



# ONENESS

**KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

**August 2019**

## **BISHOP'S CORNER**

Bishop Eric Matsumoto



### **A Whole New World Opens Up Before Your Eyes**

What is the Obon Season? The 5 R's might help us to understand. Obon is a time of reverence, remembrance, reflection, realization and responding in gratitude. At Hongwanji, we gather to humbly pay reverence to All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion known as Amida Buddha or Namo Amida Butsu, The-Buddha's-Name-That-Calls-Us (to entrust), as we remember and honor those who came before us especially our departed loved ones of family and friends.

As we gather in remembrance, it is a time to reflect and come to some realizations which can change our life. One of the great messages of Obon is interdependence. Hatsuzo Ohsuga wrote, "For man to live is not simply a matter of having blood ties with our parents and siblings, we are also linked to the rest of the world. All living things born into this world, not just people, but animals and plants, coexist as part of a greater life that they share."

His Eminence Gomonsu Emeritus Koshin Ohtani of Nishi Hongwanji encourages "Think more expansively of your connectedness to life." "All things on earth, all things in the Universe, are in the fold of a great life-force linking us all together. In this world, there is no life that was ever lived in vain. There is no life that is meaningless. All life is linked together. All of us share in the light that Amida Buddha shines upon us-this is what Buddhism teaches."

All life, all existence, regardless of whether they lived in the past, are living in the present or will be born in the future are illuminated and nurtured by the Buddha's Light of Wisdom and Compassion. Just as when the light is turned on in a darkened room and we are able to see, likewise, with the Buddha's Light shining upon us we begin to see and understand ourselves and the world in a different light. It is through this understanding that our life changes. This is what happened to Mogallana and his Mother. They found themselves living in a new awareness that life and living is made possible by innumerable others not limited to our fellow human beings. May we, too, come to realize the equality and preciousness of all life including plant and animal life, actually all existence and move away from self-centeredness and selfishness to a world filled with respect and appreciation for and of one another.

Further, at Obon time, we express our joy as we come to realize that Amida Buddha embraces us just as we are, including our deceased loved ones, promising us the great Enlightenment equal to the Buddha's own Enlightenment. Thus, we refer to Obon as "A Gathering of Joy" at Hongwanji as we rejoice in the fact that we are all (living and deceased) embraced by Great Compassion. The life of a Shin Buddhist is one of "Responding in Gratitude" in which I gratefully recite The-Buddha's-Name-That-I-Call (in gratitude), Namo Amida Butsu and try to live a life in accord with the Buddha's Teachings which aspires for more peace, harmony, and happiness in the world.

I end by expressing my ardent wish and hope that you will attend Sunday services to learn and experience more fully the Great Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha.

Namo Amida Butsu.

**MAHALO FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS & SUPPORT**  
June 22-July 21, 2019

**Funeral Service:**

*In memory of the late...*

Saeko Kakimoto - Neal Kakimoto  
Ellen Higa - Higa Family

**Family Bon Service**

Dimples Kano  
Kim & Yasuko Murakami  
Carol Saiki  
Gloria Shimizu  
Pearl Shimizu  
Patsy Sugita  
Kathleen Yamamoto  
Sidney Yanagawa

**OBon Gravesite Service**

Clement Esaki  
Dennis Esaki  
Douglas & Sarah Fujii  
Happy Sueno Haraguchi  
Winston Kawamoto  
Milton Nakamura  
Randy Oshita  
Gloria Shimizu  
Kathleen Yamamoto  
Sidney Yanagawa

**Memorial Service**

*In memory of the late...*

John Isobe - Amy Isobe  
Frank & Mabel Sunada - Sunada  
Family

**Membership**

Nancy Masada  
Milton Nakamura  
Joan Slingerland  
Clyde & Kay Takekuma  
Barbara Tsunehiro

**Other Donations**

Jane Tamae Carlson  
Fay Hanaoka - *In memory of Junichi Iida*  
Nancy Masada - *In memory of Harris Masada*  
Grace Yoon  
Monday Japanese Class  
Students

**Volunteer Support**

Marie Hashimura  
Robert Hiraoka  
David & Ruby Ishida  
Stanford Iwamoto  
Haven Kuboyama  
Cherish Kuloloia  
April Murakami  
Iris Murakami  
Kim & Yasuko Murakami  
Milton Nakamura  
Francis Nishizawa  
Taryn Ramil  
Carol Saiki  
Calvin & Rona Sakai  
Gloria Shimizu  
Joan Slingerland  
Dennis & Sadie Sunada  
Lane Sunada  
Clyde & Kay Takekuma  
Brandi Yamamoto  
Sidney Yanagawa

**Newsletter**

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## From The Minister's Old Note

### The Supreme Teaching

During the Edo Period (1603-1868) in Japan, there was an academic monk named Jiun (慈雲). Jiun worked for the restoration of the precepts, and was a pioneer of Sanskrit studies. He said, "To define that only one's own sect is true and good becomes the seed which leads to hell. It is poison to believe that only one's master is flawless and hold the master above all others."

