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**Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity and Openness** 

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### Obon Message Bishop Eric Matsumoto

I am sure you all know that in Hongwanji, we do not worship our ancestors. Rather, Obon is a time we pay our respects to those who have passed on before us. It is a time to honor and

remember them. At first glance, Obon may seem like an observance that focuses on the deceased and the past, but as we delve deeper into the significance of Obon we come to realize that, actually, Obon spans the past, the present and even the future and has much to do with us, the living. Obon encourages us to reflect including self-reflect and become aware of the multiple, innumerable relationships that we have with other people and all that surrounds us. Obon is asking us to become aware of the various causes and conditions that interplay and intertwine for any life and even object to exist. The realization that our life and living is made possible by so many "others" is very humbling and fills one with a deep sense of awe and gratitude. This, to me, is the outcome of the story of Mogallana and his Mother which we hear at Obon time.

Traditionally, when the story of Mogallana and his mother is told the theme of selfishness and self-centeredness is emphasized, but reworded differently this Obon story is about becoming aware of countless causes and conditions emphasizing the supportive relationships we each have with others. Early on in the story, Mogallana and his Mother were only focused on themselves. For me, the message of Obon is the realization or awareness that we are able to live and do so many things, again, not only because of our own efforts, but because of so many others. The deep meaning behind the phrase "Okagesama de" or "Gratefully, I am because of all of you."

A prime example of interdependence is the food we eat each day. From a Buddhist perspective, the plants and animals which are the food we eat is understood as another life. They share the same inochi or Life with a capital L that you and I also have. But in order for me to live, I must partake of their life. In this way, their life supports my life. For this reason, in Buddhism, we often hear the expression, "My life is my life, but at the same time it is not only my life." I have a great responsibility not only to myself, but others too, to live the best possible life I can-a life that will bring peace and happiness to others too.

As many of you know as Buddhist, we place our hands together in anjali or gassho and humble ourselves before the food by saying "Itadakimasu" or "I humbly and gratefully receive this food." It is different from blessing the food. We express our understanding of the preciousness of all life and are expressing

### **Calendar of Events**

### AUGUST 2020

Sun	2	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Wed	5	7:00 PM	<b>Evening</b> Family Dharma Service and Monthly Memorial for <b>August</b>
Sun	9	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Thur	13	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg. (via videoconference)
Sun	16	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Thur	20	4:00 PM	Bon Cemetery Service Lihue Cemetery
Sat	22	4:00 PM	Bon Cemetery Service Kauai Memorial Gardens
Sun	23	9:00 AM	Bon / Hatsubon Service
Sun	30	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

For the Bon Cemetery services on September 20 and 22, please remember to wear a mask and practice physical distancing.



Shaku Kaufmann will conduct a Bon Graveside Service in August at other cemeteries upon request. If you wish to have a service, please call him at 245-6262.

### **Visitation Schedule**

All visitations to care facilities are cancelled until further notice.

#### SEPTEMBER 2020

Sun	6	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Wed.	9	7:00 PM	<b>Evening</b> Family Dharma Service and Monthly Memorial for <b>September</b>
Thur	10	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg. (via videoconference)
Sun	13	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	20	9:00 AM	Peace Day Service
Sun	27	9:00 AM	Fall Ohigan Service



### **Evening Service**

In August & September there will be a Wednesday evening Family Dharma Service / Monthly Memorial Service on August 5 &

September 9 beginning at 7:00 pm. The Wednesday evening service will be a repeat of the previous Sunday Service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Pickleball Pickleball is back on a new night!

Join us on **Monday** evenings from 7:00-9:00pm. The fun

will take place in the social hall. We will begin on Monday August 10. See you then! Just bring your running / tennis shoes.

### **How Are You Doing?**

How are you doing? That's the question we should be asking one another during these difficult and often confusing times. Our attention seems to be being pulled in multiple directions all at once.

Concerning the virus alone there are thoughts on what to do, what to wear, what not to wear, when to wear it, 3 feet or 6 feet distance, not to mention civil rights. Some people are demanding the right to **not** to take precautions against spreading the virus on civic or religious grounds.

