

KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



E - JIHO
August 2017



Theme & Slogan 2017: Embrace Change: Action (Open Communication)

DHARMA SCHOOL

New School Year begins on Sunday, August 7, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.
For More Information Contact Betty Takeoka

KONA HONGWANJI PRESCHOOL

2017 – 2018 School year begins Monday, August 7, 2017
For Information Contact Director, Leanne Abe at 323-3737

OBON CEMETERY SERVICE

Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
Service at the Cemetery

JOINT BIRTHDAY/MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
See President's Message in Jiho for more information

KHBT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, August 27, 2017 at Keauhou Country Club
3rd Annual Kyodan Fundraising Event
Contact Aaron Nagata, Claudia Chang or Norma Matsumoto
See President's Message in Jiho for more Information

NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER, contact Rev. Bruce Nakamura at 323-2993 or Emergency only 987-9900 or Morris Nagata at 987-0119.

To schedule services or activities, call the church office at 323-2993 Monday thru Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed on weekends and holidays. If unable to contact the office clerk, leave a message on the answering machine.

E-MAIL ADDRESS: Church – konahongwanji@twc.com

Rev. Bruce - brucejunshin@gmail.com

AUGUST

2 Wednesday ...	9:30 AM ...	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ...	Service @ Life Care Center
6 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service – Dharma School
9 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Board of Director's Meeting
11 Friday ...	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
13 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Cemetery Bon Service
16 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Round Table Forum
20 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service – Joint Birthday/Memorial
27 Sunday ...	-----	NO SUNDAY SERVICE
	6:45 AM ...	Annual KHBT Golf Tournament – Check-In
	8:00 AM ...	Shotgun Start
29 Tuesday ...	9:00 AM ...	Preschool Temple Visitation

SEPTEMBER

3 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service – Joint Birthday/Memorial
5 Tuesday ...	5:30 PM ...	Confirmation Rites @ Hilo Betsuin
6 Wednesday ...	9:30 AM ...	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ...	Service @ Life Care Center
8 Friday ...	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
9 Saturday thru 10 Sunday		Lay Convention @ Aiea Hongwanji
10 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Grandparent's Day Service
17 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Peace Day Service
19 Tuesday ...	10:30 AM ...	HAIB Meeting
20 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Round Table Forum
23 Saturday ...	8:00 AM ...	Omigaki - #3; Food Prep #1
24 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Autumn O-Higan Service

CUB SCOUTS & BOY SCOUTS

EVERY MONDAY CUB SCOUT PACK 12 MEETING AT 5:00 PM
EVERY WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY CUB SCOUT PACK 12 MEETING AT 5:00 PM EXCEPT 1ST WEDNESDAY
EVERY TUESDAY BOY SCOUT TROOP 59 MEETING AT 7:00 PM

TAIKO PRACTICE

EVERY TUESDAY ADULT'S TAIKO PRACTICE AT 6:00 PM
EVERY THURSDAY TAIKO PRACTICE AT 5:30 PM
TAIKO MEETING EVERY 2ND THURSDAY IN THE SOCIAL HALL AT 6:45 PM

JUDO PRACTICE

JUDO CLUB MEETING EVERY 1ST WEDNESDAY IN SCOUT ROOM
EVERY MONDAY AT 7:00 PM NIGHT CLASS
EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM NOVICE; 7:00 PM NIGHT CLASS
EVERY THURSDAY AT 7:00 PM KATA CLASS
EVERY FRIDAY AT 6:30 PM ADULT ONLY

IKEBANA

EVERY 2ND SATURDAY AT 9:00 AM IN THE SCOUT ROOM

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR MARCH and APRIL

First Year (2016)	August	28	FUMIE KOBAYAKAWA
	September	5	KIYOSHI NAKAMUR
		19	ZANE Z. FUJIMOTO
Third Year (2015)	August	17	THOMAS SHINICHI MATSUMOTO
	September	18	ROSS AKIYOSHI OUE
		19	JEAN AIKO NAKAMOTO
Seventh Year (2011)	August	22	YOSHITAKA TAKASHIBA
		25	CALVIN TADASHI HATA
	September	7	ERNEST KATSUKUNA URADA
Thirteenth Year (2005)	August	9	LEIGHTON HISAO WAKATA
		20	MASAO OGA
		22	TOMEKO KOSHI
		31	TAKEO MURASAKI
	September	14	TORAMI "AMY" SATOO
Seventeenth Year 2001)	August	9	TADASHI KONDO
		14	RONALD T. KANAI
		14	RICHARD S. YANO
		26	FRANK S. NISHIMOTO
Twenty-fifth Year (1993)	August	12	CHARLENE TOSHIKO HAYAMA
	September	26	TAMO TAKIMOTO
Thirty-Third Year (1985)	August	17	EIICHI EGE

