



JIHO
August 2022



Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

Building Healthy Sanghas: Connecting with Others

Dharma Family Services

Please join us for our hybrid services in August. All services will begin at 10:00 am. 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. Wearing of face masks and sanitizing of hands will continue to be required in temple. We look forward to seeing you online or in person!

Hiroshima Remembrance Service

Sunday, August 7, 2022 at 10:00 am

Guest Speaker: Mr. Arthur Taniguchi, Honorary Consul General of Japan in Hilo

Hosted in collaboration with the Kona Hiroshima Kenjin Kai, this service commemorates the 77th Anniversary of the Atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Dharma Family Service

Sunday, August 21, 2022 at 10:00 am

For Assistance

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Temple President: Linda Nagai (Emergency only 808-936-6079)

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President's Message

Aloha Kona Hongwanji Sangha members,

Where has the summer gone? It seems like it was yesterday that summer break began, and now our children are going back to school. Time surely doesn't wait for anyone. Well, I have to say the Kona Hongwanji Sangha made every minute of summer count.

July, was a bit lonely due to the absence of our Bon Dance, however, our Sangha came out in full force to clear away the deteriorating hut house to make way for our much-needed storage units. I once read something from Thich Nhat Hanh, where he said something like, when we go to the Pure Land it's not just to enjoy the Pure Land but to give Amida Buddha a helping hand. When we join a Sangha it's not just to enjoy the security of the Sangha but to give the Sangha a helping hand. And this is exactly what our Sangha did.

Thank you to members of our affiliate organizations, and other Sangha members for sharing your energy. With so many hands the work got done sooner than expected, that the lunch crew was not ready to serve. As the saying goes "Many hands make light work", Our Sangha workday proves this saying to be true. Thank you to Helen Nagata and Betty Takeoka for helping with lunch and to Morris Nagata for coordinating the work crew. Our next project will be the completion of the storage area, we are hoping to reach out to our Sangha once again for assistance.

Thich Nhat Hanh also noted that A Pure Land can be found everywhere and it is manifested in a Sangha. When you join a Sangha you will immediately enjoy surroundings that are secure and favorable for you. The Kyodan Board welcomes all and hopes that everyone will enjoy and feel secure in the surroundings of our Kona Hongwanji Sangha.

In closing, I would like again to send you my sincere appreciation for your continuous and generous donations to our 125th Anniversary Celebration. Words from our younger generation, Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Sangha 'ROCKS'!

In Gassho,

Linda Nagai

Telling New Stories

Rev. Blayne Higa

Many people these days feel stuck. Whether mentally, emotionally, or spiritually there seems to be a sense of weariness over the way life has been one continuous series of challenges over the past several years. It often seems like we have been riding the same out-of-control rollercoaster with no way of knowing if it will ever slow down. This story we have been living has conditioned us to see life in a certain way and has resulted in us responding accordingly.

Shakyamuni Buddha believed in the power of the human mind to create the world in which we live. The tales we weave about our lives guides all our thoughts, words, and actions. As such, the stories we tell about ourselves can empower or disempower our ability to act. The current story of who we are limits our ability to see opportunities and our potential for meaningful transformation and change. In his book *Community: The Structure of Belonging*, author Peter Block suggests that change is founded upon our ability to tell new stories about ourselves. We need to have "...a conversation that we have not had before, one that has the power to create something new in the world. This insight forces us to question the value of our stories, the positions we take, our love of the past, and our way of being in the world." He affirms the Buddha's timeless and hopeful wisdom which is empowering and life-giving.

When we feel so worn down by life's challenges, we often find it difficult to envision a different world. We are stuck in a narrative rut which disempowers our ability to change. Shinran Shōnin the founder of Shin Buddhism, found himself in a spiritual doldrum from which he saw no way out. Living with the old story of who he was limited his ability to see the dynamic working of wisdom and compassion in his life. Only by shifting his perspective was he finally able to experience the embrace of Amida Buddha's compassionate Vow which radically transformed his life. Shinran shares his appreciation for this new and profoundly hopeful story of spiritual awakening in the *Hymns of the Pure Land Masters*:

*My eyes being hindered by blind passions,
I cannot perceive the light that grasps me;*



*Yet the great compassion, without tiring,
Illumines me always.*

Holding on so tightly to the old story defining his life kept Shinran stuck and unable to change. Only by letting go of the story of who he thought he was empowered his ability to live authentically within a new life-giving story enabled through Amida's light of wisdom and compassion.

