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## NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER?

Please call Rev. Shawn Yagi at 488-5685 (residence), or 487-2626 (office). If he is not available, leave a message on the answering machine.

For religious emergencies (Makuragyo or bedside services), please call Rev. Yagi on his cell phone, 364-2825.

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## Minister's Message.

### The Meaning of Obon Festival

In the month of June, July and August Obon activities are held not only among the Temples in Hawaii, but all over the world. Our Aiea Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will observe Obon Festivities on July 27. Bon Service will be held from 6pm with Rev. Kazunori Takahashi as our guest speaker and Bon Dance 7pm. May I ask everybody's participation and Kokua this year again.

The term Obon comes from a Sutra called the Ulambana Sutra pronounced Urabongyo in Japanese and contracted to Obon. The Sutra tells the familiar story of the Buddha's disciple Mogallana and his efforts to release his dead mother from the painful consequences of her mistaken way of living. Ulambana means "to hang upside down" indicating Mogallana's mother's wrong way of life. She did not know the teaching of Interdependency. Even though she was able to be living by receiving support from others, she was thinking she was living all by herself. If you are hung upside down, you will have wrong view. She did not care about the other people but she is only concerned about her son Mogallana. She acted selfishly in order to ensure that her son would receive the best in care and comfort as well as opportunity. This selfish and greed led her to the realm of hungry ghosts. In this realm, everything that a person could need or want is present, but always out of reach. Mogallana, with his extraordinary powers filled a bowl with food and sent it to his mother, he ran to Shakyamuni Buddha. The Buddha tells Mogallana that he needs the combined help of all the monks to help his mother. He was told to bring offerings of food from land and sea, and sweets piled on a platter to the Sangha. Mogallana made those offerings and his mother and seven generations of his ancestors were relieved of their sufferings. Mogallana was so overjoyed that he clapped his hands and danced for joy. This is said to have been the beginning of the Bon Odori (Obon Dance).

When we are awakened to the reality of Interdependency, we have to extend helping hand to the others to make them happy. This action is called Dana (Fuse, selfless-giving).

When we hold on to our material possessions or to the Dharma, we often make our egos even stronger and lose the ability to see things as they are. By simply giving our possessions, Dana becomes a practice of the Buddhist path for overcoming the ego. When we practice giving we are able to overcome our attachments to our possessions or to the Dharma.

Therefore, it is not a true practice of Dana if one is attached to the idea of the one who gives, what is given, or to whom something is given. In the process of practicing Dana, "who," "what," and "to whom" are called the three wheels, which must always be in a pure state, free from attachments.

Mogallana's Dana relieved his mother from her suffering and made his ancestors



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truly happy.

Obon is also time to honor and appreciate to all of our ancestors. Obon Service gives us a special moment of reflect, remember and feel gratitude to those who have gone before us. We will have Hatsubon (First Bon) Service on August 18, 5pm. This gathering provides a chance to be surrounded by the love and support of others in a universal spiritual family experiencing many of the same feelings and emotions. Hatsu Bon service becomes precious opportunity for family, friends, and members to strengthen relationship and to deepen their understanding of life through the Nembutsu Teachings taught by Shinran Shonin.

During Obon season, Aiea Hongwanji offered individual family Obon service at Temple or house. Please contact office (487-2626) or Minister's residence (488-5685) for appointment and/or more information.

