



# ONENESS

**KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

**September 2019**

Bishop Eric Matsumoto



## **Peace Day in Hawaii 2019 Message**

As Peace Day in Hawaii (September 21<sup>st</sup>) approaches and our various Hongwanji Shin Buddhist Temples prepare to spread the important message of peace, harmony, non-violence and reconciliation, and other community organizations also observe remembrances related to World War II in August and September, I would like to share my message and aspiration for this year's Peace Day in Hawaii. I humbly ask that we all take some time to reflect guided by the Wisdom and Compassion of Supreme Enlightenment.

May Amida Buddha's Light of Wisdom and Compassion illumine our hearts and minds so we may be able to deeply reflect, come to some life-changing realizations which has the potential of transforming myself and the world and thus contributing to lasting peace and happiness.

As we lament about the suffering from wars including the mass shootings and bombings which are continuing to happen around the world and in our nation too, let us take a deeper look at ourselves and the world. Many times, as we look at situations of our life and world, we focus only on the conditions. However, with the Wisdom of Enlightenment to guide us, let us see the need to become aware of the deeper causes of suffering together with the conditions. Any fix by only addressing the conditions will be good only as long as the conditions do not change, but by addressing the cause of suffering we can nip the suffering at its root. It is, indeed, most difficult for us humans, people, to look at our own selves. My ego does not want to reveal itself even to its own self. With Enlightened Wisdom to guide, we are able to understand that the true cause of suffering in the world is ignorance and the afflictions which arise from it like arrogance, anger, greed, envy, self-centeredness, fear and so forth. Unless, we address the root cause which is ignorance and these afflictions which arise from it, we will continue to be plagued by negatives which in its extreme forms result in so much devastation, destruction and even loss of life which our normal minds cannot even fathom unless one has experienced it or seen it for oneself. Hence, the importance of listening to voices of those who have experienced the worst of humankind.

However, at the same time, we must also hear the voices, the Wisdom and Compassion, of those who have attained the highest levels of attainment, so we have hope, can aspire and begin to walk the path of peace and harmony. Thus, today, regardless of religious affiliation or even if you do not have one, let us embrace Wisdom and Compassion which aspires for the peace and

happiness of not only one, a few, or many, but all life, all existence. May we be guided by an All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion known as the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light whose Name is Namu Amida Butsu (the Buddha's Name That Calls Us (to entrust). May we be guided and our path be illuminated by a Presence which goes beyond our ego as a person, nation, religion, and even as humankind to realize true interdependence and realize the common wish of all life, all existence to be happy, free and safe. May the Buddha's Light of Wisdom and Compassion guide, nurture and inspire us! Please allow me to recite the Buddha's Name Which I Call (in gratitude) to conclude my message. Namu Amida Butsu.

### **Peace Day Service**

September 15, 2019 9:00 am  
Kapaa Hongwanji Mission

We will pray for the peace on Earth. We will watch the movie "Riding the crane" and will share paper cranes. Everyone Welcome.

### **Peace Day Candle Light Vigil followed by video of "Peace On Your Wings"**

September 21, 2019, 7:00 pm  
Lihue Hongwanji Mission  
Hosted by Lihue Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association

The Candle Light Vigil will be held on the front lawn of Lihue Hongwanji. When people arrive they will be given a candle in a candle holder and the words to the two songs. The vigil will begin after the ringing of the Kansho. There will be readings about UN International Peace Day history and the history of Hawaii Peace Day followed by singing "May Peace Prevail." After a short message from Shaku Kaufmann, candles will be lit around the circle, followed by a moment of silence and singing "Spread A Little Aloha." Following the Vigil, the DVD "Peace On Your Wings" will be shown in the Social Hall, with popcorn and drink provided.

### **MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

Reverend Bert Sumikawa, a Retired Minister of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, was relieved from the position of Chaplain at the Pacific Buddhist Academy as of July 31, 2019. Rev. Sumikawa will continue providing ministerial services for Windward Buddhist Temple and Kapolei Buddhist Sangha.

Reverend Kazunori Takahashi, the Executive Assistant to the Bishop, has been appointed as the Chaplain at the Pacific Buddhist Academy as of August 1, 2019.

## BON DANCE MAHALO

*Many, many thank you's to our families, friends, businesses, and members for your kind and generous donations, and assistance to make our Obon festivities a joyful and memorable one.*

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## MAHALO FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS & SUPPORT

July 22 - August 29

### Funeral Service

*In memory of the late ...*

Toshiko Iida - Iida Family  
Happy Sueno Haraguchi -  
Haraguchi Family  
Donald & Kuni Quon

### Memorial & Inurnment Services

*In memory of the late ...*

Harry Saiki - Carol Saiki  
Toshiko Iida - Iida Family  
Fusao Haraguchi - Haraguchi Family  
Irene Maeda - Hisao Maeda  
Mineichi & Asano Saiki - Frank & Arlene  
Harada

### Columbarium

Melvin Matsumura

### Membership

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from the president's corner...

