



# ONENESS

## KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

September 2022

### BISHOP'S CORNER

#### “Ring Your Bell for Peace Day

#### Aspirational Message”

Bishop Eric Matsumoto



*September 2022 will mark the 16<sup>th</sup> annual observance of Peace Day in Hawaii. As we know, in 2007, due to the efforts of primarily the Hawaii Federation of Jr. YBAs, the State of Hawaii officially recognized September 21<sup>st</sup> as “Peace Day” in Hawaii. Once again, this year we will host a “Ring Your Bell for Peace Day” (3rd Annual)” virtual event planned by the Peace Day Committee, chaired by Rene Mansho. Please join us (the Honpa Hongwanji Shin Buddhist Mission of Hawaii) so you can contribute to world peace as we host this bell ringing which is gaining recognition beyond Hawaii as people from the US Mainland and other parts of the world join us. More information including the free registration is found elsewhere in this Update. Please ask your family, friends and neighbors to join us too.*

As I did recently at the Hiroshima Peace Bell Ringing Ceremony on the outskirts of Chinatown on August 6<sup>th</sup>, I would like to share a short message about the significance of a particular type of bell known as the bonsho in Japanese\*. According to Tradition, this type of bell originated in India and in China, Korea and Japan, its sound is regarded as the Enlightened Voice of the Buddha calling out to us.

Traditionally, most people are familiar with this bonsho bell on New Year’s Eve, when it is rung 108 times at Buddhist Temples to awaken us from spiritual slumber so we can start the New Year fresh. The largest bonsho bell is located at the Chion-in Temple in Kyoto, Japan. It was cast in 1636, is over 10 feet in height with a diameter of close to 9 feet and weighs 74 tons. Here in Hawaii, bonsho bells are found at the Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission, Waialua Hongwanji Mission, Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin, Lahaina Jodo Mission, Paia Mantokuji Soto Zen Temple, Valley of the Temples-Byodo-in Temple, Neil Blaisdell Park, Nani Mau Gardens and at the site of the Hiroshima Peace Bell to name some. The deep reverberating sound of

a large bonsho bell permeates to the deepest recesses of a person's heart as its resonance passes through every cell of our bodies to reach the very core of our heart. There, it stirs the heart to become more open and receptive, sensitive and aware. A bonsho bell is not only heard, but felt.

In the case of the Hiroshima Peace Bell, the bell especially rings the message for world peace. However, from a Buddhist perspective, an important part of the message is that while we address the outward physical conditions such as the existence and growing proliferation of nuclear weapons and the clash of different political, social, cultural, economic and sometimes even religious institutions and ideologies which can lead to skirmishes and violence and even war, let us each not forget to also look inward into our own hearts and minds for those negative feelings and emotions of hate, greed, envy, jealousy, arrogance, and fear based on our self-centered ego which are, in many cases, the cause of our unwholesome actions and behaviors.

Today, as we feel the sound of the bonsho bell may it touch our hearts, minds and bodies awakening us to the Enlightened Call of Great Wisdom which asks us to acknowledge the importance of mutual respect and appreciation and Boundless Compassion which aspires for the peace and happiness of all life and, even if ever so slightly, inspires us to move towards harmonious co-existence and the peace and well-being of all peoples of the world in the spirit of, as we say in Hawaii, kākou (us, we, all).

What is essential is an all-inclusive wisdom and all-embracing compassion to guide, nurture, and embrace us so we become more aware. May the sound of the bell resonate within our hearts, minds and bodies to stir the aspiration for world peace and harmony so we can truly acknowledge the words found in the Larger Pure Land Sutra, *“The land is prosperous and people live in peace, so there is no need to use soldiers and weapons. People respect virtue, cultivate benevolence, and diligently observe propriety and humility.”*

Thank you very much. Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion.

*\*Most Japanese Buddhist temples have a smaller kansho bell which is struck immediately before a religious service starts to let people know the service is beginning.*

## **OBITUARY NOTICE**

Mr. Wayne Katsuyuki Nishida, a member of Wailuku Hongwanji Mission, passed away on July 12, 2022. Mr. Nishida served as the President of Wailuku Hongwanji Mission for 2 years. He

was also a Dharma School teacher for many years. The Ingo of SHIN-SHIN-IN 真心院 which means “One who realized the Diamond-like True Mind.” in recognition of his life of Nembutsu was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on July 31, 2022.

Rev. Yoshikazu Saito, a retired minister of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, passed away on June 16, 2021 at age of 92. Rev. Saito became a Kaikyoshi Minister in March 1959 and retired in August 1998. His funeral service was held as a private service by his family. The Ingo of MYOU-KYOU-IN 明教院 which means “One Who Made Clear The Most Excellent Teaching” in recognition of his life of Nembutsu was conferred by Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha.

## **MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

Rev. Tatsuo Muneto, was relieved from the responsibility of Acting Rimban of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin and retired from being an Active Minister of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii as of July 31, 2022.

Rev. Yuika Hasebe, was assigned as Acting Rimban (Chief Minister) of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as of August 1, 2022.

## **2022 MINISTER LAY ASSISTANT RETREAT**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2022 MINISTER LAY ASSISTANT RETREAT - OCTOBER 8-9

After a Covid hiatus, the annual Minister Lay Assistant (MLA) Retreat will be held at the Buddhist Study Center in Honolulu on the weekend of October 8-9, 2022. It will be held in conjunction with the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bloom-Futaba Memorial Lectures on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached documents for more information.

The MLA Retreat program is an update for current certified MLA's as well as an opportunity for novice temple service helpers who may want to become certified. The goal is to have trained lay assistants ready to perform Dharma services in the absence of their temple minister.

The faculty this year includes Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani, resident minister of Moiliili Hongwanji temple and Hongwanji-ha certified ritual instructor, and retired BCA minister Dr. Rev. Kenji Akahoshi who will lead the Dharma workshops.

Registration requires your temple minister's endorsement.

## UPDATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL RING YOUR BELL FOR PEACE DAY

DATE: Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

TIME: Program is 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. (Bell ringing is 9:01 -9:05 a.m.)

PLACE: ZOOM - International participation promoting Peace

Believe it or not, there are 640 people registered to date to participate in our annual International Peace Day virtual event, from Germany, Canada, Florida, California, Oregon, Nevada, Texas, Washington, Big Island, Maui, Kauai, and all over Oahu! Churches, schools, non-profit organizations, Hawaii Lions Clubs, a State Senator, a taiko club, and more! Last year, a total of 1,700 participants were ringing bells on Peace Day at 9:01 AM. Hope to exceed that number this year!

We will meet a Ukraine family receiving assistance in Honokaa and their message for peace.

We will meet interfaith leaders presenting the Invocation and Benediction.

We are also excited that Hawaii's Ambassador for Peace and Ukulele Virtuoso Mr. Jake Shimabukuro will be returning with another Peace Day Presentation.

Thanks to our Jr. YBA President Chad Okawa organizing our youth's participation, we look forward to more folks registering and we will all be ringing our bells for peace for 5 minutes around the world!

Please spread the word and share the link to register: <http://bit.ly/PeaceDay2022>

All registered participants will receive the "Ring Your Bells for Peace Day" link for September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022,

For questions contact Rene Mansho, (808)291-6151, [renemansho@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:renemansho@hawaii.rr.com)

## 2022 LAY ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

Date: September 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Place: Zoom

I am so excited to see 22 temples have registered for an exciting convention: "Re-Connecting With the Sangha" will be filled with the energies of members and friends from these early bird temples:

Hawaii Betsuin, Jikoen, Moiliili, Windward, Aiea, Ewa, Mililani, Pearl City, Wahiawa, Waialua, Waianae, Waipahu, Kahului, Lahaina, Lanai, Makawao, Wailuku, Hilo Betsuin, Honohina-Papaaloa, Honokaa, Honomu, Kamuela, Kona, Papaikou, and Puna Hongwanji.

We anxiously await 10 more temples to sign up for an engaging and forward-looking effort with inspiring discussions, thought provoking keynote speaker, and a chance to consider new ideas! Don't miss it! The future of our Hongwanji Ohana needs you!

2022 Lay Convention Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/2022laycon/home>  
Register and send in forms to: [OahuLay@gmail.com](mailto:OahuLay@gmail.com)  
For questions, contact Rene Mansho, (808)291-6151 or [renemansho@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:renemansho@hawaii.rr.com)

## HMMH HQ BOOKSTORE UPDATE

New Monto Shikisho is available!

The *Shikisho* is the simplified version of the traditional formal wear. Modeled after a minister's wagesa, the overall size has been reduced and two ends tied together by a decorative cord. Members are encouraged to wear the *shikisho* whenever participating in services or other Buddhist observances.

The Honzan in Japan released a newly designed *Monto-Shikisho* in commemoration of “The 850<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Birth of Shinran Shonin and the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching”. Of elegant gold color and azuki bean color, its pattern consists of pine needles woven within a ginkgo leaf-shaped silhouette. The pine needle design represents the birth name of Shinran Shonin, “Matsuwaka” which is composed of the two Chinese character for ‘pine and ‘young’. The ginkgo leaf pattern is associated with the ginkgo tree the stands on the Inada Gobo temple grounds where Shinran Shonin is believed to have written his lifework, *Kyogyoshinsho*. The continuous design of the background pattern expresses the bonds of connection between Nembutsu followers through the ages embraced by Shinran Shonin’s Nembutsu path.



The shikisho is available at \$45.00 each at the HMMH Bookstore now! It's great to wear the shikisho at the Joint Celebration at Honzan in the Spring of 2023 and for the 2024 Triple (850<sup>th</sup> /800<sup>th</sup> /135<sup>th</sup>) Celebration service in Hawaii. If you are interested in the special commemoration shikisho, please contact us by email [hqbooks@honpahi.org](mailto:hqbooks@honpahi.org) or call (808) 522-9202. Thank you.

## OAHU DISTRICT FALL SEMINAR

Date: Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Time: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Mililani Hongwanji, 95-257 Kaloapau Street, Mililani & online via Zoom

Presenter: Dr. Rosalie Tatsuguchi (licensed psychologist)

Topic: “VIOLENCE FROM A BUDDHIST PERSPECTIVE”

Online Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/zn34Lbofy25KFXsG8>

Or fill in the registration form & mail to: Mililani Hongwanji

Registration Deadline: September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

*Kauai Hongwanji Council Nembutsu Seminar*

# A Look at Shinran Shonin's Life and Thought

Friday, November 18, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm (HST): Zoom

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji



Shinran Shonin, the founder of the Jodo Shinshu school of Buddhism, sought enlightenment while practicing as a Tendai monk on Mt. Hiei. But as we look at the various episodes that develop in his life, we will come to see how he gradually turns over to the Great Working of Amida Buddha. How did this happen? What does this mean? What can it mean for us?

In this seminar, he will provide possible interpretations as to how certain events in Shinran's life helped to shape his religious thought. In addition, we will look at some of his writing to see what are the key points in his teaching, which will bring forth to light just how significant his contribution was to the development of Buddhism as a whole.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji is currently a minister at Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church since August 1, 2020. In addition, he teaches at the Institute of Buddhist Studies located in Berkeley, California. His previous assignment as a minister was at Tacoma Buddhist Temple from December 2017 to July 31, 2020.

He graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and Japanese language and literature, Institute of Buddhist Studies at Berkeley, California with a Master's Degree in Buddhist Studies, Ryukoku University in Kyoto, Japan with a Master's Degree in Shin Buddhist Studies, and completed the doctoral coursework at Ryukoku University. He specializes in the areas of Japanese Buddhism and religion, translation of Buddhist scripture, and Jodo Shinshu doctrine and ethics.

Rev. Miyaji received his Tokudo and Kyoshi qualifications at the Honpa Hongwanji school located in Kyoto, Japan. He also obtained the academic ranking of *Hokyō* recognized within Hongwanji. He most recently completed his doctoral dissertation entitled, "Shin Buddhist Ethics," through Ryukoku University.

**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: November 11, 2022"  
<https://forms.gle/52xuXUfLduCuXh1PA>



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  
July 21 to August 18, 2022

**Funeral Service**

*In loving memory of the late...*

Alice Taogoshi - Russell Shimazu

**Memorial Service**

Fumio Nagaoka - Lois Hamada  
Shoichi Takenaka - Diane, Kristi, Scott  
and Lorna Nishii

**In memory of the late...**

Mitsue Hirata - Wayne Fujioka

**Sunday Service**

Yoshiko Dimples Kano  
Ralph Kitashima  
Leanora Orr  
Carol Saiki  
Gloria Shimizu  
Roberta Yanagawa

**Temple Donations**

Sharon Contrades  
Mitsue Hirata  
Leanora Orr  
Calvin & Rona Sakai

**Food Sale Donation**

Leslie Gushiken  
Jessie Muramaru



**Hall Rental**

Ann Yempuku-Otani

**Membership**

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Madison Doo  
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Stanford Iwamoto  
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Ralph Kitashima  
Haven Kuboyama  
Rev. Mieko Majima  
Milton Nakamura  
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Taryn Ramil  
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Calvin & Rona Sakai  
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Pearl Shimizu  
Joan Slingerland  
Dennis & Sadie Sunada  
Clyde & Kay Takekuma  
Erin Takekuma  
Keith & Thelma Tsukamoto  
Brian & Wendy Yamamoto  
Sidney Yanagawa

**NEMBUTSU SEMINAR BY HAWAII DISTRICT MINISTERS ASSOCIATION**

Hawaii District Ministers Association will host a Nembutsu seminar in October 2022.

Date: Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Time: Part 1) 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Part 2) 1 p.m.-2 p.m.

Location: Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin Sangha Hall, 398 Kilauea Ave. Hilo

Guest Lecturer: Rev. Yuki Sugahara (Resident Minister, Oregon Buddhist Temple)

Topic: Shinjin & The life of the person of Shinjin

Platform: In-person & online via Zoom

Registration Fee: \$10 with lunch (in-person) or \$5 for zoom online

Please see the flyer attached for details.

Online Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/6bzU7xF2gRpriEMJ9>

## From the president's corner...

*ALOHA Everyone! Summer is ending and fall will soon be here with cooler days.*

We begin September with **Labor Day on September 5**. Labor Day is a federal holiday celebrated on the first Monday in September to honor and recognize the American labor movement. Please enjoy the three day weekend!

**Peace Day Hawaii and the International Day of Peace.** In the spirit of promoting Peace Day in Hawaii and throughout the world, we invite everyone to join us in “Ring your bell for PEACE DAY” on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Please register at [bit.ly/PeaceDay2022](https://bit.ly/PeaceDay2022)

*Peace begins with each of us. May Peace and Tranquility Prevail Throughout the World.*

**Kapaa Hongwanji Centennial Anniversary Service - October 23, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m.**

Please save the date for Kapaa Hongwanji Mission's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration. Bishop Matsmoto will officiate the service and our past ministers will also be participating in the service. Kapaa Hongwanji began serving the community in October 1922. We are grateful to our ancestors who established the temple as a gathering place to share the Buddha's teachings so we may all enjoy lives of harmony, peace and gratitude.

Let us continue to visit the temple, listen to the Dharma and work hard to continue the legacy for our future generations.

We put our hands together in gassho and gratefully recite Namu Amida Butsu.....

## Women's Association

The annual Kauai United Hongwanji BWA Fall Conference will be held virtually on Sunday, October 2 at 9:15 a.m. The theme of the conference is “Living in Harmony and Gratitude.” The Kapaa Hongwanji Women's Association will be hosting the conference. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Yuika Hasebe, acting Rimban of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, and the President of the State Minister's Association.

Everyone is welcome to attend and view the short service from 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. at the temple and also remain to hear the guest speaker, Rev. Hasebe. BWA members will remain for the conference.

## United Jr. YBA

**Membership Drive** to recruit new members. Please let us know if you have children, grandchildren or friends who are between the ages 13-18 yrs. who would be interested in joining the Jr. YBA. We have lots of fun doing service projects, assisting with temple events, attending the annual Jr. YBA convention and meeting new friends.



## Memorial Service

### September

Kentaro	Kinoshita	50th	9/2/1973
Masaharu	Maehata	33rd	9/5/1990
Jihe	Miura	50th	9/8/1973
Amy Tsurue	Haruki	33rd	9/9/1990
Lilian	Tanabe	13th	9/11/2010
Wakae	Nakamae	27th	9/16/1996
Chozo	Watanabe	17th	9/21/2006
Tatsuo	Tamura	13th	9/21/2010

### October

Shina	Shiraki	13th	10/3/2010
Sumiko	Kawamoto	27th	10/9/1996
Haruo	Kakimoto	17th	10/13/2006
Paul Zenichi	Fujii	27th	10/17/1996
Yanagida	Hazel Mitsuko	3rd	10/19/2020
Fusayo	Kawamoto	33rd	10/20/1990
Satoshi	Shiraki	33rd	10/25/1990



### *In Memoriam...*

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

**Grace Yoon**



Namo Amida Butsu.

### From Minister's Desk

We are happy to have a joint Autumn Higan Service with WKHM. The guest speaker is Rev. Higa of Kona Hongwanji.

Please contact us at 808.822.4667 if you are planning to have a service at the temple, your home or gravesite service. The In-person, hybrid, remote, and video services are available.

Namo Amida Butsu

### Temple Cleaning & Flower Arrangement

9/3/2022	Group 4	Ms. Gloria Shimizu - Chair Mr. Haven Kuboyama, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Sunada, Mrs. Pat Yamamoto	Ruby Ishida
9/10/2022	Group 5	Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Sakai - Chair Ms. Carol Saiki	Joan Slingerland
9/17/2022	Group 6	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tsukamoto - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Brian Yamamoto, Mr. Winston Kawamoto	Kay Takekuma
9/24/2022	Group 1	Mrs. Marie Hashimura - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hiraoka, Mr. Milton Nakamura, Mr. Ray Paler	Rona Sakai
10/1/2022	Group 2	Mr. Francis Nishizawa - Chair Mrs. Yasuko Murakami, Mr. Clint Saiki, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Yanagawa	Ruby Ishida
10/8/2022	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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Monthly Memorial Service  
September 4, 2022, 9:00 am

Joint Autumn Higan Service  
September 11, 2022, 9:00 am

Family Service  
September 18, 2022, 9:00 am

Family Service  
September 25, 2022, 9:00 am

