



ONENESS

KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

June 2019

MESSAGE FROM HIS EMINENCE GOMONSHU KOJUN OHTANI
ON THE 850TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHINRAN SHONIN'S BIRTH AND
800 TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JODO SHINSHU TEACHING

The year 2023 will mark the 850th anniversary of Shinran Shonin's birth and 2024 will be the 800th anniversary of the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu teaching. To commemorate these occasions, we will be having the joint celebratory observance in 2023.

Shinran Shonin was born in 1173 and entered the priesthood at the age of nine. However, after devoting many years to monastic Buddhist practices on Mt. Hiei, he decided to descend the mountain at the age of 29. Following the guidance from his new mentor Honen Shonin, who introduced him to the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha, Shinran Shonin came to entrust himself to the Nembutsu teaching preached by his master. Several years later, their Nembutsu teaching was banned and Shinran Shonin was exiled to Echigo, present Niigata. Following his pardon, Shinran Shonin moved to the Kanto region where he engaged in propagation of the Nembutsu teaching of Other Power, namely the working of Amida's great wisdom and compassion. It is believed to be then when he began writing his main literary work, *The True Teaching, Practice and Realization of the Pure Land Way*, known as *Kyogyoshinsho*. Since the essence of his teaching that emphasizes entrusting oneself to the Buddha's working of Other Power and recitation of the Nembutsu was clarified in the composition, the *Kyogyoshinsho* is also referred to as *gohonden*, or the most foundational scripture of the Jodo Shinshu teaching. Based on Shinran Shonin's own inscription in the writing stating that he was 52 years of age at the time, the year 1224 became designated as the year when the Jodo Shinshu teaching was established.

Buddhism began approximately 2500 years ago when Śākyamuni became a Buddha, awakening to the true reality of this world, such as, the principles of dependent origination, impermanence, and no-self. However, ordinary people like us are neither able to realize the truth of enlightenment nor practice a life of nonattachment. To the contrary, we see things from our egocentric viewpoint and because of that we constantly suffer, encounter hardship, and fight with one another. That is why Śākyamuni Buddha informs us of the existence of Amida Buddha who had vowed to save all ordinary and foolish beings like us, by guiding us to supreme enlightenment. Furthermore, Shinran Shonin clarifies that we, as the recipient of Amida's working, have already received the Buddha's wish in the form of the Name, Namo Amida Butsu.

As the manifestation of the ultimate wisdom and compassion that accepts everything as it is, Amida Buddha's working equally embraces every living being, never to abandon us no matter how egoistic and filled with blind passions we may be. When truly realizing how vast the Buddha's compassion is, we cannot help but feel ashamed of our way of living that is a far cry from Amida Buddha's wish. That is why Shinran Shonin laments, "How ugly it is! How wretched!" in referring to himself. However, this feeling of shamefulness could motivate us to endeavor to lessen the Buddha's sorrow even if only limited results were expected. Furthermore, that sentiment should synchronize with our efforts of sharing the Buddha's Vow with as many people as possible and feeling others' grief and joy as our own, because these acts are in accord with the wishes of Amida Buddha, and also Shinran Shonin who aspires for peace and tranquility and the Buddha's

teaching to spread throughout the world.

Let us appreciate the Dharma and Nembutsu teaching even more deeply, and together strive to realize a society in which everyone can live in peace and harmony, resonating in the hearts and minds of all. As the first step of this movement, I would like to ask for everyone's cooperation in continuing our organizational plans for the future and successfully conducting the joint celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching.

