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January 2024

# Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

*Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments*

## ***HAPPY NEW YEAR!***

Please join us for services and events in January and February. 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 face masks and sanitizing of hands continue to be required in temple. We look forward to seeing you in person or online!



**New Year's Day (Shusho-E) Service**



Monday, January 1 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 2024 by rededicating ourselves to hearing and sharing the Dharma together as a community of friends and fellow travelers.

### For Assistance

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**KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

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**Dharma Family Service**

January 7 at 10:00am



**Hoonko Candlelight Service**

Saturday, January 13 at 7:00pm

Guest Speaker: Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata

Associate Minister, Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin



This is a memorial service for 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.

**Dharma Family Service**

January 21 at 10:00am

**38<sup>th</sup> Annual Ellison Onizuka & Space Shuttle Challenger Memorial Service**

January 28 at 10:00am

**Nirvana Day (Nehan-E) Service**

February 4 at 10:00am

Guest Speaker: Bishop Clark Watanabe, Shingon Mission of Hawaii

**Dharma Family Service**

February 11 at 10:00am

**General Membership Meeting and New Year’s Luncheon**

February 18 at 10:00am

**Hawaii Island Gathafest at Hilo Hongwanji**

February 25 at 9:00am

**\*\*\*No Service at KHBT\*\*\***

Shinen Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu – Happy New Year,

Can’t believe that a whole year has gone by. Some of us may have had a busy year, some may have experienced loss, sadness, illness, and Joy in welcoming someone or something new into your lives. Whatever your year was like, December was a festive month with celebrations galore, beginning with Bodhi Day, the day the Historical Buddha gained the realization of Amida’s Wisdom and Compassion and began sharing it with others, thus paving the way for the spreading of the Dharma. Following the spiritual celebration was our traditional festive gatherings with family and friends bringing us back to the realization and appreciation of our interdependence with everyone and everything that surrounds us, and preparing us to bring in the new Year,

To bring in 2024, the Year of the Dragon, which is described as the year of authority, prosperity, and good fortune, we brought back by popular demand (although on a smaller scale) our Mochi Fundraiser. With all the hands that came to help and put this together, I think we could possibly grow this fundraiser next year.

Then it was time to say Aloha to 2023 and ring in 2024, with our New Years Eve service and ringing of the Kasho (temple bell), enjoying traditional ozoni (mochi soup), and toshikoshi soba, a sip of sake, or non-alcoholic spirits, Aloha to 2023, and welcome 2024.

For me personally this year will be a beginning of a new spiritual path, as some of you may have heard, I have been in Japan for two weeks, to participate in the Tokudo training and ordination. With thankfulness in my heart, due to the many efforts and encouragement of members of our Sangha, family, friends, and Rev. Blayne. I have received my Tokudo. I'm still the same person, still with blind passion (bonno), however, I will endeavor to walk the path of the Nembutsu with more clarity along with you our Kona Hongwanji Sangha.

Please join us for New Years service at Kona Hongwanji in the morning of January 1, and if a morning service is too early for you, or if you really feeling like ringing in the New Year, we are having another service at the Holualoa Hongwanji in the afternoon. Having services at Holualoa, brings a smile to the Holualoa Temple. After a long absence of people visiting, Holualoa Hongwanji is now welcoming visitors and members to its Hondo. The Holualoa community once again can hear the ringing of the Kansho, calling attention to Amida's Wisdom and Compassion.

January is also a time to reflect on our founder's Shinran Shonin who shared the Buddha's teachings (Dharma) in a way the ordinary people could understand and realize that Amida's hand is always outstretched to help us along our journey. Please join us for our Hoonko Candlelight Service, and listen to the Dharma and put our hands together in Gassho, to thank Shinran for sharing the six letters "Namu Amida Butsu" Amida's calling voice with us. And of course, enjoy a bowl or two or more of delicious Zenzai with the Sangha.

