



Minister's Message

By Rev. Marcos Sawada

NAMUAMIDABUTSU, WHERE REV. MATSUMOTO MEETS REV. SAWADA

In the Hondo, while doing the daily morning service, facing the back of me is Matsumoto sensei's picture and Sensei Ryojin Soga's words which are written (信に死し、願に生きよ Shin ni shishi, Gan ni Ikiyo) and which means: "Put my deep faith in Buddha's Truth and Wisdom till my death. The Great Aspiration of Buddha lives in me eternally." In a few words, it means that in this world, I entrust in the Buddha's Wisdom which overcomes my ego, my beliefs, and my body. It takes me, laying the deep faith on to realize that Amida Buddha works to return us to the Ultimate Reality."

It will almost be six months since we arrived. I honestly felt a little disappointed to find such a small number of members in February 2021 coming to the temple services and doing the usual activities such as Omigaki (polishing altar's ornaments), temple cleaning, and flower arrangements.

The initial feeling of being comfortable before arriving was changed to despair because for some reason lots of important things in the temple's life hadn't been working for a long time.

The despair of the situation made me feel confused and I thought that maybe I should return to Hilo. But I felt touched and appreciative for the small group of 4 to 5 people doing everything possible to keep this DOJO (place to learn) alive. From their dedication I realized my own egotistical way of thinking. I had been living in my own "cocoon" within a world of fantasy that I created about Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji, thinking it should be this way or that way.

I'm in front of the altar facing the Amida Buddha and the Jodo Shinshu masters and in back of me is Matsumoto sensei. Through those active members, I feel the presence of Matsumoto Sensei and all members who have passed on before us who built this temple. Their message is to listen to the Dharma and make the Buddha Dharma the path for me to follow here.

I'm sure that the magical mix of imagination and inspiration from all the Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji's Sangha members who made its history provides my purpose and foundation to be here.

My judgmental mind attached to the past and projecting into the future moves me from my small and limited world to reach the world of The Great Compassion of Buddha right now. It works to make me realize (awaken to) the world of the Ultimate Reality.

In all of my journey as a minister, I cannot forget my father who recently passed away a few weeks ago at the age of 99. My respectful mentor, my father Reverend Nobuyuki Sawada, with my mother Reverend Ritsuko Sawada, gave me the base of Buddhism. I learned from their dedicated lessons of life spreading Buddhism their entire lives.

Everything in my father's life was dedicated as a messenger of Buddha's teaching. He was a quiet man. He never talked badly of others. He was a very ordinary man who never put himself first. He was very humble and pure and had a strong focus on spreading the Buddha's teaching.

My dad was considered a *JYAKUHEI* (Weakest soldiers Battalion in WW2) in the Japanese Army. His battalion was comprised of 400 soldiers, and after 4 years in battle, only 17 survived. After the war, he returned to Japan and couldn't meet his mother anymore because she had died during the war. My grandpa, a Buddhist minister, supported him while he studied and followed the path of becoming a minister. My dad worked for 40 years in Brazil doing missionary work, during the time I grew up.

I always have fun memories of dad, quietly doing what he liked: making *Amanatto* (Sweet beans candy), sharpening knives, making flower vases for the temple's altar, creating his different sauces and dressings for BBQ. I didn't understand him in my youth. I criticized him for being a very egotistical man who was in his own world, but here now I find myself doing the same tasks he used to do. Now in my mind I'm looking at his back while embracing him when he used to ride a small green LEONETTE motorbike with my mom and his 3 sons.

During his long trips to spread the Dharma, his old car used to break down in the middle of the jungle and its unpaved roads. My mom used to be concerned whenever he went on his long journeys to conduct memorial services for the faraway communities of Japanese. They were expecting sensei to come to talk about Buddhism.

Sensei Nobuyuki Sawada encountered a lot of MYOKOUNIN (layperson with deep faith in Buddha's Wisdom) and some followers used to say that Sawada Sensei was the reincarnation of Master Shinran Shonin.

He still continues making kites and toys for us, his children, and repeatedly does Dharma talks delivering the same resounding message every time. He is an honest and humble man, always guided by the words NAMUAMIDABUTSU.

Like my father in his life, I have a lot of physical and emotional struggles but I never quit following the SHINJIN's path (Deep faith in Buddha's Wisdom).

He continues protecting me and guiding me as the light of Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion.

