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June 2021



## Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

*Building Healthy Sanghas: Nurturing Empathy and Respect*

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### Virtual Dharma Family Services

Please join us for our virtual services and events in June. All online services will begin at 10:00 am on Zoom (unless otherwise noted). A link to join the service will be emailed to you a few days before. Please contact the office to be included in our email list to receive weekly temple updates and information. We look forward to seeing you online! Please consider making an offertory donation for our virtual services just like attending an in-person service. Mahalo!

### Military Remembrance Service

Sunday, June 13, 2021 at 10:00 am



### Father's Day Service

Sunday, June 20, 2021 at 10:00 am

Lay Speaker: Joseph Gusman  
Kona Hongwanji Kyodan President

### For Assistance

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## President's Message

Having just attended our annual baccalaureate service, I would once again like to extend my congratulations to all the graduates of 2021. The baccalaureate service honored graduates from high school, college, and professional training. I found myself extremely impressed with the educational & career paths chosen by our graduates. Whether they are headed to college, military academy, graduate school, or the workforce, I wish them all the best.

As we enter the month of June, I would like to invite everyone to our Military Remembrance service on June 13, 2021 and our Father's Day service on June 20, 2021. Please contact the temple office if you are interested in attending either-or both-services, to provide your email address to receive a link for the services. The services give us the opportunity to honor the members of our temple who gave their lives in the service of our country, as well as the dads who played such an important role in our lives. Hope to see you all there.

In Gassho,  
Joseph Gusman  
Kyodan President

## Living Fearlessly by Learning How to Fail

Rev. Blayne Higa

As we begin the Summer season, our thoughts turn to graduation and the celebration of this milestone. This is a time to reflect on how our achievements are not ours alone. We also reflect on how true success is not always based on successful outcomes in life. We succeed only because of the countless causes and conditions that make our lives possible. We are sustained and nurtured by the love of family and friends, we learn from our failures, and we are always embraced by the Buddha's compassion.

We offer our praise and gratitude for the unfolding of life in all of its wonderful complexities. This is why Gassho is a way of life. We live with the spirit of putting our hands together in reverence and gratitude for all that enables us to live and for everything that we experience.



I wish we could be assured that life will always be easy and that it will always go according to plan. However, the truth is that life will often be difficult and unpredictable. For example, this past year has been challenging to say the least, but we have thrived in the face of adversity because we learned how to adapt to our rapidly changing world.

Buddhism teaches that suffering occurs when we cling to the notion of wanting life to be fixed and unchanging. However, despite this wish, the world is undergoing constant change and we often have little control over what is happening. The ongoing pandemic has brought us face-to-face with the fundamental truth of change and how truly limited we are.

As we go through life, we discover that true growth and learning happen only when we are pushed to the edge of our comfort. That we learn the most from our struggles and our failures. The Buddha struggled for six years before sitting under the Bodhi Tree to discover the truth within himself. Shinran Shonin the founder of Shin Buddhism, studied and practiced for twenty years before realizing his limitations and how he was ultimately embraced by Amida Buddha's infinite love and compassion.

When we perceive our challenges as opportunities rather than obstacles, we discover our inner strength and our ability to persevere and thrive. This is fundamental to the Buddhist way of living. That we should always approach life with a sense of joyful wonder and mystery.

The Dharma teaches us how to fully appreciate and experience life in the here and now. That each moment is perfect and unrepeatable. Each new day is an opportunity to learn, to grow, and to share. When we joyfully accept that we do not and cannot know everything, we enter the doorway to true wisdom. Accepting our limitations leads to humility and a sense of reverence for the gift of learning about ourselves and the world around us.

The Buddha's emphasis on self-knowledge helps us to cultivate wisdom which lessens our fear of the unknown. There are infinite worlds and possibilities in this gift of discovery. However, we need to take the initiative to learn about ourselves and the world around us. Learning is a lifelong process that opens up endless avenues of adventure.

When we open ourselves up to what life is offering rather than what we want it to offer, a world of opportunity awaits. We grow with every challenge and setback and we are guided to where we are meant to be.

