



ONENESS

KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

February 2022

Minimalist

On the 15th of February, Buddhists observe Nirvana Day, the day Śakyamuni Buddha entered Nirvana. The word "Nirvana" is the condition when the flames of delusion have been blown out, like extinguishing the flame of a candle. Nirvana means Enlightenment. Let's think together about what is Enlightenment.

"Enlightenment" is to be free from what is tied up. Our minds are filled with many things. When we love people, our hearts cling to others. People try to control or be controlled by their loved ones. However, the tidying-up situation is disturbing to most people. The same is true of hatred. The flame of hatred that once lit in our hearts cannot be easily extinguished and makes our hearts and bodies exhausted. Further, we have more cling. We get frustrated when we can't get what we want, and then once we have something we want, we can't let go of them. We have such clings in our minds. It is intense bondage, and we continue to revolve around things our minds attracted.

Let's think of a satellite around the earth. The satellite does not require any effort to keep orbiting the earth. We only need the fuel to launch. After launching it in orbit, it keeps spinning at the same speed by inertia. Then gravity prevents the satellite from flying somewhere in the universe.

Humans do not need any effort to continue circling around what we attached. The attachment in our minds is acting as gravity. It is just like the stone attached to the tip of the string. It rotates with the centripetal force. When you cut the string with scissors, the stone will fly somewhere. As you can imagine easily, if we could cut the string, our attachments would vanish, and we would be free from the sufferings our minds adhered.

However, our bondage arises instantly in our minds when we see, hear, taste, smell, or feel. The emotions like love, hate, or desire arise naturally as long as we live. On the other shore, we know the freedom of mind, the Enlightenment, is there. If you don't feel like carrying heavy luggage during your life time, you might want to consider becoming a simple traveler.

It is an excellent opportunity to thank Śakyamuni Buddha for making us aware of such an important thing and Amida Buddha for illuminating our lives.

Namo Amida Butsu

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING A MINISTER

Rev. Jeffrey Soga has been selected as a Police Chaplain, volunteer position in the Honolulu Police Department from December 2021.

CONSOLIDATION

Papa'aloa Hongwanji Mission will consolidate with Honohina Hongwanji Mission from March 2022. They will be having its final service as "Celebrating 118 years Papa'aloa Hongwanji Mahalo Service" on Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

PEARL HARBOR ANNUAL MEMORIAL CEREMONY

On December 9, 2021, Bishop Matsumoto and other Hawaii Buddhist Council Bishops and ministers attended the Annual Memorial Ceremony conducted by the Consulate General of Japan and the US Navy Region Hawaii on Ford Island to commemorate those from both Nations who lost their lives in the attack of Pearl Harbor 80 years ago.

The Consul General of Japan in Honolulu Mr. Yutaka Aoki and Commander Navy Region Hawaii Rear Admiral Timothy J. Kott gave remarks and the Keynote Speaker was Ms. Elissa Lines, Executive Director of the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum.



THE INTERFAITH ALLIANCE HAWAII AWARD

The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii (TIAH) had the 2020 and 2021 Community Award Virtual Celebration on December 4th, 2021. The Kapa'a Interfaith Association was presented with the "Challenging Religious or Political Extremism Award." This award seeks to recognize a Hawai'i based organization or institution that - through its witness and actions - has effectively challenged religious or political extremism in Hawai'i in the past year. The Kapa'a Hongwanji Mission and the Kauai District Hongwanji ministers are part of the Kapa'a Interfaith Association.

Rev. Blayne Higa of Kona Hongwanji Mission also received "Flame of Hope Award." This award seeks to recognize a Hawai'i resident, who through his or her witness and actions has ignited or fanned a flame of hope in Hawai'i. Congratulations!

You may see the recorded celebration below,

<http://www.interfaithalliancehawaii.org/community-awards/>

JOINT CELEBRATION

HQ sent the email invitation for "the Joint Celebration and the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention in 2023" to all temples on November 24, 2021. Joint Celebration means the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching. Hongwanji members in Japan and all over the world will celebrate it together in 2023 in Kyoto.

Each member and participant needs to submit the Preliminary Application Form to Linda Nagai at hibelle@hawaii.rr.com by December 31, 2021. If you didn't receive the information yet, please contact your temple.



PACIFIC BUDDHIST ACADEMY

Pacific Buddhist Academy (PBA) fulfilled the requirement for the \$1.5 million capital campaign gift from the Weinberg Foundation by establishing a PBA Weinberg Building Endowment of no less than \$500,000 in July. PBA notified the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation of its conformance with the May 22, 2014 Gift Agreement by mail on October 11, 2021. Officers of the Weinberg Foundation affirmed receipt of the letter on October 20, 2021. PBA hopes to give a tour of the PBA Weinberg Building once the conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic permit.

