



# ONENESS

**KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

**February 2020**

## How clean can the water be?

One day, the Buddha put a question at the place of the teaching to a lot of monks, “Some people fall into hell after death because of bad behavior while they live, but some people don't fall into hell even they do bad things while they live. Why is it possible to make such a difference? Can you tell?” The question was like a riddle. Do you know the answer?

In fact, many monks could not come up with the answer right away. So many of them were turning their face down. Then, Buddha said, “Let's give a hint.” And said, “Here is salt in my palm. What happens if I put this salt in this little cup of water?” A disciple answered. “It'll be saltwater. And it's too salty to drink.” Buddha said, “Yes, that's right. Let's throw this palm-filled salt into the Ganges River. Then, does the water of the Ganges river become salty and cannot drink?” Another disciple answered, “No, that's not true. The water of the Ganges is hardly changed.” “That was the hint. Think of it all,” the Buddha said, and was smiling and waiting for a reply.

“I understood,” The priest who was sitting in the back answered to the Buddha, “Maybe the person who does a lot of good things is same as the Ganges River, and I think that is why he does not fall into hell but a person who does only a little good things is like a small teacup, so I think, even a little evil will make a teacup very salty and thus he falls into hell.”

Buddha nodded greatly and said, “You have noticed well. Even if people try not to do bad things, they are going to make mistakes. But if we do a lot of good things, they will weaken the wrongs like the Ganges River. So try to do good. That is my advice for you.”

The monks were listening to the teachings of the Buddha, and felt that their hearts were lightened for some reason. At the same time, courage came out. The monks felt that they would try to do good things in a bright and positive way.

The Pure Land teaching said that the compassion of Buddha is like the ocean, and accepts everyone without fail. Although Buddha embrace us all, Shinran Shonin warned us that just because there is the ocean like compassion of the Buddha, we do not bother to conduct a lot of evil. How clean is your Ganges river?

Namo Amida Butsu



from the president's corner...

**Aloha Everyone!** The new year is off to a good start. We thank all of you for your renewed membership, generous contributions and volunteering to support the temple. We also thank Reverend Majima and our Kyodan Board of Directors for serving in the past years and their continued support this year. Our minister, members, friends and supporters are all an integral part of our Sangha and are gratefully appreciated. We hope you will continue to join the Sangha for Sunday services and listen to the meaningful Dharma messages shared by Reverend Majima. Let's continue our spiritual journey with awareness, self-reflection and gratitude. *Namo Amida Butsu*

**2020 Honpa Hongwanji Mission Calendar** Many thanks to Rev. Majima for distributing the calendars during the mochi sale and also delivering the calendars to the homes with a street address. Some with only P.O. Boxes were also mailed to the homes. If you have not received your calendar, please call to let us know or you may pick one up on Sunday after the service.

**108<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly - February 6-8, 2020**

Rev. Majima and I will be attending the 108<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly at the Honpa Hongwanji Mission on February 6-8, 2020.

**CRASE, Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event - March 21 @ Lihue Hongwanji**

Due to the recent shootings in Hawaii and other places, the Kauai Hongwanji Council will be sponsoring a workshop for our members, families and friends. Mahalo to Wayne Fujioka who chaired this committee and worked with the Kauai Police Dept. to provide a workshop to prepare all of us if this situation should occur. We can be faced with an unfortunate event not only at the temple but anywhere in our daily lives. Mark your calendars for CRASE on March 21 at 9:00 a.m. at Lihue Hongwanji. Please to let us know if you will be attending so we can make copies of the power point presentation for you. Call 822-4667 or email us at [mail@kapaahongwanji.org](mailto:mail@kapaahongwanji.org).

**Family Service, Installation - February 23 @ 9:00 a.m.**

The 2020 Board of Directors will be installed at the service. They are Stanford Iwamoto (Secretary), Milton Nakamura (Treasurer), Gloria Shimizu (Asst. Treasurer), Directors, Clint Saiki, Clyde Takekuma, and Roberta Yanagawa (President).

