## 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

J	Α	Ν	U.	Αŀ	۲)	
---	---	---	----	----	----	--

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 <sup>th</sup> Memorial Observance for Ellison Onizuka	
		& Challenger Disaster	

#### **FEBRUARY**

		ILDIOAKI
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 1<sup>ST</sup>
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 2<sup>nd</sup> THURSDAY IN THE SOCIAL HALL AT 6:45 PM

#### **JUDO PRACTICE**

JUDO CLUB MEETING EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup> 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

#### <u>IKEBANA</u>

EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY AT 9:00 AM IN THE SCOUT ROOM

## **MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2020**

First Year (2019)	January	16 17	LEATRICE EMIKO MIYAHIRA KATSUMI TAKAMOTO
Third Year (2018)	January February	10 19 12	LORELEI T. YOKOYAMA TOKIKO SAKATA JOSEPH ISAMU IHA
Seventh Year (2014)	January	13 18	JERRY YOSHIMASA UEMURA HIDETAKA SATO
Thirteenth Year (2008)	January February	10 25 20 24 26	MITSUKO MURAI JUNJI YAMAGATA SHIMIKO KAMEDA HAJIME FUKUSHIMA HIDEO KOMO
Seventeenth Year (2004)	January February	3 4 12 22 17 20	REV. SHOYEI HATTA YAEKO MATSUMOTO MASAMI OHATA FUJIYO KANEO TORU KANDA KATSUTAKA FUKUSHIMA
Twemty-Fifth Year (1996)	January February	8 8 12 15 4 11	FUMI TANAKA MICHIKO NISHIHARA MASAMI OHATA KIYOSHI "SILENT" NISHIMOTO ETHEL KIYOKO ZAKAHI ELAINE KAZUKO TAKAHAMA
Thirty-Third Year (1988)	January February	1 9 12 12 14 21	TAKE NISHIMOTO SHOICHI TOKUMURA FRED MATSUHEI MATSUDA JUNICHIRO HARADA FUMIKO MIYAZONO TAKESHI YOSHIMOTO
Fiftieth Year (1971)	January	2 15	MIJU YOSHIMOTO DENZO TANAKA

## **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.



Last year again, following the year before, Japan, as well as many other countries in the world, was struck with multiple natural disasters. I would like to convey my deepest condolences to those who lost their lives through those disasters and express my sympathy to everyone affected. In addition, we must never forget that armed conflicts and terror attacks as well as severe starvation is making it difficult to live, and lives are being lost every day.

Last September I had an opportunity to make an official visit to the temples of the Buddhist Churches of America as Monshu for the first time. This allowed me to complete the first round of visitations to all of the overseas districts which include Canada, Hawaii, South America, and the US mainland.

Although every temple and district has its own history and background, many of the overseas Jodo Shinshu temples were established and have been cherished by the Japanese immigrants and their descendants. Reflecting on how sincerely our predecessors entrusted themselves to the Buddha Dharma and how importantly they thought of their temples while facing many difficulties such as World War II, I cannot help but feel grateful and even awe for their tremendous efforts as well as many other wondrous circumstances that have allowed the Jodo Shinshu teaching to be handed down to us today.

However, a considerable amount of time has passed since the Japanese emigrated overseas, and the lifestyle of their descendants, as well as the world situation have changed greatly. In accordance with these changes, quite a few people who are not of ethnically Japanese origin have also come to appreciate the teaching clarified by Shinran Shonin, and attend our overseas temples.

What caused this is nothing but the universality of the Jodo Shinshu teaching that transcends time and space. In other words, Amida Buddha's compassion equally reaches and nondiscriminatively embraces everyone in the midst of all sorts of pain and agony.

In this year, let us continue to listen to the Dharma, considering it is directed to each one of us, and keep moving forward to share it with many other people as possible.

January 1, 2020

OHTANI Kojun Monshu Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

#### ^^^^^^^^^

#### "NAMO AMIDA BUTSU AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

At the start of the New Year, let me begin by expressing my deepest appreciation and gratitude to the entire Sangha and Friends of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii who have supported our Organization



for over 130 years in Hawaii. It is because of Amida Buddha's Great Wisdom and Compassion, the guidance received from the Revered Masters and Teachers like Shinran Shonin who shared the Teachings and the Sangha that we have been able to come this far. Thank you to one and all!