From his eyes, I can realize Matsumoto Sensei and KHH members' legacies and the power of the Dharma working now amongst us. Those dedicated Nembutsu followers, Reverend Sawada, Reverend Matsumoto and Mrs. Tomoko - they are here now guiding us to be really happy. Together let's call the name of AMIDA BUD-DHA, NAMUAMIDABUTSU!

Thank you, Reverend Matsumoto and Reverend Nobuyuki Sawada, great masters!

Dad, you are my inspiration to follow this path as minister. You have my greatest respect. I miss you a lot. You are my sensei

Shaku SHINKO 信幸!! 信に死し、願に生きよ

Shin ni shishi, Gan ni Ikiyo! n Gassho, NAMUAMIDABUTSU



Chairperson's Message

By CharlAnn Nakamoto

As we keep moving forward with just five months remain-ing in 2021, I hope this newsletter finds you in good health, sound mind & positive spirits as we continue to thrive in this COVID sensitive world. Coming soon: vaccines for children ages 3 & up.

Watching the Tokyo 2020 Olympics opening ceremonies, regardless of viewing it as a delayed taped version, was truly spectacular and amazing. The hours spent on planning, developing technology, and rehearsing must have been extraordinary. I could only imagine what emotions and feelings were conjured up for those who worked so hard to be present and "in the moment". And because of all their efforts we are so fortunate to be able to share in these once in a lifetime moments and appreciate how we are all interconnected.

Thank you so much for your kind and generous donations in support of our recent Mottainai Rummage & Plant Sale last month. With everyone's sharing of the dana (selfless giving), we received beautiful orchid & healthy plants, nice household wares & clothing, collectible artwork, ono home-made goodies and generous monetary donations. We raised \$3,115.00 which will help support our temple projects and expenses. Most importantly, our sale was a big success because of the many, many, many hours of labor from volunteers like you, who came out to help with pricing, sign making & posting, clothing rack making, cooking, tents going up & down, unpacking & packing, & clean up. Ariga-to Gozaimashita!

Moving forward...I'd like to re-introduce Kerri Kahapea and Darin Chung. They grew up as neighbors & remain "long time kine" friends and residents of Kaneohe. Darin has been great in sharing his culinary talents. And thanks to Kerri's sharp eyes, here's a true story...during our last yard clean-up day while pulling weeds in the ginger and bird of paradise plants, Kerri stumbled across a hearing aid and wondered if someone had meant to throw it away...turned out, it belonged to Gladys. She lost it on a Friday & gave up hopes on finding it ..on & off with masks are a challenge for hearing aid wearers...and Kerri found it that Sunday! Gladys was so happy! Welcome to our temple ohana Kerri & Darin!

If you haven't already heard, the Virtual Bon Dance project that was mentioned earlier has been cancelled. Although the bon dancers were preparing all along, this project grew to be a larger undertaking than I felt we were ready for given our limited resources and time. I apologize for all the inconvenience and heartache this may have caused. I hope we can still count on your support at next year's bon odori in July.

n addition to the special services coming up this fall season, please mark your calendar for Mochi Making on

SUNDAY December 26 at 10 am. at the temple's Sangha Hall.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we hope to see more of you on Sundays! In Gassho,

NAMUAMIDABUTSU!

EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS



**Mottainai
Rummage &
Plant Sale**

June 12,2021



**Virtual Dharma Gathering
from Hilo Higashi Hongwanji**

June 27,2021



**Hatsu Bon
July 3,2021**



**Ulla Bon Service
July 4,2021**

**Ehime Maru Memorial Cleaning up and Service
July 25,2021**



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Gojikai (Membership Fee): Joyce Matsumoto

Calendar Donation: Joyce Matsumoto

Hatsubon: anonymous, Roy & Amy Abe (IMO Koichi Yoshihara), Karen Higashi (IMO Mitsuji Higashi), Suanne Miyata (IMO Francis Tachiyama), Elsie Horikawa (IMO John S. Horikawa), Alan & CharAnn Nakamoto (IMO Charliet Nakanishi)

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Wedding Service: Michael G. & Michiko U.

SANGHA'S DANA MAHALO!!!



Thanks, visitors & helpers!!

Temple needs volunteer helpers - contact Sawada Sensei if you are able to come and help. Mahalo!!

Thank You!

