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KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

January 2023

New Year's Greeting



Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

In view of the Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022, as Nembutsu followers who have deeply inscribed in our hearts and minds Shinran Shonin's message of "May there be peace in the world," we firmly stand against the military infringement of the other nation's sovereignty, and also aspire for immediate return of peace in Ukraine.

Over the last year, COVID-19 continues to be a global pandemic. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to those who fell victim to the disease and express my sympathies to those who are undergoing treatment. I would also like to express my respect and sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and other frontline medical professionals who have been engaging in the treatment of infected people, as well as all essential workers who have made it possible for us to continue with our lives.

The pandemic has forced us to learn firsthand that we will continue to be confronted by unexpected situations even in modern times despite technologies both in science and medical fields being highly developed. Sakyamuni Buddha, who passed on the Dharma to us, made clear that there is no life nor entity in this world that lasts forever. This truth, the principle of impermanence, has never changed even in this time and age approximately 2500 years since his time. Another fact that does not change is our inability to accept this truth as it is, and because of this, we continue struggling.

This is the very reason why, regardless of the pandemic, we can rely on the Jodo Shinshu teaching clarified by Shinran Shonin, which guides us as a spiritual foundation that enables us to move forward even when being overwhelmed with difficulties. A gathering at the temple with Amida Buddha as its center provides a great opportunity to receive the Dharma as well as an occasion in which people can support and reassure one another as fellow practitioners who follow the same teaching.

I hope you will continue to share the teaching within the greater society through various ways and your temple will or continue to serve as a place where people can gather

and find comfort in its activities. I humbly ask for your understanding and cooperation in support of your temples. I would like to conclude my new year's greeting with my heartfelt appreciation to you all.

January 1, 2023

OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

2023 Bishop's New Year's Message

My New Year's Resolution is...

Let me take this precious opportunity to wish you a sincere "Happy New Year!" More than any other time of the year, the start of the year is a time we are filled with hope and expectation for a brighter and better year.

While, we may have personal desires and goals for myself, let us not forget to also have more inclusive aspirations and goals which embraces all others. In the words of Mitsuo Aida, whose calligraphy piece for Gan (or Negai in vernacular Japanese) is reproduced here, he says very different from personal wishes centered only on oneself are wishes such as: may there be no wars, aspiring for peace and harmony in the world, and may our human contrivances not contribute further to the contamination of our natural environment of the land, sea, and air. When we sincerely embrace these sorts of wishes, they are referred to as "Gan" (or aspirations or vows). If held deeply in our hearts, even the tiniest aspiration will be reflected in our eyes and faces. May we embrace vows and aspirations within our means and contribute to a brighter prospect for our future.



When I look at Mitsuo Aida's calligraphy above, I am reminded of Amida Buddha's 48 Vows especially the Great Compassion of Amida Buddha which promises "If those who entrust themselves to my Vow should not be born [in my (Pure) land], I shall not become Buddha." which expresses Amida Buddha great aspiration by conditioning the Buddha's own Supreme Enlightenment with the Enlightenment of all others including you and me. Could there be a greater wish or aspiration? Please reflect on this matter.



Further, let us make manifest our Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Theme & Slogan for 2023 which is “Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together.” As Shinran Shonin rejoiced in one of his poems, *The light of compassion illumines from afar; Those beings it reaches, it is taught, Attain the Joy of the Dharma, So take refuge in Amida, the great consolation.*

Do not keep that joy and happiness of the Nembutsu hidden within you. Culturally, for many of us, being reserved and somewhat stoic is a culturally emphasized

trait, but when it comes to the Joy of Buddha-Dharma, “No enryo (Don’t hesitate)” would be my recommendation. Let it flow from the depths of your being outward and allow it to be known to others. This is, one way, we are able to share our joy. Needless to say, this “Sharing Joy Together” is not limited to our close circle of family and friends, but it does start with them.

To conclude, once again, I hope you detached Gomonshu’s “Our Pledge” from last year’s Hawaii Kyodan Calendar and have it where you and others can see and recite it daily as it shares how we can live our life together. As I express my best wishes to you for a happy, joyous and meaningful New Year, please join me in awareness, joy and gratitude of Great Wisdom and Compassion which guides, nurtures, and embraces us (eventually transforms with birth in the Pure Land of Enlightenment), to recite Namu Amida Butsu or The Buddha’s Name Which I Call (in gratitude) in response to Namu Amida Butsu or The Buddha’s Name That Calls Me (to entrust). Namu Amida Butsu. Thank you and, once again, “Happy New Year” from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii’s Office of the Bishop.

