



JIHO

July 2022



Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

Building Healthy Sanghas: Connecting with Others

Dharma Family Services

Please join us for our hybrid services in July. 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!



Obon Cemetery Service

Sunday, July 3, 2022 at 10:00 am

Obon Family Service

Sunday, July 31, 2022 at 10:00 am

Guest Speaker: Rev. Earl Ikeda

Retired Minister, New York Buddhist Church and Hawaii Kyodan



During Obon we will take time to remember departed loved ones and celebrate our continuing relationship with them. If you would like to honor your loved one(s) at this service please submit their name(s) to the temple office by **Wednesday, July 27**. Please email konahongwanji@twc.com or call 808-323-2993.

Rev. Ikeda will join us live on Zoom from New York for this special service.

For Assistance

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President's Message

Aloha Kona Hongwanji Sangha members,

As we ease into the summer months, In the news we hear about gun and racial violence. So many innocent lives were lost, and as I reflect on the violence I am truly grateful for Amida's wisdom and compassion guiding me through these difficult times.

Our Boy Scouts Troop 59 sponsored a Veterans Memorial service with retired Judge Robert Kim as our guest speaker. Judge Kim's message helped us to reflect on how our veterans paid the ultimate sacrifice to give us the freedom that we enjoy today. However as Judge Kim stated, we cannot take Freedom for granted because it wasn't free it came at a price. Our men and women paid the price as they fought for the right for us to have the freedom that we have today. Our Father's Day service was a day that our children Harrison Kaneko and Alyssa Tagawa stood tall to honor their fathers, a very touching tribute to their Dads.

If you haven't come to Temple lately, you need to come by and join us for our Sunday Service, besides being able to listen to the Dharma and participate in re-connecting with other Sangha members, you will be sitting on our new pew cushions. These cushions are the product of your generous donations to our 125th Anniversary Celebration.

July, will be a bit lonely for some, due to the absence of our Bon Dance, however, we will continue to have services, beginning with our cemetery Obon service on July 3, Hatsubon service on July 17, and Obon family service on July 31. Our guest speaker for our Obon Family Service will be retired Rev. Earl Ikeda who will be joining us from New York.

We are putting the final touches on the planning of our 125th Anniversary celebration, so please stay tuned for events and activities to come.

I would like to close with a quote from Thich Nhat Hanh for us to ponder, "Peace is not simply the absence of violence; it is the cultivation of understanding, insight, and compassion, combined with action. Peace is the practice of mindfulness, the practice of being aware of our thoughts, our actions, and the consequences of our actions. When we are mindful and cultivate compassion in our daily lives, we diminish violence each day."

In Gassho,

Linda Nagai

An Obon Lesson for Living

Rev. Blayne Higa

Obon is a special time of year when we pause our busy lives to remember loved ones who have been born in the Pure Land. We celebrate our continuing relationship with them during this festival of joyful memory. This act of remembering is healing because it dispels the illusion of separateness that we may feel as we learn to live without our loved ones being physically present.

We come to realize how precious our lives truly are because they are made possible only through numerous causes and conditions which arise from the dynamic working of Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion. Because of our profound connection to our loved ones, we are enabled to live. By remembering them, we gain new appreciation for the causes and conditions which sustain our lives. Shin Buddhist author Hideo Yonezawa shares an appreciation for this fundamental Buddhist concept of *engi* or dependent origination:

Man lives by receiving all things from the universe, like the earth, the air, water, and rice. Even rice cannot be grown without the air and water, the sun and moon. When we begin to see that we are sustained and given life by all things, we awaken to our true self. The self that is nothing but ego is also the self that is sustained by all things. As we live, we continue to awaken to our true self. This is the life of being born in the Pure Land.

This is the working of Namo Amida Butsu which is asking us to remember our true selves. Every moment of our lives is an opportunity to cross over from the world of delusion to the world of awakening. The wish of all enlightened beings is for us to realize the wonder and joy of living in this present moment. This includes our loved ones who have attained awakening in the Pure Land and who have become one with the dynamic activity of Amida's light which embraces us. They live within Namo Amida Butsu which is ever present in our lives.



What a wonderful way to live with a profound appreciation for the miracle of living which is enabled not through our own strength but that of all things. Rev. Shin'ei Takamatsu shares, "My life is not a mere point that exists someplace. Rather, my life exists at a crossroad of a line of innumerable life that extends horizontally and intersects with a line of innumerable life that extends vertically. I have received a truly precious life."

Obon is a celebration of our interdependent and interconnected life through remembering our loved ones. The beautiful lanterns that we set up gently illuminates our journey of memory and connection each year. Let's take comfort and find new meaning in this ancient festival of grateful remembrance. 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*

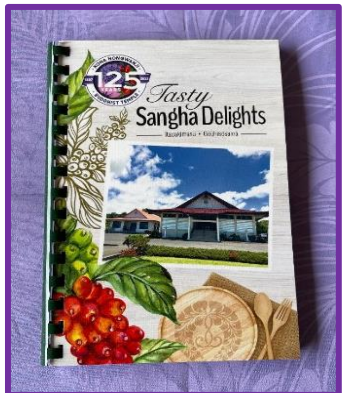
Adopt an Obutsudan

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(in various sizes) 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.

125TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

CRAFT FAIR
SATURDAY - JUNE 25, 2022
10:00 AM-2:00 PM
SANDY'S DRIVE IN

ANNIVERSARY LOGO ITEMS



Military Remembrance Service



On June 12th we were honored to have Judge Robert Kim and his wife Susan join us for our Military Remembrance Service honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Judge Kim offered a powerful reminder of how each of us is responsible for improving our community and preserving our democratic values for future generations.

Father's Day Service



At our Father's Day Service on June 19th, Dharma School students Alyssa Tagawa and Harrison Kaneko shared heartfelt and funny reflections about their dads. Rev. Blayne also shared a message on how Shinran Shonin thought of Shakyamuni Buddha and Amida Buddha as our mother and father who skillfully teach and guide us throughout our lives. We should celebrate all our parents by blood and parents through love that make our lives possible.



Emergency Preparedness

Hurricane season in Hawaii began on June 1st and will run till November 30th. It's important to have an emergency plan and kits ready to keep your family safe. Useful information on how to prepare for emergencies can be found on the following websites:

County of Hawaii Civil Defense

<https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/departments/civil-defense/emergency-preparedness>

Hawaii Emergency Management Agency

<http://dod.hawaii.gov/hiema/>

Hawaiian Electric Emergency Preparedness Handbook

<https://www.hawaiianelectric.com/safety-and-outages/storm-center/emergency-preparedness-handbook>

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