January 9, 2019

SHAKU SENNYO
OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

Memorial Services

June				July			
Victor	Holender	1st	6/1/2018	Misao	Nakamura	1st	7/6/2018
Alice Akiko	Hatakeyama	1st	6/13/2018	Takashi	Hashimura	1st	7/21/2018
Michael Kazuo	Hatakeyama	1st	6/25/2018	John Kazuto	Isobe	3rd	7/18/2017
Katsumi	Ikeda	3rd	6/5/2017	Harry Masao	Nakamura	7th	7/20/2013
Clarence Yukio	Ishida	3rd	6/10/2017	Harry Toshio	Saiki	13th	7/8/2007
Francis	Ikeda	3rd	6/17/2017	Asano	Saiki	13th	7/16/2007
Elizabeth	Borden	7th	6/10/2013	Namiko	Yoshida	13th	7/30/2007
Shizuno	Uegawa	7th	6/11/2013	Betty	Miyazaki	17th	7/2/2003
Watanabe	Haruo	13th	6/13/2007	Ethel	Yonemura	17th	7/29/2003
Akira	Tsuchiya	27th	6/7/1993	Shinobu	Tanaka	23rd	7/17/1997
Isami	Hirai	27th	6/4/1993	Kawayo	Taketa	23rd	7/30/1997
				Shinichi	Ishida	33rd	7/2/1987
				Magoichi	Nishimoto	33rd	7/9/1987

In Memoriam...

Kapaa Hongwanji Mission extends its deepest sympathy to families who have recently lost their loved ones.



From Minister's Desk

Away: 6/4-6/6

I would like to thank the members and friends who organize and help the Bon Dance at Kapaa Hongwanji. I also would like to thank members for the generous donation for repairs and events. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness, kindness, time and effort.

Thank you all

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

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MAY 2019

BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

As we observe Shinran Shonin's Birthday (Gotan-E), this year, let us turn our attention to the recent Message from His Eminence Kojun Ohtani about the upcoming Eight Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and Eight Hundredth Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching which will be observed in 2023, in that message, he states,



“When truly realizing how vast the Buddha's compassion is, we cannot help but feel ashamed of our way of living that is a far cry from Amida Buddha's wish. That is why Shinran Shonin laments, “How ugly it is! How wretched!” in referring to himself. However, this feeling of shamefulfulness could motivate us to endeavor to lessen the Buddha's sorrow even if only limited results were expected. Furthermore, that sentiment should synchronize with our efforts of sharing the Buddha's Vow with as many people as possible and feeling others' grief and joy as our own, because these acts are in accord with the wishes of Amida Buddha, and also Shinran Shonin who aspires for peace and tranquility and the Buddha's teaching to spread throughout the world.”

As I reflect on Gomonshu's guidance, I recall the phrase “...to live the Nembutsu” as found in *Lamp for the Latter Ages*, Letter 16 in which Shinran Shonin's says “One must seek to cast off the evil of this world and to cease doing wretched deeds; *this* is what it means to reject the world and to live the Nembutsu.” To be sure, it says “to live the nembutsu.” “Rejecting the world” does not mean to abandon the world as meaningless and worthless. It means lamenting one's negativity and grateful responding in gratitude to Amida Buddha's Unconditional Compassion and thus care about this world by trying, imperfect and inconsistent as I am, to live my life according to the Dharma.

Speaking of gratitude, in the Pali language, gratitude is defined as “knowing what has been done.” In the Chinese language, one of the Chinese characters for gratitude is comprised of two parts, one which means “cause” and the other refers to the “heart-and-mind.” Thus, it reminds us to keep the cause (of why we are grateful) always in mind and moves the heart. A well-known expression goes “Knowing Gratitude, Respond in Gratitude.” In the Japanese language, the word “arigatou” comes from the word “arigatai” literally meaning “difficult to have” with the implication of how precious and rare. It can be about a person, an object, an encounter and even being or existence (life) itself.

