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January 2022



Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

Building Healthy Sanghas: Nurturing Empathy and Respect

Dharma Family Services

Please join us for our hybrid online and in person services and events in January. All services will begin at 10:00 am (unless otherwise noted). A link to join the service will be emailed to you a few days before. Please contact the office to be included in our email list to receive weekly temple updates and information. We look forward to seeing you online or in person!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

New Year's Day Service

Saturday, January 1, 2022 at 10:00 am (Zoom Only)



The first day of the new year is a time to reflect and, with renewed dedication, to endeavor to live a life of gratitude and joy within the compassionate embrace of Amida Buddha. Let's begin 2022 by rededicating ourselves to hearing and sharing the Dharma together!



Hōonkō Candlelight Service

Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Rev. Seigen Yamaoka
Retired Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America



This observance marks the death of Shinran Shōnin (May 21, 1173-January 16, 1263), the founder of Shin Buddhism. Hōonkō literally means "Dharma gathering for acknowledging indebtedness" and is observed to express our profound gratitude to Shinran for sharing the Nembutsu teaching. This is an opportunity to reflect deeply on how we encounter the compassionate Vow of Amida Buddha and realize the entrusting heart of shinjin in our lives.

36th Annual Ellison Onizuka and Space Shuttle Challenger Memorial Service

Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 10:00 am

For Assistance

Office Clerk: Ramah DeMello (Phone: 808-323-2993 Email: konahongwanji@twc.com)

Resident Minister: Rev. Blayne Higa (Emergency only 808-383-9153)

Temple President: Joseph Gusman (Emergency only 808-896-4988 or 808-324-0708)

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President's Message

First, I would like to wish our entire sangha a Happy New Year. With the recent loosening of social gathering restrictions, you hopefully got to celebrate the holidays with family & friends while still being cautious and safe. The holidays are a special time where ohana can gather and share those special moments that become our most cherished memories. I know I appreciated the opportunity to visit with the special people in my life that I missed last year.

Just a heads up, we will have our annual Kyodan Meeting and Service on February 20, 2022. This year we will elect & install the next group of officers and directors to lead the temple. Current plans are to have the service & meeting conducted primarily via Zoom, with the officers to be installed & those members unable to participate virtually present at the temple. We invite you to join us for this special occasion where we recognize both our Keirokai members who have provided guidance to our temple, as well as our new members. We will honor the members of our temple who have passed away in the last year and yes, take care of some temple business. If all of that is not a good enough reason for you to attend, we will also be giving away some prizes to a few lucky attendees. See you there!

In Gassho,

Joseph M. Gusman
Kyodan President

Hope for the Journey Ahead Rev. Blayne Higa

Happy New Year! As we begin a new journey with the turning of the year, we pause for Reflection, rest, and renewal. We reflect on the year that was and all that we Experienced and learned. We seek rest from the weariness caused by overcoming the many challenges we have had to face. And we hope for the renewal of our spirit and fortitude as we venture into an unpredictable future.

The true nature of awakening that the Buddha teaches is one of continual learning and growth. Every moment is an opportunity for self-discovery and for better understanding the fullness of life in all its joys and sorrows. We are becoming more fully human through all that we experience. From the simple to the extraordinary moments of our lives, we are being shown how we can be. This is the voice of Amida Buddha which is the sound of the universe calling us home to ourselves.



In Buddhist scripture, there is a story about a boy named Sudhana who, “learned from his experiences that there was a true teaching to be gained from everything he saw or heard.”

He learned patience from a poor, crippled woman; he learned a lesson of simple happiness from watching children playing in the street; and from some gentle and humble people, who never thought of wanting anything that anybody else wanted, he learned the secret of living at peace with all in the world.

He learned a lesson of harmony from watching the blending of the elements of incense, and a lesson of thanksgiving from the arrangement of flowers. One day, passing through a forest, he took rest under a noble tree and noticed a tiny seedling growing near by out of a fallen and decaying tree and it taught him a lesson of the uncertainty of life.

Sunlight by day and the twinkling stars by night constantly refreshed his spirit. Thus, Sudhana profited by the experiences of his long journey.