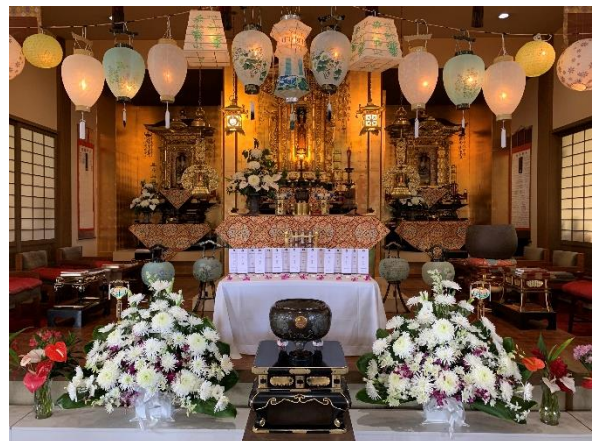
So how does clinging to the old stories we tell about ourselves limit our ability to perceive our challenges as opportunities—of seeing the light that grasps and never abandons? How does our pride and ego keep us trapped within a life-limiting and disempowering narrative of who we think we are? Only when we surrender our old story can we transform spiritual hopelessness into an empowered life of awakening. This is the true and real life of being born in the Pure Land. Namo Amida Butsu.

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 on life's journey. I am available for pastoral care and counseling via phone or 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*

2022 Hatsubon Service



On July 17th, we held our annual Hatsubon Service honoring loved ones who were born in the Pure Land since Obon last year. Hatsubon is a service held during the first Obon season after the passing of a loved one. This is a special time to reflect on how our loved ones continue to influence and guide our lives. Obon is truly a festival of joyful memory and healing. Namo Amida Butsu.

2022 Hatsubon

To those families remembering loved ones during Hatsubon this year, our deepest condolences on your recent loss. May the Nembutsu give you comfort and peace. Namo Amida Butsu.

Francis Abe

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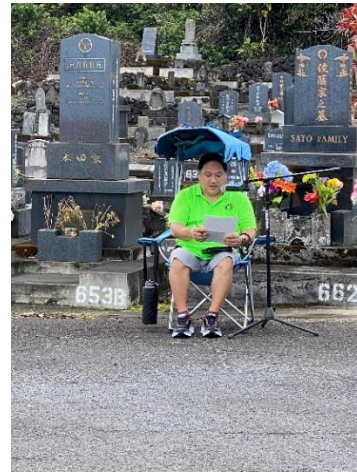
Richard Sasaki

Sangha Work Day



Mahalo to all the Sangha members and friends who helped to take down the old hut house by the tennis court on July 10th. This will make way for much needed additional storage for the temple and preschool.

Obon Cemetery Service



On July 3rd, we held our annual Obon Cemetery Service. It was a beautiful day to remember our loved ones and their continuing influence in our lives. We had an opportunity to appreciate the beauty of nature which often goes unnoticed while opening our hearts and minds to absorb the boundless wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha that surrounds us every day of this unrepeatabe life. Namo Amida Butsu!



The Kona Hongwanji Taiko Group performed a mini-bon dance at the “Kohala Reunion 2022” on Sunday July 3rd. This was our first, and last bon dance of this season(due to other dances being cancelled)... the drummers did great! A big MAHALO to Karla and Wendy of Kohala Hongwanji for inviting us to accompany their terrific bon dancers! And for all of their generosity & kindness they extended to our drummers and their families! Also, thank you to Kathy for helping us get set up our there. We had a WONDERFUL time!

Keel Cemetery Service



On July 16th, the Keel Community held their annual Obon service. The members and friends cleaned, placed flowers, and offered incense at each grave. Such a beautiful tradition in memory of loved ones. Namo Amida Butsu.

2021-2022 Social Concerns Fund Drive Update

Reminder that the current Social Concerns Fund Drive will run till August 31, 2022. The Committee on Social Concerns requests that temples please submit all collected donations to Hawaii Kyodan HQ by September 30, 2022. Please make your donation to Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple and indicate "Social Concerns Fund Drive".

Through your generosity, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is able to provide compassionate aid during times of disaster and the ability to respond to issues affecting our community. This year, we have been able to support humanitarian relief efforts for those affected by the war in Ukraine and the volcanic eruption in Tonga. We have also been able to support a suicide prevention workshop being planned by the Samaritan Counseling Center of Hawaii, ongoing disaster relief planning by Hawaii Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (Hawaii VOAD) and helping food banks on every island in their work to alleviate food insecurity. We also continue to award Golden Chain Grants to cultivate a culture of compassionate service in our community as well as COVID-19 Resilience Grants to help temples acquire PPE and cleaning supplies to operate safely during the ongoing pandemic. Your support directly impacts our community. Mahalo for your generosity!