Gratitude is such a powerful force. It is more than just a feeling or emotion. True gratitude is life changing. Life transforming. In *The Teaching of Buddha*, it shares that the Wise show appreciation not only to the person(s) who helped (them) by returning some act of kindness, but to all those around them. Thus, expanding the circle of gratitude. Gratitude can change us and the world. In our current times with so much uncertainty, fear, violence, hatred and negativity what we need is a positive universal force in society to bring about more peace, harmony and kindness in the world. Truly, illuminated by Amida Buddha's Nurturing Light, encouraged by Shinran Shonin, may we "live the Nembutsu" motivated by the power of gratitude for Amida Buddha's Great Wisdom and Compassion. Namu Amida Butsu.

MAHALO FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUPPORT

April 22-May 21

Funeral Service

In memory of the late....

Kiyoshi Kawamura - Kawamura Family
Saeko Kakimoto - Neal Kakimoto

Memorial Service

In memory of the late...

Kiyoshi Kawamura - Kawamura Family
Tatsuo Asari - Laura Asari
Yasuyo Oshita - Mitsuko Higashiyama
Clyde & Kay Takekuma
Roy & Leila Nishida

Gotane Service

Yoshiko Dimples Kano
Nancy Masada
Kim & Yasuko Murakami
Teri Murata
Carol Saiki
Pearl Shimizu
Alice Yamada
Sidney Yanagawa

Other Donations

In memory of the late...

Alice Yasuko Otaki Halla - Hidemi & Sally Okamoto
Hachisuke & Teru Oda - Ethel Aiko Oda
James Wakumoto - Kikuno Wakumoto
Carolyn Nakamura - Friend of Kapaa Hongwanji
Kauai Ondo Drummers - Hall use
Jaqueline Macugay - Hall Use
Pearl Shimizu - Chicken/Sushi
Bryan Tanaka - Chicken/Sushi
Marjorie Hirashima - Altar flowers
Teri Murata - Altar flowers

Membership

Jane Tamae Carlson
Josephine Dodo
Helen Iwai
Haven Kuboyama
Ronald Matsumura
Gordon Koigawachi

Volunteer Support

Madison Doo
Marie Hashimura
Robert Hiraoka
Jim Jung
Ralph Kitashima
Haven Kuboyama
Cherish Kuloloia
Stanford Iwamoto
Winston Kawamoto
April Murakami
Iris Murakami
Kim & Yasuko Murakami
Milton Nakamura
Francis Nishizawa
Kaleigh Ramil
Tami Ramil
Taryn Ramil
Carol Saiki
Calvin & Rona Sakai
Gloria Shimizu
Pearl Shimizu
Joan Slingerland
Dennis & Sadie Sunada
Clyde & Kay Takekuma
Erin Takekuma
Keith & Thelma Tsukamoto
Brian & Wendy Yamamoto
Sidney Yanagawa

from the president's corner...

CONGRATULTIONS to our 2019 Graduates Cherish Kuloloia, April Murakami, Iris Murakami, and Kaleigh Ramil. A Baccalaureate Service was held on May 26 to honor and congratulate the graduates. They each received awards from the Kyodan, Buddhist Women's Association and the Sr. Buddhist Association in appreciation for their participation and support of Kapaa Hongwanji. We all enjoyed the luncheon with their families, members and friends.

A BIG Mahalo to the Senior Buddhist Association for painting the ramp and stairs of the temple. It is nicely painted. Their next project will be to paint the recently repaired concrete areas in the kitchen and hall. They will also be refinishing the temple doors which have lost its finish from the inclement weather.

Kauai United Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association

Congratulations to April Murakami and Iris Murakami! They both received the Kauai United Hongwanji BWA Scholarship. They are twin daughters of Kim and Yasuko Murakami. They each received \$1,000. The scholarship was based on participation in temple services and activities, Dharma School and Jr. YBA. They will both be attending Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon.

United Jr. YBA Mahalo

Hello Kapa'a Hongwanji,

On behalf of the United Junior YBA, we would like to thank those who bought and donated to our bake sale fundraiser. We would never exist if not for your support. For those of you who encouraged us, thank you! You truly make the difference for us, and we are extremely grateful!

