

KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



E - JIHO
December 2018



Theme & Slogan 2018: Embrace Change: Harmony (Accept Differences)

BODHI DAY SERVICE

Sunday, December 9, 2018, English Service at 8:00 a.m.

Speaker: Rev. Sol Kalu

Associate Minister at Hawaii Betsuin

Note change in time of service

Breakfast will be served following service

This is the day to commemorate Sakyamuni Buddha's attainment of Awakening. According to legend, the historic event took place on December 8 as the first light of day began to glow in the eastern sky. By his example, Sakyamuni demonstrated that it was possible for man to become a Buddha---a fully Awakened Person. All human beings, therefore are in possession of this potentiality---Buddha Nature---which when awakened and cultivated enables them to achieve supreme wisdom and compassion. This day signifies the dawn of humanity's universal emancipation from suffering and unawareness.

JODO SHINSHU A GUIDE

MOCHI SALE BY KHBT Jr. YBA

Sunday, December 30, 2018

Mochi making from 7:00 a.m. to completion

Volunteers are needed and welcomed

MOCHI PICK UP FROM 12 NOON TO 4:00 P.M.

Deadline to order: December 14, 2018

Additional Order Forms in Office

NEW YEAR EVE SERVICE

Monday, December 31, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY - Joseph Gusman at 987-9900; 324-0708; or 896-4988.

To schedule services or activities, call the church office at 323-2993 Monday thru Friday – 7:30 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

DECEMBER

2 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service w/Rev. Daido Baba
3 Monday ...	10:00 AM ...	Preschool Program Rehearsal
5 Wednesday ...	10:00 AM ...	Preschool Program Dress Rehearsal
7 Friday ...	7:00 AM ...	Preschool Social Hall Set-up
	6:00 PM ...	Preschool Program
9 Sunday ...	8:00 AM ...	Bodhi Day Service
12 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Board of Director's Meeting
14 Friday ...	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
15 Saturday ...	1:00 PM ...	Rengo Meeting @ Kamuela
16 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
23 Sunday ...	-----	NO SUNDAY SERVICE
	8:00 AM ...	Judo Club – Judo Hall Clean-up
30 Sunday ...	-----	NO SUNDAY SERVICE
	7:00 AM ...	Jr. YBA Mochi Making
	12:00 PM ...	Mochi Pick-up
31 Monday ...	7:00 PM ...	New Year's Eve Service

JANUARY

6 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
11 Friday ...	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
13 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
15 Tuesday ...	10:30 AM ...	HAIB Meeting
19 Saturday ...	8:00 AM ...	Omigaki #1; Food Prep #2
	7:00 PM ...	Hoonko Candle Light Service
20 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Goshoki Hoonko English Service
26 Saturday ...	-----	HIUBWA Meeting
27 Sunday ...	9:00 AM...	33 rd Memorial Service for Ellison Onizuka and Challenger Disaster
31 Monday ...	7:00 PM ...	New Year's Eve 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 DECEMBER 2018 and JANUARY 2019

First Year (2017) (2018)	December	21	MASAAKI SAKATA
	January	10	LORELEI T. YOKOYAMA
		19	TOKIKO SAKATA
Third Year (2016) (2017)	December	3	KANEYO HIGASHI
		11	TOSHIE IZUNO
		29	TOSHIE SHIROTA
	January	23	SAKAE EGAMI
Seventh Year (2013)	January	16	LINDA YASUKO EGAMI ROBERTS
		18	RICHARD MASAYUKI TANAKA
		23	HARUO AOKI
		28	FRANCIS "TORA" S. YAMAMOTO
Thirteenth Year (2006) (2007)	December	12	RICHARD HIDEO SAKAMOTO
		26	TOSHIKO NAKAMURA
	January	13	LARRY SHIMIZU
		25	AKIE KUGA
		25	ASAKO MASUHARA
Seventeenth Year (2002) (2003)	December	11	TSUGIYO YAMANO
		21	HANA EGE
		22	CHARLES ICHIO "Charley" YAMASHITA
		24	KAORU IWANE
	January	4	HIDEAKI "BULLY" YAMASHITA\
		29	ROSS TAKUMI SASAOKA
		31	ROBERT MASAHI MATSUDA
Twenty-Fifth Year (1994) (1995)	December	3	KAZUO KAWAKAMI
		12	"Harry" "Inka" YOSHOHARU IZUMI
		17	AMY EMIKO TANAKA
		19	ARTHUR TSUGIO TAKAHARA
		24	PATRICK KINZO NAKAGAWA
	January	24	MASAO "Mummy" "Mame" MATSUMOTO
		8	KIYOSHI HAIMOTO
		29	HARUO SAKATA
Thirty-Third Year (1986) (1987)	December	9	KIYOKO SHIROTA
		29	TANEYO OKIMOTO
		29	MIKINO SHIOTSUKA
	January	23	KURA TANIGUCHI

