



ONENESS

KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

June 2022

BISHOP'S CORNER

“Congratulations, Graduates!”

Bishop Eric Matsumoto



The greeting “Glad to see you!” held more meaning than ever this year as Pacific Buddhist Academy’s Commencement Exercise was, once again after 2 years, held in person. As is the tradition, on the Thursday evening before Commencement, a special Baccalaureate Service sponsored by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii officiated by Bishop Eric Matsumoto, planned by Executive Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Daido Baba and Ms. Liane Vilorio of PBA was held at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin with Temple’s Ministers and Family & Friends of the Graduates present. At the Service, each Graduate was presented with a special PBA montoshikisho in “recognition of their engagement with the Dharma, or Buddhist Teachings, during their studies at PBA.” Also, participating was Mr. Josh Morse, PBA’s Head of Schools, and Ms. Teddi Yagi, Vice Principal of Hongwanji Mission School who presented an award. Dr. Warren Tamamoto, State President of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii shared a congratulatory message on behalf of Hawaii Kyodan. A Congratulatory Message from the Administrative Head of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji World-wide Denomination Governor General Chiko Iwagami was read by Executive Assistant to the Bishop and PBA Chaplain Rev. Daido Baba.

Then, on Friday, May 6, 2022, the Commencement Exercise honoring the 26 Graduates of PBA’s Class of 2022 was held at the famous Waikiki Shell. The sharing of an individualized personal message crafted by the Head of Schools to each Graduate and the Graduates presenting kukui nut lei to their family members before the crowd of well-wishers as an expression of their gratitude for the love and support they received are two of the unique highlights of PBA’s Graduation every year.

The following Aspiration was given by Bishop Eric Matsumoto at Commencement.

Today, under a Hawaiian sky, as we gather for this Commencement Exercise for Pacific Buddhist Academy’s Class of 2022 at the Waikiki Shell, in the presence of All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion, Amida Buddha, let us reflect and

aspire.

The Buddha's compassion is often likened to the sun or rain. Just as life sustaining rain without prejudice falls equally upon on all and the sun casts its light on all without discrimination, so does Buddha's wisdom and compassion shine upon all. It guides and nurtures us to truly understand Universal Reality and encourages us to do what is right and proper or "pono" as we would say in Hawaii. Also, I share with you the Historic Buddha's exhortation to the monks and nuns of his time. The Buddha said *"Go forth for the good of the many, for the happiness of the many, out of compassion for the world, for the welfare, the good and the happiness of gods and people."*

At Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and PBA, we hope that our Graduates have learned not only the academic knowledge and skills necessary to pursue their dreams and careers, but that they have also gained some insight and perspectives into truths like interdependence which gives rise to virtues like mutual respect and appreciation, and fosters being a caring presence with courage, humility, equanimity and equality, non-discrimination and non-judgement aspiring for peace and harmony throughout the world. May All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion continually guide them throughout their life so they may exemplify the ideal way of living which is "Simultaneously benefiting both self and others."

Today, as we extend our congratulations to our Graduates and their Families, let us express our acknowledgment and gratitude to all others, not limited to our human relations, for the part they played in our lives and embrace the aspiration for the happiness and well-being of one and all.

To conclude this Aspiration, please join me in gassho/anjali, a gesture of reverence and respect in Buddhism, to recite Amida Buddha's Honored Name in awareness, joy and gratitude of Great Wisdom and Compassion.

Namo Amida Butsu, Namu Amida Butsu. Namu Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF JODO SHINSHU HONGWANJI-HA BISHOP
CHIKO IWAGAMI FOR 2022 PBA BACCALAUREATE

First, congratulations to this year's graduates!

As we share this moment, you may be looking back on the many memories of your time spent here at PBA.

Graduation marks the end of one of many chapters in one's lifetime, and at the same time, it is also the starting point as you embark on a new goal. As you set off from Pacific Buddhist Academy, you will carry the memories of your days here at PBA together with your hopes and dreams in the next phase of your life.

In response to the Novel Coronavirus pandemic these past two years, in-person

learning, as well as extracurricular activities and events have been limited. As a result, your senior year of high school may not have gone as you had hoped, and many may have found this very disappointing. But perhaps, these unprecedented circumstances gave us an opportunity to stop and carefully think about our lifestyle and future that we had been taking for granted.

