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KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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BISHOP'S CORNER

Exquisite Manifestations of True Entrusting

Bishop Eric Matsumoto



Recently, I was honored to participate in a temple anniversary celebrating the temple's 125 years of history and re-affirm its legacy. In my mind, this particular temple, which was founded in 1897 which makes it the third oldest temple in Hawaii, has two rich intertwining noteworthy legacies.

First, the inspiring spiritual legacy of the temple as captured in the book *“Dharma Treasures, Spiritual Insights from Hawaii’s Shin Buddhist Pioneers”* by Rev. Tatsuo Muneto which captures the spiritual journey and religious experience of some remarkable people of the nembutsu of this locale. Some have gained the attention of renowned scholars of Buddhism such as the late D. T. Suzuki and others while less known still provide us with valuable insights into Shin Buddhism which may also help us in our own spiritual quest. For example, *“Joyful brightness, having entrusted everything to Amida, I am saved just as I am!”* by Jutaro Oshima or (part of) Ume Hirano’s encouragement *“If you truly love your child, teach him/her well about the teaching of Buddha, attaining birth in the Buddha land of peace. That is the compassion of parents that forever remains.”* and the words of Iwaichi Nakamura who said, *“In the timeless process of birth-and-death, for the first time I was made to realize the Other Power of Amida Buddha. My understanding resulted from listening, but listening is nothing, but a little scratch on a precious gem. I trusted my understanding instead of trusting Amida. Until now, I was satisfied with my understanding. But, my understanding does not save me; It is Amida who saves me.”*

Second, there is the wondrous physical manifestation of the first legacy which is the beautiful temple, as a Nembutsu Dojo, with its prized koa wood pews and unique Hawaiian Sandalwood image of *“Amida who saves me”* carved from Hawaiian Sandalwood harvested from the mountainous hills above the temple. However, did you know that there is an “older brother” image of the current Amida Buddha (which has returned home to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii)? Apparently, there develop a crack as often happens with wood and thus a second block of sandalwood was sent to Japan and that Amida Buddha image has been the temple’s Object of Reverence since 1933.

By now, I am sure that many of you have guessed that I am referring to Kona Hongwanji. I sincerely hope that this legacy of Nembutsu, not only at Kona Hongwanji, but all of our temples in Hawaii will not be forgotten and will manifest itself with the sound of Namō Amida Butsu being gratefully recited and carried forward by us, of the present Sangha, so that future generations will also be able to encounter the unparalleled and unconditional Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha as happened in the past.

Let us take to heart the words of our current Spiritual Leader, the 25th Gomonshu, His Eminence Kojun Ohtani's words to *"Secure one's own entrusting heart to the Dharma, guiding others to the same path"* and Shinran Shonin's words *"I praise Amida's wisdom and virtue, So that beings with mature conditions throughout the ten quarters may hear. Let those who have realized shinjin, constantly respond in gratitude to the Buddha's benevolence."*

To close, please join me to recite Namō Amida Butsu or The Buddha-s Name That I Call in gratitude, in response to Namō Amida Butsu, The Buddha's Name Which Calls Me to entrust. Namō Amida Butsu. Namō Amida Butsu. Namō Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion.

MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Rev. Bert Sumikawa, currently in charge of Windward Buddhist Temple as a Retired Kaikyoshi Minister, will be relieved from that position as of November 1, 2022. However, Rev. Sumikawa will continue to assist as a mentor minister for Rev. Brennan. He will continue to provide ministerial services to Kapolei Buddhist Sangha.

Rev. Barbara Brennan, will be assigned to Windward Buddhist Temple as a Kaikyoshi-ho minister as of November 1, 2022.

Rev. Charlene Kihara, started her onboarding program at Hawaii Kyodan Headquarters from October 1, 2022. Her program will continue at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin from October 24, 2022.