Sudhana's story reminds us of how we should approach life with a sense of wonder opening our hearts and minds to the dynamic unfolding of wisdom and compassion. This is to live in naturalness which is the continual transformation our innermost being. This is the Nembutsu Path that Shinran Shōnin followed where our ordinary life is the rightful place of learning, practice, and awakening.

Each new year begins in winter which is a natural time of rest and renewal for our bodies and spirits. This is a time of letting go and going within so we can begin again with hope and a renewed ability to perceive the cry of awakening in all things. What lessons will we learn this year?

May the light of all-inclusive wisdom and all-embracing compassion guide us along the journey ahead.
Namo Amida Butsu.

Compassionate Care

The Dharma offers guidance and support for our whole lives, especially during times of difficulty. I am here to be a compassionate presence and companion to you on life's journey. I am available for pastoral care and counseling via phone or video conference. I am also available for bedside end-of-life services and grief care. Please contact me at 808-323-2993 or for emergencies only at 808-383-9153.

*Aloha,
Rev. Blayne*

Bodhi Day



On December 5th we celebrated Bodhi Day with Rev. Richard Tennes of Kahului Hongwanji as our guest speaker.

Support Kona Hongwanji by Shopping Online

Amazon Smile is a free and easy way to support your favorite charitable organization. When you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com> Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

We hope you will consider designating Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple as your favorite organization. Please encourage your family and friends to kokua as well. We sincerely appreciate your support during these uncertain times. Mahalo!

Weekly Sangha Talk Story

Rev. Blayne hosts a weekly virtual talk story session for Sangha members to connect and to share how life is going during the pandemic. The Sangha Talk Story happens every Thursday evening at 7:00pm over Zoom. If you would like to participate, please email Rev. Blayne at bhiga@honpahi.org to be sent the meeting link each week.

Pet Appreciation Service



On December 19th we held our Pet Appreciation Service celebrating and remembering the furry and fluffy members of our families. Temple member Carol Ikeda shared a reflection on being Sophia's owner.



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, 2022. Last year, as I wrote my message, we had reason to hope that the year 2021 would be one in which we would have control of the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, millions of people in our country (and more around the world) are still unvaccinated and therefore susceptible to SARS-CoV-2 infection. Also, the natural world is unpredictable - with new variants of the coronavirus appearing in different areas of the world. We do not know what effect the new variants will have on the COVID-19 pandemic. The good news is that the vaccines have proven to be very effective at preventing or reducing the chance of developing severe COVID-19 disease. They are also proven to be very safe in all of the trials and young children starting at the age of 5 can now be safely vaccinated. The COVID-19 situation is much better than a year ago at this time and it is very likely that it will continue to get better.



Our theme and slogan for 2022, **“Building Healthy Sanghas: Connecting with Others”** is particularly appropriate for 2022. Buddhism teaches that everything is interconnected. No one is completely independent of other people or the environment surrounding them. We are connected with and dependent on everything around us, for example the the air that we breathe. As we carefully re-open our temples, let’s all make an extra effort to connect with our Sangha, especially those we have not seen for a year or two.

The past two years have been difficult for all of our temples. At least one temple (Papaalooa Hongwanji) will close its temple doors permanently in 2022 and consolidate with Honohina Hongwanji. The COVID-19 pandemic was not the only factor in Papaalooa Hongwanji’s closure, but it certainly hastened the process. Buddhism teaches us that all things are impermanent, everything changes, and that “the root of suffering is attachment”. However, Shinran reminded us that we are all “bonbu” - foolish beings. We still have attachments. So it is still difficult for us to have many fond memories of a place and time in our past and not feel sadness that it will not be there the next time we visit. We can still be grateful that Papaalooa Hongwanji shared Buddhist values with the Hamakua community for over 100 years and during that time planted the seeds of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in many people, including this writer. Namo Amida Butsu.