**General Membership Meeting @10:00 a.m.** Following the service, we will have the Membership Meeting in the hall. On the agenda is our current financial situation, membership, lack of participation and the future of Kapaa Hongwanji. We would like our members to be active participants and ask questions, share your concerns and give suggestions to assist in planning for the future.

**New Year's Party, Program & Bingo @ 11:00 a.m.** The party will begin at the conclusion of the meeting at the Social Hall. Please RSVP so we can get a head count for food preparation and Keirokai gifts. We look forward to a wonderful celebration with our Sangha, friends and supporters.

### **Volunteers Needed**

We need volunteers to help with temple cleaning, yard cleaning, and arranging flowers for the altar. Temple cleaning is scheduled on Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. Yard cleaning is held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month @ 7:30. Altar flowers are arranged on Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. Preparing or providing refreshments for Major services.

### **Kapaa Hongwanji Bon Dance - June 12-13**

We will be the first temple to have the Bon Dance this year. We need a chairperson to prepare for this event which is shared with the community and also an opportunity to raise funds to support the temple's operational expenses. Volunteers are also needed to chair various committees and assist with planning and preparations. We need some new faces, new ideas and teamwork to make this a successful event. With everyone extending a helping hand and working together, we can accomplish more than just a few burnt out people doing all the work. This is our opportunity to raise more funds than we have done in the past. Please surprise us and call or email to be a volunteer.

## **Women's Association**

Our sincere condolences to the family of the late Patsy Sugita who passed away on December 15, 2019 at the age of 94. She was an active member of the Women's Association, attended Sunday services and always supported the temple and BWA activities. We will miss her smile and presence at the temple.

## **United Jr. YBA**

Congratulations to our 2020 Jr. YBA Officers!

President: Taryn Ramil

Vice President: Kelli Okayama

Secretary: Isabella Kasprysk

Treasurer: Madison Doo

The Jr. YBA currently has nine members. There are three active members who are from Kapaa Hongwanji. The other 6 members are in Oregon, Washington and Japan attending college. We have two college students from West Kauai Hongwanji, Kelli Okayama and Hokulani Iseri. The other four college students are April Murakami, Iris Murakami, Kaleigh Ramil and Cherish Kuloloia all from Kapaa Hongwanji. We miss them and hope we can get together when they return for the summer.

The Juniors had their first meeting of the year in January and are planning for a membership drive, fundraiser and community service. They are also looking forward to the State Convention which will be held on Maui in June. Thank you for supporting our bake sale fundraisers last year and we look forward to your continued support.

MAHALO FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS & SUPPORT  
December 21, 2019 - January 20, 2020