Jiun meant that it is egotistical to assume that only one's own religious sect is absolute, and we will fall from grace and lose our eyes of wisdom if we believe in the absoluteness of our own founder only.

In the Japanese Middle Ages, monks who opposed the ideology of mainstream Buddhist schools were executed. In that way, certain Buddhist schools maintained power. Later, the main Buddhist school opposed the government, and the government responded by burning down the school's temples. A similar case can also be found in early days of the Pure Land sects: When Honen Shonin began spreading Nembutsu teachings to citizens, the mainstream schools and the government judged it as heretical. At that time, the government had to approve the appointment of monks; they therefore stripped Shinran Shonin of his status as a monk, and exiled him along with Honen Shonin, his master.

Then such questions were submitted from our teacher to the students : Let's say you are in a position to give influence to people and you decided that only your belief is right and then others are all wrong. Is there any harmony or development in the exclusion? If all the people on the earth would be killed unless they have the same idea as you, wouldn't it be disastrous? Do you think Buddha wished that all people would think the same way?

Although there are numerous sad stories of oppression like this that occurred in medieval times, religious freedom and equal opportunities for learning are recognized today. Understanding the doctrines of other religions or sects may lead to a better understanding of one's own religion. Studying Christianity or Islam, for example, might give one a better insight to the Dharma. Similarly, studying Zen Buddhism may give one a better understanding of the Nembutsu teachings.

The Pure Land Buddhist sects were persecuted in those early days, but have since gained great popularity, and remain popular today.

The Buddha taught the dharma differently to each person, following a person's unique background, characteristics, and abilities. The core teachings of the Buddha remain the same, but the method of instruction is revised appropriately. Similarly, there are teachings in each religion that resemble each other in meaning, but are presented differently. Therefore, condemning or attacking other religions negates the teachings of one's own religion. Do you want to oppose and challenge what other people believe, or do you want to respect and learn from them?

from the president's corner...

**A very special THANK YOU from a most grateful Sangha!** Our Obon Festivities would not have been possible without the overwhelming response from our friends, dancers, families, Kapaa High School Key Club, Japanese Class students, and members who turned out to lend a helping hand. Our heartfelt thank you to all of you.

We thank Rev. Mieko Majima for conducting the gravesite services, Obon & Hatsuobon Services, the Opening Ceremony and closing chant at the end of each night.

Many thanks to the committee chairs and their team who worked tirelessly to prep and prepare the food, games, country store, treasures, lighting, sound system, booth construction, purchasing, delivering the food and clean up. You all did an awesome job! We also thank Special Olympics for enhancing the food selection with their delicious andagi which many look forward to.

A BIG MAHALO to Pearl Shimizu who conducted the Bon Dance practices from March to July. Wow! No wonder the dancers were all dancing beautifully and in tune with the music. Without the dancers there would be no Bon Dance.

There were so many generous donations that we are most thankful for: baked goods, pickled mango, mochi, tsukemono, pickles, smoked tako, flowers, fruits, vegetables, hapis, rugs, clothing, dishes, pots/pans, vases, stuffed toys, beanie containers, food ingredients and the list goes on.

We extend our gratitude for the generous monetary donations that were given at the Choba table. Domo arigato gozaimasu!

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone for your support and accepting the responsibilities to fulfill the jobs you were assigned to. This was a great learning experience for all of us. We all worked together in harmony to support our temple so we can continue to share the Shin Buddhist teachings in our community. Let's continue to smile, be happy, visit the temple and recite the Nembutsu daily.  
*Namo Amida Butsu*

### **CONGRATULATIONS to the United Jr. YBA of Kauai!**

The re-established United Jr. YBA was able to recruit new members, do community service, assist in Bodhi Day, Hanamatsuri and raise funds to support the organization. At the 62<sup>nd</sup> Federation of Jr. YBA Convention they were recognized as the "Model United." They were honored with a trophy. We are very proud of our Juniors!

### **Peace Day Hawaii - Candlelight Vigil** sponsored by Lihue Hongwanji BWA

September 21, 2019 @ 7:00 pm on the lawn at Lihue Hongwanji followed by the Movie "Peace On Your Wings" at the Social Hall. All are welcome.