In gassho/anjali,
Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop
January 1, 2023

United Jr. YBA of Kauai

The United Jr. YBA is also seeking new members. They have two members at this time. Madison Doo is the president and a senior at Kapaa High School. Taryn Ramil is a freshman at the University of Hawaii. We welcome Kaleigh Ramil who graciously volunteered to be the youth advisor. She graduated from the University of Hawaii earlier this year.

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii



Happy New Year!

Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu!

Hauoli Makahiki Hou!

I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and in good spirits as we enter the New Year, 2023. The COVID-19 situation in the USA has improved over the past year with the development of effective and safe vaccines and antiviral treatments. However, over 1 million Americans (and much more worldwide) have died since the pandemic started in 2020. The COVID-19 virus still results in serious illness and death for susceptible people. Therefore, we must continue to be cautious and respectful of others. Simple guidelines that we can follow include vaccination, staying home when sick, handwashing and wearing masks when close to others. Please try to be safe as we re-open our temples.

As we move into the new year, we will reflect often on our theme and slogan for 2023, **“Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together”**. As we reflect, let us remember the concept of **ondobo-ondogyo** as a guide to our thoughts and action. Shinran used this phrase to explain that we are all fellow travelers, or companions on the Nembutsu path. Shinran saw himself as an ordinary person, a *bombu* (foolish person) walking the Nembutsu path along with his Dharma friends. In Shinran’s view, we are all equal. As fellow travelers, we share each other’s joys and sorrows, each other’s burdens and celebrations. In **ondobo-ondogyo**, there is a profound sense that we are equal and interdependent. Also, with the spirit of **ondobo-ondogyo** there is a natural experience of gratitude as we give support, and we are in turn supported by the presence of our fellow travelers.

As we look back on our journey for the past few years, let us express our appreciation to our ministers and temple leaders for their dedication, resilience and creativity in sharing the Nembutsu teachings with our community under difficult circumstances. And, let us continue on our journey in joy and gratitude for Amida’s universal and unconditional compassion for all.

With Gassho,

Warren Tamamoto

President, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

Join Jr. YBA of Kaua'i!



In this club you can:

- Participate in community service opportunities!
- Meet new people across the state!
- Earn scholarships!
- Gain new and cultural experiences!

Contact us!

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Hawaii Premiere

Carving **the Divine**

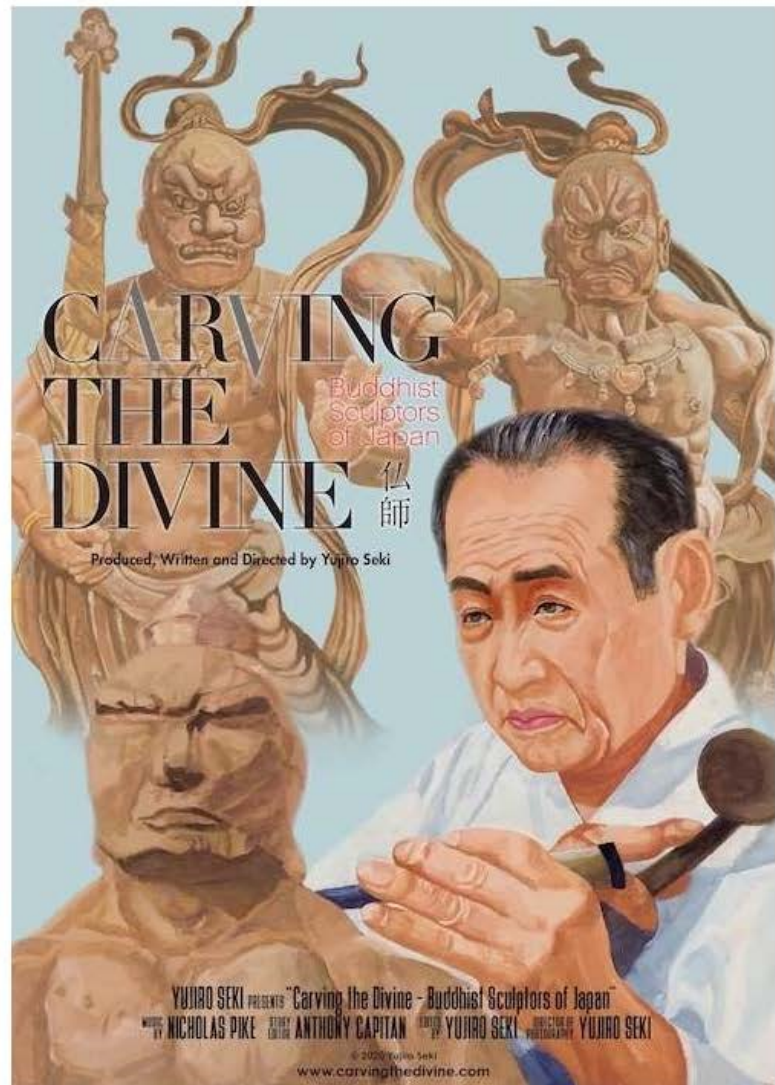
**Award Winning
Documentary Film
Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023,
11:30AM-2:00PM,
Honpa Hongwanji
Hawaii Betsuin
Buddhist Temple,
1727 Pali Hwy.
(Enter via Lusitana Street.)
Open to the Public.**