Okagesama de, In Gassho,

Linda Nagai

## Living the Questions

Rev. Blayne Higa

The turning of the year is a sacred time of reflection and renewal. We pause to reflect on all that we experienced and seek to renew our spirit as we venture into an unpredictable future filled with opportunities.

The new year is a time of questions in which we ask ourselves: What did I learn? What do I want to let go of? What do I want to bring with me into the new year? This is an opportunity to discern the life-giving questions that we should be living.

Siddhartha Gautama becomes the Buddha by asking the question of how can suffering cease? While he attained awakening under the Bodhi Tree and discovered the answer within himself, he continued to live the question throughout his life of teaching and sharing the Dharma.



Shinran Shonin also begins his spiritual quest of awakening to the compassionate working of Amida Buddha by realizing his own limitation and asking the question of whether there was any hope of enlightenment for someone like him? Shinran famously declared in the *Tannisho (A Record in Lament of Divergences)* that "hell is decidedly my abode whatever I do." This brutally honest assessment of himself and the human condition is a hallmark of Shinran's thought; he posits awakening as a twofold awareness of one's own karmic evil (lack of buddhanature within oneself) and the working of the Buddha's great compassion, which embraces unconditionally enabling our enlightenment. Shinran's realization of his true

inner self, which he perceived to be the exact opposite of an enlightened being, leads to his humbling confession of how he does not see the existence of buddhanature within himself, and yet, simultaneously awakens him to the activity of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow which is inconceivably directed to him. Despite realizing the entrusting heart of shinjin, Shinran continued to live the question of how to truly hear and respond to the calling voice of Amida for the rest of his life.

The life of awakening that the Buddha teaches is one of continual learning and growth. Of living the questions of our lives with awe and wonder. 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 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 nearby 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 curious 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 of our innermost being. This is the Nembutsu Path that Shinran followed where our ordinary life is the proper 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 call of awakening in all things. As Rainer Maria Rilke writes in *Letters to a Young Poet*, "...have patience with all that is unresolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves, like closed rooms, like books written in a foreign language. Don't try to find the answers now. They cannot be given anyway because you would not be able to live them. For everything is to be lived. Live the questions now. Perhaps you then may gradually, without noticing, one day in the future, live into the answers." What questions will we live into this year?

Wishing you a year of profound joy living your questions and realizing nembutsu moments. May Amida's light of all-inclusive wisdom and all-embracing compassion guide our journey ahead. Namo Amida Butsu.

## Bishop's Message



To welcome the New Year, I would like to extend my heartfelt greetings to you all. On behalf of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all of you for your support, dedication, and participation in our services and activities.

Since I took the Headquarters Office as the new Bishop last July, I have been able to visit some of your temples. I bow my head to the ministers, temple leaders, and temple members for their tireless effort in protecting their temples and sharing with others the joy of Namo Amida Butsu.

Each temple has its challenges and opportunities. As a community of people joined together revering the teaching of Shinran Shonin, let us work toward the realization of a society in which everyone can live a life of spiritual fulfillment.

This year, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will observe the Triple Celebration at Ala Moana Hotel on September 7-8, 2024. The Triple Celebration commemorates the 850<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Birth of Shinran Shonin, the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teachings, and the 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. The Steering Committee is working hard towards the two-day celebration event and its related programs. I would like to invite you all to attend this auspicious anniversary.

Our Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Theme and Slogan for 2024 is **"Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments."** What are the "Nembutsu Moments"? These are the moments when the voice of the Nembutsu, "Namo Amida Butsu," spontaneously flows from our lips.

The main body of *the Sutra on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life* explains the Forty-eight Vows of Amida Buddha, who undertook to establish a Pure Land for the enlightenment of all sentient beings. Shinran Shonin regarded that our act of saying "Namo Amida Butsu" is derived wholly from the working of Amida's Vow. It means that the sound of "Namo Amida Butsu," the promise Amida Buddha made to embrace and never abandon all beings, is already fulfilled and extended to all beings. It is the calling voice from the Buddha of Immeasurable Light and Life that holds the Buddha's boundless empathy, concern, and compassion toward all beings. Such a message of universal compassion reaches into our hearts and minds, and flows from our lips spontaneously as "Namo Amida Butsu."