## Memorial Services

### August

Irene-Hisako	Maeda	3rd	8/16/2017
Hideichi	Yamada	17th	8/13/2003
Sumi	Shimomura	50th	8/5/1970

### September

Miyoshi	Fujimoto	1st	9/9/2018
Mabel	Sunada	1st	9/28/2018
Kikuyo	Matsushima	7th	9/25/2013
Morita	Kazumasa	13th	9/11/2007
Tony	Yamamoto	17th	9/13/2003
Jitsuo	Saiki	33rd	9/17/1987
Masuo	Kamehiro	33rd	9/28/1987

#### *In Memoriam...*

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

Masami	Oda	
Happy Sueno	Haraguchi	7/27/2019
Toshiko	Iida	7/30/2019



Namo Amida Butsu.

#### From Minister's Desk

Away: 8/10, 9/6-9/7

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

Namo Amida Butsu

### BSC Satellite Summer Session on Kauai

August 21, 2019 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

BSC Satellite Summer Session on Kauai will be held at Lihue Hongwanji on August 21. The guest speaker is Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara from Buddhist Churches of America. He will talk about how we can apply Jodo Shinshu in our daily life. Pre-Registration is available through August 14. You can also register on the day. Everyone Welcome. Donation is appreciated.

### Nihongo



**For Little People**  
 Sunday 10:00 am – 10:30 am  
 Age: 5 and up



**Joyful Conversation for Busy People**  
 Monday 6:00 pm–7:00 pm  
 Age: Adults



Japanese

**Serious Learners**  
 Sunday 10:30 am  
 Age: High School and up

## SADAKO'S PAPER CRANE (ANOTHER) FINDS A NEW HOME ON BOARD THE USS MISSOURI, PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII

How fortunate we are in Hawaii! A second paper crane folded by Sadako Sasaki has found its home here in the Islands, manifesting her aspiration for peace, "I shall write Peace on your wings and you shall fly all over the world." Sadako died of leukemia in the aftermath of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

The presentation ceremony took place in the Captain's Cabin on board the USS Missouri on June 29, 2019, as the 87th Annual US Mayors Conference was being hosted by Mayor Kirk Caldwell and the City and County of Honolulu. Sadako's nephew, Yuji Sasaki of the Sadako Legacy, presented the tiny paper crane to Meghan Rathbun, Curator of the USS Missouri Memorial Association Inc. The crowd of local dignitaries included the Consul General Koichi Ito of the Japanese Consulate in Honolulu and even a few international guests from Japan.



*Yuji Sasaki holds a box with Sadako's crane with Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Robyn Omuro-Osaki of the USS Missouri Memorial Association (left), and Megumi Sasaki (right)*

*Photo courtesy: Robyn Omuro-Osaki, USS Missouri Memorial Association*

Edwin Hawkins organized the ceremony and emceed the event, introducing each of the evenings speakers: the Honorable Mayor Kirk Caldwell, Yuji Sasaki, Meghan Rathbun, and Bishop Eric Matsumoto of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Bishop Matsumoto's reflection is available on the following: <https://hongwanjihawaii.com/message/reflection-offered-at-sadako-paper-crane-presentation-062919/>

Earlier in the day, Bishop Matsumoto addressed the 62nd Jr. YBA State Convention where he credited and applauded the Hawaii Federation of Jr. Young Buddhists Associations for their successful endeavors in establishing "Peace Day" in Hawaii (September 21), propelling Hawaii

## Donation to Samaritan Counselling Center Hawaii



The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii presented a donation of \$5,000 to the Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii to support their mission of providing affordable, professional counseling sensitive to the spiritual orientation of individuals, families, and communities in Hawaii. Dean Sakamoto and Alan Goto presented the donation to Rev. Dr. George Clifford (President) and Rachelle Change (Executive Director) on June 6, 2019.

## SPIRITUAL CARE IS HEALTH CARE: LEARNING HOW TO CARE FOR THE WHOLE PERSON AT THE 2019 ISPEC TRAINING IN HAWAII

From July 9-11, 2019, HHMH participated in an international gathering of hospital chaplains and medical professionals to learn how to integrate spiritual care with medical treatment. Our goal was to develop a resource network of ministers to support hospital chaplains serving Buddhist patients throughout the State of Hawaii.

Dr. Trace Haythorn, PhD, Executive Director/CEO of The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) based in Atlanta, GA wrote: "I had the pleasure of serving as a member of the leadership team for an ISPEC program with Pacific Health Ministry, our ACPE Center in Honolulu. ISPEC is a program of the George Washington Institute for Spirituality and Health, founded by Dr. Christina Puchalski. The program brings together pairs or small groups from institutions, usually anchored by a spiritual care professional, to explore how we can more fully integrate spiritual care into our health care settings. Through work with case studies and standardized patients, teams not only develop new skills for assessing spiritual distress, they also deepen their knowledge and appreciation of one another."