After graduating high school, I thought I had everything planned out. I would attend college on the mainland and then go to graduate school. I never had any intention of living in Hawaii, let alone being back on the Big Island. However, my plans didn't go exactly as I envisioned. I didn't get into my desired graduate program and had to adjust my plans. I returned home to Hawaii to work and had planned to reapply the next year. Well, needless to say, I didn't reapply and my plans changed. I would not be a minister today if my original plans had worked out. Allowing life to unfold in the way it needed to, I grew from my setbacks. My life would not be what it is today if I had gotten exactly what I wanted at the time.

I am grateful for my failures because they open up a world of opportunities that I may not have ever considered before. The Dharma guides us to live fearlessly without hesitation and with realistic optimism and resolve. Entrusting in the Buddha, we can live as true and real human beings who can meet life's challenges with courage, compassion, and an open heart. What a remarkable way to live indeed.

Namo Amida Butsu.

### Weekly Sangha Talk Story

Rev. Blayne hosts a weekly virtual talk story session for Sangha members to connect and to share how life is going during the pandemic. The Sangha Talk Story happens every Thursday evening at 7:00pm on Zoom. If you would like to participate, please email Rev. Blayne at [bhiga@honpahi.org](mailto:bhiga@honpahi.org) to be sent the meeting link each week.

### Compassionate Care

The Dharma offers guidance and support for our whole lives, especially during times of difficulty. I am here to be a compassionate presence and companion to you wherever you are on life's journey. I am available for pastoral care and counseling in-person, by phone, or by video conference. I am also available for bedside end-of-life services and grief care. Please contact me at 808-323-2993 or for emergencies only at 808-383-9153.

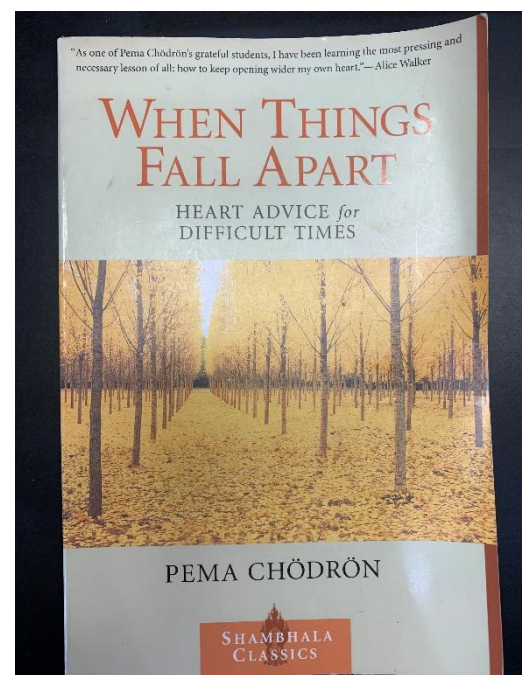
*Aloha,  
Rev. Blayne*

### Buddhist Book Club: Wisdom for Living in Difficult Times

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 personally means to you? If so, the Kona Hongwanji Book Club is the place for you!