What we experience in our daily lives could be the opportunities to ascertain and appreciate the truth of Boundless Wisdom and Compassion that embraces our lives. Let us experience, savor, appreciate, and share the Nembutsu moments with our families and friends in our daily lives.

May the sound of the Nembutsu flow from our lips. May the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha inspire and guide us always. Namo Amida Butsu.

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani

Bishop

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

## President's New Year's Message for 2024

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, 2024. The year 2023 was an eventful one. Many of our Sangha were able to attend the Joint Celebration (Commemoration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching) at our Honzan in Kyoto on May 10, 2023. The Joint Celebration program was well organized and meaningful. The 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention (WBWC) followed on May 11 and 12 at the modern (although 50 years old) Kyoto International Conference Center. These two events were a highlight of the year for those who were able to attend. I will always remember the warm welcome that we received from our hosts at the Honzan and at the World Buddhist Women's Convention.

Soon after our return from Japan, we said "Mahalo and Aloha" to outgoing Bishop, Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Mrs. Tamayo Matsumoto, Chika and Caden at a luncheon in July. In August we warmly greeted incoming Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani, Mrs. Yoshiko Umitani, and daughters Naho and Riho at a luncheon.

Then, the disastrous Maui Wildfires of August 8, 2023 destroyed the historic town of Lahaina. Our Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, located near the center of the town was not spared. The temple, social hall, and minister's residence burned to the ground. Only the columbarium appears to have survived the fire. Fortunately, Rev. Ai Hironaka and family along with many other temple members evacuated in time. However, we have learned that one temple member lost his life in that fire. It appears that 2023 will be remembered as the year of the Maui Wildfires and the year that Lahaina Hongwanji was lost to the fire. This was a great loss for Lahaina town and the entire Hawaii Sangha.

However, this was not the end of the story. Community, state and federal agencies rushed into action and are still on the ground in Maui, planning for the future of Lahaina town and helping those displaced by the fire. Maui temple ministers and Sangha have warmly supported Lahaina members displaced by the fire. The Hongwanji community statewide, nationally and internationally has responded with compassionate action in the form of postcards, letters, gifts and generous monetary donations. Like the recent "disaster" that affected us, the COVID-19 pandemic, we learned that we are adaptable and we are resilient. The Lahaina community, and Lahaina Hongwanji Sangha in particular, I believe will respond with grit and determination.

Our theme and slogan for 2024 is "**Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments**". We live with joy and gratitude for Amida's universal and unconditional compassion for us. Since we are connected with and care for the people around us, we *share our Nembutsu moments*, so that others may awaken to, and appreciate the Buddha's limitless Compassion. In this way, we can each contribute to *building healthy Sanghas*.

With Gassho,

Warren Tamamoto

President, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

## 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 the last year, innumerable people worldwide have been affected by natural disasters, such as earthquakes, floods, and forest fires. I was particularly shocked by the wild fires that devastated the island of Maui in the state of Hawaii. This disaster completely destroyed the temple hall of Lahaina Hongwanji Mission and one temple member was reported to have lost his life. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to all who have perished in those calamities. I would also like to express my sympathies to those who are still coping with the dire situations. It is my sincere hope that all who have been affected will soon be able to return to a normal daily life.



The Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022 is still continuing. Not only that, conflict between Israel and Palestine has once again flared up from October 2023, embroiling nations concerned with victimizing a large number of people many of whom are civilians. Looking at the appalling state of the world, the following words of Sakyamuni Buddha come to mind. "Everyone fears violence and is scared of death. In consideration of all life, do not kill and do not make others kill."

