



# ONENESS

## KAPAA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

November 2020

### BISHOP'S CORNER

#### Encouragement as Election Day Nears Bishop Eric Matsumoto

Are you confused? In doubt? Feeling uncertain? If you are, do not despair. You are not alone. Have you heard of the Kalama Sutta (translation from Pali by the Venerable Soma Thera)?



In Ancient India, during the time of Sakyamuni Buddha, there was a people known as the Kalamas. One day, they approached Sakyamuni Buddha and confessed they did not know what to do. They explained that they had listened to many teachers and sages, but confessed that they were uncertain about how to determine what is true and what they should embrace.

The Buddha responded "It is proper for you, Kalamas, to doubt, to be uncertain; uncertainty has arisen in you about what is doubtful. Come, Kalamas. Do not go upon what has been acquired by repeated hearing; nor upon tradition; nor upon rumor; nor upon what is in a scripture; nor upon surmise; nor upon an axiom; nor upon specious reasoning; nor upon a bias towards a notion that has been pondered over; nor upon another's seeming ability; nor upon the consideration, 'The monk is our teacher.' Kalamas, when you yourselves know: 'These things are bad; these things are blamable; these things are censured by the wise; undertaken and observed, these things lead to harm and ill,' abandon them."

The Buddha is saying we should not simply decide on matters based on: what you are told by others, has been said from the past, hearsay, on something just because it is cited in a text, mere logic, mere inference, it is "common sense," preconceived notions, because a speaker seems trustworthy, and "This is what our teacher says." The depth and profundity of the Enlightened One's advice is that he includes himself and the Buddhist teachings to this scrutiny or inquiry too! The Buddha saw the potential in people that people skillfully guided could understand higher truths and make positive wholesome decisions which benefit self and others. He encourages everyone to become critical thinkers or think for yourself. It is important to base matters on fact and that which can be confirmed by our experience(s). Buddha noted that anything that is based on greed, anger and ignorance will not be positive and will not lead to wholesome outcomes. The Buddha says if whatever you are contemplating leads "to harm and ill, abandon them."

On the other hand, matters which are not connected to greed, anger and ignorance will lead to



## 2020-2021 SOCIAL CONCERNS FUND DRIVE

We celebrate gratitude in the month of November. The Thanksgiving holiday and the Eitaikyo observance are reminders of the countless blessings in our lives and how we live deeply connected to the world around us. It is in this spirit of gratitude that we begin our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive. The fund drive will be from November 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 and we request temples to submit their collected donations in September 2021.

Through the generous contributions of Sangha members, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is able to support worthy organizations and programs with funding to continue their work in our community. Your support also allows us to provide compassionate action during times of disaster and the ability to respond to social issues affecting our community. Because of your commitment to promoting the Buddhist values of compassion and loving kindness, we are able to lend our support to organizations such as Project Dana, MA'O Farms, The American Red Cross Pacific Region, Ohana Arts, A Cup of Cold Water, and various food banks on each island.

The Golden Chain of Love Grant program was established to promote compassionate action through innovative community service projects. Your generosity directly helps those in need and promotes a more humane world. Many of the grants awarded this year were COVID-19 related, including temple projects to prepare and distribute meals and to make and donate masks (to schools).

Your kokua is greatly appreciated. Please encourage your members to continue supporting the Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive. Mahalo!

Committee on Social Concerns, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

## HMMH YOUTUBE CHANNEL PROGRAM

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

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

## ONLINE DHARMA MESSAGE

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN4DTm65ALR0loYZc2\\_OHwwi](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN4DTm65ALR0loYZc2_OHwwi)

11/01	11:00am	Rev. Kerry Kiyohara (Makawao Hongwanji Mission)
11/08	11:00am	Rev. Jeffrey Soga (Waipahu Hongwanji Mission)
11/15	11:00am	Rev. Shawn Yagi (Aiea Hongwanji Mission)
11/22	11:00am	Rev. Toyokazu Hagio (Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin)
11/29	11:00am	Rev. Blayne Higa (Kona Hongwanji Mission)

## HEALTH CARE HEROES MAHALO VIDEO

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN5sjQAQfeIHck0UAxLmO2Vb>

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

## **SAMARITAN COUNCELING CENTER HAWAII HO'OMENEMENE AWARDS**

Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i held the annual Ho'omenemene Awards online on October 3, 2020. Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin was one of the recipients this year at this annual event. The following is the except from their website.

Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Betsuin in Honolulu is the main temple of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i (Hawaii Kyodan). The Betsuin offers Sunday services and Buddhism classes, education for children and teens, and hosts numerous organizations and cultural activities. The Betsuin is a strong advocate for mental health and a positive presence in the community. Since 2000, as part of their community outreach efforts, Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Betsuin has provided a safe, dedicated counseling room for Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i to serve clients. The Betsuin grounds are a place of healing in the urban landscape, with graceful architecture and a peaceful atmosphere that contributes to one's overall health and well-being.

Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii provides individual, family, and couples counseling, both in-person on Oahu and through telehealth, regardless of ability to pay. Whether individuals are coping with anxiety about COVID-19, stress over life's transitions, or relationship conflicts, they provide help. For more information, please visit their website:

<https://www.samaritancounselingcenterhawaii.org/>

## **COMMUNICATIONS & RESOURCES ON COVID-19**

The Office of the Bishop has issued a series of memos (1-13) to provide directives and recommendations regarding temple activities and procedures during the COVID-19 outbreak. These are available in the following page of our Hawaii Kyodan Website. The latest memo was issued on September 26, 2020.

This page includes additional important resources which would be helpful to your temples, affiliates and individual members. Please check it periodically to see if there are resources that can help you.

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/2020/03/13/covid19/>

## **COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS**

The 2020-2021 Social Concerns Fund Drive will begin in November. Please see the letter from the Committee on Social Concerns to temples for information. Thank you for your generous donations each year which have allowed the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii to continue to make donations to various worthy organizations. This year, several donations were also made to temples with projects in response to COVID-19 which have helped the community and the state of Hawaii.

*Kauai Hongwanji Council Nembutsu Seminar*

# **An Introduction to the Essence and Practice of Shin Buddhism**

## **A Path for Peace and Happiness for Oneself and Other**

December 12 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm (HST): Zoom

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kenneth Kenshin Tanaka

(Professor Emeritus, Musashino University, Tokyo)



Rev. Dr. Kenneth Kenshin Tanaka grew up and attended Dharma School at the Mt. View Buddhist Temple. While being an active member of the Young Buddhist Association (YBA), he aspired to study Buddhism, which he did at Stanford Univ. (B.A.), a temple in Thailand, Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS)(M.A.), Tokyo University (M.A.), and Univ. of California at Berkeley (Ph.D.).

After serving as Associate Professor and Assistant Dean at IBS for 10 years and a resident priest for 3 years at the Southern Alameda Country Buddhist Church, a Jodo Shinshu temple in California, Dr. Tanaka taught as Professor of Buddhist Studies at Musashino University for 20 years. He currently serves as Chairman of the Editorial Committee of the Chinese Buddhist Canon English Translation Project sponsored by the Society for the Promotion of Buddhism (BDK). He was recently appointed Adjunct Researcher at the Hongwanji Comprehensive Research Center.

He is the former President of the Int. Assoc. of Shin Buddhist Studies as well as the Japanese Assoc. for the Study of Buddhism and Psychology.

His publications include *The Dawn of Chinese Pure Land Buddhist Doctrine* (The State Univ. of New York, 1990), *Ocean: An Introduction to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in America* (WisdomOcean Publication, 1997), *The Faces of Buddhism in America* (co-editor) (Univ. of California Press, 1998), *Amerika bukkyo* (in Japanese, meaning “American Buddhism”) (Musashino University, 2010), *Buddhism on Air: Kaleidoscope of a Growing Religion* (Buddhist Education Center, 2015) and edited *Chi’e no ushio – Shinran no chi’e, shutaisei and shakaisei* (in Japanese, meaning “The Tide of Wisdom: Shinran’s Wisdom, Subjectivity and Social Dimension”) (Musashino University, 2017). His books have been translated into Japanese, Chinese, and Portuguese.

He is the 2017 recipient of the 27th Nakamura Hajime Eastern Study Prize, awarded in conjunction with the Indian Embassy in Tokyo to scholars who distinguish themselves in the field of Indian and Buddhist studies. He was the object of a one-hour NHK Educational Television documentary series entitled “The Age of Kokoro (heart/mind)” on April 8, 2018 (to be aired again on August 11, 2019).