Namo Amida Butsu  
Rev. Shawn K. Yagi

EVENTS OF JULY 2019

4	Thur	9:00am	Independence Day HOLIDAY (Preschool/Lotus closed)
7	Sun	9:00am	Family Service and Dharma School
7	Sun	1pm-3pm	Buddha Bowling Bash at Aiea Bowl. Please come by 12:30 to be ready to start at 1pm. Refreshments afterwards at Aiea until 4pm
11	Thur	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting in Kitchen
13	Sat	7:00pm	Waipahu Hongwanji Bon Dance
14	Sun	8:00am	Setup Yagura and Temple/Hall Decoration, no Service
16	Tue	7:00 pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
20	Sat	7:00pm	Waianae Hongwanji Bon Dance
21	Sun	9:00am	Family Service and Dharma School
26	Fri		Last day of Preschool Summer Session
26	Fri		Setup and prep for Bon Dance
27	Sat	6:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Bon Service
27	Sat	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Bon Dance
28	Sun	9:00am	Bon Dance cleanup / No service

HIGHLIGHTS OF AUGUST 2019

1	Thu	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
4	Sun	9:00am	Sutra Chanting Service
5	Mon		Preschool begins
11	Sun	9:00am	Sutra Chanting Service
12-16	Mon-Fri		Buddhist Study Center Summer Session
16	Fri		Statehood Day HOLIDAY
18	Sun	9:00am	Sutra Chanting Service
18	Sun	5:00pm	Hatsubon Service (First Obon Service)
21	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
22	Thu	7:00pm	Oahu District BSC Summer Session at Waipahu Hongwanji
25	Sun	9:00am	Sutra Chanting Service
25	Sun	12:15pm	Oahu United BWA meeting at PC
30-Sep 1	Fri-Sun		16th World Buddhist Women's Convention (San Francisco, CA)

If you are homebound or in a care home or hospital, and would like Rev. Yagi to visit with you, please call him at 488-5685 to arrange a visit.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

I hope you are well. I want to share some helpful information with you about changes in the temple office. Susan Morishige has worked as a part-time staff person in the office for the past several years. I apologize to Susan that I can't recall the exact number of years. Susan keeps track of the hall rentals, puts our temple newsletter together, answers phone calls and prepares a folder for each board member before our monthly meeting. That seems like a short list, but each task is made up of many smaller tasks. For example, mailing the monthly newsletter includes reminding people to submit photos and articles, cutting and pasting photos/articles into the newsletter, proofreading the newsletter and submitting to the printer by the deadline. Donation envelopes and mailing labels must be prepared ahead of time. The newsletters, along with inserts and envelopes are collated for mailing with the help of the BWA and mailed at the end of the month. Aiea Hongwanji temple newsletters are archived. Newsletters from other temples are collected and available in the temple office for members to read.



Anyway, I want to thank Susan for her efforts for the past few years. The list above doesn't cover all of the work that Susan did for us. We appreciate that she did all of the tasks above to the best of her ability. That's the most we can ask for from any member. Susan is still an AHM member, so she will be helping with our various temple activities.

Going forward, we have a volunteer (several volunteers) who will man the office along with Rev. Yagi. Thank you to Diane Okawa, who volunteered to work in the office on a part-time basis. Diane will be handling the hall rentals. She or Rev. Yagi will be answering the phone-either directly or by picking up the phone messages. Helen, Jean, Mavis and others have also volunteered to work in the office. Please be patient as we will be in a transition period for the next month or two while our volunteers get organized. Thank you in advance to all of our volunteers who keep our temple looking attractive and running smoothly

Aiea's O-Bon celebration is coming up this month. We hope that you will put it on your schedule to come to O-Bon on **Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**. Please see details on our monthly calendar. We will be setting up the Yagura on **Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**. If you are in good physical condition, we could use your help. Raising the Yagura is always safer when a lot of people are available to help. On the day of Bon Dance (the 27<sup>th</sup>), we'll be at the temple from early morning at about 8 am doing the final set up until closing. Then on Sunday morning we'll take on the really tough task-that is taking down the Yagura and putting everything away on **Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please put these three dates on your calendar. Work is fun! Hope to see you later this month. Thank you!