Every one of us who has received life as a human being, no matter the reason, must be ensured equally of human rights, and no one's life should be threatened. In reality, however, conflicts and terrorist attacks have occurred everywhere in the world and for many people, their right to live and exist has been threatened. As Buddhists who aspire for peace, we must keep Sakyamuni Buddha's words seriously in our hearts and pursue our endeavor of contributing toward world peace and security.

During the last year, we observed the Joint Celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching at Hongwanji, Kyoto for a total of 30 days, divided into 5 sessions during the period from March 29 to May 21. On this occasion, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to those who came to Japan to attend, as well as those who supported it in various ways. This celebratory event could be realized only because our predecessors have cherished the Jodo Shinshu teaching as their spiritual foundation for many years no matter when or where they were, and carefully transmitted it to us today.

Let us, too, continue listening to the teaching as the center of our life while cherishing each day.

January 1, 2024

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

## 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。

昨年も世界各地で地震・洪水・山火事など様々な災害が起こり、多くの方が被災されました。特にハワイ・マウイ島における山火事ではラハイナ本願寺の本堂が全焼し、メンバーの方々の被害も報告されています。ここに災害によって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、被災された皆さまに心よりお見舞い申し上げます。皆さまが一日も早く、日常の生活を取り戻されますことを願っております。

また、2022年2月に始まったロシア連邦によるウクライナ侵攻はいまだに続いており、2023年10月以来、イスラエルとパレスチナの武力衝突では関係国を巻き込んで、民間人を含む多くの犠牲者が出ています。私がいま思い起こしますのは、「すべての者は暴力におびえ、すべての者は死をおそれる。己が身にひきくらべて、殺してはならぬ。殺さしめてはならぬ。」（『ダンマパダ』第129偈）というお釈迦様のお言葉です。

この世に生を受けた私たちは、いかなる理由があろうとも等しく人権が保障され、命が脅かされるようなことがあってはなりません。しかし、現実には世界各地で紛争やテロが勃発し、生存の権利が脅かされている人々が数多くおられます。平和主義を掲げる仏教徒である私たちは、お釈迦様のお言葉を深く心に刻み、国際社会の平和と安全に大きく貢献することが求められています。

さて、昨年は本願寺において3月29日より5月21日までの5期30日間にわたり、「親鸞聖人御誕生850年立教開宗800年慶讃法要」をお勤めいたしました。ご参拝くださいました皆さま、お力添えを賜りました皆さまに心より感謝申し上げます。私たちが立教開宗800年の慶讃法要をお勤めできましたことは、時代や場所を超えて多くの先人の方々が、浄土真宗のみ教えを生きる支えとして、今日まで大切に受け継いでこられたからに他なりません。

これからもみ教えを聞き、それを支えとして、一日一日を大切に過ごしてまいりましょう。

2024年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派

門主 大谷光淳

### BUDDHIST BOOK CLUB

Are you interested in learning about how Buddhist teaching applies to everyday life? Are you looking for a relaxed and fun environment to read and explore the Dharma together and discuss what it means to you? If so, the Kona Hongwanji Book Club is the place for you!

Join us as we explore our tradition of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism through Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno's book ***River of Fire River of Water: An Introduction to the Pure Land Tradition of Shin Buddhism.***

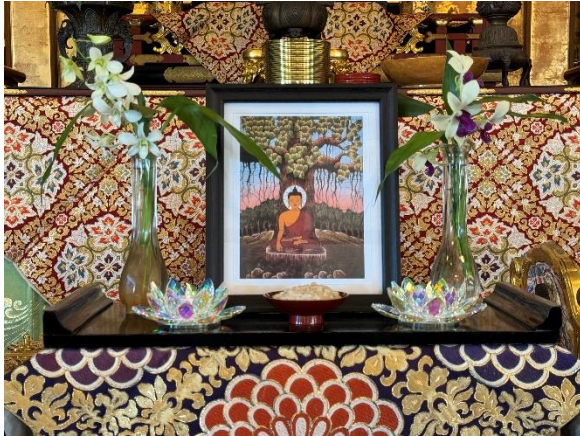
We will meet monthly via Zoom from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm on the following dates: February 5, March 4, and April 1. Please register by Monday, January 29 and purchase a copy of the book from an online retailer of your choice.

