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October 2022



Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

Building Healthy Sanghas: Connecting with Others

Dharma Family Services & Events

Please join us for our hybrid services in October. All services will begin at 10:00 am (unless otherwise noted). A Zoom 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 in person or online!

Hawaii District Service

Sunday, October 2, 2022, at 10:00 am

Guest Speaker: Rev. Yuki Sugahara

Resident Minister, Oregon Buddhist Temple

Hosted by Honokaa Hongwanji, this district service is sponsored by the Hawaii District Ministers Association.

Watch at home or join us at Kona Hongwanji to participate together.

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81783725904?pwd=R1Z3c0VjS0lIMEZZdXYzQlVsdkgxZz09>

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## 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Events

### Bon Dance & Craft Fair

Saturday, October 15, 2022, 5:00 pm—10:00 pm

### Commemoration Service and Luncheon

Sunday, October 16, 2022, at 10:00 am

Ceremonial Procession and Chigo Parade begins at 9:30am

Bishop Eric Matsumoto will officiate this special service commemorating our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87524867405?pwd=TFhka1J2RTRoTis2cmdrRFRRRHYZdz09>

### Kieshiki (Affirmation Rites) Ceremony

Sunday, October 16, 2022, at 2:00 pm

This is a formal ceremony for those who aspire to follow the Buddhist path by taking refuge in the Three Treasures of Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. A *Homyo* or Dharma Name will be given during the Kieshiki. Participants must have pre-registered in September. Everyone is welcome to attend to support those joining the fellowship of Shinshu followers.

**KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

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### For Assistance

**Office Clerk:** Ramah DeMello (Phone: 808-323-2993 Email: konahongwanji@twc.com)

**Resident Minister:** Rev. Blayne Higa (Emergency only 808-383-9153)

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

### **Pet Appreciation Service**

Sunday, October 30, 2022, at 10:00 am

You are invited to this in-person service honoring the furry, feathered, or fluffy members of our families. We celebrate the companionship and unconditional love they bring into our lives. Pets are most welcome to attend with their owners. Please keep all animals on a leash or in a carrier. You may also bring a photo or memento of a deceased pet to be remembered.

### **2022 Sustaining Membership**

If you haven't already done so, please remember to submit your annual membership pledge before the end of the year. This is also a great opportunity to update your current contact information with us! We rely on your support to help ensure our temple is a spiritual home where we can create Sangha together through sharing the Dharma. Mahalo!

### **2023 Calendar Order**

Orders are now being taken for the 2023 Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Calendar  
Please contact the Temple Office at 808-323-2993.

### **President's Message**

Aloha Kona Hongwanji Sangha,

Our milestone celebration is upon us, and I place my hands together to say arigatou gozaimasu, for boarding our Sangha boat on our journey to the next 125 years.

The Sangha is made up of the power of all the different members of the Sangha body. Everyone contributes their energy, even the people who have just arrived have also contributed their energy to the Sangha boat.

Saturday, October 15, we will have our Craft Fair featuring craft created by members of our Sangha and community. The Bon Dance has returned, a celebration of joy "Kangi-e", as we joyfully celebrate 125 years of sharing the Dharma in Kona. Come and join us in this joyful celebration, where you can enjoy, some of the traditional Bon Dance foods, such as "Andagi".

Sunday October 16, we will begin with our Chigo parade showcasing our youngest Sangha members, and children of friends of our Sangha, followed by our morning service, lunch, and affirmation rites. Please join us for this event filled day, and please be sure to call in your RSVP for lunch.

Let's celebrate this milestone together. Along with Rev. Blayne, and the Kyodan Board, we look forward to personally extending our gratitude to you, for your continued support of our Temple.

In Gassho,

Linda Nagai

### **Celebrating 125 Years of Sangha**

**Rev. Blayne Higa**

Aloha! As we celebrate our 125th Anniversary, we reflect on the importance of building and nurturing community through living the Buddha-Dharma. Like previous generations, we take refuge in the Sangha because we are nourished in body, mind, and spirit as a community of fellow travelers on the Nembutsu Path.

