



ONENESS

KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

December 2022

Season of appreciation and gratitude!

Bishop Eric Matsumoto



As we approach the Holiday Season including the Thanksgiving Holiday, and also in the Eitaikyo Season with Bodhi Day upon us, one word that comes immediately to mind is gratitude. Due to Sakyamuni Buddha and the commitment and dedication of past Sangha members, we gratefully have our temples where we are able to receive the Dharma especially hear the Compassionate call of Amida Buddha who promises “*Vowing not to attain Buddhahood “if they are not born.”*” Amida Buddha is saying that unless, you and I, are not born in the Pure Land, then, I (Amida Buddha) have not

attained perfect enlightenment. “Wow!”

Recently, I attended the 61st Nuuanu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, the longest running interfaith service in Hawaii, held every year prior to Thanksgiving to express gratitude and each year a worthy community organization or entity which benefits the community is highlighted with donations collected given to it. As I sat there I remembered the teaching that encourages us “*some of it (our earnings) must be shared with others, some of it must be saved for an emergency, some of it must be set aside for the needs of the community, and some of it must be devoted to the needs of religious teachers.*”

Reflecting, again, the next day, a verse from one of Shinran Shonin’s poems came to mind “*Casting off the pain of birth-and-death since the beginningless past, We are certain of attaining supreme nirvana. This is through Amida’s directing of virtue for going forth and returning; Our gratitude for the Buddha’s benevolence is truly hard to fulfill.*” In our Jodo Shinshu Teachings, the credit goes to Amida Buddha for our being able to go to the Pure Land and also (after having attained enlightenment) our return from the Pure Land to help others also realize the same joy, peace and happiness. Amida Buddha is the reason for our “going” to and our “returning” from the Pure Land of Enlightenment. Such is Amida Buddha’s Great Compassion which will not stop until, one and all, are like Amida Buddha, completely enlightened to the point that Amida Buddha promises (as noted earlier) “*Vowing not to attain (perfect) Buddhahood if they (people) are not born (in the Pure Land).*” Truly as Shinran Shonin said, “*Our gratitude for the Buddha’s benevolence is truly hard to fulfill.*”

Yes, indeed, how immense is Amida Buddha's compassion and how grateful I am for it! However, when one deeply reflects one comes to understand that the overwhelming gratitude I experience is not from me, but arises because of Amida Buddha. It is Amida Buddha's pure, sincere and compassionate actions which makes gratitude arise in me. In this sense, it is not "my" gratitude and I find myself responding to that gratitude by living a life of Nembutsu imbued with gratitude.

We have so much to be grateful for including our temples. In the midst of this season of thanksgiving and gratitude, let us remember the expression "Knowing gratitude, Respond in gratitude." Let us be guided by the (Buddhist) teaching of "*The wise show appreciation not only to the person(s) who helped (them) by returning some act of kindness, but to all those around them.*" Namō Amida Butsu.

2023 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The 2023 HHMH Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) will be held on February 10 & 11, 2023 at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. The Legislative Assembly Aloha Luncheon & Living Treasures of Hawaii Recognition will be held on Saturday February 11, 2023 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballrooms. The registration fee is \$125.00 for both delegates and observers, \$100.00 for the luncheon only and \$15.00 for the Rap Session. The registration forms were sent on November 1, 2022 to the Temples & Council Presidents. Please submit your completed registration form by December 31, 2022. The 2023 Giseikai documents & Zoom link will be emailed to attendees in early February 2023.

SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING EVENT

HAWAII DISTRICT ONLINE BUDDHIST SEMINAR 2022

Date & Time: Saturday, December 10th, 2022, 10 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

Keynote Lecturer: Rev. Tatsuo Muneto, Retired Minister of HHMH

Topic: Never Alone: Shin Buddhism and End-of-Life Care.

Free Registration: <https://forms.gle/TokqewPPZps1dvuh7>

KONA HONGWANJI 125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple celebrated its 125th Anniversary with a series of events on October 15-16, 2022.

MAKAWAO HONGWANJI 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On October 16, 2022, Makawao Hongwanji celebrated the 50th anniversary of the opening of our temple and the 115th anniversary of the founding of our predecessor, the Paia Hongwanji Mission.

KAPAA HONGWANJI MISSION CELEBRATED ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

Photo and Article by Dennis Fujimoto

The Kapaa Hongwanji Mission celebrated its 100th anniversary on Sunday with a special commemorative service officiated by Bishop Eric Matsumoto.

More than a hundred years ago, the first-generation immigrants arrived from Japan, settling in different parts of Kauai to work on the plantations. Their arrival in Hawaii was accompanied by Shin Buddhism that celebrated its first Jodo Shinshu Buddhist service in the kingdom on March 3, 1889, making it one of the oldest continuous living Buddhist traditions in America.