*"Be your own light", Warren*

### AIEA HONGWANJI HALL WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Dharma Service (temple)	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday & Thursday	Hosha Work Days	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Monday - Wednesday, & Friday	Preschool Use	8:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Monday & Thursday	Kumon Class	2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Monday & Wednesday	Zumba Class #1	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Mondays only	Zumba Class #2	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	Judo	5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	Sanshin Class (classroom or Lotus)	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
1st Thursdays	BWA Meeting (kitchen)	9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Thursdays	BWA Craft Class	8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## **Mettabhavana Meditation**

Amida Buddha  
surrounds all men  
and all forms of life  
with Infinite Love  
and Compassion.  
Particularly does  
he send forth  
loving thoughts to  
those in suffering  
and sorrow, those  
in doubt and  
ignorance, to  
those who are  
striving to attain  
Truth; and to those  
whose feet are  
standing close to  
the great change  
men call death,  
Amida Buddha  
sends forth oceans  
of Wisdom and  
Compassion.

**Namo Amida Butsu.**

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### BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

As we enter the Summer, right around the corner is the Fourth of July holiday. While it is a time to relax and celebrate with picnics and fireworks, let us not forget the significance of the Holiday. The most well-known icon of the United

States of America, the Statue of Liberty holds a tablet in her arms with the date July 4, 1776 written on it. Further, on the pedestal at the base of the statue it says "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." In recent times, with all that is happening in our troubled Nation and around the World and also our own observance of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Japanese Arrival in Hawaii, I have found new inspiration and appreciation of what America stands for and the hope it gives to millions and millions of people all over the world especially to immigrants. As I reflect, my own maternal great grandparents immigrated to Hawaii in 1899 with the hope and dream of a better life. Life was hard and the challenges many, but with each passing generation life improved and their descendants, of which I am only one, are grateful for their decision and struggles.

However, there is another reason for which I am grateful. My family, both maternal and paternal, were also Nembutsu followers. As they immigrated to a new land, they also brought with them their religion, Jodo Shinshu. The Jodo Shinshu Teachings, the Nembutsu provided them with hope, strength, courage and stability in a world and life that, at first, was foreign, unfamiliar and froth with uncertainties in so many ways. It was the one beacon that was stable, unchanging, constant and ever present which they knew they could rely upon no matter what else happened. As the Great Pure Land Master Shan-tao said, "**The Buddha embraces never to forsake, thus, the Buddha is**

**named Amida."** Hence, my maternal grandparents brought with them a scroll of Amida Buddha. This scroll was given to Tamayo and myself on our wedding day at the Reception with all of the guests and family in attendance as witnesses. For me, it is an expression of the aspiration that Tamayo and I, as individuals, would also become aware of and appreciate the Great Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha and Shinran Shonin's aspiration of "May there be peace in the world and may the Buddha's Teaching spread!" The message of All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion is the attainment of Supreme Enlightenment equally by one and all including and especially of this imperfect and limited self. This promise has not changed and continues to call out to each and every one of us. Most recently, at the World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council Meeting held in Kyoto, attended by our State President Pieper Toyama and Executive Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Kazunori Takahashi, I had the honor of giving the following greeting at a dinner.

"Tonight, on behalf of the 4 Overseas Districts (of Buddhist Churches of America, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada, South America Hongwanji Mission, and Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii), I would like to offer our sincere greetings and also our deepest appreciation.

In this ancient capital of Kyoto wrapped in the verdure of Early Summer to His Eminence Gomonsu Kojun Ohtani and the Members of the Board of Governors and all others (of the various departments) with whom we have the pleasure of meeting as Fellow Travelers who rejoice in the Nembutsu, it is such a pleasure and joy to meet you.

Further, as we heard, earlier today, from the Governor General Bishop Chiko Iwagami about the focus of our Denomination based on the words of



Shinran Shonin and brought about by the guidance of Gomonshu on the importance of how we live our life as Nembutsu Followers, and the needed new approach as we reach out to others to share the Nembutsu Dharma, we of the Overseas Districts too, pledge to do our utmost by embracing it and will try our best to share the Nembutsu Teachings in a way that will resonate with others.

