KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



E - JIHO October 2019



Theme & Slogan 2019: Embrace Change: Transformation (Walk in Peace)

KYODAN MANJU FUNDRAISER

Manju Making Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. Volunteers needed few hours or all day Deadline to Order ------ Friday, October 11, 2019

Manju Pick-up ------ Sunday, October 27, 2019 – 8:00 am to 12 noon

NO SUNDAY SERVICE ON October 27, 2019

Up Coming Events:

EITAIKYO SERVICE

Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Rev. Shinji Kawagoe of Papaikou Hongwanji Mission
English Service only ------ No Japanese Service

VETERAN'S APPRECIATION SERVICE

Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP

Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.

2020 CALENDAR ORDER

Orders are now being taken for the 2020 Hongwanji Calendars please call: 323-2993 to place your order

NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER, contact Rev. Blayne Higa at 323-2993 or Emergency only (808)383-9153 or Joseph Gusman at 896-4988 or 324-0708. **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

OCTOBER

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2 Wednesday	9:30 AM	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM	Service @ Life Care Center
5 Saturday	7:00 AM	Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast
6 Sunday	9:00 AM	English Family Service
	10:00 AM	BWA Board Meeting
7 Monday	6:30 PM	Weekly Meditation in Temple
9 Wednesday	7:00 PM	Board of Director's Meeting
10 Thursday	9:30 AM	Preschool Temple Visitation
11 Friday	8:30 AM	Senior Activity Program
Oct. 12 th thi	ru Oct. 13 th	HHM of HI 130 th Anniversary
		Hilo Betsuin Sangha Hall
13 Sunday		NO SUNDAY SERVICE
14 Monday	6:30 PM	Weekly Meditation in Temple
20 Sunday	9:00 AM	English Family Service
-		HIUHBWA Convention
21 Monday	6:30 PM	Weekly Meditation in Temple
26 Saturday	7:30 AM	Manju Making
27 Sunday		NO SUNDAY SERVICE
·	8:00 AM	Manju Pick-up
28 Monday	6:30 PM	Weekly Meditation in Temple
•		NOVEMBER
2 Saturday	8:00 AM	Omigaki #1 Food Prep #2
3 Sunday	9:00 AM	Eitaikyo Service
4 Monday	6:30 PM	Weekly Meditation in Temple
6 Wednesday	9:30 AM	Service @ Hualalai Regency
•	11:00 AM	Service @ Life Care Center
8 Friday	8:30 AM	Senior Activity Program
9 Saturday	1:00 PM	Project Dana Training Day
10 Sunday	9:00 AM	Veteran's Appreciation Service
11 Monday		NO WEEKLY MEDITATION
Nov. 14 th t	hru Nov. 15 th	Minister's Seminar in Honolulu
16 Saturday		Annual Wall Washing
17 Sunday	7:30 AM	Annual General Clean-Up
18 Monday	6:30 PM	Weekly Meditation in Temple
21 Thursday	9:30 AM	Preschool Temple Visitation
24 Sunday		NO SUNDAY SERVICE
•		Judo Club Fishing Tournament
25 Monday	6:30 PM	Weekly Meditation in Temple
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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 OCTOBER and NOVEMBER

First Year (2018)	November	7 21 24	SANAE MATSUMURA MILDRED C. INOUYE ETHEL C. AOKI
Third Year (2017)	October Novemer	17 15 21	MITSUO HASEGAWA ASAYO SHIRAI WAYNE HIROJI NAKAYAMA
Seventh Year (2013)	October November	28 10	FUSAE KAMIGAKI TANE TAKEGUCHI
Thirteenth Year (2007)	October November	4 7 22 28	YACHIYO KUKITA HIDEO SAKATA MINORU KAWAKAMI ALAN TODOMU NAKAMURA
Seventeenth Year (2003)	October November	14 28 12	SHIZUE NOGUCHI TOSHIO YOSHIZAKI TAKASHI HIRANO
Twenty-Fifth Year (1995)	October	10 27	RONALD KIYOSHI ASAKURA CHIYOKO NAKAMURA
Thirty-Third Year (1987)	November	20	HISAE NISHINA
Fiftieth Year (1970)	October November	11 21	CHISE YAMAMOTO TSUYA TSUKAMOTO

