

KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



**E - JIHO
January 2020**



Theme & Slogan 2020:

Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity and Openness

**NEW YEAR EVE SERVICE (Joya-E)
Monday, December 31, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

**NEW YEAR DAY SERVICE (Shusho-E)
Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at 10:00 AM**

**GOSHOKI HOONKO CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE
Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM**

**GOSHOKI HOONKO ENGLISH SERVICE
Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 9:00 AM**

**Speaker at both Saturday and Sunday Services: Rev. David Fujimoto
Resident Minister at Mililani Hongwanji Mission**

Hoonko, meaning a gathering to express our gratitude, is a service in memory of Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu (True Pure Land Sect). Shinran Shonin was the first to teach systemically the Teachings of Salvation through the grace of Amida Buddha. Hoonko is the most important Jodo Shinshu observance.

**34th MEMORIAL SERVICE for ELLISON ONIZUKA and CHALLENGER DISASTER
Sunday, January 26, 2020, at 9:00 AM**

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

JANUARY

1 Wednesday ...	10:00 AM ...	New Year's Day Service
5 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Dharma Family Service
8 Wednesday ...	9:30 AM ...	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ...	Service @ Life Care Center
9 Thursday ...	9:30 AM ...	Preschool Temple Visitation
10 Friday ...	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
	6:00 PM ...	Kagami Biraki Service @ Judo Hall
12 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Dharma Family Service
18 Saturday ...	8:00 AM ...	Omigaki #2 Food Prep #1
	7:00 PM ...	Goshoki Hoonko Candle Light Service
19 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Goshoki Hoonko Service
21 Tuesday ...	10:30 AM ...	HAIB Meeting
26 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	34 th Memorial Observance for Ellison Onizuka & Challenger Disaster

FEBRUARY

1 Saturday ...	-----	Cherry Blossom Festival @ Waimea
2 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Dharma Family Service
7 Friday ... thru 8 Saturday -----		Giseikai Meeting in Honolulu
9 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Nirvana Day
12 Wednesday ...	9:30 AM ...	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ...	Service @ Life Care Center
	7:00 PM ...	Board of Director's Meeting
13 Thursday ...	9:30 AM ...	Preschool Temple Visitation
14 Friday ...	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
16 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon
18 Tuesday ...	10:30 AM ...	HAIB Meeting
22 Saturday ...	10:00 AM ...	Project Dana Workshop
23 Sunday ...	-----	NO SUNDAY SERVICE Gathafest @ Honokaa

DAILY MORNING SERVICE

MONDAY THRU SATURDAY AT 8:00 AM
WEDNESDAYS AT 7:30 AM except Holidays

WEEKLY TEMPLE MEDITATION SERVICE

EVERY MONDAY AT 6:30 PM except Holidays

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

Goshōki Hōonkō Shinran Shōnin's Memorial Service

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

We will observe Hōonkō with a Candlelight Service on Saturday, at 7:00 pm and a Dharma Family Service on Sunday, January 19th. Our guest speaker for both services will be Rev. David Fujimoto, Minister of Mililani Hongwanji. The services will include a special the Gobunshō or Letters of Rennyo Shōnin in Japanese and English. Please join us!



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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!



We had a wonderful Bodhi Day Service and Breakfast on December 8th. Rev. Kerry Kiyohara and Mrs. Mimy Kiyohara from Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple were our guests. Mahalo to everyone for making our celebration of Shakyamuni Buddha's Enlightenment so special!



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 November 4, 18 and 25.

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

HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

As we enter the last months of the year, you might be thinking "Where did the year go?" Soon, a new year will be upon us. For the past 5 years, our theme has been "Embrace Change," but though we will be starting a new series beginning in 2020, it does not mean that we should stop being guided by our current theme of embrace change. However, the time has come for the start of a new set of Theme and Slogans. Thus, from 2020-2024, our new theme will be "Building Healthy Sanghas" with a series of slogans for each year. Our Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, next 5 Year Theme and Slogans are:

2020: Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity and Openness,

2021: Building Healthy Sanghas: Nurturing Empathy and Respect,

2022: Building Healthy Sanghas: Connecting with Others,

2023: Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together and

2024: Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments.

We will be focusing on the Sangha. A Sangha that is nurtured by the Buddha-Dharma. As a Sangha, the thoughts, words and actions of every individual, ministers and lay, are very important and makes a difference.

