



Jushin 樹心

Web Edition

October / November 2016

Volume 6 Issue 6

inside your Jushin

Troop 49 Clears Backlogged Temple Maintenance Tasks 1-2

Invitation to Special Events at Upcoming Goenki 3-4

Rev. Koen Kikuchi Our Ho-on-ko Guest Speaker, October 30 5
Goenki Event Reminders 5
Nokotsudo Spaces Available 5

Special Insert – “Trade Winds” Newsletter from Higashi Hongwanji Hawaii District 6-7

Goenki RSVP and Payment Form 8
October-November Calendar 8



Jushin publication is published bi-monthly by the Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji 45-520 Keaahala Road Kaneohe, HI 96744 Tel (808) 247-2661

Resident Minister
Rev. Hiroko Maeda
Board Chairperson: Walt Herring
Editor: Jim Dote

Temple email:
kaneohe@hhbt-hi.org

Temple website:
www.kaneohe.hhbt-hi.org



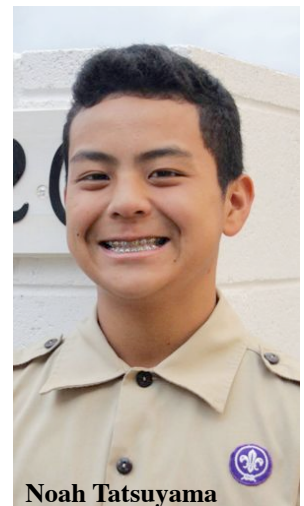
Beautifying our Street Frontage – The army of green-thumbed scouts ably dug up weeds and hard clay compacted by parked cars, blended in mulch and planted real shrubs, a “long-time, to-do wish list” of the temple.

“An Unreal Job!”

By Jim Dote

“I chose to do my Eagle Scout project here,” Noah Tatsuyama said, knowing that he could have designed his Eagle Project to benefit any other community organization on the island.

He cited several reasons why he chose the Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji; it’s a community resource serving Kaneohe for over 90 years as a Buddhist temple, it operated a former Japanese language school and community social hall, has a current tenant with a childcare facility, and also because of “my great-grandmother’s relationship with the temple. There’s a family connection,” Tatsuyama explained. “I did not meet my great-grandparents actually, but their roots are here (in Kaneohe),” he added.



Noah Tatsuyama

In recalling the August 27 work project, he deflected attention away from himself and acknowledged the whole team. “A lot of scouts and parents helped out along with troop leaders and even my relatives so it was a great team effort,” Tatsuyama said. For the project, he planned and coordinated the tasks of 48 people to work in five work teams simultaneously the full day. Eight temple members also joined in. The end result is a temple that had long overdue maintenance work taken care of and backbreaking landscaping work done - in one day.

Troop 49 Leader Mark Merriam commended Noah on his community service project. “Noah and Troup 49 did a great job and accomplished the mission that he set out to do,” Merriam said. “An important concept of the Scouts’ community service is learning to give back to one’s community and develop leadership skills.”

Continued on page 2.

Maintenance put off for years due to lack of muscle-hustle

Community Service Leads to Deep Appreciation

Continued from page 1.

Temple Board Chairperson Walter Herring thanks Troop 49 and Noah, “our temple was very fortunate to have Noah and his crew select us for his project. Everyone can see the difference they have made!” Herring himself knows this was a complex project. “This was one of the most ambitious Eagle Projects I have seen. I was associated with a Boy Scout troop in Kaneohe for about a decade, and we had an Eagle Project almost every year,” he said with great appreciation.

Tatsuyama joined scouting as a Cub Scout in his third grade and stuck with it, “I really enjoy scouting.” Now as Boy Scout and a sophomore, “I’m learning a lot, I’m becoming a more mature person as a Scout, especially working towards my Eagle Scout badge,” he said.

Temple board member Stanley Sato who along with other members conferred with Tatsuyama from the

“Everyone can see the difference they have made!”

Walt Herring
Board Chairperson

idea stage, praised Noah. “By just watching Noah during the project, I saw he was serious, focused, and on top of the work teams - each team doing separate tasks. He kept the crews upbeat. For a young man his age, I think he did things beyond his age level, and he did an unreal job.

Noah closed the interview by saying; “It was really MY pleasure to help this long-time Kaneohe organization with a beautification outcome that future generations can



Community Service with a Smile – Above, only a portion of the Troop 49 volunteers posed for a photo with our seven temple ‘ohana who worked.

Below left, digging away the cracked planter box and hauling the debris was hard work, too. Below right, Noah Tatsuyama standing beside the repainted Dharmachakra gate medallion that Walt Herring welded in 2004.



enjoy. It was coincidental that my great-grandparents were active members.”