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Joseph Gusman

I would like to thank all the church members and friends that assisted with our annual Manju Fundraiser on October 26-28, 2018. We deeply appreciate your sacrifice of your time to help our temple. It took everybody's efforts to make this a successful fundraiser.

As we approach the holiday season, my family & I would also like to extend our hope that your holidays are filled with lots of family, good friends and good food. Special memories are created during the holidays that can be treasured for years to come.

AM I BUDDHIST?

Dharma talk by Daren Katayama

Please join me in Gassho... I would like to share a quote from Wayne Dyer, an author and speaker on self-development and spiritual growth:

“Upon awakening, let the words *thank you* flow from your lips, for this will remind you to begin your day with gratitude and compassion.” [Namo Amida Butsu]

Have you ever wondered, am I Buddhist? And how does one become “Buddhist”?

If I stand up and just declare, “I am a Buddhist !”, is that enough? Probably not.

If I pay my \$220 annual temple dues, is that enough? I don’t think so.

So just saying “I am a Buddhist”, does not necessarily make me Buddhist. And I cannot buy my way in by paying a fee. So, what really determines if I am a Buddhist?

In my opinion, and I could be wrong, but I believe it is my actions that matter... do I “walk-the-walk”. I could just “say” the words, or just “think” the thoughts... but how do I act? Ultimately, my actions will determine whether or not I am a Buddhist.

Let me briefly digress. I enjoyed talking about Buddhism with Rev. Shoji Matsumoto. He was very knowledgeable; many senior ministers would say, Rev. Shoji is who they seek when they have a theological question. But even though Rev. Shoji was regarded as an “expert”, he would often start his response with “I could be wrong...”. I think that is a wonderful Buddhist quality; to not presume one knows everything, thus humble enough to say, “I could be wrong”.

Now, what actions should I strive for? If someone new came to our temple and asked, what is Jodo-Shinshu? What would you say? Could you describe Jodo-Shinshu in 3 sentences or less?

I could be wrong, but I would say, Jodo-Shinshu is the **PRACTICE of gratitude and kindness**. We **practice being grateful** by appreciating whatever we have in life, including the Buddha’s unconditional love that ensures we can attain the Pure Land. And we **practice being kind** by thinking, saying, and doing “good and pure things”.

Thich Nhat Hanh, a Vietnamese Buddhist Monk, said...

“There is a misconception that Buddhism is a religion, and that you worship Buddha. Buddhism is a PRACTICE, like yoga. You can be a Christian and practice Buddhism. I met a Catholic priest who lives in a Buddhist monastery in France. He told me that Buddhism makes him a better Christian. I love that.”

Thus, Jodo-Shinshu is a “practice”. It’s about one’s actions in daily life, which is another way of saying “living the Dharma”. Buddhism is less about theology, and more about practicing the Dharma... practicing gratitude... practicing kindness.

In sports, you learn some “theory” about the fundamentals, but the only way you get better at it, is to practice... to practice until it becomes automatic. And so too with Buddhism... the more you practice gratitude and kindness, the more natural it feels, until it becomes automatic.

Also, in Buddhism, the focus is on **changing myself**, it is **not about changing or blaming others**. The focus is inwards... to change MY views, MY attitude, MY perspective. A minister talked about “world peace” and how it starts with me. I must find a way to accept others, as they are. Just look at the middle east, look at warring nations, look at our political parties today, the common thread is they focus on destroying the “other side”... essentially blaming the other side for one’s suffering.

“All blame is a waste of time. No matter how much fault you find with another, and regardless of how much you blame him, it will not change you. The only thing blame does is to keep the focus off you when you are looking for external reasons to explain your unhappiness or frustration. You may succeed in making another feel guilty about something by blaming him, but you won’t succeed in changing whatever it is about you that is making you unhappy.” [quote by Wayne Dyer]

Until you can change yourself, to find your inner peace... until then, world peace will not happen. I believe this inner peace is "shinjin", or spiritual awakening. And it is **your choice**.