Also, I would like to express our appreciation for the continuous support and guidance we receive from all of you (in Japan) including the Hongwanji International Center Staff not only for this Coordinating Council Meeting, but always. Lastly, thank you for this Fellowship Dinner which will strengthen our bond with each other as a world-wide Hongwanji Sangha. Thank you very much. Namu Amida Butsu.”

It is the sincere aspiration of Gomonshu that more people will come to know about the Great Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha and the Denomination with new energy is moving to make this a reality. In Hawaii Kyodan’s 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year in Hawaii with our 2019 Theme and Slogan of *Embrace Change: Transformation (Walk in Peace)* and as we head towards the 850<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shinran Shonin’s Birth and the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teachings (in 2023) may we each also embrace Amida Buddha’s, Shinran Shonin’s and Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani’s aspiration as people of Nembutsu. Namu Amida Butsu.

## PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Pieper J. Toyama, President

This year I am focusing my time and attention on four issues. At the half-way point in the year, I want to report on progress made on the four areas.

### ●EVALUATING TEMPLE LANDS TO DETERMINE REVENUE-PRODUCING OPPORTUNITIES

- a. We have sent letters to temples to be evaluated.
- b. Consultant Harry Yada of Hilo Betsuin has begun to look at deeds and leases.
- c. Among the land holdings that is being assessed is the Buddhist Study Center.
- d. Temples whose lands are being evaluated may meet with the Bishop and me to discuss the project.

### ●PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM\* FOR INDIVIDUAL TEMPLES

- a. A Pilot Project may include the Aiea, Hilo Betsuin, Jikoen, Windward, Wailuku, and Puna temples.
- b. The materials and information that will be shared at the training sessions for temples participating in the Pilot Project are being developed.
- c. The target month for piloting temples to launch is this coming Fall in conjunction with Eitaikyo Services.
- d. *\*Planned Giving is a way of leaving funds to a temple after one’s passing.*

### ●IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN HQ AND ALL TEMPLE MEMBERS

- a. The June and December issues of the **HQ Update** will share the breadth of Hawaii Kyodan activities that are happening throughout the state.
- b. All temples are requested to include the entire June and December issues of the **HQ Update** in their monthly newsletter.
- c. This effort will help to insure that all of our members know of the activities of Hawaii Kyodan. In this way, we hope to give meaning to being a member of Hawaii Kyodan.

### ●TEMPLE CONSOLIDATION

At the May meeting of the Board of Directors, Bishop Matsumoto reported that the Research and Planning Committee has opened discussions on guidelines for Temple Consolidation or Temple Closing. Bishop emphasized that any change in status of a temple should be smooth and well thought-out and benefit all. He explained that HQ’s involvement will focus on developing a win-win situation for all entities involved.

## CONDOLENCES

**Mrs. Carol Yamamoto**, a member of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, passed away on March 14, 2019. Mrs. Yamamoto served as Hawaii Betsuin Upasika Society President from 1994 to 1995, Hawaii Federation BWA President from 2004 to 2007 (13<sup>th</sup> World BWA Convention in 2006), Honolulu United BWA President from 2000 to 2001. She has been a Hawaii Betsuin BWA Executive Board member since 2003 and on Project Dana Executive Board as well as serving on Hawaii Betsuin Board of



# 2019 PAN PACIFIC FESTIVAL PARADE



## Beautification Day - June 9, 2019





Doomo  
Arigatoo for  
all your hard  
work and  
dedication!!!



## Headquarters Update (Continued from page 5)

Directors until the end of 2015. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of AN-NYO-IN 安養院 which means “One who nurtured peace and serenity” in recognition of her life of Nembutsu was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on June 1, 2019.

