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Building
Healthy Sanghas:
Embracing Generosity
and Openness

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Rev. Sol Kalu
Rev. Shingo Furusawa

Hawaii Betsuin Spring O-higan Scheduled for March 22, 2020

Every month of March the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin observes a major service called O-higan, which translates to “the Other Shore” of enlightenment. O-higan is traditionally observed two times a year, once in the spring and again in autumn, coinciding with the spring and autumn equinoxes when the day and night hours become of equal length. Many Buddhists in Japan believe that the equinoxes bring the world of the living and the dead closer together, and so, on these occasions, people remember ancestors, have memorial services, visit grave sites with offerings of food, flowers and incense, clean up and recite sutras in memory of their departed loved ones.

O-higan also has another religious significance. O-higan or literally “the Other Shore” refers to the realm of Amida Buddha’s Pure Land. It is the world of enlightenment which all Buddhists strive for in their spiritual journey in life. In between the ordinary mundane world of samsara and the Pure Land is a vast ocean fraught with dangers and uncertainties which separates unenlightened beings in the realm of samsara from Amida Buddha’s wondrous Pure Land of peace and tranquility. Only through the Primal Vow, likened to a Great Ship can we be safely transported across this great ocean of suffering to O-higan, the other shore of Enlightenment.

Rev. Koho Takata Spring O-higan Speaker



The Hawaii Betsuin guest speaker for this year’s Spring O-higan service will be Reverend Koho Takata. Rev. Koho Takata was born and raised as the second son of the 19th generations of Jokoji Temple in Toyama, Japan. He graduated from Ryukoku University, Kyoto, Japan, majoring in Jodo Shinshu (Pure Land Shin Buddhism) in 1993. Rev. Takata received his Tokudo ordination in July 1986 and Kyoshi certification in May 1993.

His orientation as an oversea minister began at Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii in October 1995. Upon completion of 2 months orientation program at Headquarters, he was assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as an Associate Minister (December 1995 - May 1998), Kapaa Honpa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple on Kauai as a Resident Minister (June 1998 - October 2005), and Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Office of the Bishop as an Executive Assistant to the Bishop (November 2005 - June 2011).

After 16 years service at Honpa Hongwanji Mission of HI, he resigned his ministry from HI Kyodan and transferred his ministry to Buddhist Churches of America, US Mainland in July 2011. His first assignment in US mainland was AZ Buddhist Temple in Phoenix as a Resident Minister (July 2011 - July 2013). He joined in the LA Honpa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple as a Resident Minister since August 2013.

Dharma Message from Rev. Sol Kalu

March is the month for a major service at all temples of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and that is the Spring O-higan. O-higan is observed twice a year, first in the spring season and again in the autumn. O-higan is also known as the equinoxes and aptly it is observed during a time of the year when both daytime and nighttime hours become of equal length. Having the daytime and nighttime hours equal has come to mean that a state of balance or equilibrium is achieved. Spring equinox, also known as the vernal equinox, is also not only the time when daylight starts becoming longer (viewed by some cultures as the return of good vs. the darkness of evil), but also spring is a time of renewal,

of the coming back of life in nature after a period of hibernation from the cold, dark days of winter. The Vernal Equinox represents renewal for the home, as well as nature. The act of 'spring cleaning' is said to remove any negative energy accumulated over the dark winter months and prepares the home for the positive growing energy of spring and summer.