“Many settled on the Eastside of the island in the towns of Kealia and Kapaa. They faced a difficult life working on the plantations with meager wages and poor housing,” said the Rev. Mieko Majima of the Kapaa Hongwanji.

“We are truly grateful to the founders and members of Kapaa Hongwanji Mission, and pay tribute to their many accomplishments over the century,” Majima said. “Let us not forget these members and friends, who have been strong role models for all of us, and continue their legacy to the next generation,” she said.



WEST KAUAI HONGWANJI MISSION 25th ANNIVERSARY

West Kauai Hongwanji Mission celebrated their 25th Anniversary Service and Shinran Shonin Statue Dedication Ceremony on November 13, 2022, at Hanapepe Temple with special guests Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Dr. Warren Tamamoto, former resident minister and wife, Kauai Buddhist Council President, Kauai Hongwanji Ministers and Presidents.

2022 MOCHI SALE

The Mochi Sale will be held on **Friday, December 23, from 10:00-11:00 am.**
We are asking all temple members to please join in the fun and joy of mochi making.
Only plain mochi will be sold by the pound with a limit of 3 lbs. per member.

The following is the work schedule:

Thursday, Dec. 22, 2022 @ 7:30 a.m.

1. Wash and soak the mochi rice.
2. Wash sink, mochi cooking implements, wooden boxes and soak in water.
3. Prepare the rice cooking area with adequate amount of firewood.
4. Line the floor and tables with paper.
5. Oil and check mochi grinding machine.

Friday, Dec. 23, 2022

5:00 a.m.: Start cooking fire and begin steaming the mochi rice in wooden boxes.

5:30 a.m.: Set up mochi grinding area (set up and sanitize machines).
Set up and oil mochi cutters.

6:00 a.m.: Begin mochi making.

10:00-11:00 a.m.: Pick up for mochi orders.

- 11:00 a.m.:**
1. Wash and put away the equipment and utensils.
 2. Remove and dispose of paper lining from floor & tables.
 3. Sweep and mop the kitchen and hall floors.
 4. Clean up the lanai and back of the kitchen area.

Mochi Order Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

There is a **limit of 3 lbs. of mochi.** One pound of mochi will be packed in each plastic container. Please place your orders by the pound and not by pieces.

Plain Mochi: _____ lbs. x \$8.00 = \$_____

TOTAL enclosed = \$_____

Mochi order with a check payable to "Kapaa Hongwanji Mission" is due on December 16, 2022.

MAHALO FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS & SUPPORT
October 24 - November 24, 2022

Bedside Service

Mitsuo Wakumoto - Patricia Sugai
Mitsuko Higashiyama - Roy Nishida

Memorial Service

In memory of the late...

Margaret Nakamura - Milton Nakamura
Marie & Gene Hashimura, Irene &
Paul Nakamura
Ichiji Matsumura - Melvin Matsumura
Haruo & Saeko Kakimoto - Neil Kakimoto

In Memory of...

Eleanor Seshiki - Mary Kadooka
Sumiko Kawamoto - Edwin Kawamoto

Eitaikyo Service

Ralph Kitashima
Leanora Orr
Carol Saiki
Gloria Shimizu
Roberta Yanagawa

Services

Leanora Orr
Etsuko Yoshii

Columbarium

In memory of Jack & Lily
Higashi - Rene Tokuda

Membership

Sugako Kojima
Evelyn Nakamura
Sally Nakamura
Gloria Shimizu

Hall Rental

Marina LaMadrid

Temple Donations

Sharon Contrades
Grove Farm Co. Foundation
Marina LaMadrid
Roy Morita
Jesse Muramaru
Sally Nakamura

Social Concerns

Haven Kuboyama
Ethel Aiko Oda
Carol Saiki
Mae Sakamoto
Gloria Shimizu
Glenn Yagihara
Reuben Yoshida

Centennial Donation

Marie Hashimura
Ruth Kano
Joan & Jean Kurosaki
Rev. Mieko Majima
Melvin Matsumura
Gary & Susan Morita
Hideaki Murakami
Ethel Aiko Oda
Kathleen Yamamoto
Sidney & Roberta Yanagawa

KIA Thanksgiving Support

Madison Doo
Ralph Kitashima
Kapaa Lions Club
Rev. Mieko Majima
Kaleigh Ramil
Taryn Ramil
Calvin & Rona Sakai
Diane Sato
Kristi & Scott Sato
Gloria Shimizu
Pearl Shimizu

Volunteer Support

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



General Clean Up

Date: December 17 @ 7:00 a.m.
Place: Temple and Social Hall

from the president's corner...

Aloha Everyone! It's December and the end of the year 2022. The days have gone by too quickly. We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to our dedicated members, families, and friends for your support and generous monetary contributions throughout the year. You made the difference to keep our temple operational and moving forward. As 2022 comes to a close, we wish all of you a happy holiday season and we look forward to your continued support in the New Year.

