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Embrace Change: Transformation (Walk in Peace)

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Message from Bishop Eric Matsumoto



As we enter the Summer, right around the corner is the Fourth of July holiday. While it is a time to relax and celebrate with picnics and fireworks, let us not forget the significance of the Holiday. The most well-known icon of the United States of America, the Statue of Liberty holds a tablet in her arms with the date July 4, 1776 written on it. Further, on the pedestal at the base of the statue it says "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." In recent times, with all that is happening in our troubled Nation and around the World and also our own observance of the 150th Anniversary of the First Japanese Arrival in Hawaii, I have found new inspiration and appreciation of what America stands for and the hope it gives to millions and millions of people all over the world especially to immigrants. As I reflect, my own maternal great grandparents immigrated to Hawaii in 1899 with the hope and dream of a better life. Life was hard and the challenges many, but with each passing generation life improved and their descendants, of which I am only one, are grateful for their decision and struggles.

However, there is another reason for which I am grateful. My family, both maternal and paternal, were also Nembutsu followers. As they immigrated to a new land, they also brought with them their religion, Jodo Shinshu. The Jodo Shinshu Teachings, the Nembutsu provided them with hope, strength, courage and stability in a world and life that, at first, was foreign, unfamiliar and froth with uncertainties in so many ways. It was the one beacon that was stable, unchanging, constant and ever present which they knew they could rely upon no matter what else happened. As the Great Pure Land Master Shan-tao said, "The Buddha embraces never to forsake, thus, the Buddha is named Amida." Hence, my maternal grandparents brought with them a scroll of Amida Buddha. This scroll was given to Tamayo and myself on our wedding day at the Reception with all of the guests and family in attendance as witnesses. For me, it is an expression of the aspiration that

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Calendar of Events

JULY

Sun	7	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Tues	9	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	14	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
		11:00 AM	Dharma Discussion
Sun	21	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	28	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
		10:30 AM	LHWA Meeting

AUGUST

Sun	4	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Sun	11	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
		11:00 AM	Dharma Discussion
Tues	13	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	18	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Wed	21	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Kauai Hongwanji Council BSC Summer Session Seminar on Kauai To be held at LHM. Speaker: Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara (Supervisor minister at Berkeley Buddhist Temple) See page 6 for more information.
Sun	25	8:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

Columbarium

Please note the
new hours for the
Columbarium are
8 am to 5 pm daily.



Visitation Schedule

Privacy and confidentiality rights of individuals limit the clergy from visiting persons in medical, residential and care-home facilities without the express request/consent of the family. Our minister is happy to visit members and friends, but by law, such visits require a referral from the family. Please contact Shaku Kaufmann at 245-6262 or 245-4543.

July	Visitation	Schedule	
Wed	July 10	2:30 PM	Regency at Puakea, Service/Visitation
Wed	July 17	9:30 AM	Mahelona Hospital Ext. Care, Service/Visitation
Tues	July 30	10:00 AM	Garden Isle Health Care, Service/Visitation

Members and friends are welcome to accompany the minister at service and visitation outreach. Please contact Shaku Kaufmann in a timely way.

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Tamayo and I, as individuals, would also become aware of and appreciate the Great Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha and Shinran Shonin's aspiration of "May there be peace in the world and may the Buddha's Teaching spread!" The message of All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion is the attainment of Supreme Enlightenment equally by one and all including and especially of this imperfect and limited self. This promise has not changed and continues to call out to each and every one of us.

Most recently, at the World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council Meeting held in Kyoto, attended by our State President Pieper Toyama and Executive Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Kazunori Takahashi, I had the honor of giving the following greeting at a dinner.

"Tonight, on behalf of the 4 Overseas Districts (of Buddhist Churches of America, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada, South America Hongwanji Mission, and Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii), I would like to offer our sincere greetings and also our deepest appreciation.

In this ancient capital of Kyoto wrapped in the verdure of Early Summer to His Eminence Gomonsu Kojun Ohtani and the Members of the Board of Governors and all others (of the various departments) with whom we have the pleasure of meeting as Fellow Travelers who rejoice in the Nembutsu, it is such a pleasure and joy to meet you.

Further, as we heard, earlier today, from the Governor General Bishop Chiko Iwagami about the focus of our Denomination based on the words of Shinran Shonin and brought about by the guidance of Gomonsu on the importance of how we live our life as Nembutsu Followers, and the needed new approach as we reach out to others to share the Nembutsu Dharma, we of the Overseas Districts too, pledge to do our utmost by embracing it and will try our best to share the Nembutsu Teachings in a way that will resonate with others.

Also, I would like to express our appreciation for the continuous support and guidance we receive from all of you (in Japan) including the Hongwanji International Center Staff not only for this Coordinating Council Meeting, but always. Lastly, thank you for this Fellowship Dinner which will strengthen our bond with each other as a world-wide Hongwanji Sangha. Thank you very much. Namo Amida Butsu."