As I reflect on our theme, **“Building Healthy Sanghas: Connecting with Others”**, I start with being grateful that Amida Buddha, through his Teachings, is with me and wants me to be happy. I am grateful that I was introduced to Buddhism by the good fortune of being born to a wonderful family in a little plantation town on the Hamakua Coast of the Big Island of Hawaii. Grateful that Papaalooa Hongwanji was built by the issei and nisei in spite of severe financial hardship. Grateful that Aiea Hongwanji was there for us when Claire and I were looking for a temple for our family. Grateful that I have made a connection with so many of you through our involvement in the Hawaii Sangha. Let’s continue to nurture these connections.

With Gassho,

Warren Tamamoto, MD
President, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

2022 Bishop’s New Year Message

The New Year has always been a time of hope, renewal and new beginnings. I am hopeful that the year 2022 will be brighter and happier for you and your Ohana of family and friends, and all of us! Needless to say, the Pandemic has adversely affected all of our lives in various ways including the feeling of isolation and disconnect. However, let us not despair. Please always fully understand that Amida Buddha as Namo Amida Butsu is always with us embracing us as Great Compassion. There is a Jodo Shinshu expression “Ki-Hou-Ittai no Namo Amida Butsu” or “Namo Amida Butsu of the oneness of Amida Buddha and those to be saved.” For this reason, we able to be born in the Pure Land to attain Enlightenment and, even in the here and now, we are never truly all alone!



Further, there is another dynamic in which we can appreciate the truth that we are always supported by others and thus never alone. I recall the life of an Oahu Hongwanji member who was always so grateful for the food she ate every day. She couldn’t help, but place her hands together in gassho/anjali to express her appreciation and gratitude to the plants and animals for their gift of life and all others who played a role in her receiving the precious gift of the meals she ate each day. She was aware of the so many other lives which surrounded and supported her. She had to try to live her life as best she could out of appreciation and gratitude.

However, on the plane of human social interaction, yes, COVID has severely impacted our ability to interact with each other even among family members and as a Sangha at temple. I know many of you miss so dearly being able to come to the temple, the physical symbolic home of Amida Buddha. As the situation with the Pandemic slowly improves, please consider gathering, once again, at your temple. We must still be cautious especially with the discovery of the Omicron Variant, but when the time is right, please join us at the temple both current members and newcomers. Let us reconnect and connect with each other! The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii including your temple needs you! Please remember, there are three treasures not only two.

As we begin a new year, this would be the opportune time for us to reconnect with family and friends. Depending on the situation with the Pandemic, it might not be physically just yet, but there are other ways to connect such as writing down (or video recording) your most precious thoughts, wishes and aspirations as in a journal or as letters as did Lady Eshinni and Lady Kakushinni, and even Shinran Shonin. What is that which is most precious to you? What are the best memories you have? Why is the Teachings of the Buddha and the temple so important to you? Would it make you happy if your family becomes part of the Hongwanji Sangha?

Let us make manifest our Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Theme & Slogan for 2022 which is "Building Healthy Sanghas: Connecting with Others." Of course, this "Connecting with Others" is not limited to our close circle of family and friends, but with others around the world too. This year's Hawaii Kyodan Calendar highlights His Eminence Kojun Ohtani's "Our Pledge" which more concretely shares why and how we may connect with others. In this New Year, let me encourage you to begin reciting Gomonsu-sama's "Our Pledge" on a daily basis.

To conclude, please join me 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 Happy New Year from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and the Office of the Bishop.

In gassho/anjali,
Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop

年頭の辞

新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

昨年も一昨年に引き続き、私たちの生活は新型コロナウイルス感染症(COVID-19)の流行に対応したものとなりました。ここに、新型コロナウイルス感染症によりお亡くなりになられた方々に謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、罹患されている皆さまに心よりお見舞い申し上げます。

また、治療・対策にあたられている医師、看護師をはじめとする医療従事者の方々、ライフラインの維持に努めておられる方々に深く敬意と感謝を表します。この新型コロナウイルス感染症は、私たち一人一人の生活に大きな影響を与えました。それは、同時に社会の問題も浮き彫りにしています。