Bulletin boards at schools are often used for making announcements and sometimes displays a motto or slogan. Buddhist temples also have this kind of bulletin board on which inspirational words or a short phrase filled with Buddhist wisdom are shared. Maybe you have seen one of these. A few years ago, a Japan-based Buddhist organization called Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai held a contest of inspirational phrases shared by Buddhist temples through their bulletin boards. This contest, which is called “Let it Shine! Temple Bulletin Board Project” has been gaining attention in Japan. The Grand Prize winner for 2020, which was selected from a total of 1,677 entries, was a remark made by a salesperson of a drugstore in Kanagawa prefecture, which was displayed at a temple in Kumamoto prefecture. It read, “The thing that scared me the most was not COVID, but humans.”

We were faced with many challenges when the first state of emergency was declared in Japan in April 2020. The media reported that a healthy person with no underlying health conditions had died of COVID-19 within a couple of days. People were panic buying face masks and hand sanitizers. Customers were lashing out at store employees because of the empty shelves. Some were even engaging in the reselling of medical masks and price gouging. In learning that we become infected through contact with others, we have become suspicious of people around us. Sadly, this has led to stigma and discrimination against frontline medical workers and COVID-19 patients. Everyone is scared in the same way, but the feeling of fear has driven us into an egocentric shell. The phrase, “the most terrifying are humans,” is a description of the reality of us humans, which was revealed in the circumstance of the pandemic.

The phrase that took second place in the contest that year was one that was displayed on the bulletin board of Tsukiji Hongwanji in Tokyo, a Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha branch temple. The phrase is, “Even if you hurt me, I would not hurt you back. This is Buddhism.”

In fact, Sakyamuni Buddha taught us that if you take revenge on someone, in turn, that person will take revenge on you, and so in this way, the hatred would never end. You may feel you have the upper hand when you take revenge on someone whom you hate, but it only puts that person in the same position as you were in and that individual would plot vengeance against you. Thus, hatred between the two of you would never diminish.

The only way out of this sad circle of hate is through sharing feelings with each other. Let us try to rid ourselves of our own egoistic mind and feel the joy and sorrow of others.

Just as no one could have ever predicted this pandemic, what awaits us in the future is also unknown. There may be happy occasions, as well as some sad ones too. Please

continue learning more about Buddhism, which is the spiritual legacy of this school's foundation, and Buddhism will surely provide you with the guidance you need whenever you are feeling lost in your own fear or hatred.

Our lives are all interrelated and interconnected. It is important that we keep in mind this feeling of gratitude for one another, as we continue to practice the spirit of placing our hands in gassho, and make every effort to respect and uphold the dignity of all life. In today's world, we are too often only concerned with the results. Although you may endeavor, it may not always pay off. However, try to not feel distressed in such situations, and try not to boast when your efforts are rewarded. All you need to do is just continue in your efforts. When this naturally comes to you, you are then a truly respectful and beautiful human.

It is my hope that you will face things you encounter with a feeling of gratitude that "thanks to you, I am enabled to dedicate myself to this." Then, I am confident that a bright future will await you.

In closing, I would like to extend my congratulations once again. Thank you.

May 5, 2022

Governor General IWAGAMI, Chiko

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

CONDOLENCES

Reverend Sandra Sanae Hiramatsu, a former Kaikyoshi minister of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Rev. Hiramatsu passed away on Friday, February 18, 2022, at Pali Momi Hospital in Aiea, HI, at the age of 71. Her memorial service was held as a private service by her family.

Rev. Hiramatsu became a Kaikyoshi minister in March, 1982 and served at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, Headquarters (as Youth Activities Specialist) and Kailua Hongwanji Mission before resigning in 1995.

63rd ANNUAL HONPA HONGWANJI STATE MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION SEMINAR

The 63rd Annual Honpa Hongwanji State Ministers' Association Seminar will be held on June 7-9, 2022 via Zoom hosted by Hawaii District Ministers' Association. The theme of the seminar is "Immeasurable Life" and the lecture title is "Shinran's wisdom for a broken world." The keynote speaker will be Rev. John Paraskevopoulos, member of the Hongwanji Buddhist Mission of Australia. He has actively sought to spread the teachings to Western audiences through his books, articles and lectures. He is the editor of Muryōko, an online journal of Shin Buddhism, and is active in the academic arena as well as in giving pastoral support to people as a minister.

65th JR. YBA STATE CONVENTION

The Hawaii Federation of Junior Young Buddhist Associations will be holding its 65th Jr. YBA State Convention on June 17-19, 2022 at the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin and Hilo Hawaiian Hotel hosted by the United Jr. YBA of Hawaii. The theme of this year's convention is "AMIDA, I choose you!"