**Funeral Service**

*In memory of the late...*

*Patsy Sugita - Joan Sugita & Family*

**Memorial Service**

*In memory of the late...*

*Tsui Fukushima - Melvin Matsumura*

*Patsy Sugita - Joan Sugita & Family*

**New Year's Eve Service**

Robert Hiraoka

Ray Paler

Sidney Yanagawa

**New Year's Day Service**

Gloria Shimizu

Alice Yamada

Sidney Yanagawa

**Hoonko Service**

Nancy Masada

Herbert Osaki

Carol Saiki

Gloria Shimizu

Clyde & Kay Takekuma

Sidney Yanagawa

**Membership Dues**

Arlene Iida

Lane Sunada

Fusako Harada

Mitsue Hirata

Kenzo Kawamoto

Nancy Masada

**Social Concerns**

Robert Hiraoka

Eleanor Seshiki

Kathleen Yamamoto

**Other Donations**

*In memory of...*

Shigeru Hatakeyama - Ina Isobe

Sue & Yasu Nakamatsu - Baron Nakamatsu

Sadako Kawamoto - Winston Kawamoto

Nui Saiki - Carol Saiki

Hiromu Seshiki - Eleanor Seshiki

Asayo Tasaka - Gladys Tasaka

Takamatsu & Masano Takahashi-

Kenneth Takahashi

Mr. & Mrs. Yoshiichi Yoshida - Reuben Yoshida

Mitsue Hirata

Amy Isobe

Mirian Joe

Hazel Yanagida

**Volunteer Support**

Marie Hashimura

Robert Hiraoka

Stanford Iwamoto

Haven Kuboyama

Milton Nakamura

Ray Paler

Tammi & Cody Ramil

Taryn Ramil

Carol Saiki

Gloria Shimizu

Pearl Shimizu

Dennis & Sadie Sunada

Clyde & Clyde Takekuma

Sidney Yanagawa

Rev. Mieko Majima



**2020 Bon Dance Schedule on Kauai**

June 12-13	7:30 pm	Kapaa Hongwanji Mission
June 19-20	7:00 pm	Kauai Soto Zen Temple
June 26-27	7:30 pm	Koloa Jodo Mission
July 10-11	7:00 pm	West Kauai Hongwanji Mission (Hanapepe)
July 17-18	7:30 pm	Lihue Hongwanji Mission
July 24-25	7:00 pm	Waimea Shingon Mission
July 31-Aug. 1	7:30 pm	Kapaa Jodo Mission
Aug. 7-8	7:00 pm	Waimea Higashi Hongwanji Mission



## Memorial Service

### February

Yasuko	Watanabe	1st	2/2/2019
Saeko	Kakimoto	1st	2/9/2019
Fumiko	Sadanaga	3rd	2/19/2018
Suzuyo	Yamamoto	17th	2/9/2004
Robert	Sugita	17th	2/27/2004
Asano	Narimatsu	23rd	2/18/1998
Shizue	Nakamura	23rd	2/19/1998
Masumi	Masuda	23rd	2/23/1998
Isao	Dodo	33rd	2/5/1988
Eleanor Mume	Miura	33rd	2/12/1988
Richard Toru	Naito	33rd	2/18/1988
S. Evelyn	Shibata	33rd	2/20/1988
Hatsune	Osaki	50th	2/17/1971

### March

Kesa	Takahashi	1st	3/4/2019
Kiyoshi	Kawamura	1st	3/13/2019
Machie	Kubota	1st	3/15/2019
Satomi	Hadama	1st	3/31/2019
Helen Asami	Saiki	3rd	3/24/2018
Masumi	Hayward	3rd	3/29/2018
Masano	Takahashi	7th	3/7/2014
Mildred Fumiyo	Ogata	27th	3/18/1994
James	Wada	27th	3/25/1994
Richard Tadashi	Takemoto	50th	3/2/1971
Rise	Yamada	50th	3/23/1971
Miyoshi	Sakamoto	50th	3/30/1971
Inayo	Tanabe	50th	3/31/1971

## From Minister's Desk

Away: February 6–8

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for kind and generous support to the Kapaa Hongwanji throughout last year.

I also would like to thank you for the generous donation for the Gojo. New Year's party is approaching and I look forward to seeing your smile there. It will be joyous gathering to start our new year.

Namo Amida Butsu



## Hanamatsuri

April 5, 2020

Kauai Buddhist Council hosts Buddha Day (Hanamatsuri) Service on April 5. The hosting temple is preparing the event. We will inform you as soon as we receive the information. Thank you very much for supporting Kauai Buddhist Council.



## OHIGAN SERVICE

March 22, 2020 9:00am

Higan services are observed twice a year around spring and autumn. "Higan" can be translated as "the other shore," Enlightenment or Nirvana, which is "Pure Land." This period is to reflect on the Buddha Dharma. We will have a guest speaker, Rev. Kikuchi from Waimea Hingashi Honganji. After the service, refreshments will be served at the Social Hall. Let us attend this observance together.