We appreciate your generous donations. Please contact Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji for inadvertent omission of donors.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

1-Year (Passed on 2020): Mr. Eugene Satomi Mukai 1/18; Mr. Koichi Yoshihara 1/29; Mr. Kurato Nakamoto 4/30; Mrs. Charliet Tsutayo Nakanishi 5/16; Mr. Mitsuji Higashi 10/26; Mr. Jon Sakae Horikawa 12/ 10

3-Year (2019): Mr. Mineo Nagata 1/1; Mrs. Julie Koto Toriki 3/10; Mr. Frank Masakatsu Nomura 3/26; Mrs. Bertha Tsuruko Hong 4/6; Mrs. Hatsuko Sugioka 4/30; Mr Edward Isao Sakamoto 5/2; Mr. Pedro Datuin Imus 5/28; Mr. Richard Toshiharu Tsuyama 6/14; Mrs.Helen Kimiye Fukuda 6/27; Katherine Momoe Orita 8/24; Misao Yoshihara 10/1; Masaru Sakata 11/26; Haruko Asato 11/23

7-Year (2015): Mrs Jean Sumiye Tanaka 1/7; Mrs. Jane Misao Fujimoto 4/9; Mrs. Toyoko Joanne Kusano 4/12; Mrs. Lillian Matsuko Kuroiwa 4/14; Mrs. Misao Yokote 4/21; Mrs. Tsuyako Higa 4/29; Mr. Michael Noboru Nakamura 7/6; Mr Shigeaki Inoue 8/24; Mrs. Sueno Teraoka 9/2; Mrs. Haruno Moritsugu Kato 8/17; Mrs Helene, Kazuyo Yomono 10/11; Mrs. Julia N. Matsui 11/5

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25-Year (1997): Mrs Teruyo Ikeda 9/9;33-Year (1989) Mr. Masami Sumida 4/18; Mrs. Hatsue Horie 11/30

50-Year (1972): Mr. Yoshio Tanaka 8/20

The above are dates for the memorial services. This year, we are keeping for the whole year because the pandemic's shut-down. Please call Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji (808 247-2661) for your service appointment, even the date has passed. You can consult the resident minister for any information you need.

*Also please feel free to come and join our **Sunday Services**, starting from 09:00 am.*

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Sensei Ryojin Soga



EHIME MARU SERVICE July 25, 2021

CALENDAR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

AUGUST

- 1 (Sun) Sunday Service 9 a.m.
* Live Stream YT
- 8 (Sun) Sunday Service 9 a.m.
- 10 (Tue) Larger Sutra Study
6 p.m. *Zoom
- 15 (Sun) Sunday Service 9 a.m.
Board Mtg. 11 a.m.
- 19 (Thu) OKO Tea time
6 pm * Zoom
- 21 (Sat) Hawaii District Board Mtg
10 a.m. * Zoom
- 22 (Sun) International Dialog
Sunday Service Brazil/Hawaii
9 a.m.* Zoom, YT
- 28 (Sat) MAP Class
10 a.m. * Zoom
- 29 (Sun) Sunday Service 9 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 5 (Sun) Sunday Service 9 a.m.
* Live Stream YT
 - 12 (Sun) Sunday Service 9 a.m.
 - 14 (Tue) Larger Sutra Study
6 p.m. *Zoom
 - 16 (Thu) OKO Tea time
6 p.m. *Zoom
 - 19 (Sun) FALL OHIGAN Service
9 a.m. Live Stream YT
 - 25 (Sat) MAP Class
10 a.m. * Zoom
 - 26 (Sun) Sunday Service 9 a.m.
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 - YT YouTube Channel live Stream
at Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji
YT Channel

Every Wednesdays and Fridays Dharma Health Morning Service

* Health Tips Exercise - from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

UP COMING EVENTS

August 22, (Sun) **International Dialog Sunday Service Brazil/Hawaii** 9 a.m.* Zoom YT We are going to do a Joint Sunday Service with Marilia Higashi Honganji in Brazil. Bilingual dialog in Portuguese and English to exchange opinions about Brazil and Hawaii’s Buddhist culture. Don’t miss it !!

Autumn Equinox Service (Higan-e)

Higan, which means “the other shore” of Nirvana or enlightenment as opposed to “this shore” of Samsara or delusion, is observed by Buddhist during the equinox of each year. In Jodo Shinshu, the Higan observance is the Gathering in the Praise of the Buddha, which is one of the two purposes of ritual gatherings—the other being to listen to the teachings. This month’s Higan service will be held on **September 19** at 9:00 a.m. Join us in person.

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