### YBICSE

Ms. Kayla Koyanagi, Member of Aiea Hongwanji Jr. YBA were selected for the 2019 YBICSE (Young Buddhists’ International Cultural Study Exchange) which is scheduled for July 15 – 27, 2019. Its basic purpose is for young Jodo Shinshu Buddhists to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the Nembutsu teaching by visiting our Mother Temple or Honzan, the Hongwanji, experiencing a home stay, and traveling to several historical and/or significant sites with fellow young Buddhists.

### SOCIAL CONCERNS

1. The Committee on Social Concerns, in coordination with the Office of the Bishop, provided an omimai to Paaulo Hongwanji. The temple waterline was damaged from an earthquake.
2. The following recommendations by the Committee on Social Concerns were approved on May 11th by the HHMH Board of Directors:
  - A \$5,000 donation to the Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii.
  - A \$3,000 donation to support Hongwanji temples designated as host streaming centers with reimbursement of refreshment costs associated with the suicide awareness/prevention workshop at Saint Louis High School (co-sponsored by the Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii and BDK Hawaii).
  - A \$2,500 donation to support the construction of the Wallyhouse Peace Garden at St. Elizabeth’s Episcopal Church with the primary objective to promote peace and help the families of the community nearby the church. (Besides funding from St. Elizabeth’s Episcopal Church, other donors include the Ifuku Foundation, the Atherton Foundation, Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii, United Thank Offering, St. Elizabeth’s Youth Group, and Hou’Aina of Makaha Farm).
  - A \$500 donation to a fundraising campaign initiated by the Seventh District Baptist Association in Louisiana to help rebuild the three churches destroyed by arson in apparent hate crimes.
3. The Golden Chain of Love Grant (formerly called the Golden Chain Grant) can be found at the following link: <http://bit.ly/goldenchain2018>.

Temples and affiliate organizations are encouraged to develop projects and submit a grant request for funding considerations.

4. 2018-2019 Social Concerns Fund drive - please send in your temple donations to headquarters by **August 31, 2019**. During the month of September, the Committee on Social Concerns will begin to close out the fund drive. The 2019-2020 fund drive will commence in November. Thank you very much for your generous donations each year!

### 2019 PAN PACIFIC FESTIVAL PARADE SUCCESS!

Thanks to the participation of 54 sangha members, relatives and friends, we celebrated our “**130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii**”, also promoting September 21 Peace Day Hawaii, as we embraced our theme, “**Walk in Peace**”. Our international leader Bishop Eric Matsumoto received the invitation to the parade, he shared it with our Peace Day Committee who applied to enter the parade, and he gladly agreed to lead the parade with his wife Tamayo and children Chika and Caden. We walked with signs of our Hongwanji temples, and we carried sticks with the Sadako Cranes for Peace donated by Hawaii Betsuin BWA. It was the first time we entered the Pan Pacific Festival Parade, and we were being cheered by the parade watchers, and our participants represented our Hongwanji Ohana with much aloha! It was great to see names of temples in the parade: Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, Moiliili Hongwanji, Aiea Hongwanji, Mililani Hongwanji, Wahiawa Hongwanji, Waipahu Hongwanji, Makawao Buddhist Temple, Hilo Betsuin, Honokaa Hongwanji, Kapaa Hongwanji, Kahului Hongwanji, and United Nations Hawaii. Honolulu and Aloha Pono Lions Clubs, Alea Bridge and State Representative Stacelynn Eli, and Senator Donovan Dela Cruz also joined our parade! Much mahalo to the shuttle drivers Dean Sakamoto, Stan Sasaki, and Brandon Hee, and to everyone for helping to make this a successful and memorable experience.

Namo Amida Butsu!

Rene Mansho, Peace Day Committee Chairperson

### BWA NEWS

The Buddhist Women’s Associations around the state have been busy putting Dharma-centered leadership into action in their temples and communities.

Throughout the month of April, many BWA members gave Dharma talks at services to honor Eshinni and



Kakushinni, the wife and daughter of Shinran Shonin. These two women were instrumental in the founding of the Hongwanji. BWA members displayed pictures of Eshinni and Kakushinni, prepared special flower arrangements, and served refreshments. As Dharma speakers, BWA members shared stories of these two important women as well as their own journeys to a life of Nembutsu. Mahalo to all of the women who put time, thought, and love into these presentations.

