



# JIHO

January 2023



## Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

*Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together*

### Dharma Family Services

Please join our hybrid services in January. All services will begin at 10:00 am (unless otherwise noted). A Zoom link to join the service will be emailed a few days before. Please contact the office to be included in our email list to receive weekly temple updates, zoom links, and other interesting information. Wearing of face masks and sanitizing of hands will continue to be required in temple. We look forward to seeing you in person or online!



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



**New Year's Day Service**  
Sunday, January 1, 2023, at 10:00 am

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 2023 by rededicating ourselves to hearing and sharing the Dharma together!

**Dharma Family Service**  
Sunday, January 8, 2023, at 10:00 am

**Dharma Family Service**  
Sunday, January 15, 2023, at 10:00 am  
Sangha Speaker: Linda Nagai



**Hōonkō Candlelight Service**  
Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 7:00 pm  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Landon Yamaoka  
Assistant Minister, Palo Alto Buddhist Temple



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. Rev. Yamaoka will join us in person.

**37<sup>th</sup> Annual Ellison Onizuka and Space Shuttle Challenger Memorial Service**  
Sunday, January 29, 2023, at 10:00 am

### For Assistance

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**Resident Minister:** Rev. Blayne Higa (Emergency only 808-383-9153)  
**Temple President:** Linda Nagai (Emergency only 808-936-6079)

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## The Nembutsu of New Beginnings

Rev. Blayne Higa

The New Year is a time for reflection and new beginnings. We find hope in this turning of the year as a mental and spiritual reset for our lives. This is an opportunity to discern what will we leave behind and what lessons we will bring forward with us as we venture into the opportunities and possibilities of this year. Beginnings are significant because we come to realize that the way we begin serves as the foundation for our journey ahead.

Shinran Shōnin begins the *Shōshinge (Hymn of True Entrusting)* with the following lines, “*Kimyō Muyryōju nyorai—I take refuge in the Tathāgata of Immeasurable Life! Namo Fukashigikō—I entrust myself to the Buddha of Inconceivable Light!*” It is both an acknowledgement of his deep and profound trust in the dynamic working of wisdom and compassion in his life and a sincere and heartfelt urging for us to do the same by responding to the calling voice of Amida Buddha.



These two lines are the foundation for our lives on the path of Nembutsu and reminds us how the dual acts of taking refuge and entrusting in Amida Buddha is in itself a perpetual new beginning. Of how when we say the Nembutsu, we are reflecting on and acknowledging the working of a power beyond the self. It is the continual surrendering of our ego and our rededication to following the path of the Buddha. *Namo* to “entrust in” or “give up” to *Amida Butsu* a “power beyond the self.” Nembutsu is a life-transforming path of reflecting on, meditating on, of remembering the life of the Buddha.

According to Rev. Kenryu Tsuji, “The Nembutsu is the complete identification of myself with the transcendent power of Wisdom and Compassion from which I derive my meaning for existence. The Nembutsu is this center of my being, the spiritual home from which I operate and where I find the spiritual power to carry out all my moral, social and religious commitments. It is the verbalization of my inner awakening to the reality of life and the world. It is the sound of the Infinite touching the finite.” Our voicing of *Namo Amida Butsu* is a returning home to our true self which is the Infinite Light and Life that is Amida Buddha.

What a profound gift it is to awaken to this realization that we are living our lives together with the Infinite. That we are embraced and affirmed in our full humanness. Of how our lives are truly limitless due to Amida’s working. In a verse from the *Hymns of the Pure Land*, Shinran shares his deep appreciation for this inconceivable gift:

*The light of wisdom exceeds all measure,  
And every finite being  
Receives this illumination that is like the dawn,  
So take refuge in Amida, the true and real light.*

How remarkable that on the Nembutsu path we don’t have to wait for a new year to begin again. Each moment with *Namo Amida Butsu* is a precious new beginning. What an amazing way to journey through this impermanent and unrepeatable life! May we always take refuge in the light of all-inclusive wisdom and all-embracing compassion throughout the year. *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*



## 2023 Bishop's New Year's Message

My New Year's Resolution is...