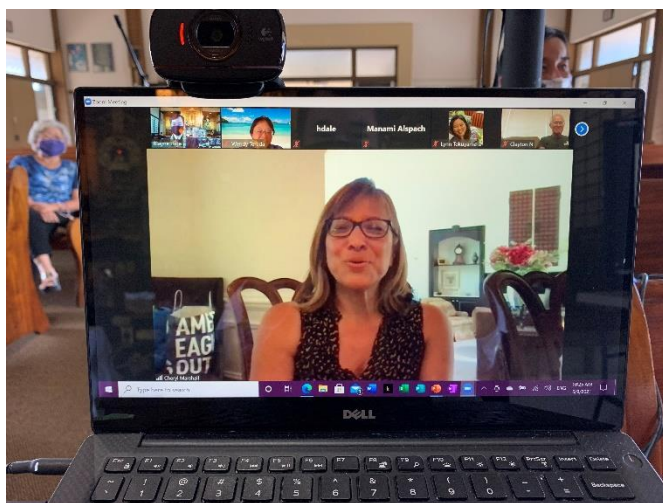
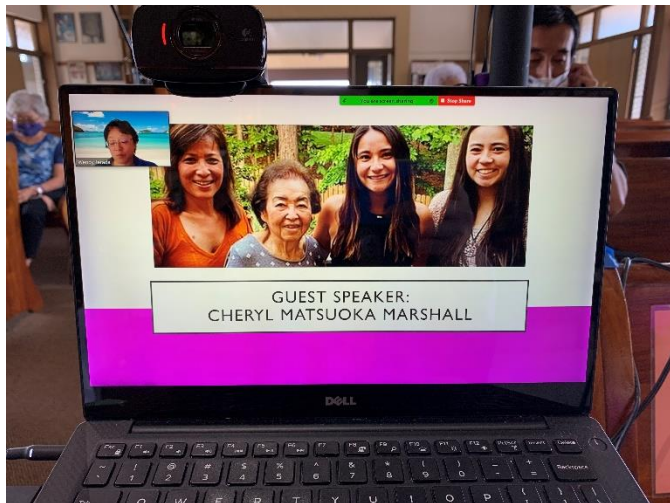
Join us as we learn how the Dharma can offer wisdom for living with compassion and courage in times of difficulty. We will explore: ***When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times by Pema Chödrön***. We will meet weekly via Zoom from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm on the following Wednesdays in June (16, 23, 30). Please register by Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and purchase a copy of the book from an online retailer of your choice.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/nsLj1eV161FahcDt8>



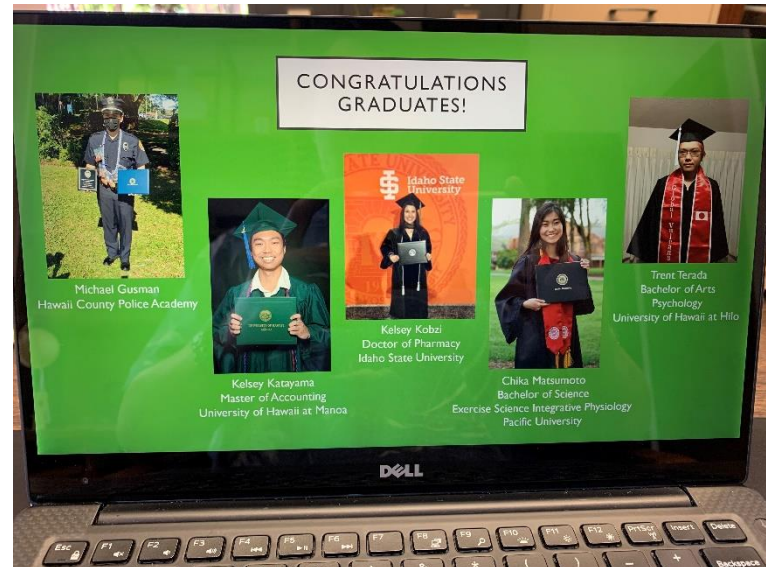
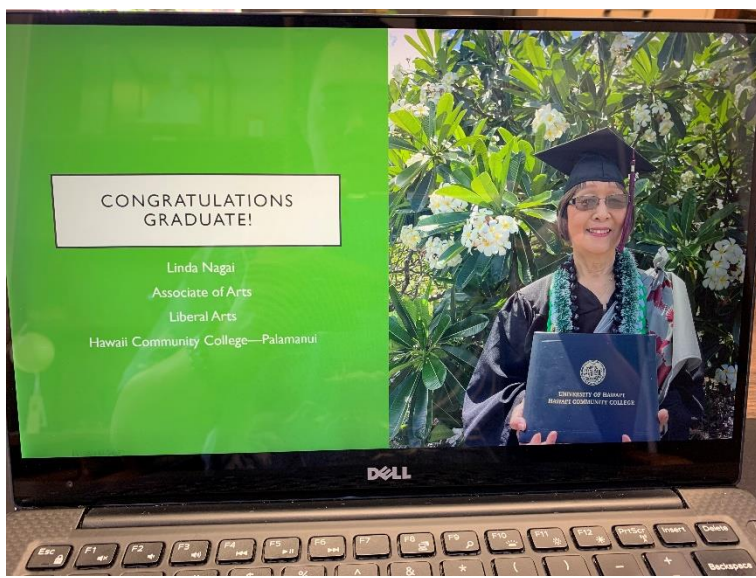
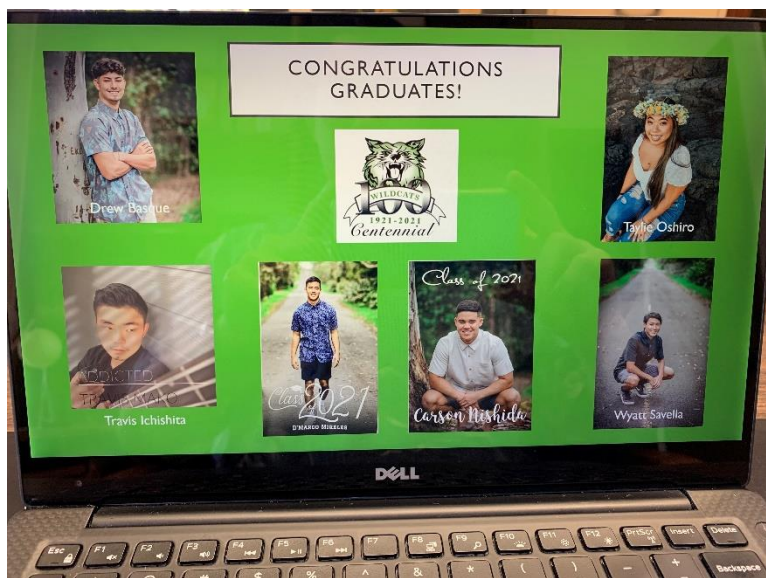


