



ONENESS

KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

SEPTEMBER 2020

BISHOP'S CORNER

“The New Normal”



As we slowly head towards the end of Summer, it will soon be September when we observe the Fall Equinox. At the time of the Autumn Equinox, as with the Spring Equinox, balance and harmony is emphasized and closely associated with harmony is peace. In Hawaii, because of our historical, cultural and geographical circumstances, the months of August and September abound with reflective commemorative remembrances of WW II and Peace Day in Hawaii. This year is no exception and had it not been for the COVID-19 Pandemic we would have been participating in many such remembrances especially in this significant 75th anniversary year of the bombing of Hiroshima & Nagasaki and also the end of WW II.

However, regardless of COVID-19, it is still important to remember and honor those who sacrificed their lives and also reflect and aspire for world peace and harmony. Thus, on August 6th, the dedication of a Pohaku Stone Monument was co-sponsored by the City and County of Honolulu and the Honolulu Hiroshima Kenjinkai Association. Due to restrictions brought on by the Coronavirus Pandemic, the dedication consisted of only a small number of representatives such as Managing Director Roy Amemiya representing Mayor Kirk Caldwell of the City and County of Honolulu, the Honorable Consul General of Japan in Honolulu Koichi Ito, and other important community leaders including President Wayne Miyao of the Honolulu Hiroshima Kenjinkai Association who was Master of Ceremonies, to name a few. It was my honor to share a dedication-aspiration after acknowledging the presence of Amida Buddha with an opening chant.

We have all become familiar with the expression “The New Normal.” My emphasis for the dedication was our need for a new normal to guide and inspire us as we endeavor for world peace and harmony. As part of my dedication-aspiration, I shared,

“Today, similar to COVID-19’s bringing a “new normal” to our world, more than ever, we need to be guided and inspired by an All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion which gently transforms our way of thinking and encourages us to act and live differently. Let us realize that we are not as independent and exclusive as we think we are, but are instead deeply interrelated and interconnected by our relationships with each other. Let us recognize and respect those relationships and know how we affect and are being affected by one another other.

As a prominent religious leader (His Eminence Kojun Ohtani from his book “Moving Forward Just As You Are”) shares, “*anywhere in the world we may go, we must never forget about the tragedy of war that cost the lives of so many people.*” “*The weakness of our relationships with each other is the result of us thinking about ourselves more than others.*”

Also, let us remember the wisdom of the words “*Human beings tend to move in the direction of their thoughts.*” (from “*The Teaching of Buddha*” by BDK).

In this 75th Anniversary year of the bombing of Hiroshima and also the end of WW II, let us recall and be inspired by the compassionate gesture of Sri Lanka/Ceylon at the San Francisco Peace Talks at which Ceylon renounced all war reparations “based on the noble and ancient saying “*hatred ceases not by hatred, but by love.*” ”

As we get closer to the Equinox, it will soon be Peace Day in Hawaii. It was 19 years ago that with the cooperation of many including certain political representatives, but especially the youth of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Hawaii Federation of Jr. Young Buddhist Associations and students of Pacific Buddhist Academy that Peace Day become a reality in Hawaii.

This year, the HHMH Peace Day Committee chaired by Rene Mansho is planning several endeavors throughout the State and even reaching out to the world to increase the awareness of the importance of Peace Day. One project that we can all participate in will be the Minute of Silence in honor of all those who have endeavored for peace around the world at 12N and a bell ringing at 12:01PM on Monday, September 21, 2020. Everyone is invited to participate by ringing a bell even from home. The plan is to reach out to the Hawaii Buddhist Council and the Interfaith Community in Hawaii for a state-wide bell ringing and also invite the world to join us.

In this 75th anniversary year, let us take a moment to deeply consider an alternative, a new normal, to bring about peace and harmony. Not the external forces of laws and sanctions imposed, but rather an internally motivated force or power which comes from deep within each of us guided and inspired by the virtues of Great Wisdom and Compassion. Thank you and Namu Amida Butsu.



*Bishop Eric Matsumoto shared a dedication-aspiration at the dedication of a Pohaku Stone Monument on August 6, 2020.
Photo Credit (Photo on the left): Brandon Saigusa (Honolulu Hiroshima Kenjinkai)*

MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENT

Reverend Masanari Yamagishi was assigned to the Headquarters as of August 16, 2020 after completion of the Hawaii Kyodan Onboarding Program at the Headquarters and Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin.

COMMUNICATIONS & RESOURCES ON COVID-19

The Office of the Bishop has issued a series of memos (1-10) to provide directives and recommendations regarding temple activities and procedures during the COVID-19 outbreak. These are available in the following page of our Hawaii Kyodan Website. The latest memo was issued on August 20, 2020.

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/2020/03/13/covid19/>

This page includes additional important resources which would be helpful to your temples, affiliates and individual members. Please check it periodically to see if there are resources that can help you.

MINISTER'S LAY ASSISTANT RETREAT CANCELED

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii holds Minister's Lay Assistant Retreat every year. However, this year's Retreat, which was scheduled for October 9-11, has been canceled because of health and safety concerns amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

PEACE DAY BELL RINGING

In the spirit of promoting Peace Day in Hawaii and throughout the world, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii invites the world to join in ringing bells for Peace Day on September 21, 2020!



At 12:00 noon on Monday, September 21, Bishop Eric Matsumoto will lead a minute of silence, honoring all those who have sacrificed for the achievement of peace. At 12:01 p.m., young people will ring bells from their local temples, churches, schools, and community organizations. Plans include streaming the event live on the Internet as well as a post-event video that may be enjoyed on-demand.

The International Day of Peace was established by the United Nations in 1981 and, since 2001, has been celebrated on September 21. That date is also recognized as Peace Day in Hawaii, thanks in large part to members of the Hawai'i Federation of Junior Young Buddhist Associations who successfully advocated for the legislature to officially recognize Peace Day.

Please mark your calendars for this special observation of Peace Day 2020! Participation forms and additional information will be posted soon on the HHMH website. Questions may be directed to Rene Mansho, chair of the HHMH Peace Day Committee, at renemansho@hawaii.rr.com.

HMMH YOUTUBE CHANNEL PROGRAM

HMMH continues to provide online programs as listed below. Videos will premiere on HMMH YouTube channel and become available on-demand. Please share this information with your family and friends and subscribe to it to continue receiving updates.

<https://www.youtube.com/honpahongwanjimissionofhawaii/>

ONLINE DHARMA MESSAGE

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN4DTm65ALR0loYZc2_OHwwi

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| 8/02 | 11:00am | Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki (BSC) |
| 8/09 | 11:00am | Rev. Ai Hironaka (Lahaina Hongwanji Mission) |
| 8/16 | 11:00am | Rev. Tomo Hojo (West Kauai Hongwanji Mission) |
| 8/23 | 11:00am | Rev. Sol Kalu (Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin) |
| 8/30 | 11:00am | Rev. Shinji Kawagoe (Papaikou Hongwanji Mission) |
| 9/06 | 11:00am | Rev. Shindo Nishiyama (Jikoen Hongwanji Mission & Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin) |
| 9/13 | 11:00am | Rev. Bruce Nakamura (Honokaa Hongwanji Mission) |
| 9/20 | 11:00am | Rev. Mieko Majima (Kapaa Hongwanji Mission) |
| 9/27 | 11:00am | Rev. Shingo Furusawa (Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin) |

HEALTH CARE HEROES MAHALO VIDEO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jE4m3v1KMF8&list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN5sjQAQfeIHck0UAXLmO2Vb>

Wednesdays 12:00pm “Health Care Treasures” and Essential Workers

The following series of online programs are available on-demand on the YouTube Channel. Please enjoy listening to the Dharma Messages repeatedly.

HMMH 130TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE VIDEO

[Jodo Shinshu Buddhism: A Celebration of Joy and Gratitude](#)

BON VIDEOS

[Bon Service for Hawaii](#)

[Bon Japanese Service](#)

[Bon Dance Experience](#)

STATE MINISTERS ASSOCIATION ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICES

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN54tvFJtMYBz8_AnnpQpi_i

SENSEIS SAY “HELLO!” SHORT MESSAGES FROM HONPA HONGWANJI MINISTERS

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN6JBTd8tfR3iJlpbKTGa7-K>

If you would like to make an offertory donation to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and/or its temples, please visit the following page to donate online.

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/donate/>



57th Annual Convention (Virtual)

*of the Hawaii State Federation of Honpa Hongwanji Lay Associations
September 11-12, 2020*

“Building Healthy Sanghas in a Changing World”

Website: bit.ly/laycon2020



Registration (By temple)

Primary Deadline: Sunday, August 23, 2020

Add-On/Correction/Payment Deadline: Friday September 4, 2020

If you are interested in attending, please contact your temple president!

Registration should be submitted by temples. If possible, submit all temple delegate / observer/guest names by **August 23rd**. It is most important that all temple delegates’ names are submitted by August 23rd for credential purposes. Temple observer and guest add-ons or changes can be submitted by **September 4th**. Updated credential lists for the business meeting will be distributed electronically prior to the start of convention.

Pre-Convention Zoom HelpSessions

There will be optional pre-convention help sessions for those not familiar with the Zoom platform and its features including break out rooms. If you would like to attend, please sign up for one of the following optional sessions using this short link (bit.ly/layconhelp2020) or by contacting Joy Nishida (contact information on pg. 4).

Sunday, September 6 @ 5pm

Monday, September 7 @ 9am

Monday, September 7 @ 7pm

... from the president's corner

Aloha Everyone!

As we continue to cope with the ongoing pandemic, we thank all who are making a difference by wearing a mask, six feet distancing, sanitizing hands, and if possible staying home. Kauai is doing a great job of stopping the spread of the virus. Let's continue to do our best.

Congratulations to Tami Takekuma Ramil! 2020 Nurse of the Year

On my visit to Wilcox last week for my appointment, I noticed a familiar face on the bulletin board. Tami Ramil's framed picture was in the center of various recipients. She is honored for her "Excellence in Patient Centered Care for Infusion Services. We are so proud of our newest member and thank her for giving her best care to the patients at Wilcox Medical Center.

We also thank the health care providers who are working tirelessly and providing outstanding services as we continue to face the challenges of the corona virus pandemic.

Many, many thanks to all who contributed to the Laulau Sale. You have all helped to make this a successful fundraiser with various contributions. Thank you to those who sold and purchased Laulau Plate tickets, thank you to those who donated food items, thank you to those who made generous monetary donations, and thank you to all the hard working volunteers who helped with preparations and on the day of the sale. We are grateful that everything went well. We were able to raise about \$3,500 for our minister's salary and ongoing operational expenses.

A BIG MAHALO to our dedicated members and supporters who have generously contributed to the Covid Fund and continue to donate each month. With your commitment and generous support we will be able to overcome the financial hardships and make our mission possible.

When sending donations to the temple, please indicate what the donation is for. (Memorial Service, Obon, Membership, Covid Donation, fundraiser, building fund etc.) This will assist with accounting purposes. We appreciate your cooperation.

Oneness Newsletter - The Oneness may be viewed online at Kapaa Hongwanji's website: kapaahongwanji.org Go to menu and click on newsletter. The latest and past months newsletters can be found. If you prefer a newsletter mailed to you and didn't receive it please let us know.

Temple Cleaning - Please check the schedule. We will begin on Saturday, September 5 @ 7:00 am.

Temple Opening on Sunday, September 6 with Family Obon Service. Guest speaker-Rev. Hirao

Ringing Bells for Peace Around the World

You are invited to ring a bell in the spirit of peace from your temple, church, or favorite place on Monday, September 21 at 12:01 pm after a minute of silence at 12 noon.

Our Jr. YBA youth with Rev. Majima's assistance will be ringing Kapaa Hongwanji's Kansho for peace. The Jr. YBA members, Madison Doo, Isabella Kasprzyk, and Taryn Ramil are also working on a Peace Day Hawaii banner to be displayed at the temple.

Lihue Hongwanji will have a Virtual Candlelight Vigil on September 18. The video can be viewed on the LHM's YouTube website @ [lihuehonwganjimission.com](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1hUEHONWGANJIMISSION).

May Peace and Tranquility Prevail Throughout the World

Lay Convention Workshops



powered by Zoom.

Homelessness and Affordable Housing: *Scott Morishige, Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness*

Fundraising Strategies: *Stacy Bradshaw, Cindy Alm, Barry Shain (Hawaii Betsuin)*

Learn about ways to develop fundraising strategies for temple capital improvement projects.

Introduction to Tai Chi: *Mike Davis, Tai Chi Instructor*

This workshop will include an explanation of principles of Tai Chi; breathing exercises, plus a few of the steps to get a better idea of what is involved.

Lanakila Pacific: *Rona Fukumoto, CEO, and Reid Yasunaga, Chef/Trainer*

The presenters will discuss Lanakila Pacific's mission to assist developmentally disabled individuals to develop skills and become independently employed. Reid will discuss how the agency's food preparation program helps individuals develop kitchen skills while working at Lanakila's successful catering business and "Meals on Wheels" program for homebound seniors and disabled individuals.

Shin Buddhist Teachings in a Changing World: *Rev. Kerry Kiyohara, Rev. Richard Tennes Detailed information to follow.*

Opening Dharma Gates Through Sign Language: *David Atcheson, Hawaii Betsuin*

Temple sanghas and groups have at times enriched their experience of the Dharma through sign language—for example, by learning how to sign simple gathas. Let's briefly review what's been done, explore the opportunities, and consider practical aspects of making our temples and the Dharma more accessible to the deaf and hard of hearing. We will also learn a core Buddhist phrase or two in American Sign Language (ASL).

Mahalo for Your Contributions & Support
July 21 - August 20, 2020

Obon Choba

Rev. Tomo Hojo
Amy Isobe
- *In memory of John Isobe*
Shelly Konishi
- *In memory of John Isobe*
Haven Kuboyama
Ethel Aiko Oda
Betty Yamamoto
Kathleen Yamamoto
Sidney Yanagawa
Jill Yoshimatsu
- *In memory of
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Calvin Sakai
Roy Seshiki
Gloria Shimizu
Pearl Shimizu
Dennis Sunada
Clyde & Kay Takekuma
Sidney Yanagawa

Thank you
very much.



Memorial Service

SEPTEMBER

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| Kiyochi | Matsushima | 13th | 9/2/2008 |
| Fusae | Ohara | 7th | 9/5/2014 |
| Kashiko | Kuboyama | 13th | 9/7/2008 |
| Sadako | Fujiuchi | 17th | 9/11/2004 |
| Katsumi | Oda | 13th | 9/13/2008 |
| Yoneo | Hirata | 17th | 9/14/2004 |
| Bessie Toshiko | Nagaoka | 27th | 9/18/1994 |
| Shaku Jojyun | (Satta) | 33rd | 9/19/1988 |
| Mildred | Okamoto | 7th | 9/20/2014 |
| Mabel | Sunada | 3rd | 9/28/2018 |
| Natsuyo | Tada | 23rd | 9/30/1998 |

OCTOBER

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| Edward | Tada | 1st | 10/10/2019 |
| Soichi | Yamada | 17th | 10/13/2004 |
| Kurano | Koga | 50th | 10/20/1971 |
| Naka | Oshima | 33rd | 10/23/1988 |
| Vincent Keiichi | Hasegawa | 7th | 10/24/2014 |
| Beatrice Chieko | Nakae | 13th | 10/28/2008 |
| Michioka | | | |



Temple Cleaning & Flower Arrangement

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| 9/5/2020 | Group 5 | Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Sakai - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Koerte, Mr. Leslie Tada, Ms. Carol Saiki | Ruby |
| 9/12/2020 | Group 6 | Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tsukamoto - Chair Mrs. Joan Slingerland, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Yamamoto, Mr. Winston Kawamoto | Rona & Joan |
| 9/19/2020 | Group 1 | Mrs. Marie Hashimura - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hiraoka, Mr. Milton Nakamura, Mr. Ray Paler | Kay & Roberta |
| 9/26/2020 | Group 2 | Mr. Francis Nishizawa - Chair Mr. Cint Saiki, Mrs. Yasuko Murakami, | Roberta |
| 10/3/2020 | Group 3 | Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Takekuma - Chair Mrs. Erin Takekuma, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Nishida, Mr. Stanford Iwamoto, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Yanagawa | Ruby |

From Minister's Desk

Thank you so much for the thoughtful support during the difficult time. September is the time for Ohigan if you are planning to have a private service or visiting gravesite, please contact us at 808.822.4667. There is a limitation for each person's life, but life is passed down from generation to generation and we live in the infinite life. Thank you again for your kind support to keep temple alive.

Namo Amida Butsu

Family Bon Service

September 6, 2020

We invite our Sangha and friends to join us in observing the Family Obon Service on Sunday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m. We welcome our guest speaker, Reverend Kohtoku Hirao, resident minister of the Waimea Shingon Mission.

Let us honor and express our gratitude to our departed ancestors by observing the Family Bon Service together.

No refreshment.

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In Memoriam...

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

During this difficult time, Rev. Majima has been holding the memorial services for your loved one since March.

Namo Amida Butsu.