It is the sincere aspiration of Gomonsu that more people will come to know about the Great Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha and the Denomination with new energy is moving to make this a reality. In Hawaii Kyodan's 130th Anniversary year in Hawaii with our 2019 Theme and Slogan of Embrace Change: Transformation (Walk in Peace) and as we head towards the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teachings (in 2023) may we each also embrace Amida Buddha's, Shinran Shonin's and Gomonsu Kojun Ohtani's aspiration as people of Nembutsu.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Gathering of Joy

I experienced something this past Obon on 21-22 June in Lihue. I wish I could share it with everyone who was there, particularly the Sangha members and volunteers. I tried to, at the time, but it was not possible because everyone was so busy. If you should know any of the volunteers, maybe you could let them know.

To say that there was a lot of work done is an understatement to be sure, but I am talking about the spirit in which it was done. I was probably exposed to that spirit past at other temples but I did not have the eyes to recognize it at those times.

As you probably know, Obon is sometimes called Kangi-e. It consists of two kanji both meaning joy, but this is an intense joy.

Every time I have gone to an Obon dance I have had a hard time equating Joy with the occasion perhaps because of so many of my family members passing away within a matter of a few years. Maybe it was the feeling of remorse I felt for not having been an attentive relative as I should or could have been. It was sheer selfishness on my part and I am ashamed of that. What was I thinking that they were going to live forever? Did I think that somehow, the law of impermanence did not apply to my family? Well I found out that it did apply in a devastating way and I had the nerve to feel sorry for myself. Where was the Joy I asked selfishly? This was certainly not the first time I had felt sorry for myself. I should have suspected that.

This time though, it was different. As I was at the temple I looked at all the small chochin on which I had written names, and I apologized to each one of them for my self-centeredness. I guess I was trying to take responsibility for it.

To get back to the preparations for the dance, as any Sangha member knows, the effort towards the completion is massive and it involved many people. All of them were volunteers. Some I saw on a weekly basis while others I did not know but there they were helping out, doing what they could. There they were, helping with the yagura, marking the dance area as well as the eating area, setting up tables for the Country Store, serving counters, and game booths for the keiki preparing and cooking food, cookies, rice, meats, veggies and noodles for saimin and meals and snacks. It was really impressive. Even though they were short-handed this year, it got done.

The attitude with which it was done is what struck me, short-handed or not, people worked together, harmoniously and usually good naturedly. Oh sure, there may have been some friction at times, but that friction came from folks caring about what they had to do and were doing.

Whatever had to be done, there was an element of joy involved, some of it subdued and some of it apparent. I got in on the meat skewering for the barbeques (I had to be schooled in technique) and the folks were joking and teasing and playing with one another. That good feeling continued all through the week right into the dance nights.

Someone had told me that they thought Lihue had the best tasting food during the Obon dance. I wondered about that and had a realization of what could cause that. I am not trying to get metaphysical on you or anything but I really think that the aloha with which the food had been prepared added to its flavor and to the whole event itself.

I know that most folks will think of Obon success or lack thereof, in terms of monies realized but in terms of making it a "Gathering of Joy" which is its purpose, you were a smashing success. So thank you, thank you for helping me grow and that "Gathering of Joy".

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pieper J. Toyama, President

This year I am focusing my time and attention on four issues. At the half-way point in the year, I want to report on progress made on the four areas.

1. EVALUATING TEMPLE LANDS TO DETERMINE REVENUE-PRODUCING OPPORTUNITIES

- a. We have sent letters to temples to be evaluated.
- b. Consultant Harry Yada of Hilo Betsuin has begun to look at deeds and leases.
- c. Among the land holdings that is being assessed is the Buddhist Study Center.
- d. Temples whose lands are being evaluated may meet with the Bishop and me to discuss the project.

2. PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM* FOR INDIVIDUAL TEMPLES

- a. A Pilot Project may include the Aiea, Hilo Betsuin, Jikoen, Windward, Wailuku, and Puna temples.
- b. The materials and information that will be shared at the training sessions for temples participating in the Pilot Project are being developed.
- c. The target month for piloting temples to launch is this coming Fall in conjunction with Eitaikyo Services.
- d. *Planned Giving is a way of leaving funds to a temple after one's passing.

3. IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN HQ AND ALL TEMPLE MEMBERS

- a. The June and December issues of the HQ Update will share the breadth of Hawaii Kyodan activities that are happening throughout the state.
- b. All temples are requested to include the entire June and December issues of the HQ Update in their monthly newsletter.
- c. This effort will help to insure that all of our members know of the activities of Hawaii Kyodan. In this way, we hope to give meaning to being a member of Hawaii Kyodan.