## Cleaning and Flower 2020

2/1/2020	Group 5	Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Sakai - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Koerte, Mrs. Sally Okamoto, Ms. Carol Saiki	Ruby
2/8/2020	Group 6	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tsukamoto - Chair Mrs. Joan Slingerland, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Yamamoto, Mr. Winston Kawamoto	Rona & Joan
2/15/2020	Group 1	Mrs. Marie Hashimura - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hiraoka, Mr. Milton Nakamura, Mr. Ray Paler	Kay & Roberta
2/22/2020	Group 2	Mr. Francis Nishizawa - Chair Mrs. Yasuko Murakami, Mr. Clint Saiki	Roberta
2/29/2020	Group 3	Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Takekuma - Chair Mrs. Erin Takekuma, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Nishida, Mr. Stanford Iwamoto, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Yanagawa	Rona
3/7/2020	Group 4	Ms. Gloria Shimizu - Chair Mr. Haven Kuboyama, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Sunada, Mr. Lane Sunada, Mrs. Pat Yamamoto	Ruby
3/14/2020	Group 5	Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Sakai - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Koerte, Mrs. Sally Okamoto, Ms. Carol Saiki	Rona & Joan
3/21/2020	Group 6	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tsukamoto - Chair Mrs. Joan Slingerland, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Yamamoto, Mr. Winston Kawamoto	Kay & Roberta
3/28/2020	Group 1	Mrs. Marie Hashimura - Chair Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hiraoka, Mr. Milton Nakamura, Mr. Ray Paler	Roberta
4/4/2020	Group 2	Mr. Francis Nishizawa - Chair Mrs. Yasuko Murakami, Mr. Clint Saiki	Ruby

## 2020 Bon Dance Practice Schedule

### Starting Dates

January 30 (Thursday)	6:00 pm	West Kauai Hongwanji Mission Hanapepe Temple (Beginners)
March 9 (Mon)	7:00 pm	Kapaa Hongwanji Mission (Beginners)
April 6 (Monday)	7:00 pm	Kapaa Hongwanji Mission (All Dancers)
April 16 (Thursday)	6:00 pm	West Kauai Hongwanji Mission Hanapepe Temple (Beginners)
May 1 (Friday)	7:00 pm	Lihue Hongwanji Mission (All Dancers)

# CRASE

## Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event

Presented by: Sgt. Lance Okasaki, Kauai Police Dept.

Date: March 21, 2020, Saturday

Site: Lihue Hongwanji Mission

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

For Whom: Sangha, family and friends of Hongwanji  
Temples

Sponsor: The Kauai Hongwanji Council

Rationale: From what has been happening in recent years, our society has come under attack by individual and groups who have carried out their thoughts through violent means. We need to know what to do in case something happens here in our daily lives. Sgt. Okasaki will explain what the best approach is to an active shooter in our midst. YOU need to be prepared. We all need to be prepared.

Please call 822-4667 or email: [mail@kapaahongwanji.org](mailto:mail@kapaahongwanji.org) to inform us if you will be attending by March 14, 2020. We need a head count to print copies of the power point presentation for you.



**LET'S START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT  
WITH SOME GOOD FRIENDS!**

**Sunday, February 23 at 11:00 am**

**at Kapaa Hongwanji  
4-1170 Kuhio Hwy, Kapaa**



***RSVP***

***by February 15  
to (808) 822.4667***

***-or-***

***mail@kapaahongwanji.org***

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## Upcoming Events in FEBRUARY 2020

2/2/2020	8:00 AM	CHANTING
	9:00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
2/3/2020	6:00 PM	JAPANESE CONVERSATION
2/9/2020	8:00 AM	CHANTING
	9:00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
2/10/2020	6:00 PM	JAPANESE CONVERSATION
2/16/2020	8:00 AM	CHANTING
	9:00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
2/17/2020	6:00 PM	JAPANESE CONVERSATION
2/23/2020	9:00 AM	INSTALLATION SERVICE
	11:00 AM	NEW YEARS PARTY
2/24/2020	6:00 PM	JAPANESE CONVERSATION