"If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change." [W. Dyer]

Okay, let's get real... let's talk politics! I know, my sister says NEVER talk about religion and politics, and yet here I am diving into both! When I turn on the TV, people are yelling at each other; talking over each other to make their point. There is no "discussion". No one wants a discussion because **they just want to defeat the other side**... because then, they erroneously conclude, there will be world peace. But you cannot call people bad names, insult their genealogy, publicly humiliate them... and then hope they will come around to your point of view.

And what about Social media! I have friends and family who say, if you support "them", defriend me now, or I will defriend you; AND, I even see **BUDDHISTS** who say, if you disagree, you are a "bleeping-bleep-bleep"! Are these the actions of a "kind and grateful" Buddhist?

So, what's the answer? If you are Buddhist, I believe you go back to what we discussed earlier... you **focus on changing yourself** so you can **accept others, as they are**... find "shinjin".

In closing, reflect on what we learn at temple, are my actions consistent with Buddhism? Try to view Buddhism as a "practice", so practice gratitude and kindness...

We should try always to do what is RIGHT [Right Purpose]

We should be truthful and KIND in all we say [Right Speech]

We should try to have GOOD and PURE thoughts because our words and ACTIONS arise from our thoughts
[Right Thought]

I will try to be KIND and gentle to every living thing... knowing that on what I do now depends not only my happiness or unhappiness, but also that of OTHERS... [Golden Chain of Love]

Also remember, it is not about "defeating" the other side to bring about peace, **you** are the one that must change. If we can try to live the Dharma, to practice what we preach, to rise up above the mud, like the lotus... then we can say, **"I am a Buddhist!"**

Please join me again in Gassho, as I read this quote from the movie "Wonder", starring Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson [also a quote by Wayne Dyer]:

"When you have the choice between being right, or being kind... just choose kind."

[Namo Amida Butsu]

CUB SCOUTS PACK 12

Happy Halloween – Trunk or Treat

The ghouls, goblins, ninjas and princess' were out and about in the parking lot on October 29th. Our annual "Trunk or Treat". The scout parents had out done the previous years. Each parent parked their car and set up their ghoulish stations. This year there were a few bean bag games, darts, ball toss and nerf games. The topper of the event was Caramel Apples...YUMMY. Thank you Den Leader Erin Basque for picking up the delicious apples. Den Leader Dee Ono with helpers Lorna Matsuoka & Ian Shortridge (Ian was a former Pack 12 scout) assisted in dipping the apples. Dee provided the caramels, crock pot and all the delicious toppings. The Cub Scouts, parents, siblings, preschoolers and friends had a chance to make plain caramel apples or they could choose to add sprinkles. Each scout was taught safety on handling food and hot pot. This was a great example of teaching scouts and having fun at the same time. Dee Ono also provided as prizes: pretzels, pencils, stickers and candies. The scouts were in charge of planning the games as part of requirements towards earning awards. Thank you, parents for providing the games and

goodies for this event. All family members, scout friends and Kona Hongwanji preschool was invited to participate. Great job Scouts!!!

Cub O Ree – Camp Honokaia

Several of our scouts participated in this year's overnight camping. Cub O Ree gives Cub Scouts an opportunity to experience the fun and adventure of going camping while having the opportunity to work on related rank requirements. The event Featured: Movies Friday night and a day of activities on Saturday such as: Treasure Hunt, Baking apples in charcoal, Making ice cream, BB Gun, Archery, dodge ball, fort building and sling shots. All the scouts had a grand time. They enjoyed the rain too by playing in the puddles and mud. Our Cub Master ran the Archery booth.

Ironman

This was the first year the Cub Scouts were allowed to participate in the Ironman event as part of the Boy Scout station out by Four Seasons. Our pack was assigned the Gatorade Station along with boy scouts from another Troop. The parents and scout had so much fun and energy. The cub scouts also helped to pass water to the Boy Scouts to hand to the Ironman participants. They also so help to pick up all the trash and drink bottles for recycling. We were told that, they announced at the Ironman appreciation party, the Scout station out by Four Seasons was the cleanest station after the event. The Scouts was presented a wooden bowl with a plaque stating so. Great Job Scouts!!!!!!!!!!!!

HealthCare Hero

Our very own Den Leader and Committee member Dee Ono was named as a Statewide HealthCare Hero by Healthcare Association of Hawaii. Dee is a West Hawaii Home Health care nurse (semi retired) who is described as Dedicated, Compassionate and Caring nurse. The nonprofit honored 18 people across the state on Oct. 20, in Honolulu at its annual Healthcare Association of Hawaii Awards and Scholarship Gala. The organization presented Ono with a Hawaii Healthcare Hero award, one of five caregivers to receive the honor. Pamela Punihaole, who nominated Ono, was also in attendance. Congratulations Dee!!!