May was the month to honor our high school graduates. Many BWA Units and Uniteds gave scholarships to graduating seniors. Kauai United BWA gave \$1,000 scholarships to four young women who were all valedictorians of their respective schools! Kauai United President Lynne Matsumura said that the girls, who were interviewed by ministers and BWA representatives, showed remarkable poise and maturity in answering questions regarding Buddhist teachings and how they apply Buddhist values in their everyday lives.

The BWA student exchange ambassadors for 2019 are Chloe Oshiro and Katelyn Otani. Chloe, a member of Mililani Hongwanji, graduated from Mililani High in May. Katelyn, a Pearl City Hongwanji member, is a junior at the University of Northern Colorado. They will travel to Japan in July where they will be hosted by members of the Japan BWA Federation.

The Hawaii Island United recently participated in the Big Island AIDS walk. Every year they help to staff the event, raise funds, and field a team of walkers wearing their purple shirts!

Many people think the BWA is just about cooking (we do love our food!), but we also love to plan. And sometimes we plan about cooking! On June 8<sup>th</sup>, the Kapaa Hongwanji BWA, in cooperation with the Japanese Cultural Society, will be hosting a sushi making workshop in celebration of the Hongwanji's 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The public is invited.

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, Honolulu United will hold a Blue Zones workshop and annual meeting at Jikoen Hongwanji. Blue Zones is a project which promotes healthy eating, moderate exercise, spirituality, and social connections for a long and happy life. Oahu United held a Blue Zones workshop in May. Most

BWA Units and Uniteds throughout the state are learning about and sharing these concepts.

Maui United BWA is undertaking a peace project initiative in cooperation with the Hongwanji State Peace Day Committee. During August, each Unit will set up a Peace Day exhibit featuring large folded cranes prominently displayed on temple grounds. Cranes will be added to the growing display as the weeks progress. Other activities are being planned at every temple such as joint bell ringing with churches and peace walks. The culminating event will take place at Makawao Hongwanji on Peace Day, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Members of affiliates and the community will be invited to participate in peace-themed activities.

As part of their regular activities, members of BWA Units and Uniteds make financial contributions to or provide services for homeless populations, domestic violence shelters, the Blood Bank of Hawaii, and other non-profit organizations. They visit care homes and participate in activities with the residents, clean cemeteries and the Ehime Maru memorial site, and do countless other acts of Dana.

But girls also wanna have fun! Members of Aiea BWA took a trip to Hokkaido in May with other temple members and friends. Members from throughout the state are looking forward to attending the World Buddhist Women's Convention in San Francisco in

## PACIFIC BUDDHIST ACADEMY

Enlightened Learning



late summer where the convention theme will be "Live the Nembutsu."

**Congratulations to Chika Matsumoto!** The Pacific University Board of Trustees has named Chika Matsumoto '21 and PBA Alumna, Class of '17, as an undergraduate

student trustee. Chika is an exercise science-integrative physiology major pursuing minors in dance and Japanese. She also is a member of the Pacific Dance Ensemble, Nā Haumāna O Hawai'i and the Pacific University Qilin Club. She is a physical therapy volunteer and preschool teacher assistant in

### HI-5 RECYCLABLE DONATIONS

- If you would like to be recognized for your donation, please include your name.
- We are not able to recycle detergent bottles, milk bottles, ensure bottles. We can only recycle Hi-5 items. Please dispose of other items in your own blue bin.
- Please note—plastic drink bottles cannot be redeemed without the Hi-5 label. If label is detached, please roll it up and stick it in the bottle.
- *Thank you for your participation and continued support.* To improve the efficiency of our recycling program, could you please dispose of all caps from the bottles and do not include garbage and other non-Hi-5 items. Thank you for your efforts to keep Hawaii and Aiea Hongwanji GREEN.