In the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist tradition, O-higan is a time to reflect on its religious meaning and significance. It is the time to pay particular attention to the practice of the Six Paramitas of dana or giving, discipline, patience, effort, meditation, and wisdom, the six rules or guidelines for those who undertake the path to Buddhahood. O-higan, literally meaning "the Other Shore" referring to the realm of Enlightenment, also reminds us of Amida Buddha's calling Voice, which beckons us to cross, without fears or doubts, the great gap that separates us from this realm of delusion and ignorance to the Pure Land of Wisdom, Compassion, Peace and Tranquility. The Chinese Pure Land master, Shan Tao or Zendo Daishi explains this concept clearly in the parable of the "Two Rivers, White Path", the story of a lone traveler, pursued by bandits and wild beasts in his journey, and came across a river divided by a narrow white path leading to the west. On the north side the river is made of deep waters and the south side is a river of raging flames; both water and fire splash and scorch either side of the narrow white path. With the wild beasts and bandits gaining on him, the lone traveler was stopped from fleeing anymore by the two rivers now facing him. Hesitant to cross the narrow path due to fear of falling on either side into water or fire, he suddenly heard a voice on the eastern bank urging him to move forward on to the

narrow, white path, while another voice from the opposite western bank reassuringly encouraged him to move without fear or hesitation. Initially beset with fears and doubts, constantly harassed by the pursuing wild animals and bandits calling out to him not to cross, the lone traveler placed his complete trust in the two voices who were encouraging him to proceed and cross the white path. Single-mindedly, he proceeded towards the western bank and soon was free from danger, safe and secure on the western shore, the Buddha's realm of Enlightenment.

Ignoring completely the calls of the bandits for him not to cross, which represents our worldly passions, and listening single-heartedly to the voices coming from both the east and west banks, representing the calling voices of both Shakyamuni and Amida Buddha, the confused and frightened traveler was able to overcome his doubts and fears and continue on the narrow path to the Pure Land without any more impediments. Shinran Shonin, in his teachings, urges us to completely rely on the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha, the same voice urging us to move towards the Pure Land without fear and hesitation, encouraged by the voice of Shakyamuni Buddha to take the first step with firm resolution, and to ignore the callings of the pursuing bandits, representing our bonnou or blind passions which serve to distract or confuse us in our pursuit of spiritual awakening. The single-minded entrusting heart or Shinjin is the decisive cause for birth in the Pure Land, which is complete reliance on Amida Buddha's Primal Vow to enable us to reach O-higan, the Other Shore of the Buddha's Land of Peace and Tranquility.
Namo Amida Butsu!



GOJI

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President's Message from Dexter Mar



Building Healthy Sanghas - Embracing Generosity and Openness

The new 5-year statewide Hongwanji theme is "Building Healthy Sanghas" with the 2020 slogan: "Embracing Generosity and Openness". This aligns nicely with our Betsuin vision as **"A welcoming place where all share the joy of living with gratitude and compassion inspired by Buddhist values."**

For the Betsuin, our expression of "Building Healthy Sanghas" embraces both our Hongwanji community and the entire Hawaii community.

Our Betsuin community is made up of a **"community of sanghas"** connected by our temple facilities, shared values of Shin Buddhism, and the Aloha Spirit. Led by our **religious** sangha of ministers and devotees, our many **affiliated** sanghas (*BWA, HMS, Scouts, Dharma School, Sudhana Fellowship) and **program** sanghas (Bon Dancerise, Choir, many art classes, Social Concerns), we are a vibrant spiritual village. Participation in these various sanghas nurtures the Shin Buddhist connection and spirit.

We **"embrace generosity and openness"** by reaching out to our **Hawaii community** through inviting organizations to use our facilities for worthy activities such as

- Samaritan Counseling Center of Hawaii (offering mental health healing, harmony and hope),
- Kokua Mau (offering advanced, hospice, and palliative care planning),
- SHIP (Hawaii State Insurance Assistance Program monthly meetings),
- Veterans for Peace Golden Rule Peace Boat Project, November 23, 2019 event (opposition to nuclear weapons and war),
- League of Women Voters Workshop (January 28, 2020, Voter Engagement),
- 4-Petals Peace Walk (Inter-faith call for nuclear restraint and disarmament).

Bringing diverse groups together is an expression of "sharing the Dharma", connecting across invisible barriers, and finding ways to work together. Let's be sure to welcome and embrace these visitors ("friends") to Hawaii Betsuin

A rare and unique convergence of all four Hawaii political parties under the welcoming embrace of the Hawaii Betsuin.