During this 3-day Workshop, Honolulu was host to about 70 participants of the 2019 ISPEC Training Session with attendees from the US Mainland, several countries from Asia and Africa and our own Hawaii. The ISPEC stands for "Interprofessional Spiritual Care Education Curriculum" and is endeavoring to make spiritual care of individuals become an integral part of health care. Rev. Blayne Higa was a member of the Course Faculty for the 2019 Training Session. Some Committee members of the HHMH Compassionate Care Committee like Rev. Yuika Hasebe, Rev. Shawn Yagi, Rev. Bert Sumikawa and Bishop Matsumoto attended together with others who have previous associations with Pacific Health Ministries like Dr. Dexter Mar, Rev. Sol Kalu and Ms. Mernie Miyasato-Crawford. Plans are to share learned knowledge, skills and experiences.

On the eve of the conference July 8, Office of the Bishop and the Honolulu District Hongwanji Temples encouraged by Council President Dr. Dexter Mar hosted the Participants and also the local community to an Opening Reception at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin at which time Buddhism including Jodo Shinshu and the significance of chanting and memorial services were shared so Buddhist perspectives could add to the richness. The highlight was the simultaneous Japanese chanting of "Hakkotsu no Sho" and recitation of the English Translation of Rennyō Shōnin's "On White Ashes." Following this introduction, refreshments and temple displays hosted by Honolulu Hongwanji Council followed and the evening culminated with a public lecture by Dr. Christina Puchalski and panel members.



Needless to say, the Opening Reception and Training Session were an enriching experience for all participants! We express our gratitude to Rev. Anke Flohr, Executive Director of Pacific Health Ministries (PHM) in Honolulu for coordinating not only the Training Session with ISPEC, but also for making the arrangement so Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii could be an integral part of the 2019 ISPEC Training Session. We will continue to work with PHM to develop the HHMH minister-PHM chaplain network to provide spiritual care for Buddhists receiving hospital and hospice care.





## COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS

### Donation to Saint Elizabeth Episcopal Church

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii presented a donation of \$2,500 to Saint Elizabeth Episcopal Church to support their Wallyhouse Peace Garden Project. The Peace Garden will serve the surrounding community (Kalihi-Palama) with the following objectives: “We aim to grow fresh food for the community. We aim to provide a nurturing activity for local youth in gangs, to help focus their energy in creative and uplifting ways, decreasing the levels of theft and vandalism in the neighborhood. We aim to provide an enriching and creative outlet for the houseless and for the immigrants, fostering peace and nonviolence in the neighborhood. We aim to provide a space for community gatherings where a cross section of peoples can share and enjoy together on a regular basis. We aim to practice urban permaculture, regeneration of the land and ample food to share.”

Dean Sakamoto presented the donation to David Catron (a Wallyhouse Catholic Worker)



### Temple Cleaning & Flower Arrangement

8/3/2019	Group 6	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tsukamoto - Chair Mrs. Joan Slingerland, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Yamamoto, Mr. Winston Kawamoto	Ruby
8/10/2019	Group 1	Mrs. Marie Hashimura - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hiraoka, Mr. Milton Nakamura, Mr. Ray Paler	Rona & Joan
8/17/2019	Group 2	Mr. Francis Nishizawa - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Yasuko Murakami, Mr. Clint Saiki ,	Kay & Roberta
8/24/2019	Group 3	Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Takekuma - Chair Mrs. Erin Takekuma, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Nishida, Mr. Stanford Iwamoto, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Yanagawa	Roberta
8/31/2019	Group 4	Ms. Gloria Shimizu - Chair Mr. Haven Kuboyama, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Sunada, Mr. Lane Sunada, Mrs. Pat Yamamoto	Rona
9/7/2019	Group 5	Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Sakai - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Koerte, Mrs. Sally Okamoto, Ms. Carol Saiki	Ruby
9/14/2019	Group 6	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tsukamoto - Chair Mrs. Joan Slingerland, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Yamamoto, Mr. Winston Kawamoto	Rona & Joan

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## Upcoming Events in August 2019

8/4/2019	8:00 AM	CHANTING
	9:00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
	10:00 AM	JAPANESE CLASS
8/5/2019	6:00 PM	JAPANESE CLASS
8/11/2019	8:00 AM	CHANTING
	9:00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
	10:00 AM	JAPANESE CLASS
8/12/2019	6:00 PM	JAPANESE CLASS
8/18/2019	9:00 AM	PEACE SERVICE
	10:00 AM	JAPANESE CLASS
	8/19/2019	6:00 PM
8/21/2019	1:00 PM	BSC SUMMER SESSION @LHM
8/25/2019	8:00 AM	CHANTING
	9:00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
	10:00 AM	JAPANESE CLASS
8/26/2019	6:00 PM	JAPANESE CLASS