# Major Yearly Memorial Service Schedule

For The Year 2019

2018-1st year

2017-3rd year\*

2013-7th year

2007-13th year

2003-17th year

1995-25th year

1987-33rd year

1970-50th year

\* from the 2nd anniversary, please follow the Japanese custom of holding the service the year ahead.

## Nokotsudo (Columbarium)

If you would like to visit the Nokotsudo, please call the residence at 488-5685 or the office at 487-2626 at least two days in advance so that arrangements can be made to open the Nokotsudo for you. The best days to visit the Nokotsudo are Thursday and Sunday mornings.

## Family Memorial Service

In the Japanese Buddhist tradition, families hold memorial services (Nen-ki Hoyo) in memory of our loved ones, and to express our gratitude for Amida Buddha's Infinite Light.

The Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion embrace our loved ones in the land of peace and happiness. May we also remember Amida's embrace on our lives as we remember those who have departed.

If your family would like to arrange a memorial service for your loved one, please call Rev. Yagi at 488-5685. (please leave a message if no one is available). You may schedule the service either before or after the memorial date. The ideal time is when as many family members as possible will attend.

### July 2019

Betty Hatsuko Nakahara	1st
Yoshito Yamamoto	1st
Mary Yoshiko Furukawa	13th
Gertrude Fumie Kurasaki	13th
Alice Yukiko Tamao	13th
Milton Ichiro Tateishi	13th
Elaine Chizuru Yamaguchi	13th
Mary Fumie Dacosin	17th
Hisako Monden	17th
Herbert Toshiaki Asada	25th

### August 2019

Harry Harumi Nagai	1st
Thomas Takeyama Onaga	1st
Hideaki Uradomo	1st
Masue Miyamoto	3rd
Robert Tadashi	7th
Leighton Katsushi Ichishita	13th
Sally Sakiko Suzuki	13th
Takao Arai	17th
Sadame Okimoto	17th

We apologize if we have inadvertently made an error in printing the name of your loved one, or the date of memorial. Please inform the office of any errors at 487-2626 so that we may correct our records.

We appreciate your assistance in updating our memorial records and contact information when you call in for a Memorial Service. Thank you.

*Aiea Hongwanji Mission extends its  
Deepest Sympathy to the families of  
the Late Leighton Kiyoshi Nuibe and Ed Unten*

## **PROJECT DANA**

Volunteers are needed to assist with transportation for doctor and dentist visits, shopping, and respite visits. for the frail, elderly and disabled living at home in the area from Waimalu to Salt Lake. A Big Thank You to Frank and Helen Takenouchi for their ongoing work with Project Dana.

Please call the office at 487-2626 if you are interested in becoming a Project Dana volunteer of Aiea Hongwanji. Orientation and training will be provided to the volunteers.

## Aiea BWA News

Hope you are all enjoying a nice summer break!

BWA members are busy planning and preparing items for our bazaar table at Aiea's Obon celebration on July 27. Pickled vegetables, baked goods and crafts will be for sale.

Everyone is invited to help AHM put on this annual Bon Dance event. Specific information can be found elsewhere in this Jiko. In addition to help with construction and set up/take down, your contributions of snacks and desserts for the dancers and volunteers are very much appreciated.

The BWA is always open to new members. If you or someone you know might be interested, please come on Sunday or Thursday morning to meet with us or call the office for more information.

Wishing you all a Happy 4th of July with family and friends!

With gassho, Janice Ito, BWA Past President



## Senior YBA News

June 15 was our Senior YBA Service Project – working in the food booth at Ewa Hongwanji. Yes, for over 20 years we have been helping Ewa Hongwanji by selling hot dog and saimin. Thanks to co-chairs Larry and Lynn for spearheading this Service Project. Domo arigato to all our Senior YBA helpers!! Let us all continue to support Ewa Hongwanji.