BSC SUMMER SESSION

**“Jōdo Shinshū and the Making of American Buddhism:
Is Shin Buddhism the foundation of American Buddhism?”**

The Buddhist Study Center will offer its 48th Annual Summer Study Session as a free in-person and online class series on June 20-24, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (HST) featuring the noted scholar, **Dr. Scott Mitchell**, author of *Mid-Century Modern Buddhism*, examines Buddhism in the United States before, during, and after World War II, when Nisei Jodo Shinshu Buddhists reacted to the trauma of racial and religious discrimination by laying claim to an American identity inclusive of their religious identity. In the pages of temple-supported magazines, such as the *Berkeley Bussei*, Nisei argued that Buddhism was both what made them good Americans but also what they had to contribute to America, a rational and scientific religion of peace in a series of five two-hour lecture over five nights.

The study class series livestream will be available online through a link available at the Buddhist Study Center website, <http://bschawaii.org>. Pre-registration is required and the lectures are free and open to the public. Due to concerns with COVID-19, we are limiting the amount of in-person attendees to 30 people. Donations to the Buddhist Study Center are gratefully accepted in the spirit in which they are given. Detailed information and the full syllabus are available at <http://bschawaii.org>. For more information, please call the Buddhist Study Center at (808) 973-6555.

Satellite Seminars on Neighbor Islands:

June 25 th	Kauai: Online Lecture: 10 AM - 12 PM
June 26 th	Maui: Lecture at Wailuku Hongwanji: 10:30 AM - 12 PM Big Island: Lecture at Kona Hongwanji: 5 PM
June 27 th	Big Island: Talk Story at Naalehu Hongwanji: 9 AM Lecture at Puna Hongwanji: 2 PM
June 28 th	Oahu: Lecture at Pearl City Hongwanji: 7 PM

2022 BSC Summer Session Satellite Seminar

Jōdo Shinshū and the Making of American Buddhism Buddhist Literature at Mid-Century

Saturday, June 25, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (HST): Zoom

Guest Speaker: Dr. Scott Mitchell



In this presentation, Dr. Mitchell will discuss Buddhist art and poetry published in the Berkeley Bussei during the 1940s and 1950s. He uses this publication as a case study to discuss the often-unacknowledged contributions of American Jōdo Shinshū Buddhists in the spread and popularization of Buddhism in the later twentieth century.

Dr. Scott Mitchell is a scholar of Buddhism in the West, Pure Land Buddhism, and Buddhist modernism and is currently the Dean of the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, California, where he has taught classes on American Buddhism and Buddhism and popular culture for the past fifteen years. He is the author or co-editor of a number of books including *Buddhism in America: Global Religion, Local Contexts* (2016); *Buddhism Beyond Borders*, co-edited with Natalie Quli (2015); and the forthcoming *Oxford Handbook on American Buddhism*, co-edited with Ann Gleig. His next book, *Mid-Century Modern Buddhism*, focuses on the Berkeley Bussei and the origins of American Buddhism in the Japanese American Jōdo Shinshū community. It will be published by Oxford University Press in 2023.

Registration Fee: \$10.00 (Suggested Donation)

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 June 18, 2022”

<https://forms.gle/Kppe4YqFsxjkkFrC9>



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

April 18 - May 20, 2022

Memorial Service

In memory of the late...

Sally Okamoto - Penny Shissler
Takeshi Matsuda - Lihue Hongwanji
Nancy Masada - Pamela Shimomura
Satsuki Kodani - Aileen Nakai

Major Services

Ethel Aiko Oda

Sunday Memorial Service

In memory of....

Herbert Osaki - Etsuko Osaki, Osaki
Family

Jerry Yonemura - Arlene Iida

Sunday Services

Mildre Cifuentes
Dimples Kano
Ralph Kitashima
Phil O'Rourke
Angela Petel
Carol Saiki
Gloria Shimizu
Roberta Yanagawa



Membership

Evelyn Nakamura
Gloria Shimizu
Kathleen Taira
Patricia Yamamoto

Yard Rental

Ellen Casscaden - dog training

Temple Donations

Sharon Contrades
Dr. Gary & Susan Morita
Ethel Aiko Oda
Kathleen Taira

Butsudan Service (for disposal)

Tammy Nakamura

Volunteer Support

Madison Doo
Marie Hashimura
Stanford Iwamoto
Winston Kawamoto
Ralph Kitashima
Haven Kuboyama
Rev. Mieko Majima
Milton Nakamura
Tami Ramil
Taryn Ramil
Carol Saiki
Calvin & Rona Sakai
Gloria Shimizu
Pearl Shimizu
Joan Slingerland
Clyde & Kay Takekuma
Erin Takekuma
Keith & Thelma Tsukamoto
Brian & Wendy Yamamoto
Sidney Yanagawa

Women's Association

We extend our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Family of the late Mrs. Mitsue Hirata and Mrs. Sally Okamoto and Mrs. Nancy Masada. We thank them for supporting the Women's Association for many years. We will miss them.