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President's Message

by Joseph Gusman

A great big thank you to all our sangha members who participated in helping Naalehu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple with their first bon dance in over 10 years! Their leadership has asked me to pass on their deep appreciation for all the help we provided. Whether you were part of the planning process, helped with setup, or went to participate in the bon dance itself, we all worked together to make it a success.

Just returned from the Hawaii State Federation of Honpa Hongwanji Lay Association 56th Convention in Hilo. Part of the activities on Saturday was a bus tour of some of the smaller temples along the Hamakua Coast. The tour stopped at the Papaikou, Paauilo and Kamuela temples. At each stop, some of the temples did presentations to the attendees covering some of the challenges our temples are facing, along with strategies the temples have used to continue to their work in their communities. Many temples face similar challenges and the sharing of the various strategies provided a wealth of ideas that may assist all the temples.

Speaking of Hilo, the Big Island will be celebrating the 130th Anniversary of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii on October 12 & 13, 2019 at the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin. Many activities are being planned for those 2 days, including display areas to show the different activities of the temples around the island, as

well as great food and lots of opportunities to meet the members of the other temples. If you can make it, please consider attending.

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The Heart of My Ministry Rev. Blayne Higa

Over the Summer, I had the privilege of participating as faculty for the Interprofessional Spiritual Care Education Curriculum (ISPEC) Conference which was held in Honolulu and hosted by the George Washington University Institute for Spirituality and Health, Pacific Health Ministry, and City of Hope. ISPEC brought together over 60 individuals from all over the world to learn about integrating spiritual care into healthcare. In attendance were doctors, nurses, social workers, chaplains, and other healthcare professionals. The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii was well represented by having six ministers and two laypersons in attendance including Bishop Eric Matsumoto. We even hosted a pre-conference event at Hawaii Betsuin which included a short service in the Hondo which featured



the chanting of *Juseige* and a simultaneous recitation and reading of the *Letter on White Ashes* in both Japanese and English. This was followed by a public lecture by Dr. Christina Puchalski from George Washington University who is a leader in this movement and a panel discussion on the role of spirituality and healthcare in which I was asked to participate.

The conference had the goals of building cross-professional relationships and learning how to train others in our respective organizations on how to address spiritual distress faced by those we care for. I was a co-presenter with Dr. Puchalski and Rev. Anke Flohr from Pacific Health Ministry for the module on Compassionate Presence. It was an honor to be able to offer a Buddhists perspective in this training. Integrating pastoral care more fully into ministry has direct implications for how we care for members of our Sangha and was the focus of my studies in seminary. I believe the application of Dharma through pastoral care and counseling is an essential part of Buddhist ministry here in America. It is the practical application of Dharma to everyday challenges which can help to address spiritual suffering.

Based upon Shinran's thought, we can understand Shin Buddhist pastoral care as a ministry of compassionate listening in which we bear witness to the complexity of the human experience within the embrace of wisdom and compassion. Ministry here goes beyond being a teacher of doctrine or ritual and asks a minister to become a spiritual companion in life's journey. At the heart of Shin Buddhist spiritual care is a conversation which affirms our connection to each other and to Amida Buddha. I believe the conversation between a minister and a care seeker is the simultaneous hearing and voicing of nembutsu. The cry of suffering is met by the call of compassion within the activity of pastoral care as we are both held in the embrace of the Buddha's Vow. When we allow Amida's calling voice to lead us to the heart of our suffering and entrust in the Buddha's compassionate Vow we are transformed.