**Registration Fee:** Free (Registration Required)

Donations can be made to the Kauai Hongwanji Council. Please make checks payable to: Kauai Hongwanji Council and send it to: West Kauai Hongwanji Mission P.O.529 Hanapepe, HI 96716.

**Maximum capacity is 100 people**, first come first serve. We will e-mail you a zoom link three days prior to the seminar.

**Click below to register!**

“Registration Deadline Sunday, December 6”

<https://forms.gle/kKX1sVSeHumPd8KP7>

**For further information, please contact:**

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

## 2021 HAWAII KYODAN CALENDAR

January 1 (Fri)	New Year's Day (HQ closed for Holiday)
January 16 (Sat)	Shinran Shonin's Memorial Day
January 18 (Mon)	M. L. King Jr. Day (HQ closed for holiday)
February 11 (Thu)	Board of Directors Meeting & State Ministers Association Meeting
February 12-13 (Fri-Sat)	109th HHMH Legislative Assembly
February 14 (Sun)	BWA (Fujinkai) Dana Day
February 15 (Mon)	Nirvana Day
February 15 (Mon)	Presidents' Day (HQ closed for holiday)
March 2 (Tue)	Hongwanji Day
March 4-5 (Thu-Fri)	Ryukoku University-BSC Spring Seminar (Prof. Mitsuya Dake)
March 18-24	Spring Higan
March 26 (Fri)	Kuhio Day
April 2-3 (Fri-Sat)	Ministers' Spouses Association Seminar (Honolulu)
April 8 (Thu)	Buddha Day (HQ closed for holiday)
April 17-18 (Sat-Sun)	YESS Camp 38 (Online)
April 25 (Sun)	BWA (Fujinkai) Eshinni Day/Peace Day
May 6 (Thu)	PBA Baccalaureate Ceremony
May 7 (Fri)	PBA Commencement Exercise
May 7 (Fri)	Sanmu Meeting & Sanmu-Kanji Meeting
May 8 (Sat)	Board of Directors Meeting
May 9 (Sun)	Mother's Day
May 21 (Fri)	Shinran Shonin's Birthday (Gotan-E)
May 31 (Mon)	Memorial Day (HQ closed for holiday)
June 1-3 (Tue-Thu)	63rd State Ministers Association Seminar (Kauai)
June 11 (Fri)	King Kamehameha Day
June 18-20 (Fri-Sun)	64th State Jr. YBA Convention (Honolulu)
June 19 (Sat)	Juneteenth Day
June 20 (Sun)	Father's Day
July 4 (Sun)	Independence Day
July 5 (Mon)	Independence Day Observed (HQ Closed for Holiday)
July 12-16 (Mon-Fri)	BSC Summer Session
August 20 (Fri)	Statehood Day (HQ closed for holiday)
August 23-27 (Mon-Fri)	BSC Summer Dharmathon
September 6 (Mon)	Labor Day (HQ closed for holiday)
September 11-12 (Sat-Sun)	58th Honpa Hongwanji Lay Association Convention (Maui)
September 17 (Fri)	Sanmu Meeting & Sanmu-Kanji Meeting
September 18 (Sat)	Board of Directors Meeting
September 20-26	Autumn Higan
September 21 (Tue)	Peace Day Hawaii/United Nations International Day of Peace
October 15-17 (Fri-Sun)	Minister's Lay Assistant Retreat (BSC)
October 22-24 (Fri-Sun)	Young Adult Retreat
November 3 (Wed)	Appreciation Luncheon for Retired Ministers and Spouses
November 4-5 (Thu-Fri)	State Ministers Continuing Education Seminar
November 11 (Thu)	Veterans Day (HQ closed for holiday)
November 25 (Thu)	Thanksgiving Day (HQ closed for holiday)
November 26 (Fri)	Family Day (HQ closed for holiday)
December 3 (Fri)	Sanmu Meeting & Sanmu-Kanji Meeting
December 4 (Sat)	Board of Directors Meeting
December 8 (Wed)	Bodhi Day
December 24 (Fri)	Christmas Day Observed (HQ closed for holiday)
December 25 (Sat)	Christmas Day
December 31 (Fri)	New Year's Eve / New Year's Day Observed (HQ closed for holiday)

*Revised as of October 10, 2020*

from the president's corner...

