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HŌONKO

Rinban Kenjun Kawawata

We are observing Hōonko on Sept. 15 & 16 this year. As you know, Hōonko is the memorial service for our founder, Shinran Shōnin, who died on Nov. 28, 1226, in Kyoto.

Every year, from Nov. 21 to 28, there are special commemoration services at the Higashi Honganji head temple in Kyoto. All branch temples in Japan, Hawaii, North America and South America also hold Hōonko services.

Hōonko is the most important occasion for followers of Jōdō Shinshu. It is also the most meaningful memorial service because we are the ones who listen to and live by the teachings of Shinran Shōnin. In our calendar of events, Hōonko marks the end of a year and the beginning of a new year. Hōonko is time for us come to sit in front of our teacher, Shinran Shōnin, and listen earnestly to the teachings and re-examine our lives according to his words and his life.

Let’s make this Hōonko a meaningful occasion for each of us to truly feel grateful for receiving the teachings which enable us to live our lives fully and dynamically. Hōonko is a time for us to express our gratitude and listen to Shinran Shōnin’s teaching and re-examine our entrusting mind—*shinjin*—again.

So I would like to invite all of you for our Hōonko Gathering on Sept. 15 at 1 pm and Hōonko service on Sept. 16 at 10 am. I am looking forward to seeing you at Hōonko time.

Thank you in gasshō,
Rinban Kenjun Kawawata



Rinban Ken Kawawata

報恩講

この9月15日16日はハワイ教区並びホノルル別院報恩講が厳修されます。報恩講はご存知のように親鸞聖人を偲び、ご命日を機会に聖人の教えにもう一度初心に戻って聴聞する機会としてお参りされてきました。

聖人は弘長2年（1262年）11月28日、90歳で京都にてなくなられました。その後、聖人を偲び、徳をたたえる為に、毎月28日にお念仏の集まりが行われるようになりました。これがさらに大きく広がって、本願寺第三世の覚如上人によって報恩講の基本となる形ができあがりました。聖人のご恩に報い、お念仏の教えを一層深く味あわせていただくということから「報恩講」と呼ばれるようになったのです。

本山の報恩講は11月21日から28日の聖人のご命日まで1週間お勤めされます。そして法要とともに総会所において法話が毎日お話しされます。また各末寺でも三日間から一週間報恩講がお勤めされ、毎日法要には法話が話されたことでした。しかし今日は状況も変わり、通常1日または2日で報恩講をお勤めされる所が多いようです。

こどもの頃の自坊の報恩講では、二日間多く御門徒の方々お参りされ、法要前または法要後お精進のおときを一緒に頂いたものでした。その頃はなぜ野菜ばかりのお料理を美味しいと言われながら頂くのを聞いて不思議に思っていました。こどもの私には煮物の味の良さが解らなかつたのでした。また法要中はお寺の境内でいつもの様に遊びながら正信偈のお勤めを聞いていたことでした。しかし歳をとり今になってあの煮物の味が恋しくなるのです。またそれと同じく親鸞聖人の教えを素直になずける自分が恋しくなる事に気づかされます。

今このハワイで日本のご本山や自坊と同じ様に報恩講をお勤めし、正信偈また恩徳讃大きな声であげるとき800年間伝えられてきた感動を感じます。それは親鸞聖人が法然上人に出会い、真実の教えに出会った時の同じ感動と感謝が伝わっているからなのです。お念仏の教えに出会った幾多の人々が同じ感動を味わって来たのです。

真宗門徒の一年は報恩講に始まり報恩講で終わると言われます。この感動を忘れずに新たなる仏法聴聞の一年を送りたいと思います。

合掌
河和田賢淳

HIGASHI HONGANJI HAWAII DISTRICT
HIGASHI HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII

You are cordially invited to our

Hōonko Gathering 2018
“Let Us Discover the Joy of Living”

Saturday, September 15

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Return the form below with your check for \$10 payable to
Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

We will be serving a light dinner following the gathering.

Hōonko Service

Sunday, September 16

10:00 a.m.

Hōonko Gathering & Service speaker: Rev. Peter Hata
Minister, Higashi Honganji Los Angeles Betsuin

We gather to express our appreciation to Shinran Shonin
for showing us the teaching of the Nembutsu.

We will be serving otoki lunch immediately following the service.

報恩講法要

日時：9月16日(日)

午前10時

英語法話： 幡 ピーター 師
東本願寺ロスアンゼルス別院開教使

法要後お齋がございます。以上の予定となっております。
どうぞご家族お揃いで法要にお参りください。

**Rev. Peter Hata slated
as lecturer for Hōonko**

Our Hōonko speaker will be Rev. Peter Hata, whose interest in Buddhism began as an active lay member of West Covina Buddhist Temple. He had been editor of *The Gateway* temple newsletter and manager of its livingdharma.org website for many years.