## Mother's Day Service



On May 9<sup>th</sup>, Cheryl Matsuoka Marshall was our speaker for Mother's Day. She joined us via Zoom from her home near Atlanta, Georgia. Cheryl is the daughter of Shirley Matsuoka and the late George Matsuoka.

## Baccalaureate Service



On May 16<sup>th</sup> we held our Baccalaureate Service honoring all our graduates from high school, college, graduate school, and professional programs. Congratulations and best wishes!

Konawaena High School:

Drew Basque, Travis Ichishita, D'Marco Mireles, Carson Nishida, Taylie Oshiro, and Wyatt Savella

Michael Gusman: Hawaii County Police Academy

Kelsey Katayama: Master of Accounting, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Kelsey Kobzi: Doctor of Pharmacy, Idaho State University

Chika Matsumoto: Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science Integrative Physiology, Pacific University

Trent Terada: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, University of Hawaii at Hilo

Linda Nagai: Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts, Hawaii Community College—Palamanui

## Preschool News

“You’re off to great places! Today is your day!  
Your mountain is waiting, So...get on your way!” - Dr. Seuss

This year’s graduation was held on May 28th as a drive thru event. Families drove up at designated times, watched their graduate receive his/her diploma and were able to congratulate and take pictures with their graduate in front of a Dr. Seuss-inspired backdrop.

### **Kona Hongwanji Preschool Class of 2021**

Brennen Asakura Gallardo  
Emalani Miaki Daniels  
Ethan Malosi Nieto  
Holua Raimon Wyckoff  
Isella Genevieve Karner (Kinderoo)  
Jordan Obra Jaban  
Kamala’i Kusano  
Khloe Mae Petersen  
Kirra Liv Rasmussen  
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Lachlan Rooney  
Liam Aliitama Nieto  
Luana Okizaki  
Maleka Jeanne Benton  
Nikolas Alexander Takach  
Oliver Macdonald Grossi  
Violet Ann Krug  
Yui Watanabe (Kinderoo)  
Zander Steele (Kinderoo)  
Zeke Alexander Kiwini Deniz

“Congratulations!” to all of our 2021 preschool graduates and their families. We are proud of each and every one of you. It has been a uniquely memorable year and we wish all the best to you in Kindergarten and beyond.