League of Women Voters Workshop speakers: (from left) Budd Dickinson, co-chair of the Green Party; Lorna Takehara Strand, Chair of the O'ahu County Democratic Party; Tracy Ryan, Chair, Libertarian Party; Shirlene Ostrov, State Chairperson, Republican Party

*Abbreviations: BWA = Buddhist Women's Association; MS = Hongwanji Mission School and Parent Teacher Organization; Scouts = Boy, Cub, and Girl Scout programs

**Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin
and Sister Oahu & Kona Temples**

"Taste of Hongwanji" 2020

and **Bazaar**

SUNDAY (NO SERVICES)
MARCH 29, 2020
8:30 AM to 1:00 PM



KC Waffle Dogs

Bazaar

Thrft Shop

Plants

Bake shop

Shave Ice

"Ono-Kine" food
beef stew - fried noodles
sushi and more!

**Fresh Fruits
and Vegetables**

Donations Needed!
Please drop off in office by Noon on March 24

BWA News and Events

Fujiko Motobu

COMING EVENTS FOR MARCH:

March 3, Tue. Dana Day Collection ends

March 7, Sat. Hoshu 8:30-10:30 am. Help needed, see Claire Groom

March 14, Sat. BWA Executive Board meeting at 10:00 am in dining room, followed by Rummage Sale prep. Help needed

March 13-28, Mon.-Sat. Prep for Taste of Hongwanji Rummage Sale. Help needed

March 27-28, Fri.-Sat. Rummage Pre-Sale. Help needed

March 29, Sun. **TASTE OF HONGWANJI BWA RUMMAGE SALE.**

HELP NEEDED. PLEASE SIGN UP

For your convenience, a sign-up sheet will be posted in the Social Hall. Please help whenever you can from March 13 through 29. Helping hours are from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. All morning and afternoon helpers can get together for lunch from 11:00 to 12:00 and have a nice social hour.

LIVING TREASURE: Mrs. Sachie Saigusa, Minister's widow, BWA member, Sumi-e instructor.

At the 45th annual Living Treasures of Hawaii Celebration, Mrs. Sachie Saigusa was honored as one of the recipients. THE LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAII was organized in 1976. With inspiration from the Living National Treasures (Ningen Kokuho) of Japan, the Living Treasures concept was brought to Hawaii by Paul Yamanaka to Bishop Yoshiaki Fujitani who wholeheartedly embraced the idea. They worked quickly to establish the program and a committee was formed. Mr. Yamanaka served as chairman, Bishop Fujitani was an ex officio member and Cecilia Lindo, Hongwanji Mission School teacher, was included as one of the six committee members. In 1976, one person was honored, and since then in 46 years, 236 Living Treasures have been honored.

Mrs. Saigusa is a master of expression through the ancient Japanese tradition of brush painting, Sumi-e. She has brought together art and culture to develop a bridge between Japan and Hawaii for the development of spiritual enlightenment. She has contributed an enormous amount of creative work in

Hawaii for the benefit of the children as well as the adults, and even today she is diligently working with the seniors in Sumi-e art at Makua Ali'i Senior Center, Moiliili Community Center, Wahiawa Community School, Hawaii Betsuin, and Hilo Hongwanji. The 8th SUMI-E EXHIBIT will be held at the City Hall in Honolulu Hale from April 20 through May 1, 2020. We

hope all of you will take some time off and go and see the exhibit done by seniors. You will be surprised how talented they are.

YOU CAN'T READ THIS AND STAY IN A BAD MOOD: How do you catch a Unique Rabbit? Unique up on it. How do you catch a tame rabbit? Tame way, unique up on it. How do you get Holy water? You boil the Hell out of it. What do you call cheese that is not yours? Nacho Cheese. What do fish say when they hit a concrete wall? Dam!