Some people are acting like or making believe that the virus really does not exist while desperately looking for that time in the past when there was no pandemic. It is probably a very human reaction to something like this world-wide pandemic

There are people who are listening to those professionals who are knowledgeable about the course of this pandemic and then there are people who are listening seriously to people who have no knowledge of what they are talking about but try to act as if they are knowledgeable. Very confusing times indeed aren't they?

The world is demonstrating against systemic racism and the unequal treatment by authority figures that have been documented throughout our history and that of the world. Now the conspiracy theorists are coming out of the wood work seeing conspiracies everywhere. It seems for every movement there is a counter movement.

There have also been some dramatic demonstrations of compassion shown by our first responders, risking their own lives to save others all over the country and the world. Medical professionals from around our country responded to New York's call for help at the height of their fight against COVID 19 only to return home and have their work questioned as to the reality of the pandemic they had been working against, unbelievable and disgraceful.

In some ways it sounds like parts of our society are in mass denial. First responders working to the point of exhaustion both here and around the world have shown tremendous strength, dedication and compassion during this pandemic.

It is not just the first responders who have shown strength and compassion but ordinary citizens here in Hawaii and on Kauai who do their part to help stem the spreading of the virus by wearing masks, using social distancing or just staying at home.

Our economy has been affected powerfully by what we have had to do in response to this pandemic and we are slowly starting to re-open our communities with the expected result of spreading the virus. Re-opening our communities is a double edged sword, damned if we do, damned if we don't.

Re-opening our communities, while protecting its members, is the new challenge that will require new approaches. Inter-island and international flights by airlines will have to be done in such a manner as to protect their passengers as well as staff and especially local people in the destinations to which they travel.

All of this happening in and around us is enough to make my head spin.

What are we to do? We may be confused in the light of all of this but we are not helpless. We have our Buddhist values that can help guide us as they did our founder Shinran and Rennyo.

The values of openness, inclusiveness, compassion, patience, gratitude and resilience in the face of strife can guide us through these times. What we have less of is instant gratification and we are going to have to put up with that for a while to come.

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our appreciation <u>to</u> the food we are about to eat. We express our gratitude <u>to</u> the plants and animals for their life which will enable me to live another unrepeatable day. Further, the food does not have to be a feast. It could simply be, even, a glass of water.

You might think it is silly to express this kind of respect to a glass of water, but, please permit me to relate this sentiment to our experience with COVID-19. Please do not misinterpret what I am saying, the toll that COVID has taken on human life around the world is just devastating and heartbreaking as so many people are sick and so many have died---my condolences to those who have passed away and their loved ones who have been directly impacted by COVID-19---and the economic challenges that we are facing is staggering, but one thing COVID has made us aware of is that we took so much for granted. I know I did. We took our lifestyle, the so called "normal" for granted. Before COVID, we took for granted being able to go out unrestricted including going out to eat with family and friends. We assumed that we would always have enough food. However, because of COVID-19, many of us have realized just how precious even "normal" really was.

Buddhism brings awareness into our life. Buddha-Dharma tries to make me see beyond myself. It continually tries to awaken me, awaken us, to larger and larger circles of inclusiveness. This was my startling discovery as I started to seriously look at Buddhism. His Eminence Koshin Ohtani, Spiritual Leader Emeritus of our Denomination in his book "The Buddha's Wish for the World" says "Behind every person who is born, there is a long stream of life, called the chain of life, which is necessary for that person to exist. Our parents, grandparents, and ancestors are all woven together into a tapestry of life that goes back in a continuous stream, and it is this stream of life that makes our lives possible. We could well count the years since our mother gave birth to us, but it is also possible to conceive of our lives as the culmination of the past 3.5 billion years. Furthermore, if we limit our scope to the present day, and think of the links that spread out laterally, there is not a single person who lives by himself. It is through our linkage to family and relatives, friends and companions, as well as others that we are able to live."