Kyodan President Report

From: Morris Nagata

BSC Summer Session with Rev. Sonam Bhutia: A very interesting presentation by Rev. Bhutia on Saturday July 15, 2017, at 12:30 p.m. was well attended by our members, friends from Naalehu Hongwanji and community. He shared his life as a monk in Nepal, from age 3 to his journey in becoming a minister. Rev. Bhutia started a Hongwanji temple in Nepal. Most interesting was discussion on Buddhism...is it a religion or___?? He responded to many questions but due to time constraint, session ended at 2:00 p.m. Refreshments followed in the conference room as attendees continued to ask questions.

Preschool begins a new school year on August 7, 2017. Our preschool welcomes children ages 2 to 5 years of age. Members and friends may contact Director, Leanne Abe at 323-3737 for information regarding enrollment.

Rev, Bruce has monthly **Birthday/ Memorial Service**. Family member(s) celebrating birthdays or memorials of deceased members for the month are invited to participate in the Sunday service. List name(s) and specify birthday or memorial in booklet provided at offertory table. This monthly Sunday Service does not replace any private memorial service scheduled by families.

Obon Season is here with Obon services and Bon dances scheduled for June and July each year. Saturday, July 15, 2017 the Keei Buddhist Church and Cemetery held services at the cemetery and church officiated by Reverend Bruce. Bon dance followed with many in attendance dancing the night away. KHBT's annual Lantern Parade/Bon dance is on Saturday, July 22nd and Hatsu Bon service on Sunday, July 23rd. The Taiko Group started the Bon season with the Bon Festival at the Keauhou Shopping Center on June 10th; performed at the Keei Bon dance on July 15th; KHBT Bon dance on July 23rd and will be performing at the Kamuela Bon dance on August 19th. Dancing to the beat of the taiko drums is very enjoyable and appreciated by all participants. As dancers say, "it's so good to dance to the beat of the taiko drums" **Thank you Taiko Group!**

2017 KHBT Golf Tournament: Please help and support our major fundraising event. The annual Golf tournament will be held on Sunday, August 27, 2017 at the Keauhou Country Club. Donations needed for hole sponsors, prizes and food items. Please encourage friends to participate in the golf tournament. Application forms can be found in this month's Jiho and church office. For more information contact Aaron Nagata, Claudia Chang or Norma Matsumoto.

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are needed in all areas: assist in office during clerk's vacation; help with Jiho printing; facilities repair/maintenance; cemetery/yard maintenance; assist at various services/activities/events; Project Dana; serve on the Kyodan Board and/or various committees. Contact Morris or Mary.

KHBT GOLF TOURNAMENT

by Aaron Nagata

2017 Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, August 27, 2017 at the Kona Country Club. Donations are needed for Hole Sponsors, prizes, and participants. Contact Claudia Chang, Norma Matsumoto, Aaron Nagata, or leave a message with Judy at the Church office. Included is an entry sheet to the Golf Tournament.

GREAT COMPASSION FOR ALL SEASONS

by Bruce Nakamura

Welcome all! Obon celebrates the unbroken human togetherness shared by all beings in life and light without limit - Great Compassion. Family, community and culture play a vital role in shaping the face of spiritual life. Religious life, no matter the expression, does not thrive in a vacuum. From ancient times, light has been a dynamic symbol bridging hope, love, belonging and renewal across human culture and history. From Indian Buddhism comes the custom of feasting, honoring the religious community and the gods of light. From China the Hindu emphasis on light mixed with the Taoist offering of lights - square lanterns honoring ancestors. The Indian festival of light - *Divali* honor seven generations back by burning light to welcome and send off loved ones.