Upcoming Events:

Nov 9 - Kona Coffee Cultural Festival Lantern Parade

Nov 11 - Veterans Day Set up. Veterans Cemetery

Nov 18 - Church Cleanup

Dec –Christmas Party

Dec - Christmas Caroling, Hualalai Regency

January 2018 –Winter Camp

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SPECIAL DONATIONS

Lila & Mark Hayes, In Memory of Kame Fukuda

Lila & Mark Hayes, In Memory of Seiichi Hayama

Foodland, Give Aloha Program

Carol Kawachi, In Memory of Misae Tokunaga's 3rd Year Anniversary

Janet Maeda Saga Goryu Ikebana Class

Mr. & Mrs. Bert Maedo Jiho

Mr. & Mrs. Bert Maedo

Clyan Maruyama, In Memory of Kame Fukuda's 25th Anniversary

Clyan Maruyama, In Memory of Seiichi Hayama's 25th Anniversary

Gail Maruyama, In Memory of Kame Fukuda

Gail Maruyama, In Memory of Seiichi Hayama

Kay Matsumoto, In Memory of Walter T. Nishina's 13th Year Anniversary

Rick & Glenda Okamura, In Memory of Seiichi Hayama's 25th Anniversary

Rick & Glenda Okamura, In Memory of Kame Fukuda's 25th Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Omori, In Memory of Sumie Omori and Shigematsu Omori

Acknowledgments Continued:

Kazumi Oshita, Services

Lilly Ushiroda, Jiho

Delmond Won, In Memory of Kame Fukuda's 25th Anniversary

Delmond Won, In Memory of Seiichi Hayama's 25th Anniversary

Raymond & Susan Takiue, Eitaikyo In Memory of Takiue, Yamamoto and Sakata Families

Richard & Marilyn Hirata, Hakasoji In Memory of Oshima Family

Total - \$1,571.61

OCTOBER and NOVEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES

Total - \$835.00

CAPITAL FUND

Kazumi Oshita

HAWAII KYODAN DUES

Akino Sonoda

Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, List of Memorial Service for 2019

Dear Members: It is the Buddhist Custom that Family members observe memorial services to pay their respects to those who passed away. Through the services, the families are reminded of the importance of religious life. The role of the rites is helpful in strengthening and aiding the families to lead a meaningful life in the guiding light of Amida Buddha's Compassion. Please note the list below and make an appointment at least **Three Months** prior to the service date.

FIRST YEAR (2018)

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
01/10	Yokoyama, Lorelei T.	01/19	Sakata, Tokiko
02/12	Iha, Isamu "Joseph"	03/11	Uechi, Fred
05/03	Nagata, Henri-Ann K.	05/29	Takamoto, Yukito
05/31	Shiraki, Fukue "Betty"	06/26	Shiraishi, Htsuko
07/08	Tomono, Koshi	07/09	Kimoto, Wayne M.

THIRD YEAR (2017)

01/23	Egami, Sakae	02/03	Yamamoto, Frank S.
02/20	Onaka, Roy H.	02/22	Ueda, Emi Emiko
02/25	Asuka, Matsuko	04/07	Nishina, Suyeko
04/20	Matsuoka, Masae	05/22	Kurozawa, Duane Hajime
06/02	Matsuoka, Fumikichi	06/24	Takimoto, Hatsumi
07/25	Fukumitsu, Kazuo	08/15	Obata, Masao
08/31	Yokomoto, Eleanor	10/17	Hasegawa, Mitsuo
11/15	Shirai, Asayo	11/21	Nakayama, Wayne Hiroji
12/21	Sakata, Masaaki		

SEVENTH YEAR (2013)

01/16	Roberts, Linda Yasuko Egami	01/18	Tanaka, Richard Masayuki
01/23	Aoki, Haruo	01/28	Yamamoto, Francis "Tora" S.
02/14	Yukuno, Norman Tadashi	02/20	Takauye, James Kenichi
03/16	Ogata, Yoshie "Margie"	03/18	Kunitomo, Quinn Kekaimalu
04/19	Oura, Mitsuo	04/26	Nozaki, Colbert Terumi
06/15	Takamoto, Wally K.	07/06	Manago, Harold H.
07/07	Takahara, Fusae	08/02	Taniyama, Yoshimi
08/16	Aoyagi, Hazel Ayako	08/26	Murakami, Sasae Takemoto
08/26	Kondo, Kimiyo "Dorothy"	09/04	Fujino, George Akira
09/06	Matsumoto, Glen Fusao	09/25	Matsuoka, Fumio
10/28	Kamigaki, Fusae	11/10	Takeguchi, Tane