Please continue to support us as we reach the halfway point of the year 2019!

In Gassho,
Iris Murakami

Country Store Donations

We will once again have a Country Store at the Bon Dance on Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27. We would appreciate donations of fruits, vegetables, plants, flowers, baked goods, Chinese pretzels, pickles, jellies, hand crafted or sewn items, etc. If you would like to donate some items, please drop it off at the Social Hall by 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27. Thank you very much for your generous donation.

Antique Shop

The Antique Shop did well last year so we have decided to do it again. We received many nice dishes, platters, lacquer items, vases, and trays, with oriental design. If you would like to clean and reduce clutter in your homes, donating them to the Antique Shop would be a good solution. Please bring your items for donation to the temple or hall prior to the Bon Dance. Please call 822-4667 before you drop them off. Thank you so much for your generous donation.

Temple Cleaning & Flowers

6/1/2019	Group 3	<u>M/M Clyde Takekuma - Chair</u> Mrs. Erin Takekuma, M/M Roy Nishida, Mr. Stanford Iwamoto, M/M Sidney Yanagawa	Ruby
6/8/2019	Group 4	<u>Ms. Gloria Shimizu - Chair</u> Mr. Haven Kuboyama, M/M Dennis Sunada, Mr. Lane Sunada, Mrs. Pat Yamamoto	Rona & Joan
6/15/2019	Group 5	M/M Calvin Sakai - Chair M/M Anthony Koerte, Mrs. Sally Okamoto, Ms. Carol Saiki	Kay & Roberta
6/22/2019	Group 6	M/M Keith Tsukamoto - Chair Mrs. Joan Slingerland, M/M Brian Yamamoto, Mr. Winston Kawamoto	Roberta
6/29/2019	Group 1	<u>Mrs. Marie Hashimura - Chair</u> M/M Robert Hiraoka, Mr. Milton Nakamura, Mr. Ray Paler	Rona
7/6/2019	Group 2	Mr. Francis Nishizawa - Chair April & Iris Murakami, Mrs. Yasuko Murakami, Mr. Clint Saiki, Ms. Cherish Kloioia	Ruby

Kapaa Hongwanji Mission
2019 Bon Dance
Committee Assignments
July 26-27, 2019

Hi everyone! The Bon Festival is just around the corner. Once again we are asking you to please kokua. You will need to check your committee assignments. If you are unable to work on Friday or Saturday please inform the chair of your committee and assist in finding a replacement. If we have missed assigning you to a committee, please call Roberta at 822-4667. Due to our aging membership, our volunteers are limited so we will need all the help we can get. We welcome family, friends and community supporters who would like to assist. Thank you for your cooperation, participation and support. Let us work together to make this an enjoyable and memorable event.

General Chairperson: Roberta Yanagawa

Planning Committee: Marie Hashimura, Robert Hiraoka, David & Ruby Ishida, Stanford Iwamoto, Anthony & Doreen Koerte, Haven Kuboyama, Milton Nakamura, Phil O'Rourke, Carol Saiki, Gloria Shimizu, Clint Saiki, Rona & Calvin Sakai, Dennis & Sadie Sunada, Clyde Takekuma, Sidney Yanagawa, Brian & Wendy Yamamoto, Ralph Kitashima and Rev. Majima.

Hatsubon Service & Opening Ceremony: Rev. Mieko Majima

Publicity: Josh Borden, Winston Kawamoto, and Rev. Majima

Yagura: David Ishida (Chair) Anthony Koerte, Milton Nakamura, Francis Nishizawa, Clint Saiki, Clyde Takekuma and Sidney Yanagawa.

Construction: David Ishida, Stanford Iwamoto, Winston Kawamoto, Anthony Koerte, Haven Kuboyama, Kim Murakami, Milton Nakamura, Lou Nishida, Jr., Francis Nishizawa, Ray Paler, Clint Saiki, Lane Sunada, Clyde Takekuma, and Sidney Yanagawa.