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

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



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

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

Do not keep that joy and happiness of the Nembutsu hidden within you. Culturally, for many of us, being reserved and somewhat stoic is a culturally emphasized trait, but when it comes to the Joy of Buddha-Dharma, "No enryo (Don't hesitate)" would be my recommendation. Let it flow from the depths of your being outward and allow it to be known to others. This is, one way, we are able to share our joy. Needless to say, this "Sharing Joy Together" is not limited to our close circle of family and friends, but it does start with them.

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

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



## 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。

まず、2022年2月に始まったロシア連邦のウクライナ侵攻に対して、私たち念仏者は親鸞聖人がお示しくださった「世のなか安穏なれ」のお言葉を改めて深く心に刻み、武力による他国の主権の侵害を強く非難するとともに、一刻も早くウクライナに平和が訪れることを願ってやみません。

さて、昨年も、世界では新型コロナウイルス感染症の流行が続きました。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すべての方々に、謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、罹患されている皆様、後遺症を患われている皆様に心よりお見舞い申し上げます。また、医師や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。

新型コロナウイルス感染症の流行は、科学技術が発達し、医療も進歩した世の中にあっても、私たちの予想できない事柄が現実にかかるということを知らしめました。仏教を説かれたお釈迦様は、この世を諸行無常であると示されました。約2500年たってもそのことに変わりはありません。そして、この真理をそのままに受け入れることができず、悩み苦しむ私たちの姿も変わることはありません。

それ故にこそ、新型コロナウイルス感染症の流行以前も以後も変わることなく、親鸞聖人が説かれた浄土真宗のみ教えが、日々悩み苦しむ私たちの生きる支えとなります。阿弥陀如来を中心とするお寺の集まりは、み教えを聞く場であると同時に、同じみ教えを依りどころとする私たちがお互いに支え合い助け合って、安心して集うことのできる場でもあります。

皆さまには、今後も様々な工夫を凝らして、広くみ教えを伝えられることで、お寺に多くの方が集まり、その誰もが心穏やかに過ごせる場所となりますことを願っております。そして、引き続き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、年頭のご挨拶といたします。

2023年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派

門主 大谷光淳

## New Year's Greeting

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

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

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

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

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

I hope you will continue to share the teaching within the greater society through various ways and your temple will or continue to serve as a place where people can gather and find comfort in its activities. I humbly ask for your understanding and cooperation in support of your temples. I would like to conclude my new year's greeting with my heartfelt appreciation to you all.

January 1, 2023

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



**President's New Year's Message for 2023**

**Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii**

Happy New Year! Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu! Hauoli Makahiki Hou!

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

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

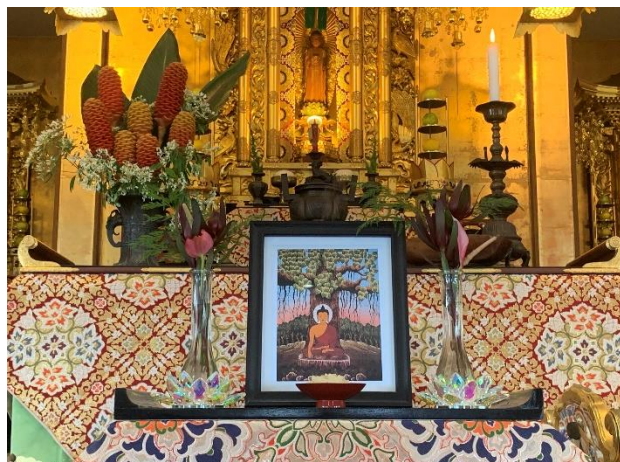
As we look back on our journey for the past few years, let us express our appreciation to our ministers and temple leaders for their dedication, resilience and creativity in sharing the Nembutsu teachings with our community under difficult circumstances. And, let us continue on our journey in joy and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