HAWAII KYODAN HOLIDAY

At the Board of Directors meeting on December 4, 2021, the Board decided to add Juneteenth Day as Hawaii Kyodan Holiday. In 2022, Juneteenth Day will be observed on June 20th.

Juneteenth, official name of federal holiday is Juneteenth National Independence Day, is also called Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Black Independence Day, and Juneteenth Independence Day, is a holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, observed annually on June 19.

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE

The HQ will re-open the Pali HQ office from January 4, 2022. However, due to recent rise in cases, it might be reconsidered. Due to covering the BSC, some HQ staff will continue to work from BSC at times. If you need to personally see a staff member, please make an appointment with them in advance.

EVENTS AND SEMINARS

February 11-12, 2022

Legislative Assembly

February 18, 2022 7:00pm–8:30 pm PST (5:00 pm–6:30 pm HST)

West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple Seminar

Title: Our Impermanence & Namu Amida Butsu (Speaker: Rev. Candice Shibata)

Contact: WLADharmaCenter@gmail.com

March 4, 2022 7:00pm–8:30 pm PST (5:00 pm–6:30 pm HST)

West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple Seminar

Title: Our Karma & Namu Amida Butsu (Speaker: Rev. Patti Usuki)

Contact: WLADharmaCenter@gmail.com

March 18, 2022 10:30 am – Noon PST (8:30 am–10:00 am HST)

West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple Seminar

Title: Our Life Attitude & Namu Amida Butsu (Speaker: Rev. Takashi Miyaji)

Contact: WLADharmaCenter@gmail.com

March 25, 2022 7:00 pm–8:30 pm, March 26, 2022 10:00 am–11:30am HST

BSC Spring Seminar

Title: Dharma Through the Eyes of Youth (Speakers: Jacob Chang)

Panelists: Wayne Yoshioka, Dwight Matsuo, Wayde Toyama

Registration: <https://bit.ly/bcscspringseminar2022>



BUDDHIST STUDY CENTER PRESENTS

2022 SPRING SEMINAR

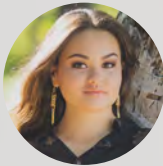


DHARMA THROUGH the Eyes of Youth

MARCH 25 & 26

Friday, March 25 | 7:00 - 8:30pm

Panel Discussion
Jr. YBA Youth-led activity
Q&A after Discussion



Manami Alspach



Chihiro Okawa



Kana Suzuki



Jay Yokoyama



Naho Umitani

JR. YBA PANELISTS

Saturday, March 26 | 10:00 - 11:30am

Guest Speaker: Jacob Chang
Panelists

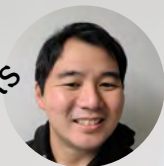
Dharma School / New Member: Wayne Yoshioka

YESS Camp: Dwight Matsuo

Temple Leadership: Wayde Toyama

Q&A

SATURDAY SPEAKERS



Jacob Chang



Wayne Yoshioka



Dwight Matsuo



Wayde Toyama

CLICK TO REGISTER | <https://bit.ly/bscspringseminar2022>

Kauai Hongwanji Council Nembutsu Seminar

Women in Buddhism

- Historiographical Approach -

Tuesday, April 26, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm (HST): Zoom

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra



Women's roles in the history of Buddhism and Jodoshinshu-Buddhism are vital. In the historiographical approach, this seminar talks about Sakyamuni's stepmother Mahapajapati, Śrīmālādevī described in Śrīmālādevī-siṃhanāda-sūtra, Queen Vaidehī in the Contemplation sūtra, and in the Pure Land Buddhism. Shin Buddhism has nurtured the Shin Buddhist women such as Shinran Shonin's wife Eshinni-sama, and daughter Kakushinni-sama who established the current Hongwanji. In the modernism time, Lady Takeko Kujo, the daughter of the 21st Gomonshu Myoyo Shonin, founded the BWA-Fujinkai in Japan in 1907 and established the first women university, Kyoto Women's University. We also explore the view of women by Shinran, Kakunyo, Zonkaku, and Rennyō Shonins.

Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra was born in Kyoto, Japan, and graduated from Kyoto Women's University, founded by Lady Takeko Kujo. While being an active member in California, she aspired to study Buddhism and attended Kyoto Chuo-Bukkyo Gakuin, and Institute do Buddhist Studies (M.A.), Ryukoku University (M.A.), and Ryukoku University (Ph.D.) she received Hongwanji Gakkai Hokyō. She is currently the resident minister of the Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC) in California and the Institute of Buddhist Study instructor.