Shakyamuni Buddha taught that a true community has a good teaching at its center. Since 1897, Kona Hongwanji has been a community grounded in the life-giving and life transforming teaching of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow which embraces us unconditionally. With a heart and mind of true entrusting, each successive generation has nurtured Shinran Shōnin's teaching and has ensured its light continues to shine brightly in the lives of all who seek wisdom and compassion in our often chaotic and turbulent world.



Our Sangha is inspired by the spirit of the early Nembutsu followers who struggled to make a life for themselves on the rocky and fertile slopes of Mauna Loa. Their ability to thrive in a sometimes-harsh environment was made possible through their unwavering confidence in the veracity of the Buddha's teaching. Living with profound gratitude, they persevered through many hardships and succeeded in building a vibrant temple community that we are responsible for cultivating today. We are their legacy, as we continue share the living Nembutsu with future generations. This is the living spirit of *Jishin kyo ninshin*—of "securing our own entrusting heart to the Dharma and guiding others to the same path." Let's continue to journey together as friends and disciples of the Buddha.

Please join us as we celebrate this milestone on October 15 & 16. We have a full weekend of events planned with a Bon Dance & Craft Fair, Commemoration Service & Luncheon, and a *Kieshiki* (Affirmation Rites) Ceremony.

A heartfelt mahalo to all the members and friends who have made this celebration possible. Your selfless dedication is a testament to the power of community. Living and working together as Sangha is a lesson in the truth of interdependence. The strength of our community is found in the individuals who choose to call our temple home. Sangha is truly 'Ohana at Kona Hongwanji.

Congratulations and best wishes! May we always be guided by the light of All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion. 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*

### Peace Day Bell Ringing



On September 21, we joined the annual Peace Day bell ringing sponsored by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Members of our temple community gathered to ring bells in celebration of peace. It was a special moment to share in the wish for peace with so many from around the world.

### In Memoriam

The Kona Hongwanji Sangha extends its deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the following members who realized birth in the Pure Land. May you find comfort and peace in the Nembutsu. Namo Amida Butsu

Sumiko Yamamoto (May 1, 2022)  
Yukiko Nakayama (May 21, 2022)  
Mitsue Akazawa (June 4, 2022)  
Wally Ichishita (June 18, 2022)  
Donald Fujiwara (July 22, 2022)





On September 25, Rev. Alan Urasaki was our guest minister for our Autumn Ohigan Service as we celebrated the changing of the seasons from Summer to Fall. His family also joined us for service and fellowship.



## IT'S HERE! OUR 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Come dance the night away with us on Saturday, October 15, 2022. We're kicking off our celebration with our first post-covid bon dance. We're also having food and craft booths! Booths open at 5:00 PM and a service and dancing starts at 6:00 PM.

We start our Sunday, October 16 celebration with a Chigo parade at 9:00 AM. Hawaii's beautiful keiki will be dressed in Chigo kimonos and adornments and will parade around our temple for all to enjoy.



The parade will be followed by a service at 10:00 AM officiated by Bishop Eric Matsumoto. Please attend the service in the temple and enjoy the new pew cushions and see the new carpet and altar ornaments, all of which were made possible by your generosity.

A luncheon will follow the service with lucky number door prizes for Hawaiian Airlines and KTA gift certificates and beautiful orchid plants. We hope you have already RSVP'D for the luncheon. If not, please do so ASAP! 125<sup>th</sup> Appreciation Gifts will also be distributed that day.

We will conclude our weekend celebration on Sunday with an Affirmation Rites service at 2:00 PM officiated by Bishop Eric Matsumoto.

The donor plaque will be completed after the celebration and displayed in the temple. The time capsule will be filled to include items from our celebration weekend before it is "buried" for 50 years.