**130<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Events:** The Kauai Hongwanji Council invites you to join us in celebrating the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii with a Commemorative Service at West Kauai Hongwanji Mission, Hanapepe Temple on October 6, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. The Bishop Eric Matsumoto will deliver the dedication and commemorative message.

Following the service lunch will be served at the Social Hall.

A Panel Discussion, "Manifestation of Peace, Various Perspectives," will be held at 1:00 p.m. There will be three guest panelists who will present their views on peace, followed by a question and answer period. The panel guests are Bishop Matsumoto, Kahu Sherman Thompson, Chaplain of Kamehameha School and Rev. Kosen Ishikawa of the Koloa Jodo Mission.

The deadline to sign up for this special event is September 15, 2019. Please call Roberta at 822-4667 or email: [mail@kapaahongwanji.org](mailto:mail@kapaahongwanji.org) to register.

All are welcome. We look forward to everyone joining us for this special celebration.

**Aloha and Mahalo to Jane Tamae Carlson** who moved to Kansas City, Kansas with her grandson. Thank you Jane for taking care of the garden around the parsonage, helping with fundraisers, attending the Sunday Services and most of all, being a member of our Sangha. We wish you happiness in your new home.

### **Women's Association**

The annual **Kauai United BWA Fall Conference** will be held at Lihue Hongwanji on October 27, 2019. Rev. Alan Urasaki, will be conducting a workshop on intergenerational activities. More information will be in the October Oneness.

### **Kauai United Jr. YBA**

The newly elected officers of the United Jr. YBA are as follows:

President: Kelli Okayama  
Vice President: Taryn Ramil  
Secretary: Isabella Kasprzyck  
Treasurer: Madison Doo

Five of our seniors have graduated and gone off to college, however, they will remain as Jr. YBA members for another year. We will be in touch with them through "go to meeting." We look forward to an exciting year!

## YBICSE

The 2019 Young Buddhist International Cultural Student Exchange (YBICSE) program was held from July 15 to 27, 2019 at our Mother Temple or Honzan, the Hongwanji in Kyoto, Japan. Nine youth represented Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii in this program. Chaperones were Rev. Shinkai Murakami (Wailuku) and Ms. Gay Tanaka (Mililani).



There were 31 youth participants from four oversea districts, BCA, Canada, South America and Hawaii. They visited the Honzan, experienced a home stay and traveling to several historical/significant sites including Hino Tanjo-in (Shinran Shonin's birth place), Mt. Hiei where Shinran Shonin practiced Tendai Buddhism for 20 years, Shoren-in Temple where Shinran Shonin took tokudo ordination, Otani Honbyo (Otani Mausoleum) where Shinran Shonin's ashes is buried together with other Hongwanji sangha member's ashes, Hongwanji Hiroshima Betsuin and Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, etc. Six participants attended the Confirmation Rites (Kikyoshiki) at Honzan and received Buddhist Name from Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani.

The Hawaii group also visited Ryukoku University which was established as a seminary of Hongwanji, and Tsukiji Hongwanji in Tokyo. They also did sightseeing in Kyoto and Tokyo including visits to Tokyo Disneyland, Tokyo Sky Tree, Asakusa, etc.

The following is the comments from some participants: *"Meeting other youth who were just as dedicated and involved expanded my view of the widespread effect of Buddhism across the world." This has made me gain a more deeper view of Buddhism. Which before I only had a slim of the top layer of it but now I feel like I've gained a deeper view of Buddhism and what the teachings mean."*

Rev. Murakami, the minister chaperone, said: *"It was a great experience for all of our youths and for them to learn not only from the books and lectures about Hongwanji and other historical places, but they also learned and received the great personal experiences through this special program. All of our youths learned not only about the histories of our Hongwanji, but also how our Hongwanji temples are assisting our communities with a sincere mind of care and bringing joy through the great guidance of the Nembutsu."*

*I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Honzan staffs for their selfless efforts and kindness which made this great program and very memorable for our youths. I am very grateful that our youths are able to experience this once in a lifetime learning opportunity. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for allowing me be a part of the program. The youths on this trip have taught me many things along with the in-depth history about the different temples."*