A fascinating look into the journey of mastering a 1,400-year-old tradition of the *busshi*. Yujiro Seki has captured on film a world unknown to most. The

journey of becoming a master sculptor of Buddhist images is one in which one also gets to know oneself. Meet the producer, Yujiro Seki in person and a private viewing of the Amida Buddha image in the Main Sanctuary of the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Buddhist Temple. Carving the Divine has been shown at 30 film festivals in 22 countries winning awards at 13 festivals such as the Best Director Award of a Foreign Language Documentary at World Cinema Milan and premiering at the famous Raindance Film Festival in London.

Go to <https://youtu.be/ZBtdhue11UA> to view official trailer.

Sponsored by the: Buddhist Study Center, Hawaii Buddhist Council and the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Buddhist Temple. For more information, please call 808 536-7044 (HHHB Temple) or by email kwong@honpahi.org Donations accepted.



MAHALO FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS & SUPPORT
November 25 to December 18, 2022

Funeral Service

Mitsuo Wakumoto
- Pat Sugai & Family
Ralph Shintani
- Shintani Family
Mitsuko Higashiyama
- Takekuma & Nishida Family

Bedside Service

Mitsuko Higashiyama - Roy Nishida

In Memory of...

Masuichi Hashimoto 33rd - Miyeko Hashimoto
Mary Inoshita - Katherine Hiramoto
Elaine Morita 13th - Roy Morita

Sunday Service

Ralph Kitashima
Gloria Shimizu
Leanora Orr
Carol Saiki
Roberta Yanagawa

Membership

Arlene Iida
Dimples Yoshiko Kano
Neal & Celeste Kakimoto
Richard Kubota
Gloria Shimizu
Dennis & Sadie Sunada
Lynsay Tsukamoto
Keith & Thelma Tsukamoto

Temple Donations

Sharon Contrades
Joanne Fujio
Dimples Yoshiko Kano
Family of Mitsuko Higashiyama
Reuben Yoshida
Jill Yoshimatsu
Stephanie Whiting

Social Concerns

Arlene Iida
Kathleen Yamamoto

General Clean-up

Marie Hashimura
Stanford Iwamoto
Ralph Kitashima
Lion Janice Bond
Lion Helena Cooney
Lion Walton Hong

Lion Jaana Makipaa
Lion Lonnie Sykos
Rev. Mieko Majima
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Calvin & Rona Sakai
Gloria Shimizu
Pearl Shimizu
Clyde & Kay Takekuma

Mochi Sale Support

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Taryn Ramil
Carol Saiki
Calvin & Rona Sakai
Jenn, Ryden & Chad Sakai
Gloria Shimizu
Pearl Shimizu
Lane Sunada
Dennis & Sadie Sunada
Clyde Takekuma

Volunteer Support

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David & Ruby Ishida
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Winston Kawamoto
Ralph Kitashima
Haven Kuboyama
Rev. Mieko Majima
Milton Nakamura
Ray Paler
Kaleigh Ramil
Carol Saiki
Calvin & Rona Sakai
Gloria Shimizu
Pearl Shimizu
Joan Slingerland
Dennis & Sadie Sunada
Clyde & Kay Takekuma
Keith & Thelma Tsukamoto
Brian & Wendy Yamamoto



from the president's corner...