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://forms.gle/vHt96KNsLPHppDmw7>

Contact Rev. Blayne at [bhiga@honpahi.org](mailto:bhiga@honpahi.org) or 808-323-2993 for questions or more information.



# Bodhi Day Service



On December 10, we celebrated Bodhi Day with Rev. Tatsuo Muneto, retired Hawaii Kyodan minister. He served as the resident minister of Kona Hongwanji from 1980-1986. We had a wonderful time catching up with an old friend as we reflected on the Enlightenment of Siddhartha Gautama, who would become the Buddha, the Awakened One. The Buddha's awakening is the ultimate promise of our own. Namu Shakyamuni Butsu! Namu Amida Butsu!

## *Morning Chanting Service*

**Mondays and Fridays @ 8:30am  
(Except Holidays)**

Begin and end the week with a moment of reflection and gratitude by chanting the Shoshinge (Hymn of True Entrusting) written by Shinran Shonin. Sutra chanting has a meditative quality which settles our heart and mind, helping us to hear the calling voice of Wisdom and Compassion in our lives.

## **Monthly Meditation**

**Last Wednesday of Each Month  
6:30pm to 7:30pm**

Enjoy a moment of contemplation and self-reflection at our monthly meditation session. Engage in quiet sitting, guided mediation, and sutra chanting. As we calm our mind and body, we can focus on the present moment revealing our profound connection to all beings. No experience necessary.

## **Project Dana Senior Activity Day**

**Every second Friday of the month  
9:00am-Noon  
KHBT Social Hall**

Join us for a fun-filled senior activity day each second Friday of the month. We play Mahjong and Hanafuda as well as other activities enjoying delicious food and warm fellowship. All seniors welcome! For more information please contact Elaine Nakagawa, Project Dana Coordinator at [obachan3@icloud.com](mailto:obachan3@icloud.com)

**SHIN BUDDHISM 101**  
**Saturday, February 17**  
**10:00am-11:30am**

Ever been curious about learning more about Shin Buddhism? Or need a refresher on the basics? Rev. Blayne will give a concise introduction to the tradition and practices of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and answer any questions you may have. We will meet in the Hondo for an engaging conversation.

Everyone is welcome!

Please register by Monday, February 12.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/hUKZjhy1nwJ5rDxG8>

**SAVE THE DATE**

**2024 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND  
NEW YEAR'S LUNCHEON**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 @ 10:00AM**

Memorial Service and Meeting in Hondo with Luncheon to follow in Social Hall. Please plan to join us for this time of fellowship as we celebrate the new year as Sangha.

**Holualoa Temple  
New Year's Day  
Service  
Monday, January  
1 at 2:00pm**

Join us to welcome the New Year at this historic temple in Holualoa Village.



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**IN MEMORY OF**

Joyce Kudamatsu, IMO Milton Miyazono’s 17<sup>th</sup> Year  
Jeffery Matsuyama, IMO Bessie Matsuyama  
Oura Ohana, IMO Nancy Shibata  
Nellie Reed, IMO Nancy Shibata  
Carol Zakahi, IMO Nancy Shibata  
Leanne Kirk, IMO Kozaburo Baba’s 50<sup>th</sup> Year  
Mr. & Mrs. Reed Ichishita, IMO Aiko Ichishita’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Year  
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Matsuyama, IMO Bessie Matsuyama  
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Sakamoto, Lori Sakamoto and Dylan Keawe-Aiko, IMO Otozo Hirata  
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Takiue, IMO Mary Iwanaga  
Mr. & Mrs. Terence Terada, IMO Bessie Matsuyama