Volunteers are needed after the bon dance to help with taking down the lanterns, putting back the chairs into storage and setting up the hall for the luncheon on Sunday. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated! DOMO ARIGATO.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS—October 2022

### HAKASOJI and NOKOTSUDO

|                            |                                |                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Mr. & Mrs. Russell Everett | Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Fujino      | Nobuko Aoki    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Hiroki Ishimaru | Mr. & Mrs. Earl Matsuyama      | Emiko Kaneko   |
| Mr. & Mrs. Tami Murakami   | Mr. & Mrs. Lance Okamura       | Pauline Morita |
| Mr. & Mrs. Norman Takeoka  | Mr. & Mrs. Masakatsu Tsukahara | Carol Zakahi   |
|                            | Total - \$720.00               |                |

### JHO

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Mr. & Mrs. Shizuya Sakata      | Mr. & Mrs. Lance Okamura  | Emiko Kaneko |
| Mr. & Mrs. Masakatsu Tsukahara | Mr. & Mrs. Norman Takeoka | Nobuko Aoki  |
| Carol Zakahi                   |                           |              |
|                                | Total - \$225.00          |              |

### HI KYODAN

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Mr. & Mrs. Russell Everett | Mr. & Mrs. Hiroki Ishimaru | Emiko Kaneko |
| Mr. & Mrs. Earl Matsuyama  | Mr. & Mrs. Norman Takeoka  |              |

### CAPITAL FUND

|                            |                            |              |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Mr. & Mrs. Russell Everett | Mr. & Mrs. Hiroki Ishimaru | Emiko Kaneko |
| Mr. & Mrs. Norman Takeoka  |                            |              |

### OBON

|                       |                           |                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Mr. & Mrs. Bert Maedo | Mr. & Mrs. Takeo Nakasone | Ellen Nishikawa |
| Nobuko Aoki           | Anna Kaku                 | Doris Yamashita |
|                       | Total - \$155.00          |                 |

### AUTUMN OHIGAN

|                  |                           |                      |
|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Anonymous        | Mr. & Mrs. Ichiro Shikada | Mr. & Mrs. John Tsue |
| Miyuki Inouye    | Sandy Iwashita            | Nora Koyanagai       |
| Myrna Kunihiro   | Satsuko Matsuoka          | Morris Nagata        |
| Elaine Nakagawa  | Norma Nakamoto            | Keith Nishihara      |
| Kristy Nishihara | Keira Nishihara           | Ellen Nishikawa      |
|                  | Total - \$298.00          |                      |

### SUNDAY SERVICE

|                           |                            |                           |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bart Aoki & Martin Low    | Geri Ann Aoki-Davidson     | Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gusman  |
| Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Kaneko | Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Nishina | Mr. & Mrs. Norman Takeoka |
| Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kaneko  | Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Takiue  | Mr. & Mrs. John Tsue      |
| Mr. & Mrs. Dean Uemura    | Lisa Ciriako               | Mary Katayama             |

**Acknowledgements continued:**

|               |                  |                 |
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| Janet Lindner | Alan Matsumoto   | Chizu Nakashima |
| Suga Suzuki   | Morris Nagata    | Elaine Nakagawa |
|               | Total - \$375.00 |                 |

**SERVICES**

Norma Nakamoto, Inurnment service for George Nakamoto  
Hanako Sheldon, Robert Sheldon's 30<sup>th</sup> year Memorial  
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn M. Uchimura, Memorial Service for Kazuo & Taeko Uchimura  
Maile Fujiwara, Funeral & Related Expenses for Donald Fujiwara  
Jeffrey Ichishita, Funeral & Related Expenses for Wally Ichishita, Aiko Ichishita's Hatsubon  
Total - \$1,800.00