### **A Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone!**

The thankful month of November reminds us of "Our Pledge" and especially the last paragraph which states, *"I will strive to live life to the fullest with an attitude of gratitude. Just like the Buddha, who promises to embrace us all."* *Namo Amida Butsu.*

We thank Rev. Majima, our members and supporters for continuing to assist with Temple Services, arranging altar flowers, temple, hall and yard cleaning, Board Meetings, attending services, fundraisers, accounting, finance and generous contributions to keep the temple functioning well. Your generosity and support will enable us to recover and look forward to the new year. The kind, caring and dedicated members of the Sangha will make it possible.

### **Food Sale Fundraiser - Saturday, November 7, 2020**

Tickets for the fundraiser were mailed to you. Each person received one flying saucer ticket (5/\$20) and two roast pork plate (\$12 each). We will also be preparing nishime with donated ingredients. No tickets have been issued for this. You may purchase nishime on the pick up day.

If you did not receive the tickets please let us know. Please return unsold tickets before November 1<sup>st</sup>. Payment for the tickets are due on November 1. *Mahalo for your cooperation and kokua!*

### **Lonesome Grave, Kauai Veterans Cemetery - November 10, 2020 @8:00 a.m.**

The United BWA will be cleaning and decorating the graves to honor the veterans who served in the military. We need donations of flowers, greens, and croutons to decorate the many graves. Please call 822-4667 to arrange pick up on Monday, November 9. Everyone is welcome to join us.

### **Kapaa Interfaith Thanksgiving Luncheon - Thursday, November 26, 2020**

The Kapaa Interfaith Alliance will once again be providing lunch on Thanksgiving Day.

The East Kauai Lions will also be distributing a basket of food through the Kauai Independent Food Bank. The drive through lunch pick up is at All Saints' Episcopal Church following the service at 10:30 a.m. Home delivery for the elderly will be packed by Mark Oyama's staff at the Kapaa Hongwanji Social Hall. Please call 822-4667 if you would like to have a meal delivered to your home. We will need drivers with a helper to deliver meals. Please let us know if you can assist.

### **Social Concerns Donations - Accepted until August 2021**

Each year the committee has generously funded and supported the annual Kapaa Interfaith Thanksgiving Luncheon and deliveries. We again ask for your kokua and support. Please make your check payable to Kapaa Hongwanji Mission. The treasurer will write one check to Honpa. *Mahalo!*

### **Reminder for 2020 Membership Payment**

Please send in your 2020 membership payment before the end of December. If you are unable to make the full payment, you may make a partial payment over several months. The annual membership is \$300 or if you prefer \$25.00 each month.

## United Jr. YBA

The Jr. YBA will be having a Bake Sale on Saturday, November 7 during the Food Sale. They are raising funds for “Doctors Without Borders.” They provide medical aid in countries where it is needed the most. Each year the Hawaii Federation of Jr. YBA raises funds to donate to an organization. Please help the Jr.’s by purchasing some yummy baked items.

### **Mahalo for Your Contributions & Support** September 21-October 20

#### **Memorial Service**

##### *In memory of...*

Colin Sunada - Dennis & Sadie Sunada  
Mabel Sunada - Sunada Family  
Toshiko Iida (1<sup>st</sup> yr.) - Fay Hanaoka

#### **In Memory of...**

Toshiko Iida - Fay Hanaoka

#### **Autumn Ohigan Service**

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa  
Ralph Kitashima  
Rev. Mieko Majima  
Ethel Aiko Oda  
Carol Saiki  
Gloria Shimizu  
Sidney Yanagawa

#### **Choba**

Sally Nakamura

#### **Bon Donation**

Rona Sakai  
Kristin Yanagawa

#### **Family Service**

Jim Jung  
Ralph Kitashima  
Phil O'Rourke  
Carol Saiki

#### **Membership**

Evelyn Nakamura  
Sally Nakamura

#### **Covid Fund Donations**

Sharon Contrades  
Robert Hiraoka  
Ralph Kitashima

Calvin & Rona Sakai  
Glenn Yagihara

#### **Miscellaneous Donations**

Sally Nakamura  
Lorna Nishimitsu

#### **Social Concerns**

Josephine Dodo  
Jim Jung  
Haven Kuboyama  
Nancy Masada  
Ethel Aiko Oda  
Carol Saiki  
Mae Sakamoto  
Sidney Yanagawa