However, Shin Buddhists believe in causes and conditions, and that nothing is “coincidental.” In our view this effort is the result of causes and conditions occurring now, have occurred in the past, and will occur in the future. **Troop 49, doomo arigatou gozaimashita!**

Work photos courtesy of Boy Scout Troop 49

All in a Day’s Work!!

- Pressure-wash, prime, paint concrete 300’ perimeter wall.
- Sand, prime, paint chain link fence posts along 300’ span.
- Sand, prime, paint 20’ front gate and Dharmachakra medallion.
- Break down crumbling planter box, haul blocks & debris to bolster temple foundation.
- Scrape and repaint yellow caution curb stripes on landing.
- Dig out, install mulch, plant new beds along Keaahala Rd. (120’)
- Dig out grass to prepare for future pouring of concrete.

Invitation to Special Events at Goenki

By Reverend Hiroko Maeda



Recently, we mailed an invitation to the Shinran Shonin 750th memorial Goenki service and the Betsuin centennial celebration. The Goenki committee members have been working very hard to make this event meaningful for every one of us.



Dr. Michael Conway
Panel Moderator and
Dharma Speaker

On Saturday, November 5th, we will begin the day with Higashi Hongwanji Hawaii District's new style of service. Instead of chanting the traditional gatha Shoshinge in Japanese, we will sing the "Gatha of True Awakening, Shoshinsan," in English. After the service, a commemorative panel discussion will be held. The theme for the panel discussion is the same as the event's theme, "Hongan: Awakening to Your Deepest Wish." Panelists include: **Mr. Glen Kila** and **Mr. Christoph Oliveira** from Koa Ike - supporting Hawaiian culture, and religion, **Ms. Masago Asai** from the Hawaii Conference of Religions for Peace (HCRP), and **Ms. Roberta Fontes** from Women Supporting Women.

Mr. Kila was selected from birth to carry on the Hawaiian religion, Kanenuiakea, by his elders. In 1978, he was chosen by the Hawaiian Kahuna (high priest), Imilani, to continue the Kanenuiakea religion. I still remember when I first heard his message at the Palolo Hongwanji last year. He explained how the Hawaiian culture traditionally would recognize the other person: it was the exchanging of ha or breath. In their culture, they greet each other sharing their breath by placing their foreheads and noses together and inhaling at the same time. They share the sacred breath of life and mana, the spiritual power within themselves. It looks like a very simple act of greeting, and yet it has a very deep meaning. I could see how the Hawaiians lived close to each other not only physically, but also spiritually as one.

Ms. Masago Asai is an active member of HCRP, and organized the "A-bombs Exhibit for Peace" in Hawaii in 2014. The exhibition was educational, and many photo displays from Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and other places where atom bombs were tested, surely tugged at the visitors' heartstrings. As I have been involved with the "Helping Fukushima Children to Recover" Project for the past couple of years, I now understand how dangerously countries handle nuclear weapons and more so the radioactivity of these weapons. The detonation of nuclear weapons may take hundreds of thousands of lives at once and cause unimaginable difficulties for millions of lives beyond time and place. I believe it is not enough just blaming or lamenting nuclear technology, but we all should understand that acts of violence or use of the nuclear weapons won't settle any problems. Thus, Ms. Asai said, "Our inner peace is the core of global peace. It is our choice to grow either a seed of war or a seed of peace within us."

Continued on page 4.

Invitation to Special Events at Goenki

By Reverend Hiroko Maeda

Continued from page 3.

Panelist **Ms. Roberta Fontes** is from the non-profit organization, Women Supporting Women. The organization helps women who were released from incarceration to return to society, and she was, too, a former convict. I haven't had the opportunity to hear her speak yet and I am looking forward to listening to her message on this important topic.

Dr. Michael Conway from Otani University, Kyoto, Japan, will be the moderator of the panel discussion. He was the last of fourteen children in his family, growing up in Chicago. At one point, his life was almost destroyed. In the middle of his difficulties, he went to a service at the Buddhist Temple of Chicago. Initially, he was expecting to meditate so he could gain peace of mind or become "a good person." But surprisingly, he was deeply impacted by words that shook his whole self: the quotation of Rev. Haya Akegarasu's (the great Jodo Shinshu minister, 1877-1954) profound awareness of existence, "I am the most evil person on the earth." Conway then began to seek the fountainhead of true awaking (shin) in Jodo Shinshu teaching that began to flow into him.

Each of the persons above has experienced difficult situations, and they have been seeking the true meaning of peace and happiness. It is like a Bodhisattava who found the White Path of liberation in the middle of the rivers of the fire and water.