Her research and teaching interests are the history of Shin Buddhism in premodern, the history of Shin Buddhist thought in modernism in America, and Women and Shin Buddhism in America. She is a co-translator of *Leaves of My Heart* by Lady Takeko Kujo.

Registration Fee: Free (Registration Required)

Donations can be made to the Kauai Hongwanji Council. Please make a check payable to Kauai Hongwanji Council and send it to Lihue Hongwanji Mission 3-3556 Kuhio Highway, Lihue, HI 96766.

The maximum capacity is 100 people, first come, first served. We will email you a Zoom link three days prior to the seminar.

Click below to register!

“Registration Deadline April 19, 2022”

<https://forms.gle/7oBvsVVrazFJM5ma6>



When you complete the seminar registration, you will receive an automatic confirmation email from Google forms.

For further information, please contact:

Kapaa Hongwanji at 822-4667, West Kauai Hongwanji at 335-3195 or Lihue Hongwanji at 245-6262.

MAHALO FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS & SUPPORT
December 21, 2021 - January 21, 2022

Memorial Service

In memory of the late...

Hisao Maeda - Sharyl Lam Yuen
Hatsumi Haraguchi - Haraguchi Family
Toshiko Iida - Sally Yokota
Kenzo Kawamoto - Edwin Kawamoto
Nejiu Yanagida - Susan Apilado

New Year's Eve Service

Jim Jung
Isobel Storch & Florence
Ralph Kitashima
Angela Petel
Roberta Yanagawa

New Year's Day Service

Jim Jung
Dimples Kano
Ralph Kitashima
Gloria Shimizu
Isobel Storch & Florence
Roberta Yanagawa

New Year Donation

Jessie Muramaru

Hoonko Service

Jim Jung
Dimples Kano
Ralph Kitashima
Karma Klein
Carol Saiki
Gloria Shimizu
Jason Wilcox
Roberta Yanagawa

Sunday Service

Jim Jung
Ralph Kitashima
Dimples Kano
Karma Klein
Angela Petel
Carol Saiki
Gloria Shimizu
Jason Wilcox

Membership

Robert Hiraoka -2021
Evelyn Nakamura -2021
Lane Sunada -2021
Fusako Harada -2022
Amy Isobe -2022
Edwin Kawamoto -2022
Calvin & Rona Sakai -2022
Sidney & Roberta Yanagawa -2022

Year End Donations

Kenneth Takahashi
-in memory of Takamatsu & Masano Takahashi
Robert Kure
-in memory of Tama & Heiju Yamamoto
Sharon Contrades
Joann Fujio
Karen Goo
Jo Ann Harunaga
Marie Hashimura
Amy Isobe
Helen Iwai
Neal & Celeste Kakimoto
Yoshiko Dimples Kano
Joseph Kobayashi
Laurie Kubota
Nancy Masada
Kim & Yasuko Murakami
Linda Naea
Rae Ordinado
Tami Ramil
Carol Sakai
Calvin & Rona Sakai
Carole Seshiki
Eleanor Seshiki
Pearl Shimizu
Mie Shiraki
Clyde & Kay Takekuma
Brian & Wendy Yamamoto
Kathleen Yamamoto
Reuben Yoshida

Volunteer Support

Cindy Alm
Stacy Bradshaw
Madison Doo
Marie Hashimura
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Winston Kawamoto
Ralph Kitashima
Haven Kuboyama
Rev. Mieko Majima
Milton Nakamura
Tami Ramil
Taryn Ramil
Carol Saiki
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Barry Shain
Gloria Shimizu
Joan Slingerland
Clyde & Kay Takekuma
Erin Takekuma
Keith & Thelma Tsukamoto
Brian & Wendy Yamamoto
Sidney Yanagawa



Columbarium Donation

Melvin Matsumura

Hall Rental

Ellen Carscadden
- Akamai Dog Training
Hawaiiana Management
Kauai Lighthouse Outreach
Narcotics Anonymous

Newsletter Donation

Jessie Muramaru

from the president's corner...

Aloha Everyone! We just welcomed the new year and to our surprise, February is already here. We thank you for your renewed membership, generous contributions and volunteer support. We all belong to a wonderful team called the Sangha. We participate and contribute to the Sangha in various ways. Let us rely on Amida Buddha's guidance and focus our efforts on building a healthy Sangha and connecting with others. Namo Amida Butsu...