As I walk this Pure Land Path as a minister, I need to constantly reflect on the quality of my hearing. Can I honestly hear Amida's call to realize the truth of myself and in doing so can I faithfully hear the truth of another? Can I discern the voice of Amida speaking to me through the stories of those I care for? We can consider deep listening as a sacred moment which reveals the truth of what is and what can be. Deep hearing or listening is fundamental to the practice of pastoral care and counseling. The pastoral care encounter is an opportunity for a minister to offer the gift of compassionate presence. Listening is a profoundly healing activity because it is the experience of not being alone. Our being heard by Amida Buddha is profoundly healing within our tradition. As Shinran experienced throughout his life, Amida's call to "come as you are" and the radical acceptance of his brokenness was the act of constantly being heard and affirmed by the Buddha. The activity of listening within Shin Buddhism and in pastoral care is a sacred process of being in relationship with Amida. In the Shin Buddhist tradition, being heard and affirmed by another is ultimately the activity of the Buddha's Vow which is manifested through an individual's thoughts,

words, and deeds. When we listen and are heard we are awakened to the Buddha's great mind of compassion which lights our way in the darkness.

During my time in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at the Queen's Medical Center, I would often spend time in the chapel between patient visits. There, I discovered a lovely statue of Amida Buddha which was hidden behind stained-glass doors in the altar area. It reminded me that wisdom and compassion embrace all who seek refuge from suffering and sorrow regardless of whether we perceive it. Amida suffers with us and is our constant companion throughout life's journey. In my ministry, Amida is my constant companion reminding me that I do not and cannot do this work alone. Every patient I encountered in the hospital I did not visit alone. Amida was always present in the dynamic conversation of Namo Amida Butsu. That even in times of feeling isolated and alone, I was always in the care of the Buddha. In the *Hymns of the Pure Land Masters*, Shinran shares his appreciation and gratitude for the working of Amida in his life,

My eyes being hindered by blind passions, I cannot perceive the light that grasps me; Yet the great compassion, without tiring, Illumines me always.

That even in our darkest moments, there is a light which warms, comforts, and gives us hope.

It is in moments of suffering and uncertainty where a minister becomes an imperfect companion helping those we care for face the ever-changing cycles of life with a greater sense of courage and peace. It is a privilege to companion those needing care in times of difficulty. I am grateful for these encounters that teach me about myself and how the Dharma can facilitate wholeness and healing. Within the embrace of Amida Buddha, the caregiver and care seeker are mutually transformed by awakening to the compassion that has always been there. This is the heart of Buddhist spiritual care. My goal as a Shin Buddhist minister is simply to hear and to help others hear the ever-present calling voice of Amida Buddha.

It is this deep hearing which attunes our lives and all our actions towards the working of the Vow. Namo Amida Butsu is our endless conversation with Amida. It is our simultaneous cry for help and Amida calling us home to compassion. The pastoral care encounter is the activity of Namo Amida Butsu. It is a conversation between the caregiver, care seeker, and Amida Buddha. The Name which embodies the Vow of compassion is what grounds the work of Shin Buddhist ministry and enables ministers to become facilitators of transformation and healing. My training at the Institute of Buddhist Studies challenged me to think critically and deeply about the Dharma and how I can be of service to others. This is to hear, to reflect, and to respond to the call of compassion which is always trying to expand our limited awareness. This is living in gratitude for the Buddha's Vow. Providing a compassionate presence through spiritual care is the heart of my ministry. Namo Amida Butsu.

Daily Morning Service

Start your day with gratitude by chanting the *Shoshinge* together. A daily morning service is held Monday through Saturday beginning at 8:00 am and 7:30 am on Wednesdays.

Written by Shinran Shonin, the *Shoshinge (Hymn of True Entrusting)* is the most popular chant in the Hongwanji tradition because it summarizes the basic teaching of the Pure Land Way and expresses Shinran's gratitude to Amida Buddha and the Seven Masters.

Sutra chanting has a meditative quality which settles our heart and mind, helping us to hear the calling voice of the Buddha. As the Dharma is heard and received, our chanting becomes an expression of profound gratitude for the Buddha's compassion.