Deeply reflecting, I have noticed that we speak a lot about the Buddha and the Dharma, but we seldom speak about the Sangha. However, the Sangha is also essential. Thus, out of this awareness, our next 5 Year Theme and Slogans will focus on the Sangha. Of course, the Sangha (which is you and I) which tries to live the

Dharma as shared by the Buddha. There is no doubt that the thoughts, words and actions of every individual is very important and makes a difference.

Let us receive guidance from "The Teaching of Buddha" in which it shares about clergy that "Those who wish to teach the Buddha's teachings acceptably 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 the end they wish to accomplish; and fourth, they must be concerned about great compassion." Further it shares "Lay followers should not only believe in the Three Treasures...by themselves, but also they should, as far as they are able, help others...to awaken in them an unshakable faith in the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha, so that they, too, may share in Buddha's compassion." Let us, the Sangha, clergy and lay, jointly together share our awareness, joy and gratitude for Buddha-Dharma.

In Jodo Shinshu Teachings, Shinran Shonin shared that when we (regardless of whether we are clergy or lay) realize true mind (shinjin), we unfailing gain ten benefits in the present life. I would like to mention three of the ten: the benefit having great joy in our hearts, the benefit of being aware of Amida's benevolence and of responding in gratitude to his virtue, and the benefit of constantly practicing great compassion." In regards to "practicing great compassion," Shinran Shonin quotes a sutra "What is "great compassion?" Those who continue solely in the nembutsu without any interruption will thereby be born without fail in the land of happiness at the end of life. If these people encourage each other and bring others to say the Name, they are all called "people who practice great compassion."

Further, let us keep in mind the thoughts of our 3<sup>rd</sup> Spiritual Leader Kakunyo Shonin who said, "(Our) Prosperity is dependent on the quality and depth of the Shinjin of our Followers." Rennyo Shonin, our 8<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Leader, further shared, "...be careful not to let the mind run its course unbridled...be sure to control it. It is wrong to allow the mind to take its course unchecked. We are enabled to control the (our) mind due to the Other-Power." Finally, our 25<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Leader, His Eminence Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani shares "By listening to the Primal Vow and how it was established by Amida Tathagata, we are enabled to become conscious of our own ignorance and self-oriented inclinations, and through such awareness, we naturally become gentle in word and deed in our efforts of minimizing our egoistic way of thinking." "Even though our efforts may pale in comparison to the Buddha's Compassion, we are at least guided in the proper direction by the Buddha Dharma."

As I have been emphasizing the life of Shin Buddhist is one of responding in gratitude to the Wisdom and Compassion of Namo Amida Butsu by reciting the Nembutsu and we try to live our life guided by the Dharma in grateful response until our life culminates (at death) with our entering the Pure Land of Perfect Peace and Happiness to attain Perfect Peace of Enlightenment. May the New Year be truly prosperous in the truest sense of the word. Happy New Year!

In Gassho/Anjali,

Eric Matsumoto, Bishop

^^^^^^

#### **President's Message**

**Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity and Openness** 

Note: This message appears as part of the introduction to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's 2020 calendar. When you receive your calendar, please reflect on the three suggested actions below.

Every year, over many weeks, five individuals gather to discuss, ponder, select, write, and review.

And the result of their efforts is the Hawaii Kyodan Calendar that will be distributed soon. Alan Kubota, Stephan Doi, Yumi Suzuki, Rev. Kazunori Takahashi, and Bishop Eric Matsumoto toiled mightily to bring us this calendar out of a personal commitment to inspire us. This year they committed their best efforts, using the theme *Building Healthy Sanghas* and the slogan, *Embracing Generosity and Openness*, to carefully select photographs and words that move us to action. But in works such as this, the challenge is to transform inspiring photographs and lofty words into real and everyday actions that touch others. If we fail to take on this challenge, the theme and slogan and the hard work of these five individuals easily vanish from our hearts and minds even as we turn the pages of the calendar. Then the commitment of these five



good people who gave us this calendar will hold no power. Let us not allow this to happen. I suggest that we all consider the following as each month unfolds.