New Year's Greetings! We take this opportunity to reflect on the past year and express our gratitude for your dedication and support to overcome the challenges of the past year. We also thank Rev. Majima for her tireless effort to keep the temple alive. Everyone's commitment to persevere with selfless giving, compassion and generosity are truly commendable and appreciated. After celebrating our Centennial Service in October, we are encouraged to continue to share the Jodo Shinshu teachings as we strive to live in harmony, peace and gratitude.

The Buddha, Dharma and the Sangha are the three treasures. Let us begin the year by joining the Sangha for Sunday services and listening to the Dharma which will bring awareness and realization of the living teachings. Let's work together to make 2023 a joyous, meaningful and exceptional year with the Nembutsu always in our heart. Namo Amida Butsu.....

Many thanks to our members who assisted with the **Mochi Sale** on December 23, 2022. It was a great way to culminate the year with our Sangha. We still have some frozen plain mochi available to be purchased. 1 lb. per container for \$8.00

2023 Honpa Hongwanji Mission Calendar Distribution

We are in the process of distributing the calendars. The members who reside in the outside areas will receive their calendars through the mail. You may also pick up your calendar on Sundays at the service.

2023 KHM Membership renewal letters will be sent out soon. Due to inflation and the increase cost of goods and services, we needed to increase the dues to \$350.00 annually or \$25.00 monthly. Please fill in and update your contact information on the 2023 membership form. Mahalo!

KHM Board of Directors - We have not been able to recruit the needed number of directors. With the resignation of 2 directors who have served for at least 15-20 years, we will need to have some younger members to fulfill the positions with new ideas and suggestions. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00 p.m. In a year, you would spend 18-24 hrs. of service to assist your temple. Election of officers will be held at our January 11, 2023 meeting. Please let me know if you can kokua. Call me at 808 822-4667

Women's Association

Once again the Women's Association is in need of new members who would like to join the organization to assist the temple with activities and refreshments for special, major and funeral services. Currently we have two members who carry on the organization. Unfortunately we have lost many of our long time active members who passed away. Please call 808 822-4667 to let us know that you are excited to participate.

Memorial Service

JANUARY

Masako	Hiranaka	17th	1/8/2007
Takamatsu	Takahashi	23rd	1/8/2001
Sue Shizue	Nakamatsu	7th	1/16/2017
Richard Makoto	Seshiki	7th	1/16/2017
Shunichi	Tasaka	23rd	1/19/2001
Mary Masako	Hiramoto Inoshita	17th	1/22/2007
Harris	Masada	33rd	1/22/1991
Tsui	Yamamoto	33rd	1/22/1991
Yoshichi	Yoshida	23rd	1/24/2001
Matsuko	Masuda	17th	1/31/2007

February

Minoru	Osaki	27th	2/21/1997
Masao	Yamamoto	7th	2/22/2017
Kaoru	Taogoshi	13th	2/23/2011
Patsy Toshiko	Azeka	17th	2/25/2007
Asaichi	Shimamoto	23rd	2/25/2001
Jarrett	Yoon	3rd	2/28/2021

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

Happy New Year!

Harmony is linked to peace. When we are in harmony with body and mind, we are at peace, looking with compassion and doing at our best, which can make us live in harmony with others.

Let's keep in touch through the Buddha Dharma . Thank you for your continuous support in spreading the Buddha Dharma.

Namo Amida Butsu

Temple Cleaning & Flower Arrangement

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
1/21/2023	Group 5	Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Sakai - Chair Ms. Carol Saiki	Kay Takekuma
1/28/2023	Group 6	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tsukamoto - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Brian Yamamoto, Mr. Winston Kawamoto	Rona Sakai
2/4/2023	Group 1	Mrs. Marie Hashimura - Chair Mr. Milton Nakamura, Mr. Ray Paler	Ruby Ishida
2/11/2023	Group 2	Mr. Clint Saiki - Chair Mrs. Yasuko Murakami, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Yanagawa	Joan Slingerland

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January 2023

New Year's Service

January 1, 2023, 9:00 am

Monthly Memorial Service

January 8, 2023, 9:00 am

Ho'onko Service

January 15, 2023, 9:00 am

Family Service

January 22, 2023, 9:00 am

No Service

January 29, 2023