#### **Volunteer Support**

Madison Doo  
Marie Hashimura  
Robert Hiraoka  
Rev. Tomo Hojo  
Bishop Kosen Ishikawa  
Stanford Iwamoto  
Winston Kawamoto  
Haven Kuboyama  
Rev. Mieko Majima  
Milton Nakamura  
Ray Paler  
Tami Ramil  
Taryn Ramil  
Carol Saiki  
Calvin & Rona Sakai  
Gloria Shimizu  
Pearl Shimizu  
Joan Slingerland  
Clyde & Kay Takekuma  
Erin Takekuma  
Keith & Thelma Tsukamoto  
Sidney Yanagawa



## WEDDING

Reverend Satoshi Ka'imipono Tomioka, the resident minister of Puna Hongwanji Mission and the oversee minister of Pahala and Naalehu Hongwanji Missions, got married to Haruka Kuratate on July 18, 2020. The wedding ceremony was held at Windward Buddhist Temple officiated by Bishop Eric Matsumoto. Congratulations!

## Memorial Service

### NOVEMBER

Richard	Toma	17th	11/2/2004
Gladys	Togikawa	3rd	11/2/2018
Lloyd	Nakagawa	17th	11/7/2004
Yae	Sasaki	23rd	11/8/1998
Takano	Fumimoto	33rd	11/13/1988
Yoshio	Koigawachi	27th	11/19/1994
Yumiko	Johnson	17th	11/22/2004
Harry	Fukuda	17th	11/23/2004

### DECEMBER

Tadao	Nakamura	13th	12/1/2007
Henry	Ebesu	27th	12/2/1993
Muneichi	Hatakeyama	50th	12/7/1970
Tomino	Yamate	50th	12/10/1970
Tadashi	Hashimoto	7th	12/12/2013
Michihiro	Fukuda	27th	12/21/1993
Kimiyo	Asai	7th	12/28/2013

### 2021 Online Japanese Class

Zoom class, Monday 6:00 pm

Japanese class will be resumed via online. Please sign up by email. We will send you the link for the class every week. Let's enjoy!  
[mail@kapaahongwanji.org](mailto:mail@kapaahongwanji.org)

### From Minister's Desk

Thank you so much for the continuous generous support during the difficult time. I am very happy to reopen our temple for Shoshinge Chanting. Please check our website for the updated schedule. In autumn, Japanese go out to the mountains to respect the nature. Many people believe Buddhas, invisible to our eyes, live in the mountains.

If you are planning to have a private service or visiting gravesite, please contact us at 808.822.4667. Thank you again for your kind support to keep our temple alive.

Namo Amida Butsu

### November Family Service

KHM, November 8, 2020  
9:00 am

### November Shoshinge Chanting

KHM, November 22, 2020  
9:00 am

### Online Bodhi Day Service

YouTube, December 6, 2020  
9:00 am



## Temple Cleaning & Flower Arrangement

11/7/2020	<b>FALL FOOD SALE</b>		Ruby
11/14/2020	Group 2	Mr. Francis Nishizawa - Chair Mr. Clint Saiki, Mrs. Yasuko Murakami,	Rona & Joan
11/21/2020	Group 3	Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Takekuma - Chair Mrs. Erin Takekuma, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Nishida, Mr. Stanford Iwamoto, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Yanagawa	Kay & Roberta
11/28/2020	Group 4	Ms. Gloria Shimizu - Chair Mr. Haven Kuboyama, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Sunada, Mr. Lane Sunada, Mrs. Pat Yamamoto	Roberta
12/5/2020	<b>GENERAL CLEANUP</b>		Ruby

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### *In Memoriam...*

Hazel Yanagida

April 7, 1935 - October 19, 2020

Kapaa Hongwanji Mission extends  
its deepest sympathy to families who  
have lost their loved ones.

Namo Amida Butsu