- 1. When we turn each page to a new month, let us take the time to really look at the picture, every object, every person. Let us see the act of generosity or the act of acceptance and openness embedded in the picture. Let us see the reflected warmth and joy of the sangha in the photograph.
- 2. Then in the days that follow, let us use the picture of the month to inspire us to be generous and open and joyful with others. Let us transform opportunities in the fleeting moments of our lives into action. And here I think of simple actions as a hearty, "Good morning," a smile full of warmth, and a gentle touch of reassurance.
- 3. And in the moments when we have transformed the lofty phrases of our theme and slogan into tiny, real and true actions, let the sound of Namo Amida Butsu flow through us.

If we take the time and commit ourselves to perform these three acts, the pages of the calendar will breathe Namo Amida Butsu into our lives. Our sanghas will grow healthy because threads of generosity and openness will begin to bind one member to another. And we will have made the commitment of Alan Kubota, Stephan Doi, Yumi Suzuki, Rev. Kazunori Takahashi, and Bishop Eric Matsumoto real and true.

Namo Amida Butsu Pieper J. Toyama, President

^^^^^^^^^^

#### President's Message

by Joseph Gusman

As we come to the end of another year, I would like to wish everyone a safe and wonderful holiday season and a prosperous new year. May we all be surrounded by family & close friends in the coming weeks-and of course good food. The memories made during the holidays will always be something that we can treasure.

I would like to thank everyone for your support and encouragement this past year as your Kyodan President. I also thank you for your critiques & suggestions for improvements, I take them all to heart. As we end the year, don't forget to attend our New Year's Eve service on the 31<sup>st</sup>, and our first-ever New Year's Day Service on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Hope to see you all there!

^^^^^^^^^^^

# Our Pledge for the New Year Rev. Blayne Higa

New Year in Hawaii is a time for family, food, fireworks, and fun. We gather to remember the year that was and to celebrate the opportunities of the coming year. This transition from one year to another is also a time of spiritual reflection and rededication. On the last day of the year, we reflect upon the past year and think about the interdependency of all life and give thanks for all the causes and conditions that have enabled us to live. By reflecting upon all that has happened, we can cultivate an appreciation for all that we have learned and experienced. We end the year by ringing the temple bell 108 times, symbolically releasing our delusions and self-centeredness which permeates our everyday lives in preparation for the New Year.

As we begin this year with a sense of renewal, let's rededicate our efforts to live a life of gratitude and joy within the compassionate embrace of Amida Buddha and strive to build a healthy Sangha by embracing generosity and openness. This theme for the year is a challenge for us to live the teachings through everyday actions that touch the lives of others. Sangha is a place where the Dharma is practiced and where the true Buddha lives. It is only within our lives that the teachings become true and real.

Our spiritual leader, Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani, has written a new reading called "Our Pledge" which offers practical guidance for living the Path of Nembutsu. "Our Pledge" was translated from Japanese into a form that is inspired by our local culture. It focuses on self-reflection, compassionate action, and living with a heart of joy and gratitude. Let's strive to embody the spirit of Aloha described by Gomonshu's words in our daily lives.

#### **Our Pledge**

Reaching out to others, I will share a smile and gentle words. Just like the Buddha, who always calls out with Aloha.

Breaking away from my greed, anger and ignorance, I will try to live in peace and harmony. Just like the Buddha, who shares tranquility and kindness with all.

Moving forward from self-centeredness, I will share a life of joy and sorrow with others. Just like the Buddha, whose caring heart always embraces us.

Realizing that I live because of others, I will strive to live life to the fullest with an attitude of gratitude. Just like the Buddha, who promises to embrace us all.

Let's begin 2020 by reflecting on "Our Pledge" and rededicating ourselves to hearing and sharing the Dharma together as 'Ohana! May your journey in the New Year be illuminated by the light of great wisdom and compassion. Namo Amida Butsu.

^^^^^^^^^

#### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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!



January 16, "Dharma express our This is an

heart of

January 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Resident reading of

#### **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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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

#### **HEADOUARTERS 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 Gomonshu 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." Gomonshu 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.

^^^^^^^

#### **CONDOLENCES**

Mr. Naoto Katoku of Capt. Cook passed away on October 23, 2019 at his home at the age of 87.

Mr. Dale Kazuma Aoki of Kealakekua passed away on December 5, 2019 at Kona Community Hospital at the age of 60.

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.

