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## Minister's Message

### Thanking and Inviting You

First of all, I would like to express our temple's sincere "thank you," "arigato," and "mahalo" to those who dedicated their time and talent to help and support for our annual Bon Dance held on July 6.

Thanks to all of you, we had a successful Bon Dance this year, too! The weather was extremely fine - no rain at all! Everyone enjoyed the joyous time and place together without being worried about the weather.

Especially in Hawaii, the Bon Dance is a religious, cultural, and historical community event. We are able to feel oneness at this wonderful time through remembering our loved ones and ancestors. Thank you very much for your dedicated help and participation. I hope we can ask for your support again next year to have a successful 2020 Bon Dance. Next year our Hatsubon service and Bon Dance will be held on FRIDAY, July 3, 2020, because the 4th of July will be on Saturday.

We are glad to announce that, this September, we are having our Fall Ohigan service on September 8 at the Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji and the Hawaii District Hoonko service on September 15 at Higashi Hongwanji Betsuin.

**Ohigan** literally means "the other shore," and "Shigan" means "this shore." Between the other shore and this shore,

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## Minister's Message

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there is a river called "Sanzu no kawa (Sanzu River)" which is a river of three poisons.

Ohigan also means, "reaching the other shore," which is the Pure Land beyond the river of three poisons. Buddhism sutras say that when people pass away, they go to the Pure Land. The Pure Land is in the west, and, on Ohigan, the sun rises from the exact east and sets in the exact west. Ohigan occurs around the equinox in the Spring and Fall. Therefore, at the time of Ohigan, we are closest to the exact west of the Pure Land. This is why we traditionally think about loved ones in the Pure Land at this time.

**Hoonko** is the memorial service honoring our founder, Shinran Shonin. This service is the biggest and most significant event for Jodo Shinshu followers. We have learned about and been nurtured by the Buddha Dharma through Shinran Shonin. At Hoonko, we express our gratitude and respect to Shinran Shonin by gathering, chanting, and hearing the Buddha Dharma together. This is the Hoonko tradition Pure Land followers have been observing.

These Ohigan and Hoonko services have been held for a very long time and enable us to demonstrate our respect and gratitude to those ancestors and our founder Shinran Shonin. Through these services, we also have opportunities to reexamine ourselves by listening to the Buddha Dharma.

I hope to see you at these important services and share the teaching together.

Namu Amida Butsu  
In Gassho, Koen Kikuchi



## Are You The Donor?

Below is a photograph of a framed painting we received for our rummage sale held on May 4. Unfortunately, we do not know who donated this painting and would like to know who you are. Could you please call me if you were the donor or know who was. I can be reached at 271-2655. Thank you!

Mary Matsuda, Chairperson,  
Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji



## ??Any Old Photos??

Do you have any old photographs of our Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji, its Bon Dance, the former Kaneohe Japanese Language School, the sewing school, or parties held in our former "Social Hall" building? Do you know of any relatives who may have helped to construct the new temple in 1963-64, or the quonset hall around 1949-1950? We're hoping to make a digital copy for our 100th Anniversary. Please contact Rev. Koen Kikuchi by phone or email listed on the front cover.

Temple Cultural Events

**Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji Presents...**  
**Roll Sushi-Making Class**  
**September 21 ~ 10am to 1pm**  
**Learn, Meet and Eat with Chef Tada, owner of**  
**Wagaya Restaurant, Honolulu!**

Raised in his family's traditional inn and restaurant in Ibaraki Japan, learned at San Francisco sushi-ya and ramen-ya. Recently opened ramen-ya in Honolulu.

**Advance RSVP Required - Limited Class Size !**

**\$25.00 fee includes sushi ingredients and orei.**

**Your additional donation made to the temple is appreciated!**

**(Class topics subject to change.)**

**Call temple at 247-2661 today to make your  
reservation for "Sushi Class"**

**Japanese Culinary Class by Chef Kazu**  
**October 19 ~ 10am to 1pm**

**Learn the fine art of hand-roll sushi,  
cooking egg, and how to cut a whole fish**

*12 years experience in Washington and Oregon. Moved to Hawaii and  
worked at Tokkuritei for 3 years and Sushi Murayama for 1 year.*

*Soon to open his own Honolulu restaurant*

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## Obon Memories

## 2019



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## Important Dates To Remember

**Aug. 18 ~ Guest Speaker: Rev. Steve Toyoshima**

**Sept. 8 ~ Ohigan Speaker: Bishop Ken Kawawata**

## Omigaki Ornament Cleaning and Polishing October 20 and December 29

*(Due to Kaneohe's rains, salty air and humidity  
let's provide top care for Amida's altar  
and ornaments.)*

## Temple Service & Activities Calendar

### AUGUST

- |    |      |                                                                      |
|----|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11 | 9am  | No Sunday Service -- Yard day<br>(Please bring own tools and gloves) |
| 18 | 9am  | Sunday Service<br><b>Guest Speaker Rev. Steve Toyoshima</b>          |
| 21 | 10am | Ann Pearl care facility visitation                                   |
| 23 |      | Minister's Meeting                                                   |
| 24 |      | District Meeting                                                     |
| 25 | 9am  | Sunday Service, Board Meeting follows                                |
| 27 | 10am | Hale Nani care facility visitation                                   |

### SEPTEMBER

- |    |      |                                                                   |
|----|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | 9am  | Sunday Service                                                    |
| 4  | 10am | Ann Pearl care facility visitation                                |
| 8  | 9am  | Ohigan Service<br><b>Guest Speaker Bishop Ken Kawawata</b>        |
| 15 | 10am | District Hoonko Service at Betsuin<br>(No Kaneohe Sunday Service) |
| 18 | 10am | Ann Pearl care facility visitation                                |
| 21 | 10am | Sushi Cooking class                                               |
| 22 | 9am  | Sunday Service                                                    |
| 24 | 10am | Hale Nani care facility visitation                                |
| 29 | 9am  | Sunday Service                                                    |

**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 telephone our temple at 247-2661 for current information. Mahalo.

**Major  
Kaneohe  
Services  
Remaining**

**09/08 Ohigan service**  
**\*09/15 District Hoonko service**  
**10/06 Eitakyo service**  
**10/27 Hoonko service**

**12/08 HBC Bodhi Day service**  
**12/15 Bodhi Day service**  
**12/31 Year End service (5pm)**  
*\*Service at Betsuin, not Kaneohe.*