## Memorial Services

### 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

### October

Mark-Iwao	Morita	3rd	10/30/2017
Edith Matsuyo	Nishimura	23rd	10/6/1997
Hatsuyo	Hironaka	23rd	10/14/1997
Seiichi	Osaki	27th	10/22/1993
Yumeno	Munoz	27th	10/1/1993
Munoz Umeno	Takiguchi	27th	10/1/1993
Wataru	Maeda	33rd	10/3/1987
Sharon Tokio	Nishida	33rd	10/21/1987
Muraichi	Torii	50th	10/24/1970

### From Minister's Desk

Away: 9/6-9/7, 9/24-10/3

I would like to thank the members and friends for the generous donation for repairs, supplies and events. I also would like to thank the family who donated the Koden to the temple. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness, kindness, time and effort. Namo Amida Butsu

### *In Memoriam...*

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

Namo Amida Butsu.



## Autumn Higan Service

September 22, 2019 9:00 am

The guest speaker for Autumn Higan Service will be Rev. Kohtoku Hirao from Shingon Mission. Higan is the time for us to express gratitude to Amida Buddha for awakening us to his boundless compassion and wisdom. Let us all attend this observance together. Refreshments will be served at the Social Hall following the service.

## 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



### Serious Learners

Sunday 10:30 am

Japanese Age: High School and up



**HONPA HONGWANJI CALENDAR COMMITTEE  
CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE HHMH 2020 CALENDAR**

New five-year theme: Building Healthy Sanghas  
2020 Slogan: Embracing Generosity and Openness

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH) Calendar Committee invites individuals and groups to provide photos for the Hongwanji calendar. The photo will need to be able to be clearly enlarged. We welcome cell phone pictures as some now have the technology to take pictures to do so. You may submit more than one photo. For each, please include a paragraph describing how the picture relates to the 2020 slogan: Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity and Openness.

Please encourage your temples and organizations to submit photos to us! If you have questions, please leave a message for Yumi Suzuki at the Hongwanji Headquarters Office Rev. Takahashi at 522-9200 or email address: hqs@honpahi.org. For photo submissions, please submit directly to Alan Kubota at [lenscapes Hawaii@gmail.com](mailto:lenscapes Hawaii@gmail.com). He will be able to respond to your technical questions. Thank you.

**Please submit pictures that are landscape oriented (horizontal).**

**DEADLINE: Monday, September 23, 2019.**

**Temple Cleaning & Flower Arrangement**

9/7/2019	Group 5	M/M Calvin Sakai - Chair M/M Anthony Koerte, Mrs. Sally Okamoto, Ms. Carol Saiki	Ruby
9/14/2019	Group 6	M/M Keith Tsukamoto - Chair Mrs. Joan Slingerland, M/M Brian Yamamoto, Mr. Winston Kawamoto	Rona & Joan
9/21/2019	Group 1	<u>Mrs. Marie Hashimura - Chair</u> M/M Robert Hiraoka, Mr. Milton Nakamura, Mr. Ray Paler	Kay & Roberta
9/28/2019	Group 2	<u>Mr. Francis Nishizawa - Chair</u> Mrs. Yasuko Murakami, Mr. Clint Saiki	Roberta
10/5/2019	Group 3	<u>M/M Clyde Takekuma - Chair</u> Mrs. Erin Takekuma, M/M Roy Nishida, Mr. Stanford Iwamoto, M/M Sidney Yanagawa	Ruby
10/12/2019	Group 4	<u>Ms. Gloria Shimizu - Chair</u> Mr. Haven Kuboyama, M/M Dennis Sunada, Mr. Lane Sunada, Mrs. Pat Yamamoto	Rona & Joan
10/19/2019	Group 5	M/M Calvin Sakai - Chair M/M Anthony Koerte, Mrs. Sally Okamoto, Ms. Carol Saiki	Kay & Roberta

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## Upcoming Events in SEPTEMBER 2019

9/1/2019	8:00 AM	CHANTING
	9:00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
	10:00 AM	JAPANESE CLASS
9/2/2019	6:00 PM	JAPANESE CONVERSATION
9/7/2019	5:00 PM	OPEN TEMPLE
9/8/2019	8:00 AM	CHANTING
	9:00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
	10:00 AM	JAPANESE CLASS
9/9/2019	6:00 PM	JAPANESE CONVERSATION
9/15/2019	9:00 AM	PEACE DAY SERVICE
	10:00 AM	JAPANESE CLASS
9/16/2019	6:00 PM	JAPANESE CONVERSATION
9/22/2019	9:00 AM	AUTUMN HIGAN SERVICE
	10:00 AM	JAPANESE CLASS
9/23/2019	6:00 PM	JAPANESE CONVERSATION
9/29/2019	9:00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
9/30/2019		NO JAPANESE CLASS