A BIT OF HUMOR: Are you old? Old is when your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you're barefoot. Old is when you don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along. Old is when you are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police. Old is when an 'all nighter' means not getting up to use the bathroom. AND Old is when you are not sure these are jokes.

Bwa Rummage and Clothing Sale 2020!**The Taste of Hongwanji is fast approaching!**

Thank you so much for bringing your Rummage and Clothing donations to the temple! Very soon, many BWA members and friends will be sorting, pricing, and arranging thousands of items in preparation for the Taste of Hongwanji BWA Rummage & Clothing Sale 2020 on Sunday, Mar. 29!

We wish to have ample time to prepare the Social Hall and the Annex Temple for the big day and therefore, we humbly ask your kokua in bringing your Rummage and Clothing donations by Tues., Mar. 24, 2020, noon.

We welcome your donations and we invite you to join us in the social hall to help from Mar. 16 on. We have a lot of fun as we prep, talk story, and have lunch together!

Please shop for amazing bargains at our Rummage Pre-Sale in the Social Hall on Sun., Mar. 22, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 and at our Early Bird Rummage Sale in the social hall and Early Bird Clothing Sale in the Annex Temple on Friday, Mar. 27, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Warmest mahalo!

Dharma School News

Debbie Kubota

Sunday, January 19 - Dharma School Birthday Party

The Dharma School held a birthday party after the Ho'onoko service to celebrate birthdays in November, December, January and February.

Penny Atcheson helped at the party by teaching the craft of making a Japanese doll or ninja made of toilet paper rolls and fabric. We also had a game table, a Lego table for building animals and other fun objects, and a paper airplane table to make and fly airplanes using printed papers, kit directions and stickers.

Sunday, February 9 - Dharma Message by Reverend Shingo Furusawa

Reverend Furusawa captivated our Dharma School sangha by sharing a story, "King of the Pigeons." It was very easy to follow along, since Reverend Furusawa illustrated the story with delightful pictures. He told a story of a flock of pigeons. One of the pigeons was the King. All the pigeons were very happy until a hunter caught them and put them in a cage. The pigeons were so happy because



the hunter fed them delicious feasts for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The King did not eat at all. While the rest of the pigeons ate to their hearts content and became "momona," the King became very skinny. He was so skinny, that he was able to escape from the cage. Although the King escaped, the hunter was very happy to see the big, fat pigeons. He got his kitchen knife and was ready to strike when the King was able to release the lock on the cage and help all of the pigeons to escape. Reverend Furusawa summarized his story by saying that the pigeons represent "us" and the King pigeon, who saved all the pigeons is Amida Buddha. Amida Buddha's compassion is always working for us to save us.

Thank you so much, Reverend Furusawa, for sharing this wonderful and meaningful story.

**Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Discussion Class****"Let's Learn About Shoshinge"**

The Shoshinge was written by Master Shinran and is the essence of Shin Buddhism.

In this class, we will learn about the Shoshinge through Manga (comics) titled "Shoshinge Saga."



Instructor: Rev. Shingo Furusawa (Associate Minister of Hawaii Betsuin)

Dates & Times: March 13, 20, 27, April 3 at 5:00 PM

Place: @Hawaii Betsuin Lounge

Fee: FREE!

If you have any questions about the class, please contact Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (Address: 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813 Phone: 808-536-7044).



Betsuin Girl Scouts

Allison Yonamine

On Sunday, February 2, 2020 about 130 scouts from the Honpa Hongwanji Scouting program participated in the Scout Sunday Service to honor Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin for their continuous support and dedication to the Scouting Program. Special guests from scouting organizations were recognized for their support of scouting. We also honored the scouts who attained the prestigious Boy Scout Eagle award, Girl Scout Gold and Silver awards, and Arrow of Light award. Several scouts also earned the religious Junior Padma, Senior Padma, and Metta Awards. As a thank you to the temple the scouts presented the temple with a new serving cart that can hold the coffee maker used for refreshments after service. The new cart is larger with bigger wheels and decorated with the wisteria logo.