SPIRITUAL HISTORY

The Japanese Buddhist Obon traces its origin to the legend of Maudyagalyana, Jpnse. Mokuren, an especially gifted disciple of meditation to Sakyamuni Buddha. Mokuren saw his mother suffering the realm of hungry ghosts - unquenchable hunger and thirst. Seeking the Buddha's help, Mokuren makes offerings to the Buddha-Dharma-Sangha during their summer retreat of *Pravana*. Consequently, Mokuren is relieved to see his mother's spiritual plight lifted along with seven generations of family. Jumping up in the air, he began to dance with joy. This legend is the earliest inspiration to Obon or UraBonnya - the affliction of hanging up-side down. The legend of Mokuren and his mother offers a spiritual telling of our deeply rooted attachments to love, thus urging all to seek the liberating power on the Dharma's pathway.

SHIN PURE LAND TEACHING

The Japanese Pure Land pathway of Shinran Shonin (1173-1262) began with a monkish life at the tender age of nine years old. Subject to the harsh practices of the mountain, he became profoundly disillusioned with his capacity to secure enlightenment. His spiritual life frustrated after 20 years, Shinran entered retreat at the Rokkaku chapel honoring Prince Shotoku. Therein Shinran's outlook turned hopeful by meeting the Master of Yoshimizu - Honen. Honen began a revolutionary Pure Land movement with his "Exclusive Nembutsu Practice on the Selected Primal Vow". Shinran's new mentor advised all to simply put their complete faith in Amida Buddha for Birth in His Pure Land with the recitation of the Nembutsu - Na-Mu-A-Mi-Da-Butsu.

Thus what began as an apprehensive spiritual quest for this young man, Shinran would marry, raise a family and grow deeply as a co-traveler with so many others. Living side-by-side with the ordinary and down-trodden, Shinran plunged deeply into the ocean of the Buddha's Great Compassion. He would become a radical spiritual and historical figure that went far beyond the statecraft of Buddhist and Shinto norms. He would say, "Even a good person is born in the Pure Land, even more an evil person".

LIFE-LIGHT FOR ALL SEASONS

Shinran's spiritual mentor, Honen did not regard the Nembutsu as a self-power act or practice. At its deepest level, grounded in Amida's Primal Vow, Honen practiced the Nembutsu diligently as a Tendai master. His actions by some seemed acts of personal spiritual virtue or merit. Subsequently, certain ambivalence arose in interpreting Honen's behavior arousing later disputes on the nature and attitude of Nembutsu practice among his disciples.

WE ARE CO-TRAVELERS

Life is strange in that there are certain twists and turns we are not prepared for, but we inevitably travel. Later in exile, Shinran emphasized the assurance for spiritual liberation whose sole source was the Other Power enabling all to say, "Thank you" because the origin of its practice is the Buddha's Great Compassion. **"This practice arises from the Vow of Great Compassion, which is known as 'the Vow**

that all Buddhas say and extol the Name' ". On the pathway we walk with Shinran, the Obon season replete with services and dance is **not for our loved ones, but because of our loved ones.**

Though we are beings subject to birth, aging, illness and death, our deepest humanity is also the beneficiary of a spiritual gift and practice arising from untiring Great Compassion. Shinran often lamented, deeply aware of his stubborn nature that turned the most amazing gift of Great Compassion into a subtle form of one's own devices, thus overlooking the greatest blessing to Faith's gift. Yet, with profound humility, he joyfully shared Amida's Faith with his world and ours today. NaMo-Amida-Butsu.

HEADQUARTER'S UPDATE

THE 59th ANNUAL HAWAII HONPA HONGWANJI MINISTERS ASSOCIATION SEMINAR

The 59th Annual Hawaii Honpa Hongwanji Ministers Association Seminar was held on June 13-15, 2017 hosted by the ministers of Hawaii District with the support of the Hawaii District members. Annually, a lecturer is dispatched from the Honzan (Main Temple) to provide kaikyoshi ministers with an opportunity to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the Buddha-Dharma. The theme of this year's seminar was "Shin Buddhist Living & medicine" and ministers received very informative and timely sessions from Professor Masahisa Tabata who is a medical doctor and also a professor of Ryukoku University. He has been advocating the integration of Buddhist perspectives into the world of medicine. Simultaneously, there is a movement promoting the inclusion of spiritual care into health care in the United States. In January 2017, HHMH participated in a seminar on "Making Healthcare Whole."

Ministers express their deepest appreciation to the members of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for their support which makes it possible for ministers to gather for learning, reflection, discussion, fellowship and revitalization.