4. HAWAII KYODAN FUNDRAISER

- a. We have not yet taken any action on this initiative.

5. TEMPLE CONSOLIDATION

- a. At the May meeting of the Board of Directors, Bishop Matsumoto reported that the Research and Planning Committee has opened discussions on guidelines for Temple Consolidation or Temple Closing. Bishop emphasized that any change in status of a temple should be smooth and well thought-out and benefit all. He explained that HQ's involvement will focus on developing a win-win situation for all entities involved.

WORLD JODO SHINSHU COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING

Each year the bishops and the presidents from the overseas districts gather to discuss issues shared by overseas Hongwanji temples. This annual gathering is called the World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council Meeting. This year Bishop Matsumoto, Rev. Takahashi, and I represented Hawaii Kyodan.

The single item of importance to all overseas districts was the establishment and funding of the Jodo Shinshu International Office (JSIO) that will be located in San Francisco. We have been tracking the development of this office for over three years so it was exciting to learn that it will become a reality this year.

The purpose of the JSIO is to provide the world's people with more opportunities to encounter the Nembutsu teachings.

The priority projects of the JSIO include:

1. Further development of Existing Programs (International Ministerial Orientation Program [IMOP] and the Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course [JSCC]).
2. Development of New Programs (educational materials for ministers, quarterly journal, website, English-language publications, Buddhist Speakers Bureau, activities to connect overseas ministers with ministers in Japan).

To read the full edition of the Headquarters Update, please visit the website: <https://www.lihuchongwanjimission.com/honpa-hongwanji-information/>

Jodo Shinshu Everyday Life

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara**
(Supervisor minister at Berkeley Buddhist Temple)



Rev. Kuwahara returned to Japan to work at the Hongwanji International Department and shortly thereafter was appointed as Kaikyoshi Minister and Coordinator for the Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course (English) and International Ministerial Orientation Program both operated out of the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley. In 2010, Rev. Kuwahara joined the Institute of Buddhist Studies serving as a member of the Adjunct Faculty. He became Co-Director of the Center for Buddhist Education in 2012. He is a supervisor minister at Berkeley Buddhist Temple since 2018.

Lihue Hongwanji at 245-6262, West Kauai Hongwanji at 335-3195 or Kapaa Hongwanji at 822-4667.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email address: _____
Address: _____ Temple: _____

- ☐ Number of Participants () Donation Amount (\$)
☐ Cash
☐ Check (Check Number)

*Please fill in this form and indicating number of participants, donation amount and method of payment, you are registering for. Turn in to your temple by August 14. (Check payable to: Kauai Hongwanji Council) Registrations will be also accepted at the door, but your timely submission is greatly appreciated.



LHWA NEWS

New Members Welcome

Theme for 2019:

Let's Have Fun!

LHWA Meetings

All meetings will begin after service

July 28

September 15

November 3

More photos & information are available for

LHWA on our website at: [https://](https://www.lihuehongwanjimission.com/organizations-activities/lihu-e-hongwanji-women-s-association/)

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Check it out!

Sushi, Takuan, Cucumber Kim Chee, Musubi, Dancers' Refreshments

Mahalo to the following for their donation:

Anne Coyle
Arlene Fujikawa
Beverly Gotelli
Alice Inouye
Carl Matsumura
Lynette Mizuo
Karen Nishimoto
Colleen Nonaka
Marian Ogata
Gail Shibuya
Spencer Tada
Edith Ushio
Helen Yamaguchi
Carolyn Yamasaki
Charlotte Yasumoto



Anne Coyle, Beverly Gotelli, Laurretta Hadama, Debbie Harris, Shirley Hashimoto, Jean Kurosaki, Joan Kurosaki, Hiroko Kurashige, Carl Matsumura, Aki Matsuyama, Kenneth Mizuo, Robert Nishimoto, Colleen Nonaka, Jolene Ogle, Ann Ogata, Marian Ogata, Caroline Ozaki, Betsy Sakoda, Gail Shibuya, Naomi Sugihara, Carolyn Yamasaki, Carol Valentine, Charlotte Yasumoto.

Co- Chairpersons,
Arlene Fujikawa, Karen Nishimoto, Lynette Mizuo.

Thank you also to the many volunteers who assisted with cooking and the preparing items for sale:



A big thank you goes out to all the hard working chair people and their team of workers for making another successful Bon Dance. We all worked hard and had fun working together. To those who were unable to come out and help but participated in the Bon Dance, your presence was greatly appreciated. To the general public, thank you for attending our Bon Dance and hope to see you all next year.

In Gassho,

Tommy Oi and Gail Shibuya, Bon Dance Co-Chairs



The newsletter has printed the names of committee members as received. If you do not see your name or committee listed, please know that your help and assistance are so very appreciated. We are grateful to all who come to help LHM every year for Bon Dance. Without all of the many volunteers, Obon would not happen.