仏教を説かれたお釈迦様は、自分自身の考えにとらわれ、真実をみることのできない私たちの姿を指摘されています。私たちが自分の思い通りに行動したら、社会の中に対立や分断を生むこととなります。親鸞聖人は、ご和讃に「浄土真宗に帰すれども 真実の心はありがたし 虚仮不実のわが身にて 清浄の心もさらになし」とうたわれました。阿弥陀さまのおはたらきによって知らされる私たちの本当の姿は、縁起や無常、無我というこの世界の真実をそのままに受け入れることができずに悩み苦しむ姿です。親鸞聖人は、そのような私たちに阿弥陀さまのおはたらきが届いていると明らかにされました。いまだに新型コロナウイルス感染症の収束が見通せない世界ですが、阿弥陀さまのおはたらきを聞き、それを依りどころとして日々の生活を過ごしてまいりましょう。

現在の厳しい状況の中でさまざまな試みを重ねながら、今までとは違った方法で浄土真宗のみ教を広く社会へ伝える取り組みもなされていると聞き、たいへん心強く思います。これからもお寺が皆さまの心の支えとなりますよう、お寺の活動にご理解とご協力を頂きますことをお願い申し上げます、年頭のご挨拶いたします。

2022年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派
門主 大谷光



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.

Over these past couple of years, we have had to adjust our lives in accordance with the scale of the spread of COVID-19. 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 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.

This infectious disease has not only greatly affected the life of each one of us, but also revealed many issues that had been contained in our society. Sakyamuni Buddha, who passed on the Dharma to us, made clear of the fact that we cannot see the truth because we are too attached to our own thought. Therefore, it is only natural that conflicts and divisions come about in a society in which those who, like us, fundamentally self-centered beings, act in accordance based on one's own thought.

In the following wasan poem, Shinran Shonin deeply reflected on himself and described what we humans are like,

Although I take refuge in the true Pure Land way,
It is hard to have a true and sincere mind.
This self is false and insincere;
I completely lack a pure mind. (Hymns of the Dharma-ages)

As the wasan shows, we are basically incapable of accepting the reality of this world, such as, dependent origination, impermanence, and no-self. And because of this we constantly suffer. Only through being aware of and appreciating Amida Buddha's compassionate and salvific working, are we enabled to accept our true self. Shinran Shonin clarified that such ignorance is the very reason why Amida Buddha's salvific working has reached every one of us. Keeping in mind that we are always embraced in Amida's compassionate Light, let us live each day to the fullest, even though we have yet to see the end of the tunnel.

I feel truly assured hearing that many of you have been making efforts to share the Jodo Shinshu teaching within the greater society through various and innovative ways despite the current situation. It is my hope that your temples will continue serving as your spiritual home, and therefore, 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, 2022

OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

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Mahalo for your generous donations!
Please let us know if there are any corrections.



List of Memorial Service for 2022

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 (2021)

01/10 Amy Nishimoto	02/05 Kenneth Kaku
02/09 Setsuko "Sally" Deguchi	03/07 Yasuo Fukumitsu
03/08 Tsuino Yoshiki	03/14 Masashi "Boston" Kitaoka
03/29 Hisako "Sue" Taniyama	04/11 Hisako Hatta
04/13 Fujie Sato	04/14 Harumi Mildred Oda
05/10 Midori "Mae" Harano	07/10 Mutsumi Komo
07/31 Patsy Sueko Hamada	08/08 Richard Sasaki
09/20 Asano Matsumoto	11/02 Flora Fukumitsu

THIRD YEAR (2020)

02/25 Elsie K. Watanabe	02/29 Tomie Honda
04/27 Miles Nakahara	05/10 Takao Katoku
05/23 Robert Manabu Fujino	06/10 Yaeko Yoshioka
06/19 Nobuyuki Fukuda	07/01 Jay Manago
07/28 Mary Mitsue Nakagawa	08/24 Bernice Tashima
08/25 Sally Murakami	10/08 Charles Tsuneo Okino
11/12 Ukie Saito	12/01 Stanley K. Zakahi
12/17 Yoshiyuki Kaneko	12/24 Carl Taniyama
12/30 Yoshie Tanaka	