PRESIDENT'S DENTO HOKOKU HOYO REPORT

I had the honor of representing Hawaii Kyodan and joining Bishop Matsumoto in personally congratulating the Gomonsu as he assumed leadership of the Hongwanji worldwide. These are excerpts from my congratulatory remarks:

*"On behalf of the members in Hawaii, we congratulate Gomonsu on his accession to head of our Jodo Shinshu spiritual tradition. I am a member of Jikoen Temple in Kalihi in the city of Honolulu. In front of our temple is a large boulder from Okinawa with the kanji SHIKAI KEI TEI carved in it. SHIKAI KEI TEI translates to: **Within the four seas, all are brothers.** Our presence here today is proof of the truth of this saying. We have come from across the Pacific Ocean to congratulate and wish you well, our brother in Nembutsu, as you lead us into the future. We are proud, motivated, and honored that you are clearly communicating the joys and our responsibilities as Jodo Shinshu followers. You are pointing the way into the future, and we will follow you. Again, congratulations from Hawaii."*

After attending the ceremonies in Kyoto, we traveled north to follow in the footsteps of Shinran. On the seventh day of our trip, we visited the Kotagahama Beach. It was desolate, cold, windy, and cloudy. As I gazed out over the beach, the breaking waves, feeling the cold and wind, I felt in my bones the desolation and loneliness that Shinran must have felt as he approached the beach in his unsteady boat. And yet out of such despair, he was able to nurture the spirit of the Namo Amida Butsu. As we held a short service above the beach, in the cold, and Reverend Hasebe read a Gobunsho, "The Tradition of Shinran Shonin," I was completely overwhelmed by where I was. In that moment, Shinran was real for me, living and breathing. Namo Amida Butsu was real. At that moment, our pilgrimage has accomplished its purpose.

Pieper Toyama
President, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

CONDOLENCES

Mrs. Hatsumi Takimoto of Captain Cook passed away on June 24, 2017 at the Life Care Center of Kona at the age of 98.

Kona Hongwanji extends our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and relatives of those members who recently passed away. May the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha surround you and your family with loving memories of your loved one in the years to come.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SPECIAL DONATIONS

Kamuela Hongwanji Mission, In Memory of Suyeko Nishina
Ken Love, In Memory of Sanford Higashi
Dwight Manago, Use of Facilities
Kellen Matsumoto, In Memory of Kyle Matsumoto
Norma Matsumoto, In Memory of Kyle Matsumoto
Shoji Sakamoto, In Memory of Ittoku & Tone Sakamoto
Mr. & Mrs. Minoru Tashima, In Memory of Miyuki Tashima
Karen Yoshina, In Memory of George Koike
Mrs. Nobuko Aoki & Family, In Memory of Mrs. Yasue Aoki's 50th Year Anniversary
David Komo, Obon, In Memory of Sotaro & Iyo Komo
Richard Komo, Obon, In Memory of Sotaro & Iyo Komo
Bryan Kunitomo & Family, Cy Kunitomo & Family and Kel Kunitomo & Family, In Memory of Gladys Kunitomo
Stanley Kunitomo, In Memory of Gladys Kunitomo
Jim & Kathy Miller, In Memory of Herbert Saito
Fusaye Maruyama, Obon, In Memory of the Motomura Family
Kent Nakamaru
Chizu Nakashima, In Memory of Jace Nakashima's 13th Year Anniversary
Anonymous, In Memory of Jace Nakashima
Ellen Nishikawa, Hanamatsuri
Ellen Nishikawa, Memorial Day
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Taguma, In Memory of Yaeko Shiotsuka
Ukie Saito, Gotan-E

