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It was just 74 years ago, the morning of August 6, 8:15 am, when the first atomic bomb was dropped in Hiroshima and 150,000 people were killed. Three days later Nagasaki was burned down by the atomic bomb and 90,000 people were killed. Then the war ended on August 15, 1945.

Ryotaro Shiba, who was a famous Japanese writer and served in the Japanese army during the war, said, “We cannot honor those who died in wars in the past until we find real peace and harmony in this world. They died for peace and their countries. They sacrificed their lives for peace.”

“Until we establish true peace on Earth, their sacrifices are useless deaths. We have to know this matter. Why did they die? We have to make a vow not to commit war again. We must not commit the same mistake again.”

In a documentary film about the Hiroshima atomic bombing, a woman, one of the survivors said, “I really felt that I was evil, because I had to leave many people who needed care behind during my search for my parents after the bombing. Until that day, I thought I was a good human.”

She was so surprised that the war had changed everything and it showed the real nature of human beings. She really felt the importance of normal daily living and for peace for all human beings.

All of us today share their basic wish for peace and harmony.

Ten years ago, a young American named Steve Sotor—who was 14 at the time—read about the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II in his history textbook. He was curious to know why atomic bombs had to be used but he didn’t find the answer in his textbook.

Steve decided to make a documentary film about the atomic bomb. He and his friend, Trace Gainer, interviewed scientists and engineers who helped develop such weapons.

In their documentary entitled, “Genie of the Magic Lamp,” Genie, trapped in the lamp says, “I was called, that is why I came out. Honestly, I did not want to come out.”

The message was loud and clear: “Nuclear weapons don’t kill people. People who use nuclear weapons kill people.”

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Rinban Ken Kawawata

拝み合う世界を見つけよう

河和田賢淳

終戦よりはや74年の月日が過ぎ、今、戦争の記憶が薄れ行く中で世界平和への歩みをまだまだ進めて行かなければなりません。

この8月15日は終戦の日として戦争で亡くなられたすべての方々を思い追悼の心を表します。この人類の戦争の歴史を深く省みて真の平和、調和の世界の実現に向けていよいよ歩を進めて行かなければなりません。その歩みの第一歩は私自身、人間自身をまず知らなければなりません。私は無智という大き

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After the screening, one of the participants asked Steve why he made a film about something that happened 63 years ago.

Steve answered that it's not so important when it happened but more important to know why it happened. He added that even though our government did it at the time, he felt that, as an American, he shared responsibility. We think today that that was the wrong decision and we have sorrow for this tragedy.

In Japan, people were surprised to find out that a 14-year-old boy had made this documentary. The film inspired many to do whatever they were able to for peace. In making the statement that nuclear weapons don't kill people, but people do, he pointed to the true cause of the war: ignorance.

Our ignorance is the root cause of misunderstanding and killing of people. Ignorance leads to fear, fear leads to hate and hate leads to violence.

So first, we have to know ourselves. War is an extension of our selves. When we become arrogant, then conflict starts. We need to respect each other.

Nembutsu, Namu Amida Butsu is bowing. When we bow, we become humble and we can find peace. We should not forget bowing and humility in our daily lives.

In gassho,
Rinban Kenjun Kawawata

拝み合う世界を見つけよう (前ページより続く)

な闇を抱え、その無智の闇が多く争いや、苦しみを作るのです。

真の平和または調和した世界とはそのままの世界でありましょう。私共が自我でよって造った平和や幸せを他に押しつけることでなく、互いに愚かなる自分、闇を知り、頭を下げ合い拝みあってゆくところに調和して行ける世界があるのだと思います。

暁烏敏師は「驕慢と強欲は闘争の元であり、敬いと愛とは平和のもとである。仏教の教えは強くなれという教えではなく、拝めよ抱けよ、という教えであります。拝めよ、抱けよの教えの根本は、拝まれておる自分、抱かれておる自分を見いだすことであります。

日本の手紙は礼拝によって始まり、礼拝によって終わります。お茶も相撲も礼拝によって始まり礼拝によって終わります。親は子を拝み、子は親を拝み、夫は妻を拝み、妻は夫を拝み、兄は弟を拝み、弟は兄を拝むのが礼拝の生活です生活であります。

南無阿弥陀仏は、ソ連を拝み、アメリカを拝み、ソ連を抱き、アメリカを抱くのであります。南無阿弥陀仏の前には敵もありません、味方ありません。身外にも身内にも南無阿弥陀仏であります。」

いま私共は自分を学びつつ、謙虚な心で真の調和ある世界を願いそれを小さくてもいいから声にして行くところからはじめられるのではないのでしょうか。それは南無と言う一言の中に込められている世界であります。

合掌
河和田賢淳

BUDDHISM 101

Sunday, August 11, 12 noon

First in a series of workshops

Rev. Steve will introduce Buddhism through the life and teachings of Gautama Buddha, who lived nearly 2,600 years ago.