Looking at life in this way, we can't help but be amazed and humbled. We cannot help but be grateful. Truly, "arigatai" or "How precious and rare." As Buddhists, the gratitude we feel is not an obligation. Gratitude in Buddhism is explained as "knowing what has been done." Professor Dennis Ogawa made famous the saying "For the sake of the children" (Kodomo no tame ni) which summarized the thoughts, feelings and actions of the First Generation and many of the Second Generation. For many of the Second Generation and Third Generation and onward, realizing just how much the previous generations had done for them, I would say, they are responding in gratitude by continuing to try their best. There is the well-known expression "Knowing Gratitude, Respond in Gratitude." Let us respond in gratitude to the love of our family, friends and all that support us including the a'ina. Perhaps, today, when we need to think more globally, the expression "For the sake of the children" could be modified to "For the sake of the world."

As you may have guessed by now, Obon in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism is more for the living than the deceased. In the case of Shin Buddhism, Hongwanji, Obon is described as "A Gathering of Joy" and not as the "Festival of the Dead." In Jodo Shinshu, Obon becomes an occasion to express our joy and gratitude for life and living as we honor and remember our dearly departed and especially for the Unconditional Compassion of Amida Buddha which is extending the promise of

Supreme Enlightenment, unconditionally, to all of us.

For me, the lanterns lit at Obon time are not for welcoming and sending off of the spirits of the deceased, but are hung in memory of our departed loved ones and the gentle soft Continued on page 5

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glow of the light that emanates from the lanterns is the Buddha's Light of Wisdom and Compassion. It is the light of the Buddha-Dharma illuminating my life bringing awareness into it. Buddha-Dharma is about Wisdom-a Perspective, and Compassion-a Love, that is truly all-inclusive and all-embracing and to think we have had the good fortune to encounter and experience this Great Wisdom and Unconditional Compassion. How can we not feel grateful to be included in this immense compassion? How "mottainai" or "What did I ever do to deserve this." As Jodo Shin Buddhists, let us live responding to this Unconditional Compassion which is reaching out to us by reciting the Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu in gratitude and try to live each day with the Teachings as our guide.

To conclude, I leave you the 5 R's of Obon. Obon is a time to **remember** our deceased loved ones, to **reflect** on life, come to a **realize** that which makes life meaningful, **rejoice** over that which makes life so special and to positively **respond** to Great Wisdom and Compassion.

Once again, thank you for allowing us to come into your homes. Please be safe and hope to see you soon at temple. However, regardless of where you are, please know that Great Wisdom and Compassion is always with you!

Namo Amida Butsu.

(Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom & All-Embracing Compassion)

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

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Sometimes we may feel alone in this situation but nothing could be farther from the truth. We are all affected by what is happening today, no one is alone really. We all have people we can reach out to, even if we live alone, family, friends, neighbors and acquaintances.

Usually at the end of a memorial service I encourage the family to take some time to "talk story", reconnect with family and find out how they are doing. That is a gift Hawaiian culture gives to the world. Imagine yourself a stranger in a strange land, even if you are on vacation, it can be a lonely feeling. What if someone comes up to you and starts talking story with you, as we sometimes do with tourists or anyone really. That changes everything. For myself is made me feel very comfortable and welcome and helped me to relax.

This tradition is one of the healthier traditions we have, especially in these times. "Howzit", how are you doing? Then, you take the time to listen.

There are not too many people alive today that have gone through a pandemic and this pandemic has turned our world upside down hasn't it? Although this virus can effect anyone, it is our Kupuna who are most vulnerable. How you doing Auntie, Uncle, Tutu, Papa? Talking story can be a vital extension of your compassion giving comfort to another human being during these strange times. You Kupuna can also help by calling your family members and re-assuring them with a few loving words.

A lot of what is happening is out of our hands but we still have a part to play and it is a very important one so hang in there folks, we'll get through this together.

Namoamidabutsu

### **BISHOP'S CORNER**

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Summer is here! However, it is unusually quiet this year. I wonder "Why?" I know. There's no music in the air. I don't hear "The beat of the taiko goes boom, boom, boom" for Bon Dance. Our circumstances this year, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, prevents us from gathering at our temples for any large scale O-Bon Services and festive Bon Dances. Truly, unfortunate, but at Headquarters we were determined that the

Coronavirus may prevent us from physically gathering, but it will not stop us from expressing and celebrating our spirituality, awareness, joy, gratitude and sense of community. We just have to do it differently this year.

As Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, we have delved into the virtual world as we have never done before and will continue to do so, so that we can continue to be able to keep connected with you and share the Wisdom and Compassion of the Buddha-Dharma with many more people. This year especially this summer, I would like to encourage you to view, at least, three online videos for your enrichment, enjoyment and expression of your Buddhist spirituality. Hence, the title of this message "3, 2, 1 Start x 3."

For those who may need help to view them, I encourage you to ask family and/or friends especially younger people for their assistance and invite them to view it together with you. All of the 3 videos can be viewed on the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii YouTube Channel by going to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Website at <a href="hongwanjihawaii.com">hongwanjihawaii.com</a> and clicking the YouTube banner which appears at the top.

Video #1 "Bon Service for Hawaii" <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?">https://www.youtube.com/watch?</a> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?">v=asvFc7J76Mk</a>

Video #2 "Bon Dance Experience" (Premiere date: August 15, 2020)

Video #3 "Jodo Shinshu Buddhism: A Celebration of Joy and Gratitude" (First premiered from July 8-11, 2020 on Olelo 53 with other showings scheduled for August 1, 2020 on the HHMH YouTube Channel)

To conclude, a final word of thanks to the Hawaii Kyodan New Expressions Committee, the Monshinto Task Force and the Social Media Team including the State Ministers Association for spearheading and your continuing online endeavors in this most challenging of time of COVID-19, with so much suffering and loss of life. Let us be supported, motivated and inspired to persevere and do all we can to improve this situation by remembering how interconnected and interrelated all of our lives are. O-Bon is the perfect time for this kind of reflection, realization and response. It is a time to think about the past, the present and the future, and all peoples and all life, all existence! Thank you very much.

In gassho, Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop

Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion (Amida Buddha) Continued from page 6

Bishop Matsumoto's video messages are also available on the HHMH YouTube Channel: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?</a>

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gN4Up41QotZr6OsqcntoYVyE

## HHMH YOUTUBE CHANNEL PROGRAM

HHMH continues to provide online programs as listed below. Videos will premiere on HHMH YouTube channel and become available ondemand. Please share this information with your family and friends and subscribe to it to continue receiving updates.

https://www.youtube.com/ honpahongwanjimissionofhawaii/

## HHMH 130TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE VIDEO

8/01 7:00pm Jodo Shinshu Buddhism: A Celebration of Joy and Gratitude

### **BON VIDEOS**

7/11-12 Bon Service for Hawaii 8/09 10:00am Bon Japanese Service 8/15 7:00pm Bon Dance Experience

### ONLINE DHARMA MESSAGE

https://www.youtube.com/playlist? list=PL5p2UQ0WgN4DTm65ALR0loYZc2\_OHwwi

## HEALTH CARE HEROES MAHALO VIDEO

Wednesdays 12:00pm "Health Care Treasures" and Essential Workers

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=jE4m3v1KMF8&list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN5sjQAQfeIHck0UAxLmO2Vb

## STATE MINISTERS ASSOCIATION ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICES

https://www.youtube.com/playlist? list=PL5p2UQ0WgN54tvFJtMYBz8 AnnpQpi i

### SENSEIS SAY "HELLO!" SHORT MESSAGES FROM HONPA HONGWANJI MINISTERS

https://www.youtube.com/playlist? list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN6JBTd8tfR3iJIpbKTGa7-K

### **ONLINE OFFERATORY**

If you would like to make an offertory donation to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and/or its temples, please visit the following page to donate online. <a href="https://hongwanjihawaii.com/donate/">https://hongwanjihawaii.com/donate/</a>

To read the full edition of the Headquarters Update, including photos, please visit the website: <a href="https://">https://</a>

www.lihuehongwanjimission.com/honpa-hongwanji-information/

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### LHWA NEWS

## **New Members Welcome**

Theme for 2020 Expand the Sangha

### **LHWA Meetings**

All meetings will begin after service Sept. 6 November 29 Photos & information are available for LHWA on our website at: <a href="https://www.lihuehongwanjimission.com/organizations-activities/lihu-e-hongwanji-women-s-association/">https://www.lihuehongwanjimission.com/organizations-activities/lihu-e-hongwanji-women-s-association/</a> Check it out!