The Kapaa Interfaith Thanksgiving was a successful community service project. A total of about 1400 hot meals were served and delivered from Anahola to Lihue. We thank the home delivery drivers/helpers for volunteering to deliver meals to the homebound and those who helped to pack the meals and fulfilled the orders for the drive through pick up. We also express our gratitude to Mark & Wendy Oyama and their staff, and the churches who worked in harmony to make Thanksgiving a wonderful celebration for all.

The past 3 years have been rather difficult for everyone. We were not able to do many activities which we enjoyed with our Sangha. This year we have decided to end the year on a positive note and make a limited amount of mochi for our Sangha on Friday, December 23, 2022. Due to limited volunteers, we will only be making plain mochi and limiting each person to purchase 3 lbs. of plain mochi. The cost of the mochi rice has gone up so it will be \$8.00 per lb. The mochi will be packed in plastic containers by the pound which is about 6 pieces. Please fill out and send, email or call 808 822-4667 to place your orders.

Once again, we are in need of new and energetic members who would like to serve on the Kapaa Hongwanji Board of Directors. You will need to be a dues paying member in good standing. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month to plan, discuss concerns, suggest new ideas/activities and vote on decision making issues in the best interest of the temple. You may also participate in the State Committees if you are a member and if interested attend the legislative assembly on February 10-11, 2023. Some Board members have served for more than 15 years and have decided to retire and give others the opportunity to serve and share their new ideas. Deadline for nominations is Dec. 14, 2022.

Women's Association

The Women's Association was saddened by the passing of another long-time member. We extend our deepest condolences to the family of the late Mitsuko Higashiyama. We thank her for her many years of support and dedication to the BWA.

United Jr. YBA of Kauai

Many thanks to Madison Doo, Taryn Ramil and their advisor, Kaleigh Ramil for assisting with the Interfaith Thanksgiving Meal deliveries. They efficiently organized and packed the meals in the cars for delivery to the homebound elders. They have been assisting for the past 4 yrs. The young ladies will also be assisting with the Mochi Sale on December 23, 2022. Coming up in January is the Winter Federation Meeting which will be held on Maui. Recently they donated \$300 to the World Central Kitchen by recycling cans and plastic bottles.

Memorial Service

DECEMBER				JANUARY		
Takeo	Sakamoto	13th	12/1/2010	Masako	Hiranaka	17th 1/8/2007
Takazo	Soma	17th	12/2/2006	Takamatsu	Takahashi	23rd 1/8/2001
Yutaka	Shintani	27th	12/11/1996	Sue Shizue	Nakamatsu	7th 1/16/2017
Charlotte Keiko	Nakamura	17th	12/13/2006	Richard Makoto	Seshiki	7th 1/16/2017
Elaine Mitsuyo	Morita	13th	12/16/2010	Shunichi	Tasaka	23rd 1/19/2001
Kathleen Tsuyako	Honjiyo	33rd	12/20/1990	Mary Masako	Hiramoto Inoshita	17th 1/22/2007
Hisao	Maeda	3rd	12/24/2020	Harris	Masada	33rd 1/22/1991
Chieko	Miyazaki	33rd	12/25/1990	Tsui	Yamamoto	33rd 1/22/1991
Mamoru	Korenaga	17th	12/29/2006	Yoshichi	Yoshida	23rd 1/24/2001
				Matsuko	Masuda	17th 1/31/2007

From Minister's Desk

Thank you so much for your generous support in 2022. We could survive through tough time together. I look forward to renew our minds with the Buddha.

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.

In Memoriam...

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

Mitsuo Wakumoto
Mitsuko Higashiyama

Namo Amida Butsu

Temple Cleaning & Flower Arrangement

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
12/17/2022		General Clean Up	Kay Takekuma
12/24/2022	Group 1	Mrs. Marie Hashimura - Chair Mr. Milton Nakamura, Mr. Ray Paler	Rona Sakai
12/31/2022	Group 2	Mr. Clint Saiki - Chair Mrs. Yasuko Murakami, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Yanagawa	Roberta Yanagawa
1/7/2023	Group 3	Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Takekuma - Chair Mr. Stanford Iwamoto, Mrs. Erin Takekuma, Ms. Madison Doo, Mrs. Tami Ramil, Ms. Kaleigh Ramil	Ruby Ishida
1/14/2023	Group 4	Ms. Gloria Shimizu - Chair Mr. Haven Kuboyama, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Sunada, Mrs. Pat Yamamoto	Joan Slingerland

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Bodhi Day Service @ Garden Island Mortuary

December 4, 2022, 9:30 am

Bodhi Day Service @ KHM

December 11, 2022, 9:00 am

General Clean Up

December 17, 2022, 7:00 am

Monthly Memorial Service

December 18, 2022, 9:00 am

Mochi Sale

December 23, 2022, 10:00 am

Family Service

December 25, 2022, 9:00 am

New Year's Eve Service

December 31, 2022, 5:00 pm