- Who was he?
- What does "Buddha" mean?
- What is Buddhism's goal?
- How do these teachings help us living in the modern world?

Study materials provided. Just bring a pen & notepad. Whether you're interested in Buddhism but don't know where to start, or a long-time member looking to learn more about the roots and basics of Buddhism, please feel free to join us. No fees to attend.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

PEACE SERVICES AND CEREMONIES

30th Annual Hiroshima Commemoration and Peace Service

Tuesday, August 6 at 11:00 am
At Hiroshima Peace Bell on College Walk in front of
Izumo Taishakyo Mission, 215 N. Kukui St., Honolulu
Guest speaker: A-bomb survivor Lawrence Miwa

26th Annual U.N. Association of Hawaii Nagasaki Peace Ceremony

Friday, August 9 at 10:00 am
Honolulu Myohoji Mission
2003 Nuuanu Ave., Honolulu
Guest speaker: Dr. Maya Soetero-Ng

10th Annual Peace Walk to Nagasaki Peace Bell

Friday, August 9 at 5:00 pm - lantern service
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin
1727 Pali Hwy., Honolulu
Walk to Nagasaki Peace Bell at Civic Center (1.1 miles)
for 7:00 pm ringing of bell



BON 2019

When the double rainbow suddenly appeared during our Manto-e service on Friday, smiles popped up on people's faces and seemed to stay on for the rest of the joyful evening.

Sounds of gleeful laughter among bon dancers and booth workers competed with the squeals of delight among the many children discovering fun at the kiddies' corner. Or were we hearing happy folks striking gold and finding great bargains at our new Homegrown booth, *Nomi no Ichiba* and the "Kyoto store"?

The lively music, tasty food favorites and various activities were all possible with the help of many, including bon dance clubs, our martial arts groups, schools, local merchants and, of course, temple member volunteers and their friends and family who did everything from set up to take down and everything in between! We're still collecting names of all our helpers to publish in next month's issue of our *Wa* newsletter.

We are grateful for the hundreds who attended and brightened our bon festival and hope everyone had a wonderful time. We'll see you again next year!

Photos courtesy of Jon Shimizu



Pilgrimage option enhances World Dobo Gathering 2020

While attending a World Dobo Gathering helps deepen our appreciation of Jodo Shinshu, it also gives attendees an exciting opportunity to meet members and ministers from around the world.

JTB USA has put together a four-night package that departs Honolulu on Apr. 18 for Kansai, which includes accommodations at an onsen hotel near the airport before taking you to Kyoto for the three-day gathering, with two nights at the Dobo Retreat Center and the final night at the ANA Crowne Plaza before returning to Hawaii via Kansai International Airport on Apr. 29.

The 13th World Dobo Gathering in 2020 features a unique **Pilgrimage Option**, following Shinran Shonin's footsteps during his exile to Echigo (present day Niigata) and in Hitachi (present day Ibaraki), where he propagated the teaching of Nembutsu.

The pilgrimage group departs Kyoto Apr. 23 by chartered coach—a luxury not available to Shinran—with an English-speaking guide and visits places such as the famous Tojinbo cliffs and Yoshizaki Gobou temple, a national historic site, before stopping for an overnight stay at Kintaro Onsen in Toyama.

The group tours Niigata and Gunma prefectures on Friday, stopping at Takenouchi Souan, where Shinran is said to have lived,



The spectacular basalt columnar formations at Tojinbo cliffs are a rare occurrence in Nature.



Kairaku-en Park in Mito, Ibaraki, is considered one of the top three gardens in all of Japan.

and at other points of interest before enjoying dinner and an onsen soak at Matsunoi Ryokan in Gunma-ken.

On Apr. 25, the pilgrimage wends its way to Ibaraki, stopping at Inada Gobou Sainenji, where Shinran lived for 20 years, and a ceramic art museum. Lodgings are at the Daiwa Roynet in Mito.

On the final morning, the group visits Hobutsuji temple and Kairaku-en Park in Mito before saying sayonara and heading out to Narita for flights back home.

Cost Information

For the convention only, the fee is \$218 per room for twin, \$410 for single.

Total for the pilgrimage tour after the convention is \$992, based on four to a room at ryokan and twin at Daiwa Roynet Hotel. Includes breakfast, four lunches and a dinner, admission fees for sightseeing and chartered bus with English-speaking guide. Additional fees for twin rooms at ryokan. Price varies depending on number of participants and the yen exchange rate.