We are also going to have the commemorative banquet at Ala Moana Hotel. During the banquet, we are going to have the "Taste of Dana" at which all donated items from each temple will be sold for \$5. All proceeds will be donated to the Hawaii District project, "Helping Fukushima Children to Recover."

On the morning of Sunday, November 6, we are going to have a traditional memorial service at the Betsuin. At the service, Dr. Michael Conway will give the dharma talk. After the service, the Kikyoshiki, or, the confirmation ceremony will be held. Those who will accept their confirmation will affirm themselves to be spiritual seekers of the Buddha-dharma by taking refuge in the Three Treasures, the fundamental guidance.

Even though our founder, Shinran Shonin passed away over 750 years ago, the stream of Nembutsu teaching is continued endlessly, and its fruit of the Nembutsu is alive within us at every moment. May we all seek the Hongan, the innermost aspiration of the Buddha through the calling of Namu Amida Butsu. In Gassho.



"Taste of Dana" \$5 table of goods to raise funds for future Fukushima childrens' recovery projects.

Let's Welcome Rev. Koen Kikuchi as Our Ho-on-ko Speaker on October 30

Please welcome Betsuin's Rev. Koen Kikuchi who will be our featured guest speaker at this year's Ho-on-ko Service. Our Ho-on-ko service will begin at 10:00 AM.



Rev. Koen Kikuchi

Rev. Kikuchi was born in Akita, Japan in 1984, the second son of a temple family. He received ordination as a priest of Higashi Hongwanji at the age of nine. After graduating high school, he entered Kanda University of International Studies majoring in English language.

In 2007, Kikuchi decided to study English in the Malta Republic for a year. Upon his return to Japan, he enrolled in the graduate school of Otani University majoring in Shin Buddhism. From 2009, he was a minister at a Buddhist temple in Chiba Prefecture for five years, then was assigned to our Higashi Hongwanji Betsuin in Honolulu, an assignment that he and his family enjoy very much.

Goenki Observance and Centennial Coming up Nov. 5 and 6

It is with pleasure that the Higashi Hongwanji Hawaii District invites you, your family and friends to our special observance of Shinran Shonin's 750th Memorial Service (Goenki) and the Hawaii Betsuin's Centennial on November 5 and 6, 2016. Guests who will attend to help us celebrate include Dharma friends from Hawaii Island, Kauai, Brazil, Japan and the U.S. mainland.

We are about a month away from the Goenki weekend and being that the deadline to register is near, here are two friendly reminders:

1) **Please register and submit payment** for the Goenki banquet by October 7. An application form (mailed to the Betsuin) is on page 9.

2) **Your participation** in making something to be sold at our "a Taste of Dana," to be held during the Banquet, is greatly appreciated. A representative photo of a previous event is on page 4. Please drop off your donations of non-perishable items that will be sold for \$5 in the "Taste of Dana" box located in the Betsuin temple office by Saturday 10 A.M. November 6.

Hope to see you at the Goenki and banquet. Domo arigatou and mahalo!

Spaces Are Available in New Nokotsudo

We have niche space available for the temporary keeping of loved ones' urns in our newly refurbished Nokotsudo (Columbarium). An annual Gojinkai membership enables you to place up to two urns of loved ones. This is a new and significant benefit for our temple Gojinkai (membership) under our new Nokotsudo guidelines. The temporary placement of up to two urns for non-member families is also available. Please contact Reverend Hiroko Maeda (808) 247-2661 or email for more information or an appointment.



TRADE WIND

HIGASHI HONGANJI HAWAII DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

HIGASHI HONGWANJI HAWAII BETSUIN / KANEHOE HIGASHI HONGWANJI / HILO HIGASHI HONGWANJI
PALOLO HONGWANJI / WAIMEA HIGASHI HONGWANJI

Hawaii District Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial Service Hawaii Betsuin Centennial Commemorative Service

I wish this district newsletter find you in good health and spirits.

As you know, we will observe the Hawaii District Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial Service and Hawaii Betsuin Centennial commemorative Service on November 5th and 6th. I think you already received our invitation and I hope I will see you on this wonderful occasion.



Bishop Kawawata

This year, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to observe Shinran Shonin's 750th Memorial Service and the Hawaii Betsuin's Centennial as we express our gratitude to Shinran Shonin and his teaching. We also convey our deepest appreciation to our dharma teachers and friends who have handed down the Nembutsu teaching to the here and now.