**HIROSHIMA REMEMBRANCE**

|                           |                            |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Anonymous                 | Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gusman   | Mr. & Mrs. Norman Takeoka  |
| Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Takiue | Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Uyeda   | Mr. & Mrs. Hiroki Ishimaru |
| Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Kaneko | Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kaneko   | Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Nagata    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Nakano  | Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Nishina | Mr. & Mrs. John Tsue       |
| Lisa Ciriako              | Jean Kadooka               | Mary Katayama              |
| Kenneth Komo              | Alan Matsumoto             | Chizu Nakashima            |
| Susan Nakamoto-Takimoto   | Claudia Chang              | Janet Lindner              |
| Kona Hiroshima Kenjin Kai | Morris Nagata              | Molly Takashiba            |
| Lilly Ushiroda            |                            |                            |
|                           | Total - \$595.00           |                            |

**SPECIAL DONATIONS**

|                                            |                             |                             |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Yoshiko Kadooka                            | Myrna Kunihiro              | Lori Marcello               |
| Joyce Masaki                               | Yoga Class                  | Nobuko Aoki                 |
| Annette Green                              | Stephen McCallion           | Mr. & Mrs. Bert Maedo       |
| Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Ikeda                     | Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kunitomo | Mr. & Mrs. Chetna McCallion |
| Satsuko Matsuoka, Project Dana             |                             |                             |
| Emiko Kaneko, Project Dana, Dharma School  |                             |                             |
| Patrick Komo, Social Concerns              |                             |                             |
| Mr. & Mrs. Shizuya Sakata, Social Concerns |                             |                             |
| Mr. & Mrs. Bert Maedo, Social Concerns     |                             |                             |
| Mr. & Mrs. Norman Takeoka, Social Concerns |                             |                             |
| Susie Villasenor Yamane, Taiko             |                             |                             |
|                                            | Total - \$1,271.00          |                             |

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**IN MEMORY OF**

Carol Kawachi, IMO C.M. Tokunaga and J.I. Tokunaga

Ellen Nishikawa, Judith Polito, Leeanne Sako and Stanford Nishikawa, IMO Sueme Ege

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Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gusman and Ohana, IMO Shigeko "Doris" Okamura

Stan & Kathy Okamura and Ohana, IMO Shigeko "Doris" Okamura

Kelvin Kiyota, IMO Shigeko "Doris Okamura"

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Sandy Iwashita, IMO Masami Iwashita's 13<sup>th</sup> Year

Melvin Kadohiro, IMO Kikuye Kadohiro

Betty Moriguchi, IMO Agnes Miyagawa, Moriguchi Memorial

Kazumi Oshita, IMO Chiyono Kobayashi, Mildred Imai, George Nakamoto and Ethel Saito

Mr. & Mrs. Minoru Tashima, IMO Bernice Tashima

Elaine Chapman, IMO Peter Matsuoka, Henry Kunitomo, Stanley Kunitomo, Albert Kunitomo and Chayson Matsuoka

Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Kunitake, IMO Yukiko Nakayama, Mitsue Akazawa, Wally & Aiko Ichishita, George & Yukiko Kurozawa

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Matsuda, IMO Matsuko Matsuda

Grace Sasaki, IMO Isao Yoshiki's 50<sup>th</sup> Year & Noboru Yoshiki's 33<sup>rd</sup> Year