Join in the chanting or simply sit and listen to the beautiful words of Shinran. All are welcome!

Mindfulness Monday

Begin the week with a moment of contemplation and self-reflection at our meditation session. Join us on Mondays from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm for quiet sitting, walking meditation, and sutra chanting. As we calm our mind and body, we can focus on the present moment and hear the calling voice of wisdom and compassion in our lives. All are welcome!

Meditation sessions will be held on October 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Compassionate Care

Providing a compassionate presence through spiritual care is a primary way of caring for Sangha. The Dharma offers guidance and support for our whole lives and especially during times of difficulty. I am here to be a companion to you on life's journey and am available for a private consultation, hospital, or home visitation. Please contact the temple office at 808-323-2993 to schedule an appointment. -Rev. Blayne

Obutsudan

The Obutsudan, or home altar, plays an important part in cultivating our spiritual lives as Shin Buddhists. Our caring for a home altar serves as a mirror to the self within the compassionate embrace of Amida Buddha. The temple has several gently used Obutsudan and altar adornments that are available for adoption. If you would like to have an Obutsudan for your home, please contact the office or Rev. Blayne for more information.

BWA News

Rev. Blayne and Linda Nagai attended the 16th World Buddhist Women Convention which was hosted by the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) from August 30-September 1. It was attended by over 1700 Shin Buddhists from Brazil, Canada, Japan, and the USA (including approximately 140 from Hawaii). The BWA ladies from Hawaii performed a lovely hula to the song "The Golden Chain" at the convention banquet which was attended by the Gomonshu.

In addition to attending the conference, many from Hawaii participated in one of three tours organized by Kintetsu. One tour explored Northern California (including wine country and Yosemite National Park), another explored parts of Oregon, and the last visited several national parks and ending of course in Las Vegas. The tours were very well received and everyone enjoyed the fellowship while exploring our beautiful country.





The BWA would like to thank the Kona Hongwanji membership for your generous donations for our table at the World Marketplace. Rev. Blayne and I were able to take with us over 100 bags of Kona Coffee (which sold out within hours of us opening the Marketplace), over 60 handmade Kukui Nut Onenju (which also sold out and we are now



making more to fulfill orders we received), and Mamaki tea (which was very popular and sold out on the first day). We also sold lauhala items and additional items that were donated from others across Hawaii. Our table was a success because of our Dharma friends from various temples who helped us to set up and sell our items. We truly appreciate the hard work and dedication of everyone who made this fundraising effort possible. Our sales totaled over \$5,000 which the net proceeds after expenses will be applied toward our back assessment to Hawaii Kyodan. We are deeply grateful to you for coming together as Ohana to support the temple that we all love. This was truly an example of Dana or Selfless Giving.

In other news, the Kona Hongwanji BWA will be hosting the Hawaii Island United BWA's annual membership meeting on October 20. We will mark the 130th Anniversary of Hawaii Kyodan with BWA members and ministers from across Hawaii Island joining us for our Dharma Family Service that day. Following the service, we will have refreshments followed by a Buddhist Education Seminar, sponsored by Honokaa Hongwanji BWA. Our speaker will be Ravi Singh and his life partner Annie Kroeger, who will be speaking on the concept of "Dana" and offering a comparison with the Sikh religion and how it has been put into practice at Honokaa Hongwanji. Everyone is invited to join us for this interesting seminar.



In the Community

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On September 15th, Rev. Blayne and temple members participated in the Kupuna Day Senior Health and Wellness Fair at the Regency Hualalai. We shared information about our temple and about Buddhism while catching up with old friends living at the Regency. Kona Hongwanji sponsors a Buddhist service every 1st Wednesday in the 4th Floor Meeting Room beginning at 9:30am. We also sponsor a Buddhist service at the Life Care Center of Kona on the 1st Wednesday of the month beginning at 11:00am.





Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii 130 years anniversary

Hawaii District Ceremony 2019

Sponsored by Hawaii District Hongwanji Council and the Office of Buddhist Education

Saturday & Sunday, October 12 &13, at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin Sangha Hall* *398 Kilauea Ave., Hilo, HI, 96720

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sunday, October 6.

Sign up at your temple so we can prepare for a lunch on Saturday. (Lunch for purchase)

SIGN UP SHEET FOR SATURDAY IS IN THE FRONT OFFICE

Reverend Soryu Kagahi arrived in Hawaii in March 1889 and conducted the first service. Therefore, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii celebrates its 130th year in Hawaii this year.

It is important to reach out to a larger community including Japanese Americans who are changing and need creative, new, dynamic ideas while keeping the essential teachings of Shin Buddhism.

The 130th Anniversary event is the time to celebrate our organization in Hawaii and to bring new awareness to people about the existence of Hongwanji and its impact in various ways.

SATURDAY, October 12, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (Door opens at 9:30 a.m.)

Presentations:

Japanese immigrants and their descendants in Hawaii -Arnold Hiura, Hawaii Japanese Center Hongwanji in Hawaii – Past, Present, Future, Dr. Dexter Mar, Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Buddhism, the Youth Generation and Engaging in the World, Hongwanji Youth Buddhist Weddings in Hongwanji, Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki, Seattle Betsuin Chief Minister Interfaith Dialogue: Homelessness on the Big Island and of Spirituality, HOPE service and more

Open to public, Admission free, Door Prize, Display of Hongwanji temples, Puna Taiko & more!

SUNDAY, October 13, 10 a.m. at Sangha Hall

Special Sunday Service: In commemoration of 130 years in Hawaii

Special Guest Speaker: Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki, Seattle Betsuin Rimban Chief Minster

Special Guest: Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii **Ministers' and members' panel discussion:**

Theme: "N-A-M-O-A-M-I-D-A-B-U-T-S-U: find out what it means to me"

For the refreshments, please bring something to share.

Any questions, please call Puna Hongwanji at 966-9981 or your temple.

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Peace Day in Hawaii 2019 Message



As Peace Day in Hawaii (September 21st) approaches and our various Hongwanji Shin Buddhist Temples prepare to spread the important message of peace, harmony, non-violence and reconciliation, and other community organizations also observe remembrances related to World War II in August and September, I would like to share my message and aspiration for this year's Peace Day in Hawaii. I humbly ask that we all take some time to reflect guided by the Wisdom and Compassion of Supreme Enlightenment. May Amida Buddha's Light of Wisdom and Compassion illumine our hearts and minds so we may be able to deeply reflect, come to some life-changing realizations which has the potential of transforming myself and the world and thus contributing to lasting peace and happiness.

As we lament about the suffering from wars including the mass shootings and bombings which are continuing to happen around the world and in our nation too, let us take a deeper look at ourselves and the world. Many times, as we look at situations of our life and world, we focus only on the conditions. However, with the Wisdom of Enlightenment to guide us, let us see the need to become aware of the deeper causes of suffering together with the conditions. Any fix by only addressing the conditions will be good only as long as the conditions do not change, but by addressing the cause of suffering we can snip the suffering at its root. It is, indeed, most difficult for us humans, people, to look at our own selves. My ego does not want to reveal itself even to its own self. With Enlightened Wisdom to guide, we are able to understand that the true cause of suffering in the world is ignorance and the afflictions which arise from it like arrogance, anger, greed, envy, self-centeredness, fear and so forth. Unless, we address the root cause which is ignorance and these afflictions which arise from it, we will continue to be plagued by negatives which in its extreme forms result in so much devastation, destruction and even loss of life which our normal minds cannot even fathom unless one has experienced it or seen it for oneself. Hence, the importance of listening to voices of those who have experienced the worst of humankind.