Our temples in Hawaii were established as a result of the members' deepest wish, which is the same as the Buddha's innermost aspiration, "Hongan," the aspiration for awakening to the truth and have a meaningful life. Therefore, we have been listening to Shinran Shonin's teachings for the past three years under the theme of "Awakening to Your Deepest Wish." The Buddha's

wish has always been working, allowing our temples to exist for over 100 years.

We could feel and see the workings of the Dharma and Buddha's innermost aspiration in all of our temple services, activities, and in our daily lives. "Listening to the Dharma" means listening and revealing this wish, Hongan, in our life. This is the tradition that we must continue and hand down to future generations. Today, we take our first step towards ensuring this tradition continues for the next 100 years and beyond. This will be a great occasion to deepen our understanding of Shinran Shonin's teaching and make our commitment to listen to the nenbutsu teachings more diligently.

On behalf of the District and Betsuin, I express my deep appreciation to all of you who have contributed for the district and your temple. And I wish that all of you continuously give us your support and cooperation for the district temples

Thank you in gassho,

Bishop Kenjun Kawawata
Higashi Honganji Hawaii District

Hawaii District Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial Service Hawaii Betsuin Centennial Commemorative Service Schedule of Events

Event	Date & Time	Location
Panel discussion Panelists: Dr. Michael Conway, Glen Kila, Christophor Oliveira, Masago Asai & Roberta Fontes Light lunch after discussion	Saturday, Nov. 5 10:00 a.m.	Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Otani Center 1685 Alaneo St. (corner N. Kuakini St.) Honolulu, HI 96817
Commemorative banquet	Saturday, Nov. 5 5:30 p.m.	Ala Moana Hotel Garden Lanai, Ballroom Floor
Shinran Shonin Memorial Service Guest speaker: Dr. Michael Conway Otani University, Kyoto, Japan Otoki lunch after service	Sunday, Nov. 6 10:00 a.m.	Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Main Temple Hall 1685 Alaneo St. (corner N. Kuakini St.) Honolulu HI 96817

OUR NEW FACES

Aloha, I'm Koen Kikuchi, new resident minister at the Betsuin. It's nice to meet all of you. I arrived here in Hawaii on October 14, 2015. As soon as the plane touched down at the airport, I felt as if summer had come again. That's because in Japan, it was getting colder and colder, and last year it seemed to be especially cold.

There is a Japanese saying, 暑さ寒さも彼岸まで (at-susa samusa mo higan made), which means "hot and cold only lasts until Higan." Usually in Japan, the climate and temperature would be more comfortable until Higan. But last autumn, it wasn't as usual. The week or two before Higan was cold, though it wasn't a problem for me. I could sleep well but eventually, I had a difficult time getting up in the morning. Hawaii, ah... returned.

I like summer weather because raised in Akita is located in the Japan. Summers and winters are it snows a lot. In places near some people use window to enter in my hometown, overnight it may snow up to our knees or lower back.



Rev. Koen Kikuchi

Anyway, I guess you can tell that I really like summer. I also like your warm and kind hearts. I was greeted at the airport by both Rinban Kawawata and Bansaka-sensei and they brought me to the temple. Then when we reached the temple grounds, a lot of Betsuin members were waiting to welcome me. It was an unexpected surprise. It was a feeling that I don't experience much nowadays. I'm so happy to be here, and I would like to meet and talk with a lot of members in Hawaii.

My English is still a work in progress. Even though I spent a year in Malta, English words still don't flow out of my mouth easily. Well, even Japanese words sometimes get stuck. Maybe there is a traffic jam in my brain. For the past eight years, I did not have the opportunity to use English all that much. It isn't easy for me to speak, write and listen to English now, but I am trying my best. I'm here with my family, which includes my wife Mai, six-year-old son Ren, and daughters Kokoro (4) and Hana (2). Every day the children run and play and shriek around the temple grounds, so you can find them easily. They're enjoying themselves and seem very happy to be here. My teacher left me a saying I can't forget. "To marry is living." Recently, the words came to touch my heart deeply. Marriage is not a fantasy or a dream, but it is a reality that I have to accept, no matter what happens. Buddha dharma is a teaching of our life.

I'd like to listen and learn together with you. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you soon.

Gassho,
Koen Kikuchi

Hello! I am Hidesato Kita, your new Hawaii District minister, replacing Rev. Takafumi Bansaka. I was born in Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost prefecture. I went to Kyoto to attend Otani High School to study Shin Buddhism. Then I moved further south to Kyushu, to major in sociology at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University. Of course, to get to Hawaii, I had to fly south from Japan. So I'm steadily moving south. The funny thing is that my name, Kita, means north! You'll remember my name!