United Jr. YBA of Kauai

The Federation of Jr. YBA's will be having its 65rd State Convention on June 17-19, 2022. The convention will be in person at the Hilo Hongwanji Mission. Madison Doo and Taryn Ramil will be attending the convention.

from the president's corner...

***ALOHA EVERYONE!** I guess the saying, "time flies" is true. It's June and half of the year is gone. "Thousands of yesterdays have gone. Millions of tomorrows will come. But, there is only 1 today. So, enjoy your today with lots of SMILE & HAPPINESS." unknown*

We hope you are all continuing to stay well and safe as the unpredictable nature of the pandemic continues to be of great concern. Please continue to wear your mask and be safe always.

Baccalaureate Service - Sunday, June 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

We will be having the Baccalaureate Service on Sunday, June 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. We will be congratulating Taryn Ramil on her achievements and presenting her with an SBA and BWA award and scholarships from Kapaa Hongwanji Mission and The Kauai United Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association.

Obon Family Service - Sunday June 12, at 9:00 a.m.

Let's observe this service together in remembrance of our loved ones and express our gratitude for all that they have done. With your hands in gassho we recite Namu Amida Butsu... Since we will not be having the Obon Festival, we will be remembering our ancestors and loved ones with a "Lantern of Remembrance." A lantern (8", 10", 12") may be purchased with a donation of \$30, \$50, or \$100 to the temple. The name of your loved one will be attached to the lantern and hung at the temple for the Family Obon Service and the Hatsubon Service on Saturday, July 16 at 10:00 a.m. Letters with the order form have been sent to our members and friends.

Food Sale - Saturday, July 16, at 11:00 a.m. following the Hatsubon Service

We will be having a grilled teri chicken lunch and flying saucers. Both food items will be ticketed for sale to your family and friends. The tickets will be sent out next week. Other items for the sale are some maki sushi, baked goods (donations accepted) and some craft items like scrubbies to wash dishes, hand sewn bags, gently used items and other donations. Please let us know if you can assist with grilling the chicken, packing flying saucers, rolling sushi and packing the lunches. A detailed schedule will be coming out soon.

Bon Dance Practice - Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Kapaa Hongwanji Social Hall. Join the practice to refresh your memory.

We express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your continued participation and support for the temple. We can each make a difference by sharing our "dana," which is selfless giving. Many helping hands will make the task enjoyable as we work together with the Sangha. Thank you for being a bright and strong link in Amida Buddha's Golden Chain of Love. *Namu Amida Butsu...*

Memorial Service

June

Kame	Yamane	33rd	6/1/1990
Kurato	Seshiki	33rd	6/13/1990
Mitoyo	Akutagawa	50th	6/25/1973
Kimiko	Hirai	27th	6/30/1996

July

Masaru	Okasako	50th	7/15/1973
Minoru	Sugita	17th	7/26/2006

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 Bon service at your home or gravesite Bon service. The In-person, hybrid, remote, and video services are available.

Thank you for your kind support to keep our temple active.

Namo Amida Butsu



Family Bon Service

KHM observes the Family Bon Service on June 12 at 9:00 am. Let's put hands together in gassho, and respect our ancestors and listen to the Dharma messages with gratitude.

Temple Cleaning & Flower Arrangement

6/4/2022	Group 4	Ms. Gloria Shimizu - Chair Mr. Haven Kuboyama, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Sunada, Mrs. Pat Yamamoto	Ruby Ishida
6/11/2022	Group 5	Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Sakai - Chair Ms. Carol Saiki	Joan Slingerland
6/18/2022	Group 6	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tsukamoto - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Brian Yamamoto, Mr. Winston Kawamoto	Kay Takekuma
6/25/2022	Group 1	Mrs. Marie Hashimura - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hiraoka, Mr. Milton Nakamura, Mr. Ray Paler	Rona Sakai
7/2/2022	Group 2	Mr. Francis Nishizawa - Chair Mrs. Yasuko Murakami, Mr. Clint Saiki, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Yanagawa	Ruby Ishida
7/9/2022	Group 3	Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Takekuma - Chair Mr. Stanford Iwamoto, Mrs. Erin Takekuma, Ms. Madison Doo, Mrs. Tami Ramil, Ms. Taryn Ramil	Joan Slingerland

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June 2022

Baccalaureate Service

June 5, 2022, 9:00 am

Family Bon/Monthly Memorial Service

June 12, 2022, 9:00 am

Father's Day Service

June 19, 2022, 9:00 am

Sunday Family Service

June 26, 2022, 9:00 am