THIRTEENTH YEAR (2007)

01/13	Shimizu, Larry	01/25	Kuga, Akie
01/25	Masuhara, Asako	02/19	Terawaki, Evelyn Natsuyo
02/25	Ide, Namiko	03/05	Morimoto, Tsurue
04/08	Kamigaki, Yuriko	05/13	Yoshiki, Kazue
05/29	Omori, Shigeto	06/10	Kamigaki, Kikuyo (Kay)
06/15	Sato, Masayuki	08/02	Honda, Harry Nobuyuki
08/03	Oyama, Tamotsu	09/08	Taniguchi, Hidetoshi
10/04	Kukita, Yachiyo	10/07	Sakata, Hideo
10/22	Kawakami, Minoru	11/28	Nakamura, Alan Todomu
12/05	Kitaoka, Noboru "King"	12/05	Miyazono, Milton M. "Togo"
12/09	Iwamoto, Frederick Haruo	12/20	Sato, Wally K.

SEVENTEENTH YEAR (2003)

01/04	Yamashita, Hideaki "Bully"	01/29	Sasaoka, Ross Takumi
01/31	Matsuda, Robert Masashi	03/01	Kawahara, Kimio
03/14	Shirota, Kiyoshi	04/06	Miyagawa, Tadao
04/06	Yukuno, Mtsuko	05/23	Young, Jesse Brent
05/29	Uemoto, Shigeo "Robert"	06/21	Kurashige, Kikue
06/28	Takemoto, Tamotsu	07/11	Kunitake, Kiyono
07/21	Yonemura, Sumie	10/14	Noguchi, Shizue
10/28	Yoshizaki, Toshio	11/12	Hirano, Takashi
12/17	Donaldson, Flora Fusako Kaneo		

TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR (1995)

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
01/08	Haimoto, Kiyoshi	01/29	Sakata, Haruo
02/17	Hori, Seiichi	03/16	Hasegawa, Ichiro
03/17	Sasaki, Harold Kiyoshi	04/12	Omori, Albert Kiichi
04/16	Nishibun, Sakae	04/30	Ashihara, Kiyomi
05/01	Iwanaga, Sunao	07/05	Sato, Gilbert Saburo
07/10	Takaki, Morinaka	09/25	Shikada, Kaoru
09/27	Matsuyama, Larry Minoru	10/10	Asakura, Ronald Kiyoshi
10/27	Nakamaru, Chiyoko		

THIRTY-THIRD YEAR (1987)

01/23	Taniguchi, Kura	02/12	Kadohiro, Fusajiro
02/26	Masunaga, Kazuo	03/24	Tokunaga, Harue
03/26	Horibata, Kenneth Katsushi	05/09	Kihara, Tetsuo
05/11	Sakamoto, Yoshiko	05/31	Nakamaru, Kodama Tomo
06/11	Imai, Fujimoto Tsuya	07/02	Ogata, "Walter" Tatsushi
08/30	Inouye, Hisae Dorothy	09/30	Inouye, Tori
11/20	Nishina, Hisae	12/22	Kajiwara, Kiyoshi
12/25	Nakatani, Gilbert Masao	12/29	Kuga, Masaru

FIFTIETH YEAR (1970)

02/06	Muraki, Setsuyo	02/15	Sakata, Tatsue
02/25	Murata, Yoshitaro	04/04	Iwanaga, Masako
04/26	Nakamoto, Hatsuyo	05/23	Yoshiki, Tsune
06/22	Kaneo, Chika	07/16	Fujino, Eijiro
08/12	Sasaki, Kumataro	08/12	Matsumura, Shitoyo
09/22	Tanaka, Buntaro	09/30	Teshima, Tohei
10/11	Yamamoto, Chise	11/21	Tsukamoto, Tsuya
12/18	Hasegawa, Yoshi	12/23	Kirihara, Kyle
12/28	Uemoto, Matsuyo		

NOTE: If you have any questions or corrections regarding the information listed above, please call the office at 323-2993. Thank you.