After the service everyone gathered downstairs for the Scout Sunday activities. The Boy Scout troop demonstrated their cooking skills and made an assortment of chicken, Portuguese sausage, spam, and California musubis. The Cub Scouts demonstrated their woodworking skills and had their traditional pine wood derby in the Annex Hall. The Girl Scouts demonstrated their baking skills by making cookies from scratch that everyone could decorate with colorful handmade frosting. They also shared an exciting game of pin-the-tail-on-Eeyore. There were also refreshments by Dharma school, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts for everyone to enjoy.

Mahalo to the Scout Sunday committee, leaders, parents, family, and friends for making Scout Sunday a success!

Betsuin Scout Sunday, February 2, 2020



Ikenobo Ikebana (Flower Arranging)

Class will be held on
the 2nd and 4th
Tuesday
of the month from
9:00 am to 11:00 am
Starting March 10
in the Betsuin Lounge

Instructor,
Mrs. Junko Hagio

For more information,
please leave a message
for Mrs. Hagio at the
Betsuin office
(536-7045).

NEW

Media & Educational Resource Listing On HHMH Website

- Are you planning a lesson for your Dharma School or Hongwanji preschool class?
- Do you need a book to share during your Dharma message at temple service?
- Can a song help to convey your message to the Sangha?
- Do you want to have a movie night for your Sangha but don't know what movie to share which conveys some Buddhist values?
- Are you leading a Dharma discussion group and need some quotes to set the tone for your discussion?

The Commission on Buddhist Education (CBE) has compiled a list of media resources — books, movies, songs, short videos, quotes, just for you. It is time consuming to search for just the right resource to convey your messages and to supplement your activities, so we hope this list will help.

Here is the link to the list on the HHMH Website:

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/shin-media-resources/>

With the HHMH Mission statement as our guide...to share the teachings of Jodo Shinshu so that all beings may enjoy lives of harmony, peace and gratitude, the CBE is working to promote activities and resources which help to bring Jodo Shinshu to life in our daily activities.

Here are some examples...

- A Dharma School lesson about dana/selfless giving, can feature the



From the Green Team

Earth Day Weekend Events at Hawaii Betsuin

Saturday, April 18: 4th Annual Green Fair

Please join us in the Social Hall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 4th annual Green Fair! This year's theme is "Green Ways of Old: Revisiting Sustainable Traditions." Please mark your calendars for this family-friendly, interactive event with eco-themed activities, refreshments, and maybe a surprise or two. All are welcome! Brought to you by the Green Team and temple-affiliated organizations in cooperation with Hawaii Association of International Buddhists, Jikoen Hongwanji, and the Monshinto Task Force. Questions, suggestions? Contact Dave at greenteaminfo@hawaiibetsuin.org or via the business office.



Dr. Malia Smith

Sunday, April 19: Earth Day Service

The guest speaker for our 10 a.m. service will be Dr. Malia Smith, president of Sustain Hawaii and the owner/president of Sustainable Ideation, LLC. She also owns and operates the restaurant 'Ai Love Nalo in Waimanalo, serving 100% plant-based foods. Dr. Smith is a great fit for Hongwanji's five-year theme, Building Healthy Sanghas. There will be an opportunity for dialogue with our speaker after the service.

book, Stone Soup by Jon J. Muth.

- The quote from Ravi Shankar—"Generosity is a quality of the spirit. When you feel generous, your life becomes abundant, full of compassion and love," can be shared in a Dharma message about generosity and giving.
- The song "In Dis Life" by Israel Kamakawiwo'ole can be used for Obon or Eitaikyo.

We hope that this list makes it easier for you to find just the right resource for your educational activities. Using these resources as part of your temple service,

Dharma school, or temple activities should be fine. However, just a word of caution...as you use these resources, be aware of copyright laws. For example—for a performance of music off of YouTube at a large public event or broadcasting to a larger audience—on the radio or online, you will need a copyright license.

The list is live and constantly being updated. We also welcome any additions you can share. Please email kwong@honpahi.org with recommended additions or questions.