Mahalo to those who came out on June 17 to fill up the plastic eggs used in the "egg toss" during our bon dance



intermission. The following people came to help: Colleen Nonaka, Lori Koga, Avis Hirahara, Gerald Miller, Jean Kurosaki, Joan Kurosaki, Taylor Nishimoto, Karen Nishimoto and Diane Fukuyama.
Colleen Nonaka



Thank you to Gilbert and Judy Fujimoto and Leesha Kawamura for

Friday and Saturday nights for helping with the BBQ orders, which helped to take away anxiety.

Jimmy Yamamoto
BBQ Chairperson

2019 KAUAI BUDDHIST COUNCIL BON DANCE SCHEDULE

All Bon Odori will begin at 7:30 pm



July 5-6

No Bon Dance

July 12-13

Kapa'a Jodo

July 19-20

Waimea Higashi

July 26-27

Kapa'a Hongwanji



If there are any errors or if your name is not listed, please call Amy Yamada at 245-6262 between the hours of 9AM and 12 Noon.

FUNERAL SERVICE:

In memory of Shigeno Kuboyama
Lynn Kuboyama

In memory of Hideko Kurosaki
Alvin, Jean & Joan Kurosaki

7 DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE DONATION:

In memory of Shigeno Kuboyama
Lynn Kuboyama
In memory of Hideko Kurosaki
Alvin, Jean & Joan Kurosaki

INURNMENT SERVICE DONATION:

In memory of Shigeno Kuboyama
Lynn Kuboyama

MEMORIAL SERVICE DONATION:

In memory of Fujiko Mamura (1 Yr.)
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In memory of Mikiso & Sadayo Nakai
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In memory of Buster & Momoyo Matsumura
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In memory of Chiyozo "Joe" Shiramizu
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Daniel Yotsuda
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Paul & Caro Shinseki
Ronald Hanaoka

COUNTRY STORE**DONATION:**

Robert & Alma Yotsuda

*Thank
you*

If you would like to have an Obutsudan for your home, please contact Shaku Kaufmann at 245-6262.



We have some lovingly-used Obutsudan that would be a beautiful addition to your home. The altar items for the Obutsudan are also available.

**DHARMA SCHOOL
SUNDAY SERVICE:**

On May 5, 2019, the West Kauai Hongwanji, Lihue Hongwanji and Kapa'a Hongwanji members and friends joined together for a Dharma School Sunday Service at Salt Pond Beach Park in Hanapepe. The setting for the service was beautiful. The gathering consisted of elementary

children, high school students, parents, grandparents and Ministers. Everyone enjoyed the ice breakers, games and activities which were prepared for the various age groups. Lunch and fellowship culminated the event. It was a happy and especially fun day for all.



How inconceivable!
 Throughout the Universe,
 The ceaseless, boundless immeasurable activity of Namo Amida Butsu
 Awakens me to what is real and true.
 This is my reliance,
 My refuge,
 My wholehearted trust.
 (From a translation of the essential meaning of Shoshinge)



MEMORIAL SERVICE (NENKI HOYO)

JULY–AUGUST

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of July and August. In Jodo Shin Buddhism, memorial services are observed to remind the family members of the compassion of Amida Buddha in memory of the deceased.

Lihue Hongwanji Mission recommends that the families and relatives of the deceased members listed below contact the temple office at 245-6262 for an appointment.

1st YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2018

2018 August 5 Erin Tokunaga

3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2017

2017 July 4 Lena Takahashi

2017 August 11 Chiyeno Matsumoto

7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2013

2013 July 15 Takiko Takiguchi

2013 August 17 Noboru Yamaguchi

13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2007

2007 July 5 Yukuma Hayashi

17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2003

2003 July 21 Tamaye Fujii

25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1995

1995 July 6 Tsutomu (Tom) Fujii

1995 July 14 Sanji Fujii

1995 July 20 Yukino Hirota

1995 August 3 Walter Ishii

1995 August 6 Hazel Kurasaki

1995 August 13 Kenneth Higuchi

1995 August 26 Midori Omori

33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1987

1987 July 10 Kinuyo Hiwa

50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1970

1970 July 8 Okayo Iwai

1970 August 22 Isaku Yoshida

1970 August 29 Riu Takamiya

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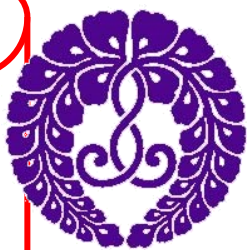


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**Jodo Shinshu in Everyday Life**

Kauai Hongwanji Council, BSC Summer Session
Wednesday August 21, 1:00-3:00 PM at LHM.

Speaker: Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara
(Supervisor minister at Berkeley Buddhist Temple)
See page 6 for more information and registration.