### **Mask Project**

LHWA took on a wonderful project to make 400 masks for Wilcox Elementary School, for use by Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students. Carolyn Yamasaki spearheaded this project with many

volunteers involved in the measuring, cutting and sewing of the masks over a period of 4 days. It was a wonderful example of the interdependence of the many helpers focused on one project to help our local students stay safe and healthy as they begin their new school year. The masks were presented to Principal Cory Nakamura at Wilcox School on July 9th. You may have noticed a front page article and pictures in The Garden Island newspaper on July 10. We are proud of LHWA and the many volunteers for their hard work. Thank you especially to Carolyn Yamasaki for taking on this task.

The volunteers who help with the Mask Project are listed below:

Paula Alquiza (guest volunteer), Ann Coyle, Arlene Fujikawa, Helen Fujimoto, Gladys Fujiuchi, Elaine Fukushima, Diane Fukuyama, Shirley Hashimoto, Avis Hirahara, Alice Inouye, Hiroko Kurashige, Lynne Matsumura, Lynette Mizuo, Dennis Muffly, Janet Niitani, Karen Nishimoto, Marian Ogata, Caroline Ozaki, Gail Shibuya, Rina Takabayashi (guest volunteer), Yoko Takabayashi, Betsy Uyematsu, Carol Valentine, Helen Yamaguchi, Morton Yamasaki, Carolyn Yamasaki

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## PEACE DAY Hawaii September 21st



# Join in our PEACE DAY VIRTUAL CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

We need YOUR help please! For this year's 2020 Peace Day project, we are creating a virtual candlelight vigil via the internet! The video will look like we are lighting a candle flame from one person to another, although we are not together. Included will be members and friends of LHM, Kapa`a and West Kauai Hongwanji. We've invited the Bishop, Honpa President and Mayor too.

The project is very simple and ANYONE with a smart phone can participate!

All you need to do, to be a part of this special project is video yourself with a candle. We will combine everyone's videos into one finished product.

The ending product will not only be fun to watch, but even more exciting to be a part of!

With our fragile world in a crisis and our lives in turmoil, we need to share our love, joy and PEACE with everyone. Please help us spread this symbol of hope for a better future and a more peaceful world....together with your help, we can share with the world what our Kauai Hongwanji ohana is all about.

It's a possibility not every video will make the final cut, so get your videos in quickly.

The final product will be shared on various websites and social media, your submission of video consents to this.

For details on how to take your video, send a email to lhmnews@yahoo.com The latest deadline to accept videos will be Sept.1, 2020. PAGE 10 DHARMA WHEEL 8/2020

### **Preschool Renovation**

Continuing work on the LHM preschool. Prior to the opening of the Preschool, Shaku Kaufmann performed a blessing of the Preschool interior and walked around the outside grounds of the Preschool as a part of his blessing. We thank him for his guidance with this.







# Save the Date 2020 State Lay Association Conference September 11-12, 2020

This year the Annual State Lay Association Conference will not be held in person, due to the concerns about COVID-19, travel and social gatherings.

The good news is that the 2020 State Lay Association will still be held on a virtual basis. So many changes in the new normal.

Stay tuned for more information as it is received.

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.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE DONATION:**

In memory of Shigeno Kuboyama (1 Yr.)

Arlene Fujikawa

In memory of Laura Hirokawa (1 Yr.)

Natsuko Daida

Amy Yamada

Glenn & Gail Shibuya

In memory of Betty Masuda (13 Yrs.)

Arlene Fujikawa

Winston & Marian Ogata

In memory of Tom Tateishi (17 Yrs.)

Glenn & Gail Shibuya

In memory of Howard Tsuchiyama (25 Yrs.)

Lawrence Kashiwabara

In memory of Susumi Daida

Natsuko Daida

In memory of Tomie Inouye

Diane Fukuyama

In memory of Kanichi Sanoo

Diane Fukuyama

In memory of Akiko Higuchi

Warren & Colleen Nonaka

Amy Yamada

In memory of Virginia Duncan

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In memory of Scot Tsuchiyama

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Winston & Marian Ogata

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Barbara Omori

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In memory of George & Elsie Toyofuku

Guy & Lori Toyofuku

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Hiroko Kurashige

In memory of Masa Arita

Jane Arita

In memory of Yoshiake Hiramoto

Marsha Okada

In memory of Mitsuko Higuchi (Mother's Day)