Total - \$725.00

**SOCIAL CONCERNS**

Norma Nakamoto  
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Takiue  
Helen Oishi  
Mr. & Mrs. James Tashima  
Mr. & Mrs. Reed Ichishita  
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Takeoka  
Total - \$825.00

**EITAIKYO**

Norma Nakamoto  
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Ellen Nishikawa  
Mr. & Mrs. Ichiro Shikada  
Helen Oishi  
Total - \$160.00

**SUNDAY SERVICE**

Anonymous  
Myrna Kunihiro  
Geri Ann Aoki Davidson  
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Nakano  
Mary Katayama  
Janet Lindner  
Darcie Asakura & Ohana  
Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Nishina  
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Mr. & Mrs. John Tsue  
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**BODHI DAY**

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Total - \$581.00

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Yoga Class

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Kona Japanese Civic Association

Kona Okinawa Kenjinkai

Boys & Girls Club

Sueto Matsumura

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Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Fujino

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Mr. & Mrs. Terence Terada, Bessie Matsuyama's 13<sup>th</sup> Year service

Mr. & Mrs. Daren Katayama, JIHO

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Takeoka, JIHO

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Uyeda, JIHO

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Takiue, Veteran's Appreciation

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Tanaka, KH Preschool, KH Boy Scouts

Total - \$5,070.00

## MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR 2024

**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 (2023)

01/05	Alice Kawamoto	01/19	Mr. Lionel Tatsutani
01/20	Toshiharu Sato	02/14	Norman Sakata
02/21	Akemi Matsumoto	03/23	Mr. Jay Moriguchi
04/13	Akiko McAfee	06/20	Toyoko Urada
07/02	Annette Green	07/03	Mr. Gilbert Fujino
07/11	Mr. Allen Haruo Uemoto	07/15	Ms. Caron Ikeda
07/24	Mr. Kevin Deguchi	08/09	Fumie Yoshida
08/15	Vincent "Vinny" Chang	09/20	Keith Toshio Hayama
09/21	Hatsuyo Takashiba	09/29	Nancy Shibata
10/04	Miyuki Inouye	10/10	Mary Iwanaga
10/29	Patricia Oue		

### THIRD YEAR (2022)

01/08	Mr. Warren Kitaoka	01/12	Mr. James Sato
01/12	Mrs. Yasue Okino	01/17	Mr. Richard Maeda
01/25	Mr. George Kurozawa	02/08	Chiyono Kobayashi
02/20	Chizuko Nakamura	03/07	Matsuko Matsuda
04/17	Mr. George Nakamoto	05/01	Sumiko Yamamoto
05/21	Yukiko Nakayama	06/04	Mitsue Akazawa
06/18	Wally Ichishita	07/22	Donald Fujiwara
09/03	Mildred Morimoto	10/09	Mr. Frances Oue
10/09	Edna Kitagawachi	11/08	Dennis Motoyama

### SEVENTH YEAR (2018)

01/10	Mrs. Lorelei T. Yokoyama	01/19	Mrs. Tokiko Sakata
02/12	Mr. Isamu "Joseph" Iha	03/11	Mr. Fred Uechi
05/03	Mrs. Henri-Ann K. Nagata	05/29	Mr. Yukito Takamoto
05/31	Mrs. Fukue "Betty" Shiraki	06/26	Mrs. Hatsuko Shiraishi
07/08	Mr. Koshi Tomono	07/09	Mr. Wayne M. Kimoto
11/07	Mrs. Sanae Matsumura	11/21	Mrs. Mildred M. Inouye

### THIRTEENTH YEAR (2012)

01/10	Yaeko Kaneko	02/10	Mr. Kenneth Kadooka
03/23	Kiyoshi Shirai	03/28	Yasue Sugi
04/06	Mr. Lance Guy Chang	04/22	Mildred Midori Takahashi
05/14	Joyce Lynn Yamagata	05/18	Kiyoto Aoki