With Gassho,

Warren Tamamoto

President, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

## Celebrating Bodhi Day



On Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, we were so grateful to have Buddhist Author and Chaplaincy trained educator, Chenxing Han join us for our Bodhi Day Service celebrating the Enlightenment of Siddhartha Gautama, the one who would become the Buddha, the Awakened One. Kona Hongwanji and Kona Daifukuji also co-sponsored a lecture and book signing with Ms. Han on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS—January 2023**

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### **SERVICES**

|   |                    |  |
|---|--------------------|--|
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## List of Memorial Service for 2023

**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 (2022)

|       |                  |       |                   |
|-------|------------------|-------|-------------------|
| 01/08 | Warren Kitaoka   | 01/12 | James Sato        |
| 01/12 | Yasue Okino      | 01/17 | Richard Maeda     |
| 01/25 | George Kurozawa  | 02/08 | Chiyono Kobayashi |
| 02/20 | Chizuko Nakamura | 03/07 | Matsuko Matsuda   |
| 04/17 | George Nakamoto  | 05/01 | Sumiko Yamamoto   |
| 05/21 | Yukiko Nakayama  | 10/10 | Francis Abe       |

### THIRD 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             |
| 07/24 | Norris Kenji Taniguchi  | 07/31 | Patsy Sueko Hamada       |
| 08/08 | Richard Sasaki          | 09/20 | Asano Matsumoto          |
| 11/02 | Flora Fukumitsu         | 12/04 | Aiko Ichishita           |
| 12/10 | Frances Abe             | 12/16 | Doris Higashi            |

### SEVENTH YEAR (2017)

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

### THIRTEENTH YEAR (2011)

|       |                       |       |                      |
|-------|-----------------------|-------|----------------------|
| 01/03 | Nancy Ayano Matsumoto | 01/10 | Raymond A. Kimoto    |
| 01/10 | Yasuo Kawakami        | 02/29 | Masayuki Nagatoshi   |
| 03/21 | Hisako Ogata          | 04/11 | Ronald Allen Lindner |
| 04/21 | Nellie K. Kamigaki    | 05/25 | Harold T. Hayashida  |

06/05 Nancy Hisae Manago  
06/12 Mikie S. Harada  
08/25 Calvin T. Hata  
10/08 Harold "T-Bone" Kaku  
11/15 Muneo Inouye  
11/23 Alan J. Pratt

06/06 Kyle K. Matsumoto  
08/22 Yoshitaka Takashiba  
09/07 Ernest K. Urada  
10/27 James Kukita  
11/20 Bessie Matsuyama  
12/27 Teruo Ezuka

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04/08 Yuriko Kamigaki  
05/29 Shigeto Omori  
06/15 Masayuki Sato  
08/03 Tamotsu Oyama  
10/04 Yachiyo Kukita  
10/22 Minoru Kawakami  
12/05 Noboru "King" Kitaoka  
12/09 Fredrick Haruo Iwamoto  
12/29 Gerald "Jacko" Hisashi Uemoto

01/25 Akie Kuga  
02/19 Evelyn Natsuyo Terawaki  
03/05 Tsurue Morimoto  
05/13 Kazue Yoshiki  
06/10 Kikuyo "Kay" Kamigaki  
08/02 Harry Nobuyuki Honda  
09/18 Hidetoshi Taniguchi  
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01/10 Harue Hayama  
02/26 Tsutayo Nagai  
03/28 Eleanor Fusako Murata  
04/07 Aiko Yamaguchi  
05/13 Sueko "Sue" Ikeuchi  
05/15 Yoshie "Bessie" Tanaka  
06/06 Ronald Asaji Miyazono  
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10/19 Yoshii Kikuji  
11/06 Haru Matsuda  
11/23 Rie Hayama  
12/24 Seizo Tokumura

01/11 Tatsuma Matsumoto  
01/31 Wayne Mitsuo Honda  
02/13 Yachiyo Ogata  
04/09 Goro Kuroyama  
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