In the book, "The Teaching of Buddha" by BDK, it shares about ministers that *"Those who wish to teach the Buddha's teachings...must be concerned about four things: first, they must be concerned about their own behavior; second, they must be concerned about their choice of words when they approach and teach people; third, they must be concerned about their motive for teaching and what they wish to accomplish; and fourth, they must be concerned about great compassion."*

For lay people, it shares *"Lay followers should not only believe in the Three Treasures...by themselves, but also...help others...to awaken...an unshakable faith in the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha, so that they, too, may share in Buddha's compassion."*

However, how do we share the Nembutsu Teaching? I recall Rev. Masao Haneda having said, we are "looking at becoming another example of the workings of true compassion." Let us, the Sangha, clergy and lay, jointly together share our awareness, understanding, joy and gratitude of the Buddha-Dharma by becoming that evidence that Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion is indeed true and real and working in this world.

Recently, my eyes rested on a message by Gomonsu in which he said, *"Shinran Shonin is the person who shows us how we can live our lives despite our egocentric tendencies. Although we might not be able to completely eradicate our blind passions, within the embracing light of Amida Buddha (underline is mine) we can live each moment of our lives with true meaning."*

Rather than simply live day in and day out as if we are just "going through the motions," in the teaching's illuminating light (underline is mine) we can find clarity and meaning in our lives. Not separating ourselves from society; it is important that we live within the priceless interconnections that we have with one another and support each other." Gomonsu has been emphasizing or focusing on how we live as Nembutsu Followers. Yes, I am imperfect and negative impulses and self-centered thoughts do not disappear until birth in the Pure Land, but there is also something happening as we live our life, day to day.

I have been emphasizing that the life of a Shin Buddhist is one of responding in gratitude to the Wisdom and Compassion of Namo Amida Butsu by reciting the Nembutsu and trying to live our life guided by the Dharma as it is one of the Ten Benefits we receive in the present life. However, our responding in gratitude is also the workings of Amida Buddha. To be sure, it is I who is responding in gratitude, but further I am also being nurtured by the Light of Amida Buddha. In fact, the source of anything positive or good comes about because of Amida Buddha's Light(s) which is illuminating us. In the Larger Sutra, it says that "*Sentient beings who encounter this light have the three defilements swept away, and they become soft and gentle in body and mind. They dance with joy, and the good mind arises (underline is mine) in them. When those suffering pain and travail in the three evil courses see this light, they all find respite and are freed of afflictions. After their lives have ended, they all gain emancipation.*" The key words here are "find respite" and "freed from the afflictions" and the Chinese character for "see" which also has the meaning of to "meet" or "encounter." We are being nurtured and encouraged by Amida Buddha's 12 Lights.

Let us, as individuals, but also, collectively, as the Hongwanji Sangha respond in gratitude! The Sangha must come to life! What is most important is reciting the Nembutsu in awareness, joy and gratitude and trying to live guided by the Dharma. In order to do this, we must know what the Dharma or Teaching is saying. Thus, I humbly ask that you together with other family members and friends come to listen to the Buddha-Dharma which can enrich all of lives. Imperfect as we may be, it is our humble, respectful, warm and harmonious relationships and interactions with people that is one of the crucial elements in the sharing of Jodo Shinshu with others.

Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion

CHANGE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF JODO SHINSHU HONGWANJI-HA

The Hongwanji Sokyoku has announced the following changes to their Governing Board of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha effective on November 1, 2019.

⟨Outgoing⟩

Governor Reverend Gyoshin Ikeda
Governor Reverend Keiichi Abe
Governor Reverend Gien Yamashita
Vice Governor Reverend Ryotetsu Takenaka
Vice Governor Reverend Takayuki Hironaka

⟨Incoming⟩

Governor Reverend Kuson Takeda
Governor Reverend Rigaku Mitsuoka - in charge of International Department
Governor Reverend Zensho Ashikaga
Vice Governor Reverend Shoshin Kumona
Vice Governor Reverend Kenyu Takaya - in charge of International Department

2020 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The 2020 Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) will be held on February 7 & 8, 2020 at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. The Legislative Assembly Aloha Luncheon & Living Treasures of Hawaii Recognition will be held on February 8, 2020 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort. The registration fee is \$105.00 for both delegates and observers, \$85.00 for the luncheon only and \$15.00 for the Rap Session. The Registration form and other documents that need to be submitted to HQ were already mailed to the temples and organization leaders. Please submit all the documents to HQ by the deadline described in the letter. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Acknowledgements Continued:

HAKASOJI and NOKOTSUDO

Masamori & Eva Takaki
Clara Uechi

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Shiraishi
Total - \$120.00

Shikimi Hayama

VETERAN'S APPRECIATION SERVICE

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Nancy Shibata

Total - \$550.00

DECEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES

Total - \$522.00

BODHI DAY SERVICE

Geri Ann Aoki-Davidson
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Robert Kobzi
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Janet Maeda
Jim Miller
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Helen Oishi
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Total - \$696.00