July 19 (Friday) is our very first YBA dinner. Yes, it's at my house. Please bring your favorite kaukau. Fellowship starts at 5:30 p.m. Dinner to follow. Please come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and talk story.

Our next Senior YBA meeting will be on July 1<sup>st</sup> (Monday) in our Office, 7:30 p.m. See you there!

In Gassho, *George Zakahi*

**Volunteer Office Assistant Positions: We are continuing to seek additional help. If you are available and can donate at least two hours once a week by sitting in an air-conditioned office at Aiea Hongwanji to answer phones and take messages...please leave a message on our Office number at 487-2626.**

**JUST A REMINDER...the Aiea Hongwanji Obon will be on the 27th of July! Mark your calendar and if you are available to KOKUA....your assistance would be greatly appreciated. We also welcome the following donations of rice, spam (25% low salt), canned drinks and bottled water. These may be dropped off Thursday and Sunday mornings before the 27th of July.**

July 14, 2019 (8am) Yagura Construction and Temple/Hall Decorations

July 27, 2019 (8am) set up, decorating, etc.

(6pm) Obon service

(7pm) Obon dancing

(10pm) clean up

July 28, 2019 (8am) Dismantle Yagura, clean up



**DESSERT DONATIONS ARE WELCOMED** for our after Obon refreshments on the 27th.

**Thank you for your continued support!**

## **GOLDEN CHAIN OF LOVE**

I am a link in  
Amida Buddha's  
Golden Chain of  
Love that  
stretches around  
the world. I must  
keep my link  
bright and  
strong. I will try  
to be kind and  
Gentle to every  
living thing and  
protect all who  
are weaker than  
myself. I will try  
to think pure and  
beautiful  
thoughts, to say  
pure and  
beautiful words  
and to do pure  
and beautiful  
deeds, knowing  
on what I do  
now depends  
not only on my  
happiness or  
unhappiness but  
also that of  
others. May  
every link In  
Amida Buddha's  
Golden Chain of  
Love become  
bright and  
strong and may  
we all attain  
Perfect Peace.  
Namo Amida  
Butsu.

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*Oahu District Hongwanji BSC (Buddhist Study Center)*  
**Summer Session**

"Jodo Shinshu Everyday Life"

We would like to invite everyone to join us at the following events:

August 12 -16; 6:30 p.m. daily.....Summer Session at the Buddhist Study Center  
August 22; 7:00 p.m.....Presentation at the Waipahu Hongwanji Mission

*Featured Guest Speaker*



**Reverend Kiyonobu Kuwahara**

*Tokudo Ordination - August 1998  
Kyoshi Certification - August 1999*

*Date of Birth: January 10, 1975*

*Birth Place: Kure City, Hiroshima*

**Work Experience:** *Supervising Minister, Berkeley Buddhist Temple* Jan. 2018 - Present  
*Co-Director, BCA Center for Buddhist Education* Apr. 2012 - Dec. 2017  
*Adjunct Faculty, Institute of Buddhist Studies* Jan. 2009 - Present  
*Program Coordinator, Hongwanji Office* Oct. 2007 - Present  
*Office Staff, Hongwanji International Department* Aug. 2006 - Oct. 2007

**Education:** *May 2006 Institute of Buddhist Studies*  
*M.A. in Jodo Shinshu Studies*  
*March 2003 Ryukoku University*  
*Completed Ph.D. Program Course work in Jodo Shinshu Studies*  
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*March 2000 Ryukoku University*  
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*B.A. in English Education*



**Aiea Hongwanji**  
**Membership Hall Rentals**

If you are interested in renting the hall facilities during the 2020 calendar year, please submit your requests as soon as possible.

Looking ahead, the Board of Directors will begin to set important event dates for 2020...so get your phones and date books out and be on the lookout for an upcoming...

**Aiea Hongwanji Events Calendar**