Lighting/Audio System: David Ishida (Chair), Landen & Paul Ishida

Purchasing: Gloria Shimizu (Chair), Calvin & Rona Sakai, Clint Saiki, Roberta & Sidney Yanagawa

Signs: Winston Kawamoto, Gloria, Roberta

Finance: Clint Saiki and Gloria Shimizu

Choba: Roy Nishida and Pat Yamamoto

Food Booth Cashiers: Marie Hashimura (Chair), Avis Hirohara, Carol Saiki

Counter/order takers: Carol Paler (Chair), Key Club students (5), Kaleigh Ramil, Mason Doo, Mindy Agena, Jo-Ann Harunaga, and Jill Yoshimatsu

Food Booth Facilitators (replenish food for counter/make orders):

Stanford Iwamoto(Chair), Lane Sunada, Regina Kawamoto, Milton Nakamura, Rene Furukawa, Lorraine Sanow

Sushi Preparation: Gloria Shimizu (Chair), Pearl Shimizu, Thelma Tsukamoto, Brandi Yamamoto, Pat Yamamoto, Regina Kawamoto, Marie Hashimura, Sadie Sunada, Yasuko Murakami, April Murakami, Iris Murakami

Rice Cooking: Haven Kuboyama (Chair), Francis Nishizawa, Milton Nakamura

Kitchen Crew: Haven Kuboyama, Francis Nishizawa, Brian & Wendy Yamamoto, Yasuko Murakami

Food for Dancers: Brian Yamamoto and Wendy Yamamoto,

Dinner Plate (Serving): Brandi Yamamoto (Chair), April Murakami, Cherish Kuloloia, Iris Murakami

Flying Saucer: Clint Saiki (Chair), Stanford Iwamoto, Kay Takekuma, Ralph Kitashima

Pronto Pups: Denise Koerte (Chair), Aiko Kajiwara, Doreen Koerte, Anthony Koerte

Yakitori: Bob Hiraoka (Chair), Clyde Takekuma, Lane Sunada, Phil O'Rourke, Roy Taogoshi

Saimin: Dennis Sunada (Chair), Sadie Sunada, Sharyl Lam Yuen
Cashier: Wanda Costa

Shave Ice: Calvin Sakai (Chair), Chad Sakai, Jenn Ota

Drinks: Kim Murakami

Fish Pond: Ruby Ishida (Chair) Paul Ishida, Lynn Oyama, Madison Doo, Taryn Ramil

Games: Lou Nishida Jr. and Marciana Nishida

Antique Shop: Jim Jung, Ray Paler, Winston Kawamoto

Country Store: Sid Yanagawa & Rona Sakai (Co-chairs), Mr. Lou Nishida Sr., Marissa Agena, Millicent Agena

Clean up: Everyone please kokua after closing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 a.m. Thank you very much!



Learn to Cook Easy Japanese Cuisine

Date: June 8, 2019 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Place: Kapaa Hongwanji Social Hall

Rsvp: June 3, 2019 (limited Seating) 822-5353 or
pkgshim3@hawaiiantel.net

Cost: \$5.00 for ingredients

Learn to roll your own sushi, demo on nikujaga, and a pickled vegetable.

Tools: if you have a sushi mat please bring it with you as you will be rolling your own sushi. If you do not have one we will provide one to use.

Sponsored by: Kapaa Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Assn and Kauai Japanese Cultural Society.

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Upcoming Events in June 2019

MONDAYS	6:00 PM	JAPANESE CONVERSATION CLASS
	7:00 PM	BON DANCE PRACTICE
6/2/2019	8:00 AM	CHANTING
	9:00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
6/9/2019	8:00 AM	CHANTING
	9:00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
6/16/2019	8:00 AM	CHANTING
	9:00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
6/23/2019	8:00 AM	CHANTING
	9:00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE