



# ONENESS

## KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

November 2021

### The Buddhist way of life

Our spiritual leader, Gomonsu often says “Living each moment at its fullest.” When we face problems which seem to be insurmountable, how do you overcome these ordeals? Our Gomonsu stresses, “We are not alone.” Let’s listen to what Gomonsu says. The following is an abbreviated version of the chapter 1 and 2 of his book, “Moving Forward Just as You Are.”

I (Gomonsu) believe that we are able to cope with our anxieties and sorrows because we are not alone. We are able to live by supporting one another through our connections with each other. I have special bonds with those around me. Therefore, I always feel that we should not ever leave alone those who are left in solitude.

We as human beings are not able to truly understand ourselves by our own faculties. For example, we often think to ourselves that we will live for a number of decades but no one can guarantee that will happen. Nor can anyone tell us exactly what will happen to ourselves in the future. Fortunetelling is popular, but this method will not answer our questions.

There are times when our hard work can and in fact, does change the outcome of a situation. But equally so, there are times when no matter how hard we try, we just cannot shape the outcome of a situation. We must be able to see and embrace ourselves for who we are: impermanent with certain imperfections. Having understood that, I believe it is important to then say, “But I still will not give up!”

Whether we are in good health or not, when there are times when things do not go the way we want them to, or when there are setbacks and disappointments, to receive and embrace each moment as it is and live those moments to the fullest of our ability is the Jodo Shinshu way of life.

Are you living moments to the fullest of your ability? Shakyamuni Buddha said in the last dialogue, “Do not remember me by offering flowers or music, to me, the best offering is your devotion being as a Buddhist.

Namo Amida Butsu

## **SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **2021 MAUI HONGWANJI COUNCIL NEMBUTSU SEMINAR**

Date & Time: Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. and  
Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon  
Place: Wailuku Hongwanji Mission  
Guest Lecturer: Rev. Ken Fujimoto, Minister Emeritus, Buddhist Churches of America  
Topic: "SHIKARASHIMU," Shinran's World of Nembutsu (A Perspective of Other Power)  
Fee: \$15 - Two Days or \$10 - One Day (include lunches)

### **MONTHLY ONLINE SEMINARS BY HAWAII DISTRICT MINISTERS ASSOCIATION**

Date & Time: Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 2021, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (HST)  
Guest Lecturer: Rimban Kazunori Takahashi , Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin  
Topic: Learning from Shoshinge

Registration is required. Please go to the registration link (<https://forms.gle/bQToK62Pi6J2UoD78>). If you already have registered before, no registration is required. If you have any questions, please contact <[hawaii.kyogakkai@gmail.com](mailto:hawaii.kyogakkai@gmail.com)>

### **2021 HAWAII DISTRICT NEMBUTSU SEMINAR**

Date & Time: Saturday, December 11, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Platform: Zoom  
Guest Lecturer: Rev. Tatsuo Muneto, Minister Emeritus, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii  
Topic: Living with Wisdom and Resilience  
Fee: Free  
Contact: [hawaii.kyogakkai@gmail.com](mailto:hawaii.kyogakkai@gmail.com)  
Registration: [https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted\\_button\\_id=MK3CTPG5A5X8U](https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=MK3CTPG5A5X8U)

### **Lonesome Grave Project**

November 10, 8:00 am  
Kauai Veteran's Cemetery

The annual BWA Lonesome Grave Project has been held each year on the day before the Veteran's Day at the Kauai Veteran's Cemetery. This year, Lonesome Grave Project will be held on Wednesday, November 10. We appreciate donation of flowers and greens since there are many lonely graves.



Kapaa Interfaith Association (KIA)  
Invites everyone to enjoy the annual



**FREE**

**Community  
Thanksgiving  
Lunch**

**All are  
Welcome**

**Thursday, November 25, 2021**

10:30a.m. Interfaith Community Worship All Saints Church

11:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. a delicious turkey meal

Prepared by **Mark Oyama and his staff at Contemporary Flavors**

Pick up your boxed lunch at All Saints Church

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**Home delivery will be provided**

**For those not physically able to drive to Kapaa**

**Meals will be delivered between 11:00a.m. - Noon**

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**KIA Participating Churches**

All Saints Episcopal Church, St. Catherine's Catholic Church,  
Happy Science, Kapaa Hongwanji Temple, Kapaa Jodo Mission,  
Lihue Hongwanji Temple, Kapaa Seventh Day Adventist Church,  
Kapaa United Church of Christ, Kapaa First Hawaiian Church

**For more information, call (808) 822-3473**

## STATEWIDE NEWS LETTER



Dear members,

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will be publishing a new statewide newsletter for the Hawaii Kyodan. The first issue will be sent out in November 2021.

The name of the newsletter will be **Ka Leo Kahea** (The Calling Voice), a reference to our Shin Buddhist teaching that reminds us of “Namo Amida Bustsu” which is the voice/sound of Amida calling to us and at the same time, it is our voice calling to Amida in response to Amida’s calling voice.

The use of the Hawaiian term is intentional. It recognizes our connection to our Hawaiian host culture while providing a thoughtful reminder of our connection with the Buddha.

This newsletter will inform us and connect us with every member of our statewide Sangha. Through this connection, temples and districts will learn from and help each other, thus strengthening our organization. Portions of this newsletter will contain content that becomes a “calling voice” that connects readers to the Buddha’s “Calling Voice.”

In gassho,

Kapaa Hongwanji Mission board members

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Please fill in the form below and return to Kapaa Hongwanji Mission with the enclosed envelope.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to receive the Statewide Newsletter and give my permission to release my email/address to Honpa Hongwanji Mission

My email is: \_\_\_\_\_

My address is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not want to receive the Statewide Newsletter.

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Signature

**Mahalo for Your Contributions & Support**  
September 22-October 21, 2021

**Memorial Service**

*in memory of.....*

Edward, Natsuko, & Natsuyo Tada  
- Leslie Tada & Family  
Hazel Yanagida  
- Linda Naea & Family

**In Memory of .....**

Sumiko Kawamoto - Edwin Kawamoto  
Mark Morita - Marion Tomomitsu  
Shizuo & Shizue Nakamura - Nakamura Family  
Kenichi Tasaka - Gladys Tasaka

**Ohigan Service**

Ethel Aiko Oda

**Sunday Services**

Mildri Cifuentes  
Jim Jung  
Yoshiko "Dimples" Kano  
Ralph Kitashima  
Andrea Petel  
Carol Saiki  
Gloria Shimizu  
Roberta Yanagawa

**Temple Donation**

Sharon Contrades  
Ralph Kitashima

**Membership**

Ronald Matsumura  
Evelyn Nakamura  
Mitsuo Wakumoto

**Hall Rental**

Kauai Lighthouse Outreach  
Malama Kauai

**Volunteer Support**

Madison Doo  
Marie Hashimura  
David & Ruby Ishida  
Stanford Iwamoto  
Jim Jung  
Yoshiko Dimples Kano  
Ralph Kitashima  
Haven Kuboyama  
Rev. Mieko Majima  
Milton Nakamura  
Ray Paler  
Tami Ramil  
Taryn Ramil  
Carol Saiki  
Calvin & Rona Sakai  
Gloria Shimizu  
Pearl Shimizu  
Joan Slingerland  
Dennis & Sadie Sunada  
Lane Sunada  
Clyde & Kay Takekuma  
Erin Takekuma  
Keith & Thelma Tsukamoto  
Brian & Wendy Yamamoto  
Winston Kawamoto  
Sidney Yanagawa



**Women's Association**

The annual Kauai United Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association Fall Conference was held on Sunday, October 24 at 9:00 a.m. with an opening service and Dharma message presented by Rev. Tomo Hojo. The keynote speaker was Dr. Warren Tamamoto, President of the Hawaii Kyodan. President Shirley Kakuda conducted the membership meeting and Rev. Hojo installed the 2022 officers. The ladies met at their temples and enjoyed the Zoom conference. Many thanks to the West Kauai Hongwanji BWA Ladies and Rev. Hojo for hosting the conference.

The Kauai United Lonesome Grave project will be held on Wednesday, November 10 at 8:00 a.m. at the Kauai Veterans Cemetery in Hanapepe. The graves will be beautifully decorated to honor the veterans for the Veterans Day Service on November 11, 2021.

## from the president's corner. . .

*Aloha Everyone! We hope you are all continuing to stay healthy and well. We thank everyone for their loving kindness, caring support, active participation and generous contributions. November is an opportune month to express our gratitude to all for working together in harmony.*

### **Veterans Day - November 11, 2021**

Veterans Day is a day not only to remember those who died in service to our country but also to recognize those who continue to serve today. We are encouraged to say thank you to those who fulfill this patriotic duty to maintain the freedoms we have in America.

The Kauai United Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association will be decorating the Lonesome Graves at the Kauai Veterans Cemetery on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

We would appreciate donation of flowers, colorful crotons, and greens. Please call Roberta at 808 822-4667 to pick up your donations on Tuesday, November 9. Mahalo!

### **Kapaa Interfaith Thanksgiving Lunch - Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2021, 11:00-1:00 p.m.**

The Kapaa Interfaith Alliance will be having a Thanksgiving Service at the All Saints Episcopal Church at 10:30-11:00 a.m. A drive through free lunch pick up will follow the service. Home deliveries will be packed and distributed at the Kapaa Hongwanji Mission. Deliveries will be made to the disabled, elderly and homebound. Please call me to order your lunches by November 8.

We thank Mark Oyama and his staff for preparing and packing the delicious Thanksgiving meals. We also thank the Honpa Hongwanji Committee on Social Concerns and the Lions Club Foundation for their generous donation to support this annual event. Mahalo to the nine participating churches who continue to promote peace, harmony and goodwill in the community. They are: All Saints' Episcopal Church, Happy Science, Kapaa Hawaiian Church, Kapaa Jodo Mission, Kapaa United Church of Christ, Kapaa Seven Day Adventist Church, Lihue Hongwanji Mission, St. Catherine's Catholic Church, and Kapaa Hongwanji Mission.

### **Giseikai, 110<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly via Zoom - February 11-12, 2022**

If you are interested in participating, please let me know by December 28, 2021.



## **United Jr. YBA**

President Madison Doo called the Zoom meeting to order on Saturday, October 23 at 1:00 p.m. A recycling fundraiser for Hawaii Buddhist Youth month continues and a membership drive is planned for November. Inform Madison or Taryn Ramil if there's anyone interested in joining.

## Memorial Service

### November

|              |            |      |            |
|--------------|------------|------|------------|
| Yukiyo       | Togikawa   | 33rd | 11/8/1989  |
| Kikuji       | Ota        | 23rd | 11/20/1999 |
| Hideko       | Koigawachi | 13th | 11/20/2009 |
| Kenichi      | Tasaka     | 27th | 11/25/1995 |
| Ume Nakamura | Oshita     | 27th | 11/28/1995 |

### December

|             |          |      |            |
|-------------|----------|------|------------|
| Tsuru       | Yamamoto | 27th | 12/9/1995  |
| Sono Hamada | Kodani   | 33rd | 12/11/1989 |
| Shigeo      | Yata     | 13th | 12/15/2009 |
| Patsy       | Sugita   | 3rd  | 12/15/2019 |
| Masaru      | Kawamoto | 27th | 12/16/1995 |
| Takeshi     | Yamamoto | 3rd  | 12/16/2019 |
| Satoshi     | Hirata   | 27th | 12/19/1995 |
| Kazuyuki    | Tsukuda  | 13th | 12/30/2009 |

*In Memory of our Dharma friend*

*Gordon Koigawachi*

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



## Eitaikyo Service

November 14, 2021 @ 9:00 am

Eitaikyo, or the Perpetual Memorial Service, is a traditional Buddhist observance. It is a memorial service to pay tribute to predecessors. This service is dedicated to all those who lived and died as Buddhists in due respect of their contribution to the growth of the local sangha. It is an opportunity to express gratitude to the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Sangha.

## Temple Cleaning & Flower Arrangement

|         |            |  |                  |
|---------|------------|--|------------------|
| Group 1 | 11/6/2021  | Mrs. Marie Hashimura - Chair<br>Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hiraoka,<br>Mr. Milton Nakamura, Mr. Ray Paler                                       | Ruby Ishida      |
| Group 2 | 11/13/2021 | Mr. Francis Nishizawa - Chair<br>Mrs. Yasuko Murakami, Mr. Clint Saiki,<br>Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Yanagawa                                  | Joan Slingerland |
| Group 3 | 11/20/2021 | Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Takekuma - Chair<br>Mr. Stanford Iwamoto,<br>Mrs. Erin Takekuma, Ms. Madison Doo,<br>Mrs. Tami Ramil, Ms. Taryn Ramil | Kay Takekuma     |
| Group 4 | 11/27/2021 | Ms. Gloria Shimizu - Chair<br>Mr. Haven Kuboyama, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Sunada,<br>Mrs. Pat Yamamoto                                       | Rona Sakai       |
| Group 5 | 12/4/2021  | Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Sakai - Chair<br>Ms. Carol Saiki   | Ruby Ishida      |
| Group 6 | 12/11/2021 | General Cleanup (Tentative)  | Joan Slingerland |

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Monthly Memorial Service  
Sunday, November 7 @ 9:00 a.m.



Eitaikyo Service  
Sunday, November 14 @ 9:00 a.m.

Family Service  
Sunday, November 21 @ 9:00 a.m.

Special Thanksgiving Service  
Thursday, November 25 @ 10:30 a.m.

All Saints Church

Music Service  
Sunday, November 28 @ 9:00 a.m.