^^^^^^^

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Maurice & Janice Kameda

Burt & Susan Kamigaki, In Memory of Fusae Kamigaki's Anniversary

Kenneth Kawakami, In Memory of Minoru Kawakami's 13<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary

Kazumi Oshita, Cub Scouts

Ernest & June Fujikawa, Oct. 20th Sunday Service

Mr. & Mrs. Kenji Fukumitsu & Family, In Memory of Emi Fenske

Shikimi Hayama, Jiho & Capital Fund

Richard & Blanche Shiraishi, In Memory of Emi (Sakata) Fenske

Carol Kawachi, In Memory of Jack Tokunaga

Kaipo & Norine Parish & Family, In Memory of Aunty Emi Fenske

Lawrence & Melody Tokunaga, In Memory of Jack & Misae Tokunaga and Jutaro & Hina Yanaga

John & Shelly Tsue, Annual Clean-up & Hawaii Kyodan Dues

Foodland Super Market, Give Aloha Campaign

Wayne & Evelyn Kajiwara

Fusaye Murayama, In Memory of Motomura Family

Doris Yamamoto, Eitaikyo

Sandy Iwashita, Eitaikyo

Clara Uechi, Hawaii Kyodan Dues

Mr. & Mrs. Bert Maedo, Eitaikyo

Keith Nishihara, Eitaikyo

Ellen Nishikawa, Eitakyo

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Takiue, Eitaikyo

Total - \$1,533.87

#### **MEMORIAL SERVICES**

Diana Asakura & Family, In Memory of Ronald & Radley Asakura
Raymond & Susan Takiue, In Loving Memory of Grandma Chise Yamamoto's 50<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service
Shizue Hirano, 17<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service for Takeshi Hirano
Albert Sakata, Funeral Service & Related Expesnes for Jane Fenske
Francis & Grace Iwamoto, 13<sup>th</sup> Year Service for Fred Iwamoto
Tracy Katoku, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Naoto Katoku
Susan Takiue, Inurnment Service for Jane Fenske

Total - \$2,350.00

#### **Acknowlegements Continued:**

#### **HAKASOJI and NOKOTSUDO**

Masamori & Eva Takaki Clara Uechi Mr. & Mrs. Carl Shiraishi Total - \$120.00 Shikimi Hayama

#### **VETERAN'S APPRECIATION SERVICE**

Mr. & Mrs. Colin Byars
Wayne Fukunaga
Mr. & Mrs. Sadayuki Inouye
Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Kaneko
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Kunitake
Satsuko Matsuoka
Sally Murakami
Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Nishina
John & Shelley Tsue
Mr. & Mrs. Chad Yamamoto
Suga Suzuki

Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Chong Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gusman Mr. & Mrs. Hiroki Ishimaru Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kaneko Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Matsumoto Kimie Mizoshiri Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Nakano Mr. & Mrs. Norman Takeoka Dennis & Shirlyn Umeno Helen Oishi Lisa Ciriako
Ronan Fukushima
Mary Katayama
Nora Koyanagi
Janet Lindner
Jim Miller
Linda Nagai
Elaine Nakagawa
Chizu Nakashima
Nancy Shibata

Total - \$550.00

#### **DECEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES**

Total - \$522.00

#### **BODHI DAY SERVICE**

Geri Ann Aoki-Davidson
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gusman
Mr. & Mrs. Hiroki Ishimaru
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kaneko
Mr. & Mrs. Daren Katayama
Mr. & Mrs. Gail Masunaga
Janet Lindner
Alan Matsumoto
Mr. & Mrs. Mitsuo Nagai
Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Nishina
Mr. & Mrs. George Shimamoto
Raymond & Susan Takiue
John & Shelley Tsue

Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Chong
Mr. & Mrs. Sadayuki Inouye
Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Kaneko
Mr. & Mrs. Yoshiyuki Kaneko
Mr. & Mrs. Bert Maedo
Nora Koyanagi
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Matsumoto
Satsuko Matsuoka
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Nakano
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Oshiro
Eugene & Richelle Tagawa
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Takeoka
Lilly Ushiroda

Lisa Ciriako
Mary Katayama
Nancy Katayama
Sachi Katoku
Robert Kobzi
Lillian Koshi
Janet Maeda
Jim Miller
Kimie Mizoshiri
Helen Oishi
Suga Suzuki
Clara Uechi

Total - \$696.00