Total - \$1,455.00

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Go and Matsumoto Families, 33rd Year Service for Masao Go
Gail Kurozawa, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Duane Kurozawa
Chao, Tamara & Ryan Umsden, 25th Memorial Service In Memory of Dear Grandfather, Herbert Saito
Elaine Chapman, In Memory of Henkichi & Hatsumi Kunitomo
Elaine Chapman, In Memory of Gladys Kunitomo
Darlene & Clinton Cho, 25th Memorial Service In Memory of Herbert Saito
Jeanne & Koji Fetton & Family, 25th Memorial Service in Memory of Herbert Saito
Patrick Imai, In Memory of Herbert Saito
Albert Kunitomo & Family, In Memory of Hatsumi Kunitomo
Stanley Kunitomo, 3rd Year Service for Gladys Kunitomo and 33rd Year Service for Hatsumi Kunitomo
Stanley Kunitomo & Family, 33rd Year Service In Memory of Hatsumi Kunitomo
Gifford & Sheila Matsuoka, In Memory of Grandma Kunitomo
Gifford & Sheila Matsuoka, In Memory of Aunt Gladys
Peter M. Matsuoka & Family, 33rd Year Service In Memory of Hatsumi Kunitomo
Kazumi Oshita, In Memory of Herbert Saito
Peter & Rachel, 25th Memorial Service In Memory of Dear Granddad, Herbert Saito
Ethel Saito, 25th Memorial Service In Memory of Herbert Saito
Gloria Saito & Richard Otler & Family, 25th Memorial Service In Memory of Herbert Saito
Rinko Matsuoka, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Fumikichi Matsuoka

Total - \$3,435.00

Acknowledgements Continued:

HAKASOJI and NOKOTSUDO

Yooko Moriguchi
Mr. & Mrs. Masakatsu Tsukahara
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Uechi

Hideyuki Nagai
Takao Katoku
Ukie Saito

Winifred Kimura
Ethel Saito

Total - \$495.36

JIHO

Mr. & Mrs. Bert Maedo
Takao Katoku

Yooko Moriguchi
Ethel Saito

Rinko Matsuoka

Total - \$290.00

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JUNE & JULY SUNDAY SERVICES

Offerings

Total - \$513.00

CAPITAL FUND

Esther Jenkins

Takao Katoku

HAWAII KYODAN DUES

Takao Katoku
Ukie Saito

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Oshiro
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Uechi

Asano Matsumoto



KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE
BENEFIT GOLF
TOURNAMENT

DATE: SUNDAY AUGUST 27, 2017
TIME: 6:45 A.M. CHECK IN 8:00 A.M. Shotgun Start
PLACE: KONA COUNTRY CLUB
FORMAT: 2 PERSON BEST BALL, max team hcp 40
ENTRY FEE: \$125.00 Per Participant (\$85 green fee & Lunch/ \$40 donation)

ENTRY DEADLINE: Limited to First 60 Teams! SIGN UP EARLY!

LOTS OF GREAT PRIZES
CLOSEST TO THE PIN
FUN, FOOD, & COMMARADRE
LOW GROSS & LOW NET TEAM PRIZES

MENS, WOMENS, SENIOR & MIXED FLIGHTS (based on number of entrants)

FORM YOUR OWN FOURSOME OR WE WILL PLACE YOU WITH ONE

MENS MAX HANDICAP -30 WOMENS MAX 35

For those without AUGUST 2017 USGA handicap, YOU WILL BE GIVEN A HANDICAP

MOST CURRENT USGA (AUG 15 2017) handicap will be used

TEAM ONE

Player #1:		Player #2:	
Address:		Address:	
Phone:	USGA HCP MOST CURRENT HCP will be used	Phone:	USGA HCP or Lowest Round MOST CURRENT HCP will be used

TEAM TWO

Player #1:		Player #2:	
Address:		Address:	
Phone:	USGA HCP or Lowest Round MOST CURRENT HCP will be used	Phone:	USGA HCP or Lowest Round MOST CURRENT HCP will be used

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Tax ID# 99-6007520

Mail Form To:

KONA COUNTRY CLUB
78-7000 Alii Drive
KAILUA-KONA, HAWAII 96740
ATTN: PEGGY CIRIAKO
Ph# (808) 937-2380
(808) 319-2405 wrk

Manju Sale

Fundraiser for Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

Pick-up date: Sunday, October 29, 2017
Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Where: Kona Hongwanji Social Hall

Manju	An	6 pieces per bag	_____	\$	5.50
	White An	6 pieces per bag	_____	\$	5.50

Turn in order form to Kona Hongwanji Church office by
Friday - October 13, 2017 along with your payment.

= = = = = CUT HERE = = = = =

Name: _____

Contact Phone #: Home _____ Cell _____

Manju:	An	(Number of bags) _____	@	\$ 5.50	= _____
	White An	(Number of bags) _____	@	\$ 5.50	= _____

Donation to Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple: \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please make check payable to : Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
(Kona Hongwanji PO Box 769 Kealahou HI 96750)