08/03 Emiko Sato  
10/27 Noriko Todokoro  
11/11 Guy Toyama

09/28 Kazuye Ozaki  
11/05 Kaneyo Higashi  
11/11 Satoshi Iwasaki

### **SEVENTEENTH YEAR (2008)**

01/10 Mitsuko Murai  
02/24 Hajime Fukushima  
04/14 Susumu Mizoshiri  
05/10 Helen Fumiko Aoki  
06/09 Kimiko Aoki  
08/05 Harry Chikara Nakashima  
10/23 Tsugio Sakata  
12/24 Yasuo Deguchi

01/25 Mr. Junji Yamagata  
02/26 Hideo Komo  
04/20 Thelma Sachiko Kirihara  
05/28 Theodore Toshiharu Fujii  
06/23 Toshiko Ueno  
10/18 Albert Shigeyuki Takayama  
11/21 Yotsuru Taniyama

### **TWENTY FIFTH YEAR (2000)**

01/29 Kaoru "Speedy" Ogata  
02/08 Mr. Hideo Matsuoka  
02/27 Isami "Fago" Okuno  
04/13 Toshio Kameda  
05/24 Takao Inouye  
06/23 Shizuo Uchimura  
07/14 Ernest Yasuto Saito  
07/18 Henry Matsuda  
08/13 Wilbert Masashi Shiraki Jr.  
10/06 Bunji Matsuoka  
11/30 Harue Tokumura  
12/23 Yasu Yasumitsu Deguchi

02/03 Takeshi Kamigaki  
02/15 Seiji "SK" Koshi  
03/08 Dexter Tsumori Nozaki  
04/19 Matsuyo Fukushima  
06/13 Fusako Oyama  
06/27 Shizuko Yamada  
07/16 Elaine Natsuyo Fujino  
07/30 Tooru Mizoshiri  
09/11 Nobuko Nagatoshi  
11/14 Alva Kenji Inouye  
12/12 Takeo Nagamine  
12/26 Eiko Koizumi Bond

### **THIRTY THIRD YEAR (1992)**

01/08 Richard Yoshio Honda  
03/05 Lloyd Kenzo Sugimoto  
03/14 Matsue Hirano  
03/19 Hamayo Tokumura  
03/31 Tokue Koshi  
04/15 Tomeko Thelma Aoki  
04/19 Ichi Mori  
05/10 Gary Hideo Yokoyama  
06/23 Kiyo Nakatani  
07/10 Kiyoshin Morita  
07/30 Yosho Oyama  
08/30 Tamako Matsumoto  
09/08 Robert Sheldon  
09/25 Tokiko Sugiyama  
10/28 Miyoshi Morimoto

01/21 Tsutae Mitsunaga  
03/09 Toyoichi Tabata  
03/14 Kunio Terawaki  
03/29 Helen Mieko Grace  
04/09 Toi Kamei  
04/17 Shizuyo Yamagata  
05/04 Kelvin Haruo Fujino  
06/22 Kaname "Lefty" Uemura  
07/06 Shigetoshi Tokunaga  
07/22 Misu Matsuoka  
08/09 Miyoko Ozaki  
09/03 Tamano Yamasawa  
09/16 Kiyoshi Yoshizaki  
10/26 Yasuko Tateishi  
12/11 Ichio "Jimmy" Murakami

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**FIFTIETH YEAR (1975)**

01/27 Kozaburo Baba  
02/26 Samuel S. Shiraishi  
04/23 Hiroshi Sato  
06/21 Itsuo Higashi  
08/12 Mitsuji Sasaoka  
08/30 Masato Uemura  
11/06 Kinuko Kishimoto

02/25 Sue Tanaka  
03/29 Gentaro Murakami  
06/15 Masaki Nishina  
08/02 Shoroku Marutani  
08/19 Kinu Kimoto  
11/01 Kitoku Tanaka  
11/21 Miysohi Fujino

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