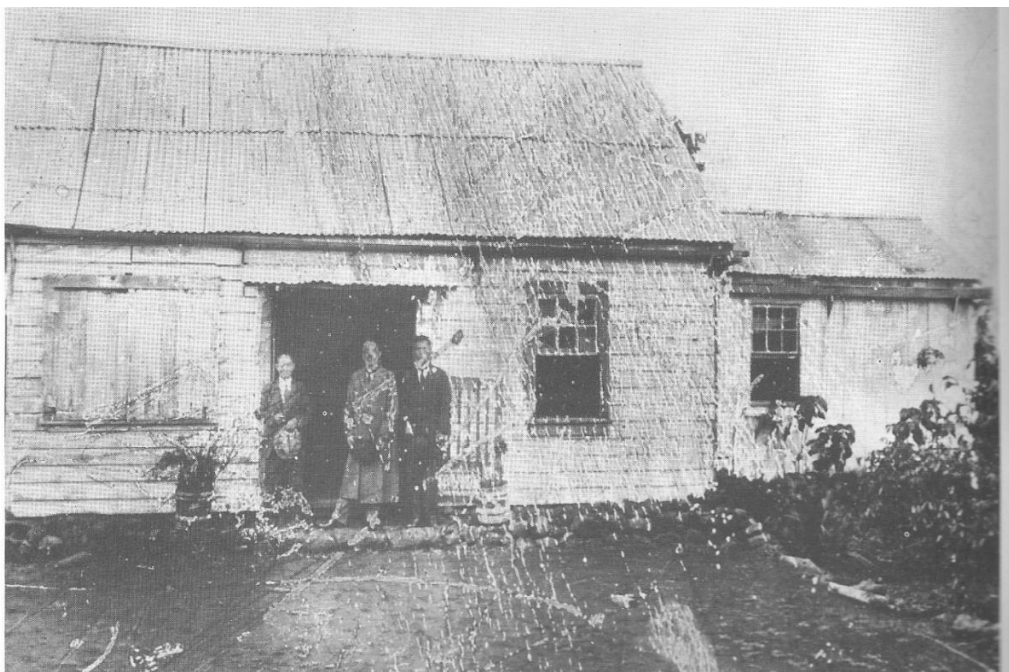
Harry Yoshiki, IMO Isao Yoshiki's 50<sup>th</sup> Year & Noboru Yoshiki's 33<sup>rd</sup> Year

Jane Shiraishi, IMO Isao Yoshiki's 50<sup>th</sup> Year & Noboru Yoshiki's 33<sup>rd</sup> Year

Noreen Shiraki, IMO Troy Shiraki's 33<sup>rd</sup> Year

Mr. & Mrs. James Tashima, IMO Bernice Tashima's 3<sup>rd</sup> Year

Total – 4,105.00



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**MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR October, November and December 2022**

**FIRST YEAR (2021)**

11/02 Flora Fukumitsu

**THIRD YEAR (2020)**

10/08 Charles Tsuneo Okino

11/12 Ukie Saito

12/17 Yoshiyuki Kaneko

12/24 Carl Taniyama

12/30 Yoshie Tanaka

**SEVENTH YEAR (2016)**

10/01 Misae Clara Tokunaga

10/07 Kikuye Kadohiro

10/17 Chiyoko Kawasaki

11/15 Bernice Etsuko Yoshida

12/03 Elaine Sumie Piltz

12/11 Toshie Izuno

12/29 Toshie Shirota

**THIRTEENTH YEAR (2010)**

10/25 Tokio Takamoto

11/22 Richard Kitae Tanaka

11/26 Earl Teshima

11/29 George Matsumoto

**SEVENTEENTH YEAR (2006)**

10/25 Eisho Matsumoto

10/28 Yoshio Harano

11/10 Stanley Noboru Nagata

11/16 Moto Nakasone

11/19 Sayoko Murai Sakata

12/12 Richard Hideo Sakamoto

12/26 Toshiko Nakamura

**TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR (1998)**

10/19 Masanori "Windy" Aoki

11/22 Chiyome Shimamoto

**THIRTY-THIRD YEAR (1990)**

10/05 Yoshio Kondo

10/08 Sueme Ege

10/11 Sue Makida

10/18 Sadaharu Tashima

10/23 Michiko Masunaga

11/13 Genichi Yukuno

12/08 James Tsugio Kondo

**FIFTIETH YEAR (1973)**

10/18 Eiki Kobayashi

11/21 Yoshimatsu Fukuzaki

12/22 Gunichi Ohta

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