However, at the same time, we must also hear the voices, the Wisdom and Compassion, of those who have attained the highest levels of attainment, so we have hope, can aspire and begin to walk the path of peace and harmony. Thus, today, regardless of religious affiliation or even if you do not have one, let us embrace Wisdom and Compassion which aspires for the peace and happiness of not only one, a few, or many, but all life, all existence. May we be guided by an All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion known as the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light whose Name is Namo Amida Butsu (the Buddha's Name That Calls Us (to entrust). May we be guided and our path be illuminated by a Presence which goes beyond our ego as a person, nation, religion, and even as humankind to realize true interdependence and realize the common wish of all life, all existence to be happy, free and safe. May the Buddha's Light of Wisdom and Compassion guide, nurture and inspire us! Please allow me to recite the Buddha's Name Which I Call (in gratitude) to conclude my message. Namo Amida Butsu

MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Reverend Bert Sumikawa, a Retired Minister of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, was relieved from the position of Chaplain at the Pacific Buddhist Academy as of July 31, 2019. Rev. Sumikawa will continue providing ministerial services for Windward Buddhist Temple and Kapolei Buddhist Sangha.

<u>Reverend Kazunori Takahashi</u>, the Executive Assistant to the Bishop, has been appointed as the Chaplain at the Pacific Buddhist Academy as of August 1, 2019.

YBICSE

The 2019 Young Buddhist International Cultural Student Exchange (YBICSE) program was held from July 15 to 27, 2019 at our Mother Temple or Honzan, the Hongwanji in Kyoto, Japan. Nine youth, Alexandrianna Harman (Hawaii Betsuin), Kayla Koyanagi (Aiea), Everett Suzuki (Pearl City), Lauren Suzuki (Pearl City), Koji Suzuki (Pearl City), Jay Rikio Acohido (Wahiawa), Shoshi Hashimoto (Wahiawa), Kai Okuni (Makawao), Donavan Ikeuchi (Wailuku), represented Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii in this program. Chaperones were Rev. Shinkai Murakami (Wailuku) and Ms. Gay Tanaka (Mililani).



There were 31 youth participants from four oversea districts, BCA,

Canada, South America and Hawaii. They visited the Honzan, experienced a home stay and traveling to several historical/significant sites including Hino Tanjo-in (Shinran Shonin's birth place), Mt. Hiei where Shinran Shonin practiced Tendai Buddhism for 20 years, Shoren-in Temple where Shinran Shonin took tokudo ordination, Otani Honbyo (Otani Mausoleum) where Shinran Shonin's ashes is buried together with other Hongwanji sangha member's ashes, Hongwanji Hiroshima Betsuin and Hiroshima Peace Memorial



Museum, etc. Six participants attended the Confirmation Rites (Kikyoshiki) at Honzan and received Buddhist Name from Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani.

The Hawaii group also visited Ryukoku University which was established as a seminary of Hongwanji, and Tsukiji Hongwanji in Tokyo. They also did sightseeing in Kyoto and Tokyo including visits to Tokyo Disneyland, Tokyo Sky Tree, Asakusa, etc.

The following is the comments from some participants: "Meeting other youth who were just as dedicated and involved expanded my view of the widespread effect of Buddhism across the world."

"This has made me gain a more deeper view of Buddhism. Which before I only had a slim of the top layer of it but now I feel like I've gained a deeper view of Buddhism and what the teachings mean."

Rev. Murakami, the minister chaperone, said: "It was a great experience for all of our youths and for them to learn not only from the books and lectures about Hongwanji and other historical places, but they also learned and received the great personal experiences through this special program. All of our youths learned not only about the histories of our Hongwanji, but also how our Hongwanji temples are assisting our communities with a sincere mind of care and bringing joy through the great guidance of the Nembutsu.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Honzan staffs for their selfless efforts and kindness which made this great program and very memorable for our youths. I am very grateful that our youths are able to experience this once in a lifetime learning opportunity. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for allowing me be a part of the program. The youths on this trip have taught me many things along with the in-depth history about the different temples."

PBA LIGHTING OUR WAY BANQUET

Pacific Buddhist Academy's 14th Annual Lighting Our Way Awards Banquet will be held on Friday, November 15, 2019, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Waialae Country Club.