Amy Yamada

In memory of Mamoru Yamada (Father's Day)

Amy Yamada & Family

In memory of Seichi Higuchi (Father's Day)

Amy Yamada

### **SPECIAL DONATION:**

Roy & Carol Fujioka

In memory of Ayako Shibuya, Bernice &

Nancy Quon (Mother's Day)

Glenn & Gail Shibuya

In memory of Laura Hirokawa (Mother's Day)

Glenn & Gail Shibuya

In memory of Joseph Quon & Masaichi Shibuya

(Father's Day)

Glenn & Gail Shibuya

In memory of Masaichi Yamada (Father's Day)

Amy Yamada

### **SPRING HIGAN DONATION:**

Glenn Shibuya

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Morton Yamasaki

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In memory of Misayo Morimoto

Allan & Jean Morimoto

In memory of Masakichi & Tomeyo Yotsuda

Robert & Alma Yotsuda

In memory of Sally Higuchi

Amy Yamada

In memory of Masaichi & Takino Yamada

Amy Yamada

In memory of Arata & Chieko Oda

Suzette Naito

### **BON COLUMBARIUM DONATION:**

In memory of Irene Shimokawa

Suzette Naito

In memory of Masato & Yoshiko Hashimoto

Lawrence Kashiwabara

In memory of Mamoru Yamada

Amy Yamada & Family

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### BON COLUMBARIUM DONATION (con't):

In memory of Seichi, Mitsuko & Akiko Higuchi

Amy Yamada

In memory of Kenneth Higuchi

Amy Yamada

In memory of Bessie Sasaki

Amy Yamada

In memory of Masa Arita

Jane Arita

### **BON SERVICE DONATION:**

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Amy Yamada

Robert & Alma Yotsuda

Daniel Yotsuda

Alice Inouye

Hideko Uemura Rowena Yamada Barbara Omori



Shaku Kaufmann continues to chant Shinran Shonin's Shoshinge each morning in the temple. If anyone would like him to dedicate the chanting in memory of a deceased

loved one, please let him know by calling the temple at 245-6262. Please leave a message if there is no answer. Remember to mention not only your loved one(s)

name(s) but also your name. He can also be reached by email at hawaiisensei@yahoo.com, Please include the same information in your email. Please stay healthy and let us all do our part to help prevent the spread of this virus.



Obon, for those of us of the Jodo Shinshu followers, is not merely a memorial tribute to "console the spirit of the dead", but a more poignant reminder of the duties and responsibilities we owe to ourselves and the living.

Since Buddhism teaches us the interdependency of one another at Obon, we must realize all the more that our fellow beings' happiness must be considered with utmost care.

### With Deepest Sympathy

Because of orders from the state of Hawaii limiting the gathering of large numbers of people, no funerals were held in the past month.

Please keep all medical professionals, health care providers, police, firefighters, EMTs and essential workers in your thoughts for those who have lost their lives as they worked and for those who continue to work at this difficult time.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE (NENKI HOYO) AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of August and September. 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—2019		17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2004			
2019	August 2	Scot Tsuchiyama	2004	September 13	Haruko Yoshishige
	J	,	2004	September 13	Henry Takeo Naganuma
			2004	September 28	Matsuo Maeda
3rd YE	AR MEMORIAL S	SERVICE—2018			
2018	August 5	Erin Tokunaga			
2018	September 9	Miyoshi Fujimoto	25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1996		
			1996	NONE	
7th YE	AR MEMORIAL S	SERVICE—2014			
2014	August 12	Percival Dee Bailey	33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1988		
2014	September 10	(Nakae) Misayo Morimoto	1988	September 7	Ae Ishimoto
2014	September 15	Kiyoshi Nakae	1988	September 7	Bach Koichi Yamamoto
2014	September 20	Yoshiko Moriwaki Kono	1988	September 25	Hideyo Saiki
			1988	September 25	Patsy Masako Fukunaga
13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2008					
2008	August 12	Shizue Kurasaki	50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1971		
2008	September 20	George Hiroshi Toyofuku	1971	August 18	Seiichi Matsushima

September 16

Tokiji Kurosaki

1971

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