In Gassho,
Rev. Blayne Higa, Chair
Committee on Social Concerns

2022 Chili Fundraiser

Our annual Chili Sale is back! This creative partnership with Sandy's Drive-In is a wonderful way to support local business and raise funds for the temple. **We will be selling 1.5 lbs. Frozen Chili Tickets for \$11.00. Pick up will be at Sandy's Drive-In Tuesday-Friday from August 30 to September 16, 2022, 8:00am-2:00pm.**

Temple members living in Kona will receive tickets in the mail. Purchase for yourself or sell them to family and friends. It makes a quick and delicious meal! Please submit your money or unused tickets by Monday, August 15. Extra tickets are available at the temple office. Mahalo for your support!

Do this now! Accidents happen!



Advance Health Care Directives



Free In-person* and Online ZOOM Workshops! You choose!**

(You only need to attend one session)

Date	Time	IN-person Location
Sunday, August 7, 2022	3:00 - 4:15 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hilo - ADRC • Kealakekua - Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple 81-6630 Mamalahoa Highway, Kealakekua • Kailua-Kona - Hawaii Island Community Health Center (prev. known as West Hawaii Community Health Center, same organization, new name!); 74-5214 Keanalehu Drive - Kealakehe Conference Room
Thursday, October 6, 2022	9:00 - 10:15 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hilo - ADRC • Waikoloa - Highlands Center • Waimea - Tutu's House

Zoom Workshop Registration:

Online: <https://www.communityfirsthawaii.org/registration>

In-Person Workshop Registration:

Online: <https://www.communityfirsthawaii.org/registration>

Or call: **Annie Maeda, 808-987-1230** for Hilo, Waikoloa, Kailua-Kona, Kealakekua
Shawn Saito, 808-885-6777 for Waimea



Scan this QR code to Register Online

What to Expect at our Workshop:

- A step-by-step explanation on how to complete your AHCD
- If you have a Living will, Health Care Power of Attorney, or Advance Health Care Directive, learn how to review it to ensure it meets your current needs
- Learn how to choose the person who will speak for you if you should be unable to communicate due to illness or accident. Learn the importance of talking to your loved ones about the kind of medical care you want...or do not want...if you are near the end of your life.

Questions: Call Amy Hamane, 808-443-4033 or Rosemary Burnett, 808-987-4405

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SERVICES

Norma Nakamoto, Funeral & Related Expenses for George Nakamoto
Fern Sapanara, 13th Year Memorial Service for Anthony Miyose
Sandra Taosaka, Funeral & Related Expenses for Sumiko Yamamoto
Claudia Chang, Aoki & Chang Memorial Service

Total - \$1,700.00

FATHERS DAY

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Total - \$1,266.00

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR August, September and October 2022

FIRST YEAR (2021)

08/08 Richard Sasaki

09/20 Asano Matsumoto

THIRD YEAR (2020)

08/24 Bernice Tashima

08/25 Sally Murakami

10/08 Charles Tsuneo Okino

SEVENTH YEAR (2016)

08/28 Fumie Kobayakawa

09/05 Kiyoshi Nakamura

09/19 Zane Fujimoto

10/01 Misae Clara Tokunaga

10/07 Kikuye Kadohiro

10/17 Chiyoko Kawasaki

THIRTEENTH YEAR (2010)

08/24 Masami Iwashita

09/13 Kumiko Omori

10/25 Tokio Takamoto

SEVENTEENTH YEAR (2006)

09/15 Kazuji Kiriwara

09/20 Emiko Ezuka

09/23 Masao Teshima

09/26 Yoshio Fukumitsu

10/25 Eisho Matsumoto

10/28 Yoshio Harano

TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR (1998)

08/12 Mark Masaichi Onaka

08/15 Shigeko "Doris" Okumura

10/19 Masanori "Windy" Aoki

THIRTY-THIRD YEAR (1990)

08/08 Troy Takao Shiraki

08/28 Noboru Yoshiki

09/19 Michael Toshio Matsumoto

10/05 Yoshio Kondo

10/08 Sueme Ege

10/11 Sue Makida

10/18 Sadaharu Tashima

FIFTIETH YEAR (1973)

08/26 Seki Kadooka

09/22 Akie Matsumoto

10/18 Eiki Kobayashi

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