In 2009 he completed his Minister's Assistant training, then received his Tokudō ordination in 2011 and, in 2012, received his Kyōshi ordination. In the fall of 2012, he received his Kaikyōshi status and was appointed resident minister of West Covina Buddhist Temple.

Rev. Peter is also a musician and is an original member of the jazz-fusion group, Hiroshima, with which he played guitar, toured the USA and Japan, and recorded four albums in the '70s and '80s. Later, he left the group to pursue the more traditional jazz styles, which led to his writing a book entitled, *Speaking Jazz: The Natural Way to Jazz Improvisation*.



Rev. Peter Hata

In 2006, he earned his Master of Music degree from Cal State LA and, upon graduating, was invited by the university's music department to become a faculty member. He has taught a wide variety of graduate and undergraduate music courses there. He also performs locally with his own jazz trio and has directed the Lotus and Bodhi Tree youth bands, and the Dharmatones adult choir at the temple.

Beginning in Feb. 2014, Rev. Peter was reassigned as staff minister at the Los Angeles Betsuin, beginning yet another new chapter of his life. He brings with him a wide variety of interests, including Buddhist chanting music and the dynamic interaction between Shin Buddhism and our American cultural and intellectual traditions.

Hoonko Gathering 2018 Registration

YES, count me in for the Hoonko Gathering 2018 on Sept. 15!

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Bishop Kenjun Kawawata (left) officiates at the annual Hawaii Meijikai bon hoyo at Makiki Japanese Naval Cemetery on Aug. 15, remembering the 16 Meiji-era Imperial Japanese Navy sailors buried there. Assisting him is Bishop Chishin Hirai of Nichiren Mission of Hawaii. In attendance were the Deputy Consul General of Japan, officers of the Japanese Maritime, Air and Ground Self-Defense Forces and other community leaders. Photo by Kensaku Furuhashi

Brimful of listening and learning opportunities on tap this month

Besides having Rev. Peter Hata as guest speaker at Hōonko Sept. 15 & 16, we have Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki of the Buddhist Study Center, next to the UH-Manoa campus, delivering the dharma message at our Fall Ohigan service Sept. 23 (sweetened by ohagi treats after the service!).

To get to the bottom of your most basic questions about Buddhism, we welcome you to our first "Tea & Buddhism" dialogue session on Thu., Sept. 20, starting at 7 pm. Green tea, oolong, sencha, iced tea or whatever...it's all very informal!

Of course, there's our regular Larger Sutra classes, conducted in both Japanese and English, on Sept. 2 and Sept. 13, respectively, and our monthly Betsuin study class on Sept. 3 & 17 and O-kō dharma discussion, this month at the Kaneohe temple, on Sept. 18.

With so many opportunities for listening during this Ohigan season, we hope you will take advantage of at least some of them. Call 531--9088 for more information.

Give Aloha matching gifts boost your temple donation

The Foodland and Western Union Foundation will partially match each donation made to our temple in the

month of September up to \$249 per person at any Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms checkout. Simply let the cashier know you're making a Give Aloha donation to **Higashi Hongwanji**, or give our 5-digit code number, **78784**.

You should save your receipt for income tax purposes, since it is your official record of your tax-deductible contribution to our 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Consult your tax adviser for more details about eligible deductions.

Oyster Factory provides glimpse of Japan's challenges in the future

For generations, local Okayama folks have done the work of shucking oysters. Due to a shortage of workers, an oyster factory in Ushimado welcomes two workers from China. But differences in language and lifestyle cause friction, and Chinese working next door quit. What will happen to the oyster factory?

Ushimado's dilemma is a microcosm of an emerging problem in Japan. With globalization, depopulation, an aging society, industrial, labor and immigration challenges, added to lingering effects of the 2011 earthquake disaster, what lies ahead in Japan's future?

The 2016 film received critical acclaim at the Locarno International Film Festival,

including being cited as Director (Kazuhiro) Sōda's "superb masterpiece."

Showtime: 6:30 pm, Tues., Sept. 25, 145 min. Color. Japanese audio, English subtitles. Free admission. Light refreshments, or bring to share!