We are pleased to announce that our honorees for 2019 include Leslie Wilcox, President and CEO at PBS Hawai'i and longtime board member and advisor for many philanthropic organizations; Louise K.Y. Ing, cofounder of the law firm Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing and recipient of many awards for her civic engagement; Warren and Claire Tamamoto, volunteer leaders with the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and numerous other community organizations; and the Hawaiian Airlines Team Kokua Program, home to the company's philanthropic and community service activities.

You can become a sponsor, purchase individual tickets, or make a donation to support the Banquet by going to PBA's Banquet website, https://www.pacificbuddhistacademy.org/giving/events/lighting-our-way-banquet/14th-annual-lighting-our-way-banquet-sponsorships-and-tickets. or by calling or writing Rüdiger Rückmann, Director of Advancement, (808) 532-2649, email rudiger.ruckmann@pbahi.org

Sponsorship, individual ticket, and donation information is also included in the attached Banquet forms with this notice. Many thanks for supporting our wonderful honorees. We hope you can join us!

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JR. YBA NEWS

"Helping our Community"

Jr. YBAs Federation President Ethan Mayer joined United of Hawaii's President Manami Alspach and other Jr. YBA members to help present a monetary donation to Mr. Wayne Kawachi President of (OKK)...O Kau Kakou. The donation is to help raise funds to help build a senior housing complex in Naalehu.

by Alan Matsumoto



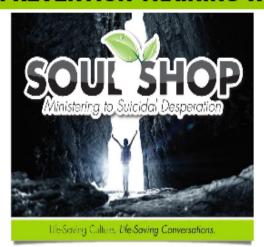
CONDOLENCES

Mrs. Asako Pratt of Kailua-Kona passed away on July 18, 2019 at her residence in Kailua-Kona at the age of 85.

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

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SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING WEBINARS



At any given time, 1 in 25 people is thinking about suicide. For those in faith communities, about 1 out of 2 people are impacted by suicide, including the suicide of those known to their members.

Soul Shop provides training for congregations, faith leaders (clergy and lay leaders), first responders, and mental health providers to start the difficult conversation about suicide. The two workshops are facilitated by Michelle Snyder, LCSW and M.Div, who uses ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, originally developed by LivingWorks) to help communities build a powerful life-saving network of helpers.

Soul Shop for Youth Leaders and Educators

Friday, October 18, 2019

6 pm to 9 pm

\$10* (includes workbook and light refreshments)

* plus processing fee

Soul Shop for Community Leaders Saturday, October 19, 2019

9 am to 4 pm

\$20* (includes workbook, light refreshments, and lunch)

* plus processing fee

Soul Shop webinars will be broadcast live from Honolulu at:

Hanapepe, Kauai West Kauai Hongwanji at Hanapepe Hongwanji

1-3860 Kaumualii Hwy, Hanapepe, HI 96716 (808) 335-3195

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Register online: soulshophi19webinars.eventbrite.com

For more information: contact your local webinar host site

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Asako Yamano, In Memory of Shaku Jisho – 5/8/2004
Evelyn Ahlo, In Memory of Uemura Family, Norma Ukie AhTou and Mevyn M. AhTou
Diana Asakura, Nokotsudo
Nembutsu Seminar

Total - \$505.00

MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Hirata Ohana, Inurnment Service for Tokino Hirata
Esther Jenkins, Memorial Service for Mom & Dad
Nelson & Lily Kunitake, Memorial Service for Shigeo Kunitake's 33rd Year and
Kiyono Kunitake's 17th Year
Satsuko Matsuoka and Family, 7th Year Service for Fumio Matsuoka
Mr. & Mrs. Michitoshi Murakami, 7th Year Memorial Service for Sasae Murakami
Murakami Family, In Memory of Sasae Murakami
Lynn Nakamura, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Makoto Harano
Total - \$11,150.00

AUGUST and SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES

Total - \$818.00

HAWAII KYODAN DUES

Asano Matsumoto