SEVENTH YEAR (2016)

01/01 Yaeko Ohata	02/18 Burton Ito
02/21 Gladys Asako Clark	02/24 Toshio Shirai
04/03 Dorsey T. Ito	04/10 Marion Yaeko Harada
06/08 Yaeko Shiotsuka	06/18 Sadame Venegas
07/10 Melvyn T. Hayashida	07/15 Masatoshi Imai
07/31 Chikahara Saito	08/28 Fumie Kobayakawa
09/05 Kiyoshi Nakamura	09/19 Zane Fujimoto
10/01 Misae Clara Tokunaga	10/07 Kikuye Kadohiro
10/17 Chiyoko Kawasaki	11/15 Bernice Etsuko Yoshida
12/03 Elaine Sumie Piltz	12/11 Toshie Izuno
12/29 Toshie Shirota	

THIRTEENTH YEAR (2010)

01/20 Nancy Fumiko Manago	02/10 Sadame Nozaki
02/19 Natsuko Takemoto	02/20 Hatsuko Matsuoka
03/04 Helen Hisae Ikeno	03/06 Henry Yoshito Morimoto
03/30 Doris Yasuko Murata	05/07 Satomi Takashiba
05/24 Frank T. Okamoto	06/12 Anthony Takeshi Miyose
07/30 Chayson Kiyoshi Ehukai Matsuoka	08/24 Masami Iwashita
09/13 Kumiko Omori	10/25 Tokio Takamoto
11/22 Richard Kitae Tanaka	11/26 Earl Teshima
11/29 George Matsumoto	

SEVENTEENTH YEAR (2006)

01/06 Hiroshi Matsuyama	03/03 Wally Kusano
04/12 Masao Sunada	05/23 Gertrude Tsuruyo Hayashida
06/13 Walter Takeshi Nishina	07/02 Janice Fukie Sasaki
07/16 Mildred Umeyo Imai	09/15 Kazuji Kirihara
09/20 Emiko Ezuka	09/23 Masao Teshima
09/26 Yoshio Fukumitsu	10/04 Taeko Uchimura
10/25 Eisho Matsumoto	10/28 Yoshio Harano
11/10 Stanley Noboru Nagata	11/16 Moto Nakasone
11/19 Sayoko Murai Sakata	12/12 Richard Hideo Sakamoto
12/26 Toshiko Nakamura	

TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR (1997)

01/13 Hisayo Ban	02/02 Karen Kazuko Murata
04/28 Yasue Ito	05/10 Sadako "Sadie" Kato
05/11 Tomio Sakamoto	05/18 Aiko Fukunaga
05/27 Yasuo Kadohiro	07/05 Matsue Ota
07/26 Yoshinobu Fujimoto	07/29 Sadayuki "Barney" Miyazono
08/09 Torao Teshima	09/01 Clarence Yoshito Nozaki
11/07 Clarence Satoru Komo	11/09 Harold Hiromi Hirata
11/23 Harold Yoshiyuki Nakamura	

THIRTY-THIRD YEAR (1989)

01/20 Kazuo, Uchimura	01/25 Hitoshi Wally Nakamoto, Sr.
01/26 Goro Fujii	01/28 Yoshio Doi
03/03 Chiyoko Takashiba	05/07 Konoe Saito
06/05 Chiyono Fujimoto	06/01 Takeshi Kitaoka
06/07 Cornell Shimamoto, Jr.	08/22 Arthur Masao Nakatani
08/26 Cary Shizuo Fujikawa	09/27 Jane Tomiko Sonoda
09/28 Yumiko Kaku	10/14 Masuo Fujii

FIFTIETH YEAR (1972)

01/30 Akira Masuhara	01/31 Kamehachi Inouye
02/15 Thomas Arata Kobahashi	02/16 Shiro Hirano
02/23 Raymond Kazuyoshi Yonemura	03/07 Matsu Matsuoka
03/25 Kome Ichishita	04/12 Masami Taniguchi
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