2022 Legislative Assembly - February 11-12, 2022

Rev. Majima and I will be attending the Legislative Assembly on February 11-12. It will be virtual and held on Zoom again this year due to Covid concerns. We will be meeting on February 7 with the Kauai district delegates to discuss the resolutions that will be presented at the assembly. Interested? Please let me know @ 808 822-4667.

Family Service, Installation - February 20, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

The 2022 Board of Directors will be installed at the service. They are Clyde Takekuma (Vice President), Stanford Iwamoto (Secretary), Milton Nakamura (Treasurer), Clint Saiki (Auditor), Ralph Kitashima (Auditor), and Roberta Yanagawa (President).

Many thanks to the Board for your years of service.

No General Membership Meeting & No New Year's Party

We regret to inform you that we will not be able to have the General Membership Meeting and New Year's Party again this year due to Covid concerns.

We will be sending you the general membership meeting information and ballot to approve/disapprove the following: the Board's actions in 2021, 2022 Budget and the 2022 Board of Directors/Officers.

Keirokai Appreciation - February 26, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m.

The SBA and the BWA will prepare and deliver bento lunches for our Keirokai members who are 80+ years. We always honor our Keirokai members at the annual New Year's Party. Since there will be no luncheon, we will prepare bento lunches for our elders. We look forward to seeing you.

Kapaa Hongwanji Bon Dance - Tentative June 10-11, 2022

The Kauai Buddhist Council will have a virtual meeting on March 28, 2022 to decide whether it will be safe to have the Bon Dances. If the Bon Dances are cancelled, some temples will continue to have Hatsubon and Obon Services and fundraising activities.

Volunteers Needed

We need helping hands for temple cleaning, yard cleaning, and arranging flowers for the altar. Temple cleaning and arranging altar flowers are scheduled on Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. Yard cleaning is held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month @ 7:30. We are grateful for the volunteers who come each week to keep the temple and grounds clean and beautiful.

Kapaa Hongwanji Centennial Celebration - October 23, 2022

Kapaa Hongwanji will be celebrating its Happy 100th Year. We have started preparations for the celebration. Please let us know if you would like to assist.

Memorial Service

February

Nejiu	Yanagida	33rd	2/6/1990
Tameko Togikawa	Iwai	17th	2/7/2006
Laura	Tada	7th	2/8/2016
Kenzo	Kawamoto	3rd	2/9/2020
Tome	Saiki	50th	2/11/1973
Hiroko	Wakumoto	3rd	2/14/2020
Chieno	Masuda	50th	2/25/1973
Jarret	Yoon	1st	2/28/2021

March

Katsuto	Harada	50th	3/4/1973
Naka	Kakimoto	50th	3/4/1973
Haruo	Nagaoka	50th	3/5/1973
Satsuki	Kodani	3rd	3/5/2020
Yaku	Yoshida	50th	3/8/1973
Glenn	Shimazu	1st	3/9/2021
Kaoru	Kato	50th	3/10/1973
Takami	Kubota	50th	3/11/1973
Albert Sadamu	Taogoshi	17th	3/20/2006
Junichi	Iida	23rd	3/24/2000
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Kayo	Tsuchiya	33rd	3/28/1990

In Memoriam...

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

Namo Amida Butsu.



From Minister's Desk

Please contact us at 808.822.4667 if you
are planning to have a service or visiting
the gravesite. Thank you for your kind
support to keep our temple alive.

Namo Amida Butsu

Temple Cleaning & Flower Arrangement

2/5/2022	Group 5	Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Sakai - Chair Ms. Carol Saiki	Ruby Ishida
2/12/2022	Group 6	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tsukamoto - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Brian Yamamoto, Mr. Winston Kawamoto	Joan Slingerland
2/19/2022	Group 1	Mrs. Marie Hashimura - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hiraoka, Mr. Milton Nakamura, Mr. Ray Paler	Kay Takekuma
2/26/2022	Group 2	Mr. Francis Nishizawa - Chair Mrs. Yasuko Murakami, Mr. Clint Saiki, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Yanagawa	Rona Sakai
3/5/2022	Group 3	Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Takekuma - Chair Mr. Stanford Iwamoto, Mrs. Erin Takekuma, Ms. Madison Doo, Mrs. Tami Ramil, Ms. Taryn Ramil	Ruby Ishida
3/12/2022	Group 4	Ms. Gloria Shimizu - Chair Mr. Haven Kuboyama, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Sunada, Mrs. Pat Yamamoto	Joan Slingerland

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February

Monthly Memorial Service

February 6, 2022 9:00 am

Nirvana Day Service

February 13, 2022 9:00 am

Installation Service

February 20, 2022 9:00 am

Family Service

February 27, 2022