Airline transportation is not included and booked individually at additional cost. Tour terms and conditions subject to change. Application forms are available at the Hawaii District Office (Ph. 531-1231 or email hawaiikantokubu@gmail.com).

Application and \$300 deposit are due by August 30, so don't delay! Sign up today so you won't miss out!



August movie *Good Morning* displays Ozu's comedic side

Director Yasujiro Ozu provides us with a light-hearted take on the challenges of inter-generational relationships in this 1959 film. Families live side-by-side in a Tokyo suburb where housewives gossip about the neighbors' new washing machine and unemployed husbands look for work as door-to-door salesmen. Minoru (Koji Shitara) and Isamu (Masahiko Shimazu) stop speaking in protest after their parents, Keitaro (Chishu Ryu) and Tamiko (Kuniko Miyake) refuse to buy a television set. This charming comedy gently satirizes consumerism in postwar Japan.

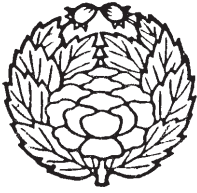
Showtime: 6:30 pm, Tues., Aug. 27, 84 min. Color, Japanese audio, English subtitles. Free admission. Light refreshments, or bring to share!



お早よう (おはよう)

郊外の住宅地、長屋のように複数の家族が隣り合って暮らしている。林敬太郎(笠智衆)と妻民子(三宅邦子)の息子実(設楽幸嗣)と勇(島津雅彦)はテレビがほしいと両親にねだるが、聞き入れてもらえない。子供たちは、要求を聞き入れてもらえるまで口を利かないというストライキをして、最終的に買ってもらうのだった。

監督: 小津安二郎、公開: 1959年、カラー、言語: 日本語、字幕: 英語、映時間: 84分、8月27日(火)午後6:30時、入場無料。



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TEMPLE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

AUGUST

8/4	Sun	10 am	Shōtsuki memorial service Dharma message: Rinban Kawawata
8/4	Sun	12pm	Basic Buddhism discussion in Japanese 仏教入門（お話と座談会）
8/5	Mon	10 am	Meditation Sutra study class
8/8	Thu	7 pm	The Larger Sutra study class led by Rinban Kawawata in English
8/11	Sun	10 am	Sunday service Dharma message: Rev. Toyoshima
8/11	Sun	12 pm	Buddhism 101 workshop (English)
8/12	Mon	12 pm	99 Lunch Bunch at Moanalua 99 Food Court
8/13	Tue	3 pm	Ukulele class/band practice
8/15	Thu	7 pm	Dharma potluck discussion group
8/18	Sun	10 am	Sunday service Dharma message: Rinban Kawawata
8/18	Sun	12 pm	Betsuin board meeting
8/18	Sun	12 pm	The Art of Paper Folding class Otani Center
8/19	Mon	10 am	Meditation Sutra study class
8/25	Sun	10 am	Sunday service Dharma message: Rev. Toyoshima
8/27	Tue	3 pm	Ukulele class/band practice
8/27	Tue	6:30 pm	Movie night: Good Morning (1959)
8/28	Wed	10 am	Shinran Shōnin memorial service

SEPTEMBER

9/1	Sun	10 am	Shōtsuki memorial service Dharma msg: Rinban Kawawata
9/1	Sun	12pm	Basic Buddhism discussion in Japanese 仏教入門（お話と座談会）
9/5	Thu	6 pm	Karaoke night at the Betsuin
9/8	Sun	10 am	Sunday service (Rev. Toyoshima)
9/10	Tue	3 pm	Ukulele class/band practice
9/12	Thu	7 pm	The Larger Sutra study class led by Rinban Kawawata in English
9/14	Sat	1 pm	Hoonko Gathering Lecturer: Rev. Fred Brennon
9/15	Sun	10 am	Hoonko service Officiant: Overseas Abbot Choyu Otani Dharma message: Rev. Fred Brennon
9/16	Mon	10 am	Meditation Sutra study class
9/19	Thu	7 pm	Dharma potluck discussion group
9/22	Sun	10 am	Fall Ohigan service Dharma msg: Rev. Kazunori Takahashi
9/22	Sun	12 pm	Betsuin board meeting
9/24	Tue	3 pm	Ukulele class/band practice
9/24	Tue	6:30 pm	Movie night: Rainbow Song (2018)
9/28	Sat	10 am	Shinran Shōnin memorial service
9/29	Sun	10 am	Sunday service Japanese dharma msg: Rinban Kawawata English: Rev. Toyoshima

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.