ENJOY!

**Radio Programs
MARCH 2020
KZOO 1210 AM
Japanese Language
Saturday at 7:30 AM**

- 07 Rev. Ryoso Toshima
- 14 Rev. Thomas Okano
- 21 Rev. Kazunori Takahashi
- 28 Rimban Toyokazu Hagio

Betsuin Services

Asaji Service 8 am

- 01 Rimban Toyokazu Hagio
- 08 Rev. Shingo Furusawa
- 15 Rimban Toyokazu Hagio
- 22 Spring Higan
Rev. Koho Takata
- 29 Bazaar – no service

Dharma School Service 9 am

- 01 DS activity at
Kailua Beach Park
- 08 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
- 15 Rev. Sol Kalu
- 22 Spring Higan
Family Service 9:30 am
Rev. Koho Takata
- 29 Bazaar – no service

Adult English Services 10 am

- 01 Rev. Shingo Furusawa
- 08 Rev. Sol Kalu
- 15 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
- 22 Spring Higan Family Service
9:30 am – Rev. Koho Takata
- 29 Bazaar – no service

Nicchu Service 1 pm

- 01 Rev. Yuika Hasebe
- 08 Rimban Toyokazu Hagio
- 15 Rimban Toyokazu Hagio
- 22 Rev. Shingo Furusawa
- 29 Bazaar – no service

Everyone Welcome!



In Memoriam  **JANUARY 2020**

The Hawai'i Betsuin extends its deepest sympathy to the families of the following members who recently passed away. May the family members find solace and comfort in the Nembutsu. Namo Amida Butsu

- 12/23/2019 ABE, Richard Tameo (77)
- 12/28/2019 ITAI, Harriet Shigeno (92)

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| 01 HOASHI, Rev. Shoin (96) | 17 KONO, Hanako Miyoshi (104) |
| 01 KAKU, Brian Yoshikazu (60) | 18 YANAGAWA, Richard Masashi (78) |
| 04 MATSUMOTO, Yasuo (88) | 22 IKEDA, Michie (91) |
| 05 KUROSU, Craig Satomi (63) | 22 NAKANO, Toki Hikosaka (95) |
| 06 HIGO, Harold Kenichi (89) | 28 SANO, Yayoi (92) |
| 06 ISHIMI, Grace Chieko (105) | 28 SHITO Sr., Paul Kiyochi (82) |
| 07 YOSHIDA, Charles Kenkichi (96) | 30 TAMURA, Jane Miyako (96) |
| 08 KUBA, Tomoko Kuno (93) | 31 TSUTSUMI, Jane Sumie (92) |
| 11 YAMAMOTO, Elaine Tsuyuko (96) | 31 YAMAGUCHI, Saburo Herbert (90) |
| 14 UECHI, Gertrude Miyoko (96) | |

**Nursing Home Services
MARCH 2020**

- 05 Hale Nani – cancelled (Spring Seminar)
- Hale Ho Aloha – cancelled (Spring Seminar)
- 12 Maluhia – Rev. Furusawa
- Liliha – Rev. Hasebe
- 13 Kuakini – Rev. Hagio
- 26 Nuuanu Hale (9:30 am) – Rev. Hasebe
- 27 Leahi - Rev. Kalu

2020 Memorial Service Schedule

2020 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

2019: 1st year	2008: 13th year	1988: 33th year
2018: 3rd year	2004: 17th year	1971: 50th year
2014: 7th year	1996: 25th year	1921: 100th year



The great practice is to say the Name of the Tathagata of unhindered light. This practice, comprehensively encompassing all practices, is perfect and most rapid in bringing them to fullness. For this reason, it is called "great practice." Saying the Name then breaks through all the ignorance of sentient beings and readily brings all their aspirations to fulfillment. Saying the Name is in itself mindfulness; mindfulness is nembutsu; nembutsu is Namo-amida-butsu.

-Shinran Shonin