Social Concerns Donations - Accepted until October 2023

Each year the committee has generously funded and supported the annual Kapaa Interfaith Thanksgiving Luncheon and deliveries from Anahola to Lihue. We again ask for your kokua and support. Please make your check payable to Kapaa Hongwanji Mission. The treasurer will write one check to Honpa Hongwanji Mission. *Mahalo for your donation!*

2022-2023 SOCIAL CONCERNS FUND DRIVE

The month of November is a special time for reflecting on gratitude. Observing Eitaikyo and celebrating Thanksgiving are opportunities to appreciate the innumerable causes and conditions which sustain our lives and how we are deeply connected to the world around us. It is in this spirit of profound gratitude that we begin our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive. The fund drive will begin November 1, 2022 running till August 31, 2023 and we request that temples submit their collected donations by the end of September 2023.

Through your generosity, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is able to support worthy organizations and programs making a positive impact in our community. Your support also enables us to provide compassionate aid during times of disaster and the ability to skillfully respond to issues affecting our local and world communities.

Because of your commitment to promoting the Buddhist values of compassion and loving kindness, we have been able to support humanitarian relief efforts for those affected by the war in Ukraine and the volcanic eruption in Tonga. We also sponsored a series of suicide prevention events organized by the Samaritan Counseling Center of Hawaii, supported ongoing disaster relief planning by Hawaii Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (Hawaii VOAD), renewed our support of The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii, and assisted food banks on every island in their mission to alleviate food insecurity.

We continue to award Golden Chain Grants to help nurture Dharma in action as well as COVID-19 Resilience Grants to help temples acquire PPE and cleaning supplies to operate safely during the ongoing pandemic.

Fund Drive envelopes have been provided to temples wishing to use them. Extra envelopes are available in limited supply. Please make all checks payable to your temple, **Kapaa Hongwanji Mission**. Your temple will then remit one combined check to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

Your support of our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive is greatly appreciated. Mahalo!

In Gassho,

Eric T. Matsumoto
Bishop

Rev. Blayne Higa, Chair
Committee on Social Concerns

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
September 21 - October 23, 2022

Memorial Services

In memory of the late...

Alice Taogoshi
- Russell Shimazu
Hazel Yanagida
- Linda Naea
Jihei Miura
- Russell Maeda
Wesley Morita

In Memory of

the late...

Shizuo & Shizue Nakamura
- Ed Nakamura
Sumiko Kawamoto
- Raymond Kawamoto
Eleanor Seshiki
- Mary Kadooka
Hachisaku & Toru Oda
- Ethel Aiko Oda

Autumn Ohigan Service

Ethel Aiko Oda

Family Sunday Service

Ralph Kitashima
Robin Kill
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Carol Saiki
Gloria Shimizu
Roberta Yanagawa

Volunteer Support

Madison Doo
Marie Hashimura
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- Interfaith Thanksgiving

Hall Rental

Antonia Todd

from the president's corner...

Aloha Everyone! We hope you are all happy and doing well. November is here! We are reminded to be thankful for the many positive things we have experienced in our daily life and learn to make changes to improve the negative. We are also grateful to our dedicated Sangha who continue to work selflessly to fulfill many tasks. Wishing you and your family a joyful Thanksgiving!

Kapaa Hongwanji gratefully celebrated its 100th Birthday on Sunday, October 23, 2022. We thank our ancestors and Amida Buddha who guided them to work hard to establish the first temple as a gathering place to share the Dharma. It is commendable that the we have been here for a century.

The Centennial Service was officiated by Bishop Eric Matsumoto with our former resident ministers, Rev. Shinkai Murakami, Rev. Shawn Yagi, Rev. Kazunori Takahashi, and the current resident minister, Rev. Mieko Majima. The former resident minister, Rev. Nobuyuki Okamoto flew from Tokyo and attended the ceremony. The altar was exquisitely prepared by Rev. Hojo and Diane Fukuyama provided the beautiful organ music. The Kyodan President, Dr. Warren Tamamoto gave us the congratulatory message. A special thank you to all for assisting, participating, and attending to make this a joyous and memorable experience.

Lonesome Grave, Kauai Veterans Cemetery - November 10, 2022 @ 8:00 a.m.

The Kauai United BWA will be doing their annual Lonesome Grave project by placing flowers at the graves to honor the veterans who served in the military. We need donation of flowers, greens, and crotons for the graves. Please call 822-4667 to donate flowers. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Day Service & Lunch - Thursday, November 24, 2022

The Kapaa Interfaith Association will once again be providing free lunches on Thanksgiving Day. The drive through lunch pick up is at All Saints' Episcopal Church after the 10:00 am. service. Home delivery lunches for the home bound will be packed at the Kapaa Hongwanji Social Hall. Please call 822-4667 if you need to have a meal delivered to your home. Many thanks to Mark Oyama and his staff for preparing the lunches for many years and Southwest Airlines for their generous contribution for the meals. We will need volunteers to pack the lunches in bags and drivers to deliver meals. Please call Roberta at 808 822-4667 if you can assist.

Reminder for 2022 Dues Payment

We would appreciate your 2022 dues payment before the end of December. If you are unable to make the full payment, you may prefer to do a partial payment over several months. The annual membership is \$300 or \$25.00 per month.

Women's Association

The Women's Association hosted the annual Kauai United BWA Fall Conference on October 2, 2022.

Lihue Hongwanji, West Kauai Hongwanji, and Kapaa Hongwanji women viewed the conference on Zoom, at their respective temples. Rev. Yuika Hasebe, acting Rimban of the Honpa Hawaii Betsuin was the Keynote speaker. Everyone enjoyed her meaningful message on "Building Healthy Sanghas -Connecting with Others."

Memorial Service

November

Jiro	Motoyama	33rd	11/2/1990
Fred Haruo	Nishimura	13th	11/6/2010
Margaret Hisayo	Nakamura	13th	11/7/2010
Toshie Nakano	Hirata	13th	11/16/2010
Ichiji	Matsumura	27th	11/21/1996



December

Takeo	Sakamoto	13th	12/1/2010
Takazo	Soma	17th	12/2/2006
Yutaka	Shintani	27th	12/11/1996
Charlotte Keiko	Nakamura	17th	12/13/2006
Elaine Mitsuyo	Morita	13th	12/16/2010
Kathleen Tsuyako	Honjiyo	33rd	12/20/1990
Hisao	Maeda	3rd	12/24/2020
Chieko	Miyazaki	33rd	12/25/1990
Mamoru	Korenaga	17th	12/29/2006

In Memoriam...

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

Ralph Shintani

Namo Amida Butsu.

From Minister's Desk

Thank you so much for your generous support for our anniversary. It was exciting to see past and neighboring ministers with our Bishop and Kyodan President.

Please contact us at 808.822.4667 to let us know if you are planning to hold a service. Thank you for supporting Kapaa Hongwanji.

Namo Amida Butsu

Temple Cleaning & Flower Arrangement

11/5/2022	Group 1	Mrs. Marie Hashimura - Chair Mr. Milton Nakamura, Mr. Ray Paler	Ruby Ishida
11/12/2022	Group 2	Mr. Clint Saiki - Chair Mrs. Yasuko Murakami, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Yanagawa	Joan Slingerland
11/19/2022	Group 3	Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Takekuma - Chair Mr. Stanford Iwamoto, Mrs. Erin Takekuma, Ms. Madison Doo, Mrs. Tami Ramil, Ms. Kaleigh Ramil	Kay Takekuma
11/26/2022	Group 4	Ms. Gloria Shimizu - Chair Mr. Haven Kuboyama, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Sunada, Mrs. Pat Yamamoto	Rona Sakai
12/3/2022	Group 5	Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Sakai - Chair Ms. Carol Saiki	Ruby Ishida
12/10/2022	Group 6	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tsukamoto - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Brian Yamamoto, Mr. Winston Kawamoto	Joan Slingerland

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Monthly Memorial Service
November 6, 2022, 9:00 am

No Service
November 13, 2022, 9:00 am

Eitaikyo Service
November 20, 2022, 9:00 am

Family Service
November 27, 2022, 9:00 am