Aloha,  
Leanne Abe, preschool director

### **Enrolling for Summer and the New School Year!**

Our summer program begins on June 1, 2021 and enrollment is now open for the summer months and new school year. If you have or know anyone that may be interested, please contact me at 323-3737 or email me at [khp72016@outlook.com](mailto:khp72016@outlook.com).

### **Employment Opportunities**

We are also looking for part-time and/or full-time, on-call, temporary and permanent positions for preschool director, preschool teacher, teacher’s aide and after-school cleaners. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact the preschool at 323-3737 or [khp72016@outlook.com](mailto:khp72016@outlook.com). We are looking for a team player with a positive attitude and willingness to learn.



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## **MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2021**

### **FIRST YEAR 2020**

6/10 Yoshioka, Yaeko  
8/24 Tashima, Bernice

7/28 Nakagawa, Mary  
8/25 Murakami, Sally

### **THIRD YEAR (2019)**

06/16 Sato, Saeko  
07/17 Harano, Makoto  
08/16 Sakamoto, George T.

07/17 Miyose, Janet Mieko  
07/18 Pratt, Asako

### **SEVENTH YEAR (2015)**

06/14 Kunitomo, Gladys Hideko  
07/18 Oue, Tatsumi

06/28 Higashi, Sanford Tatsuya  
08/17 Matsumoto, Thomas Shinichi

### **THIRTEENTH YEAR (2009)**

06/05 Oura, Sadako "Janet"  
07/27 Kawahara, Kathryn Kinoe

### **SEVENTEENTH YEAR (2005)**

06/29 Nakashima, Jace Masao  
08/09 Wakata, Leighton Hisao  
08/22 Koshi, Tomeko

07/14 Koike, George  
08/20 Oga, Masao  
08/31 Murasaki, Takeo

### **TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR (1997)**

07/05 Ota, Matsue  
07/29 Miyazono, Sadayuki "Barney"

07/26 Fujimoto, Yoshinobu  
08/09 Teshima, Torao

### **THIRTY-THIRD YEAR (1989)**

06/05 Fujimoto, Chiyono  
06/07 Shimamoto Jr., Cornell  
08/26 Fujikawa, Cary Shizuo

06/01 Kitaoka, Takeshi  
08/22 Nakatani, Arthur Masao

### **FIFTIETH YEAR (1972)**

06/28 Onaka, Shizue  
08/04 Shikada, Sueo

**NOTE: If you have any questions or corrections regarding the information listed above, please call the office at 323-2993. Thank you.**

**Standard Bakery Anpan Fundraiser**

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we will not be able to make Manju again this year. However, that doesn't mean we can't enjoy a delicious baked treat!

We have partnered with Standard Bakery to sell their famous Anpan! Six (6) pieces for \$16.00.

Please turn in the enclosed Order Form with your payment by Friday, June 18th. Drive-thru pick up at the temple social hall will be on Saturday, July 3rd from 9:00 am to Noon.

We hope you will participate in this creative and tasty fundraiser supporting Kona Hongwanji! Please consider making an additional donation to help support our efforts to care for our Sangha during these challenging times. Mahalo for your generosity!



Anpan Ice Cream Sandwich is a fun and delicious serving suggestion!

Anpan freezes well. Just defrost and enjoy anytime!

**Anpan Sale**

**Fundraiser for Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple**

Pick-up date: Saturday July 03, 2021  
Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Where: Kona Hongwanji Social Hall

Standard Bakery Anpan - 6 pieces per order

number of orders \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 16.00

Turn in order form to Kona Hongwanji Church office by Friday - June 18, 2021 along with your payment.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone #: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Standard Bakery Anpan - 6 pieces per order

number of orders \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 16.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

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