a reusable plastic cup saves even more emissions. The study factored in the energy used to make, transport, and wash the cups.

At Betsuin, cups were a natural place to start since some church members were already in the habit of bringing their own, reusable mugs for coffee and tea. The Hawaii Betsuin BWA gave the early effort a boost by awarding lightweight plastic mugs as prizes at one of their meetings. Thank you, BWA!

The Betsuin's "Green Team" has helped promote the effort by giving those who join the team small, reusable bags with the sagarifuji (wisteria logo) and the word mottainai (meaning, "it's a shame to waste"). The bags can hold a cup plus other items like chop sticks, a small plate, and a cloth napkin.

By trying a "bring your own" program, we avoid challenges of washing dishes at the temple. Furthermore, members who get in the habit of BYO-CUPS for church may also start taking them to non-church events and functions -- spreading the practice to the wider community.

The BYO-CUPS pilot program runs through the end of the year and will likely be renewed and expanded in 2017. One way to share suggestions or comments is by emailing greenteaminfo@hawaiibetsuin.org.

David Atcheson,
Betsuin Green Team "convener"

Adult Ukulele Club



One
Thurs.
a Month
at 10 AM
Call the
Betsuin office
for more info!

If you are unable
to come
to the temple
and would like to
have a minister visit
you in your home,
please call

**Rev. Yuika Hasebe
at 536-7044**



and request
a home visit.
We miss you
and do not
want to lose
contact with you!

Betsuin BWA News and Events

Fujiko Motobu

After our hectic spring and summer activities of bazaar and bon dance activities, fall brings the BWA somewhat a breather, an aftermath in relaxation.

The following are the scheduled activities for September.

September 1, Thursday: Excursion to Iolani Palace and to the Chinese Buddhist Temple followed by lunch.

11 Sun: Grandparents Day service, honoring of all grandparents

24-25 Sat/ Sun: Choral fest: Gathering of all the choirs of the Hongwanji temples of the Hawaiian islands.

9 & 23 Fri: 9-11 am

Sumie classes with instructor, Mrs. Sachie Saigusa

13 & 27 Tues 9:30-10:30 am

Shodo or calligraphy classes with instructor, Mrs. Michiko Okano

21 & 28 Wed. 9-10:30am:

Japanese language class with instructor, Rev. Toshima

The three culture classes, sumie, calligraphy, and Japanese language classes are mentioned because they all took summer breaks and classes will resume in September.

BWA MEMBERSHIP:

An open invitation is extended to all women who come to Hawaii Betsuin. Come and join the BWA organization. We are always looking for women who can come and help us whether in cooking, or doing craft work or helping at the bontique and bon dances, etc. We are also looking for women who can serve as officers or help in the executive board. Experience is not required, for you can always learn on the job. Annual dues are \$15.00 per person for BWA and we hope you will also join the Hawaii Betsuin and become a Goji member. Goji dues are \$175.00 per year. Men are also invited to become auxiliary, none-dues paying members

of the BWA. A few lucky husbands of BWA members are included as our auxiliary member, so men, young and old, please join the women's group and have fun.

ELECTION YEAR

On October 31, at our General Membership Meeting #4, our election will be held. Officers serve for two year terms and longer if necessary. We need more members to serve as officers and experience is not the criteria. You can learn as you go along. If you are interested, please see the president, Florence Wasai, and submit your name(s). The more the merrier, so include your friends to join us.

RECIPES:

This recipe is from the late Mrs. Yoshie Iwahashi of Honomu Hongwanji. Contributed by June Iwahashi.

SHISO RICE

5 cups rice, cook in rice cooker / 1 package chirimen iriko (.75 oz.) / 2 cups shiso leaves, chopped / ¼ cup sugar / ½ cup shoyu
1 package soup base (dashinomoto or others)

Start cooking the rice. Add a small amount of oil in a frying pan. Fry iriko until crisp. Add remaining ingredients, cook to blend. Place mixture on top of rice. Continue to cook until rice is done. Mix and serve.

LEMON BUTTER

(Lilikoi Butter recipe) from Florence's Aunt Betty of Honokaa:

1 block butter (1/4 lb) / 1 cup lemon juice / 4 cups sugar / 4 large eggs

Sterilize jars and lids for about 15 minutes.

1. Melt butter in large pot and set aside.
2. In a mixing bowl mix juice, beaten eggs and sugar. Mix well.
3. Add #2 into the pot of melted butter.
4. Start cooking, stirring constantly. Let it boil for about 10-12 minutes. Use your judgment and adjust heat to medium as needed.
5. Pour into the sterilized jars, cap tightly, and immediately place upside down. In about 10 minutes this will create a vacuum and eliminate the need for paraffin.
6. This will fill about four 8 oz. jelly jars or eight 4 ounce jars.

LEMON JUICE IS AVAILABLE. SEE FLORENCE WASAI FOR FROZEN LEMON JUICE.