牡蠣工場 (かきこうば)

舞台養殖された牡蠣の殻を取り除く「むき子」の仕事は、代々地元の人々が担ってきた。しかし、かつて20軒近くあった牛窓の牡蠣工場は、いまでは6軒に減り、過疎化による労働力不足で、数年前から中国人労働者を迎え始めた工場東日本大震災で家業の牡蠣工場が壊滅的打撃を受け、宮城県から移住してきた一家は、ここ牛窓で工場を継ぐことになった。そして2人の労働者を初めて中国から迎えることを決心。だが、中国人とは言葉が通じず、生活習慣も異なる。隣の工場では、早くも途中で国に帰る脱落者も。果たして牡蠣工場の運命は？

牡蠣工場という小宇宙に、グローバル化、少子高齢化、過疎化、第一次・第二次産業の苦境、労働問題、移民問題、そして震災の影響など、大きな問題が浮かび上がってくる。想田監督が見た世界の「現在(いま)」と日本の「未来」とは？



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ロカルノ国際映画祭に正式招待された本作は、「珠玉の智慧に満ちた映画」「目から鱗の現代日本の姿」「想田監督の最高傑作」などと、世界の批評家から絶賛された。

公開：2016年、カラー、言語：日本語、字幕：英語、映時間：145分、9月25日(火)午後6:30時、入場無料。

Merci! *Gracias!* *Kamsahamnida!* *Grazie!* *Danke!*
Arigatou! **Bon Festival Acknowledgments** *Mifée debiru!*
Mahalo! *Salamat!* *Xiexie!* *Tanks!* *Obrigado!*

While our Bon Festival Committee labored over several months to design, develop and implement our festival plans, ultimately it was the cooperation of our community partners and volunteers that made everything happen. We are extremely grateful for all the support from our wonderful community!

We've learned from the experience and now have definite ideas on how we can make next year's Bon Festival even more exciting for everyone to enjoy.

We'd also like to acknowledge the Gannenmono descendants who took the time to participate in our Mantoe Lantern ceremony and join in the bon dancing afterwards. In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, obon is a special time to reflect on our interdependence to our ancestors.

If we missed your name in our credits, please let us know and we'll make it right. On behalf of the Bon Festival Committee, *otsukaresama deshita!*

— Dennis Saiki

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TEMPLE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

9/2	Sun	10 am	Shōtsuki service/Sunday school (Rev. Kikuchi)
9/2	Sun	12 pm	無量寿経 日本語仏教講座
9/2	Sun	12 pm	Art of Paper Folding class (Otani Center)
9/3	Mon	10 am	Betsuin study class
9/8	Sat	10 am	Hawaii District meeting at Betsuin
9/9	Sun	10 am	Sunday service/Sunday school (Rinban)
9/9	Sun	12 pm	Omigaki polishing of altar accessories
9/11	Tue	3 pm	Ukulele class/band practice
9/13	Thu	7 pm	The Larger Sutra study class (English)
9/15	Sat	1 pm	Hōonko Gathering Lecturer: Rev. Peter Hata
9/16	Sun	10 am	Hōonko service Officiated by Associate Abbot Yul Otani Message by Rev. Peter Hata, LA Betsuin
9/17	Mon	10 am	Betsuin study class
9/18	Tue	3 pm	O-kō: Dharma discussion at Kaneohe
9/20	Thu	7 pm	Tea & Buddhism Intro to Buddhism & Dialogue
9/22	Sat	10 am	MAP class
9/23	Sun	10 am	Ohigan service (Ohagi treats after service) Message by Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki, BSC
9/23	Sun	12 pm	Betsuin board meeting
9/25	Tue	3 pm	Ukulele class/band practice
9/25	Tue	6:30 pm	Movie night: Oyster Factory 牡蠣工場 (2016)
9/28	Fri	10 am	Shinran Shōnin memorial service
9/30	Sun	10 am	Sunday service/Sunday school (Rev. Kita)

OCTOBER

10/1	Mon	10 am	Betsuin study class
10/7	Sun	10 am	Perpetual memorial & shōtsuki service Sunday school
10/7	Sun	12 pm	The Larger Sutra study class led by Rinban Kawawata in Japanese 無量寿経 日本語仏教講座 現代語で仏教を聞こう! Fukuhara Conference Room
10/9	Tue	3 pm	Ukulele class/band practice
10/11	Thu	7 pm	The Larger Sutra study class led by Rinban Kawawata in English
10/13	Sat	10 am	MAP class
10/14	Sun	10 am	Sunday service/Sunday school
10/14	Sun	12 pm	Betsuin board meeting
10/14	Sun	12 pm	Art of Paper Folding class (Otani Center)
10/15	Mon	10 am	Betsuin study class
10/16	Tue	3 pm	O-kō: Dharma discussion at Betsuin Fukuhara Conference Room
10/21	Sun	10 am	Sunday service/Sunday school
10/21	Sun	11 am	Takamasa Fujima performance (Otani Center)
10/23	Tue	3 pm	Ukulele class/band practice
10/23	Tue	6:30 pm	Movie night: Midnight Diner 2 (2016) 続・深夜食堂
10/28	Sun	10 am	Shinran Shōnin memorial service Sunday service/Sunday school

Everyone is welcome to join the morning chanting held at 7 am daily (except on Sundays & the 28th day of the month) in the Betsuin main hall.