I already feel connected to Hawaii, as my mother worked Betsuin 30 years ago. Also, when my father was attending Otani University, with Bishop Kawawata. Still, I'm a little apprehensive about my new assignment since I am totally new to Hawaii and not yet confident about my English language skills. I'll try my best, though, and hope you will encourage me if you happen to notice any improvement.



Rev. Hidesato Kita

The Betsuin centennial, Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial Service for Hawaii District and the 12th World Dobo Gathering in L..A. are all being held this year. I will need your full support and cooperation and will devote my energy into working together with you to ensure the events meet all your expectations. I'm looking forward to learning from and working with all of you.

Mahalo for your support!

Gassho,
Hidesato Kita

750TH MEMORIAL
SHINRAN
HIGASHI HONGWANJI
"AWAKENING TO YOUR DEEPEST WISH"

Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
100th
Shinran Shonin 750th Memorial
November 5-6, 2016

Higashi Hongwanji Hawaii District
Bishop Kenjun Kawawata
Rev. Hidesato Kita
1685 Alaneo Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Telephone/ Fax: (808) 531-1231
Email: adminaloha@higashihongwanji.org

HAWAII HONGANJI HAWAII DISTRICT

750th Memorial Service for Shinran Shonin/Centennial Celebration of Hawaii Betsuin
November 5 - 6, 2016
APPLICATION AND PAYMENT FORM

1

Name(s) of Attendee(s) Please Complete Each Box in this Section as Applicable	11/5: Panel Discussion 10:00 am Betsuin	11/5: Light Lunch	11/5: Banquet 5:30 pm A: beef short ribs B: miso salmon C: grilled vegetables D: children menu (age 3-12) chicken strips	11/6: Memorial Service 10:00 am Betsuin	11/6: Otoki Lunch 12 noon
1.	YES NO	YES NO	A B C D NO	YES NO	YES NO
2.	YES NO	YES NO	A B C D NO	YES NO	YES NO
3.	YES NO	YES NO	A B C D NO	YES NO	YES NO

2

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
Mailing Address: _____ Temple Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji

3

Payment: Banquet: # _____ adult(s) @ \$50 each subtotal: \$ _____
_____ child(ren) @ \$20 each subtotal: \$ _____
Monetary Donation: _____ subtotal: \$ _____
Total Amount: \$ _____

4

Mail check and application form to:
Higashi Honganji Hawaii District
Attention: Goenki
1685 Alaneo Street
Honolulu, HI 96817

DEADLINE to Submit Your Application and Payment Check is OCTOBER 7, 2016

Temple Service & Activities Calendar

October 2016

2 Sun 9am Perpetual Memorial Service
3 Mon 6-7pm Ukulele Stars
5 Wed 10:30am The circle (1 hour)
8 Sat 8:30am Flower Arrangement
9 Sun 9am Sunday Service
14 Fri 4-6pm Goenki Committee Meeting @ Betsuin
15 Sat 8:30am Flower Arrangement
10a-12p Banquet Committee Mtg @ Betsuin
16 Sun 9am Sunday Service Bishop Sangha Talk
17 Mon 6-7pm Ukulele Stars
18 Tue 7-8:30p Oko Night @ Betsuin
19 Wed 10:30a The circle (1 hour)
22 Sat 8:30am Flower Arrangement
23 Sun 9am Omigaki Cleaning up (No Sunday Service)
29 Sat 8:30am Flower Arrangement
2-5pm Da Plant Hui
30 Sun 10am Hoonko Service Rev. Koen Kikuchi

November 2016

2 Wed 10:30a The circle (1 hour)
5 Sat 10a-2p GOENKI Opening, Panel Discussion @ Betsuin
5:30-8:30p GOENKI Banquet @ Ala Moana Hotel
6 Sun No Sunday Service at Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji
10am GOENKI Memorial Service @ Betsuin
noon GOENKI Kikyoshiki Confirmation Rite @ Betsuin
7 Mon 6-7pm Ukulele Stars
12 Sat 8:30am Flower Arrangement
13 Sun 9 am Sunday Service - Bishop Sangha Talk
15 Tue 7-8:30p Oko Night @ Kaneohe
16 Wed 10:30a The circle (1 hour)
6:30-9:30p Board Meeting
19 Sat 8:30am Flower Arrangement
20 Sun 9am Sunday Service
21 Mon 6-7pm Ukulele Stars
26 Sat 8:30am Flower Arrangement
2-5pm Da Plant Hui
27 Sun No Kaneohe Service (Palolo Ho-on-ko)

Editor's note about our calendar: Because the Jushin is printed every 2 months, events and dates appearing on our calendar may change or might not be ready in time for our printing deadline. Please check our website for current information, or telephone our temple at 247-2661. Mahalo.