JUST A SMILE: (1) Three small boys are sitting on the curb when they see a fire engine zoom past. Sitting by the driver is a Dalmatian, and the boys discuss what it might be doing there. "They use him to keep crowds back," says one boy. "He's just for good luck," says the second boy. The third boy brings the argument to a close. "They use him to find the fire hydrants."

(2) Why did Harry name his dog Carpenter? Because he was always doing little jobs around the house.

Tokudo Ordination at Hongwanji International Center

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-Ha in Kyoto, Japan

July 2016



Newly Ordained Jodo Shinshu Ministers

Left to Right: Rev. Gene Sekiya (Hongwanji International Center), Kelvin Mark (Sacramento Buddhist Temple), Rosalie May and Matt May (Seattle Betsuin), John Hughes (Longmont Buddhist Temple), Kerry Kiyohara (Moiliili Hongwanji), Barbara Brennan (Hawaii Betsuin), Michael Tang (Arizona Buddhist Temple), Erick Ishii (Ekoji Buddhist Temple), Charlene Kihara (Hawaii Betsuin), Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara (Jodo Shinshu Center, Berkeley).



From Hawaii: Charlene - Kerry - Barbara



HIC after completion of training at Nishiyama Betsuin



Dinner Celebration at Roku-Bori in Kyoto

Left to Right: Kerry, Erick, Kelvin, Dr. Masa Kuwada from Tokyo, Barbara, Charlene, Rev. Kuwahara, John, and Michael. Missing: Rosalie and Matt.

Right photo: Charlene and Barbara at Hawaii Betsuin >>>>



Hongwanji
Radio Programs
SEPTEMBER 2016
KZOO 1210 AM
Japanese Language
Saturday at 7:30 AM

03 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
 10 Rimban Toyokazu Hagio
 17 Rev. Shigenori Makino
 24 Rev. Joshin Kamuro

Betsuin Services
Asaji Service
8:00 AM

04 Rev. Joshin Kamuro
 11 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka
 18 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio
 25 Rev. Yuika Hasebe

Adult English Services
10:00 AM

04 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
 11 Rev. Arthur Kaufmann
 18 Higan Combined
 Family Service – 9:30 am
 (Mrs. Barbara Brennan &
 Mrs. Charlene Kihara)
 25 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio
 (Choralfest)

Nicchu Service
1:00 PM

04 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka
 11 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio
 18 Rev. Joshin Kamuro
 25 Rev. Yuika Hasebe

Dharma School
9:00 AM

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 & Mrs. Charlene Kihara)
 25 Rev. Arthur Kaufmann

In Memoriam



2016

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

4/29/2016 TANOUE, Akiko (99)
 5/24/2016 KANESHIRO, Leonard Shigeo (78)

5 TSUBOTA, Jeanette Tomoyo (99)	25 ARINAGA, Robert Naoto (98)
7 GODA, Fukiko (87)	25 MORIHARA, Kaoru (93)
7 MIYAHIRA, Haru (92)	25 OKITA, Yaeko (86)
9 SUMIDA, Clyde Shigeto (63)	25 WATANABE, Hideo (86)
14 NAKAMOTO, Chiyo (96)	26 ARAKAWA, Aiko (93)
15 MURAOKA, Ellen Sachiko (91)	26 HIRANO, Hilda Teiko (85)
16 TAMAGAWA, Judith Harumi (92)	28 HIGA, Hideo (94)
17 NAKANO, George Seishi (85)	28 KOMATSU, Edith Hideko (81)
19 FUJIMOTO, Shizuno (92)	30 FUJIOKA, Doris Tomoko (92)
20 YAMATSUKA, Misao (98)	30 NODA, Joyce Setsumi (85)
21 OGATA, Narae (87)	30 TANAKA, Fumie (88)
24 NISHIOKA, Jon Jared (47)	

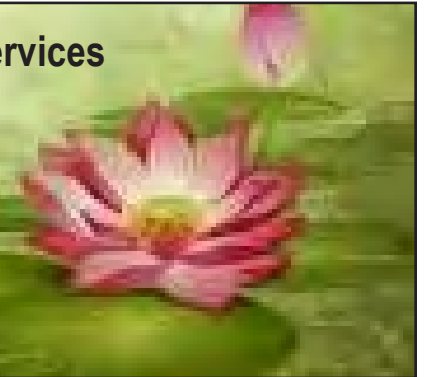
2016 Memorial Service Schedule

2016 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

2015 – 1 year	2004 – 13 year	1984 – 33 year
2014 – 3 year	2000 – 17 year	1967 – 50 year
2010 – 7 year	1992 – 25 year	1917 – 100 year

Nursing Home Services

01 Hale Nani – Rev. Tomioka
 Hale Ho Aloha – Rev. Kamuro
 08 Maluhia – Rev. Hasebe
 Liliha – Rev. Kaufmann
 09 Hale Pulama Mau – Rev. Hagio
 22 Nuuanu Hale – Rev. Hasebe
 23 Leahi – Rev. Kamuro



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