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Minister's Message

By Rev. Marcos Sawada

OBON and MY FATHER

Buddha's aspiration in the Eighteenth Vow says: *If, when I attain the Buddhahood, the sentient beings of the ten quarters, with sincere mind entrusting themselves, aspiring to be born in my land, and saying my Name perhaps even ten times, should be not be born there, may I not attain the supreme enlightenment. Excluded are those who commit the five grave offenses and those who slander the right Dharma.* (CWS, Vol. I, p. 59)

I cannot become a Buddha if you don't become Buddha first. I will help you to become a Buddha. Your happiness is my happiness. Your crime is my crime. Your suffering is my suffering. Everyone is saved by Amida Buddha's benevolence (Wisdom & Compassion) with deep entrusting in Buddha's work. Excluded are those who have committed the five defilements: 1. Kill mother; 2. Kill father; 3. Kill Buddha; 4. Disrespect the Buddha's teaching; 5. Destroying the Sangha. On this last statement, I can realize my own conduct and how my mind works. I can't be helped by myself. Hell is my place. Only Buddha's compassion can make me realize the true reality.

My father passed away last year on July 3. His last day wasn't much different from his usual day's routine: wake up, go to the restroom, eat, read. The only difference was the three deep breaths before he died. My mother took him to the restroom before his afternoon tea time. When he was returning to his seat, he just turned his battery of life off. In three more months, he was going to be 100 years old.

His life was what I considered as a NON-GOOD MODEL OF SUCCESS. From my perspective of being better and being the best, my father was the opposite of me, a model that I could not to follow.

He pretended nothing, was a deep follower of Buddha's teaching and a very humble man. As a Second World War Japanese soldier, he was punished by his superiors because he used to write his impressions of The Tannisho in his diary daily. But he survived in that hard environment.

His life was simple. He was persistent in spreading the Buddha's teaching. People who liked him really liked him and those who hated him made him the source of all their problems. His way of living was very natural, doing everything in the right time and in the right way. He didn't make others feel higher nor did he place himself above anyone else.

This is Obon Season. It is when we can bring memories of the people who have passed before us--your father, your mother and all related loved ones. And why do humans try to connect through the rites and services with them? The answer is to know their own identity as humans. If you don't have your base as a human, you will always get lost in this cycle of life and death (SAMARA) having so much distraction and trying to fill yourself with lots of other identities without knowing the basics of who am I.

The historical Buddha, Shakyamuni Buddha, said: "I cannot get the perfect enlightenment if everyone doesn't become Buddha too! The truth is universal, selfless and not discriminatory." Your happiness is my happiness, your suffering is my suffering, your crime is my crime, your smile is my smile! The truth doesn't matter if you are male or female, good or evil, rich or poor. It really doesn't matter since it overcomes our conceptual thoughts and mind. It overcomes ourselves!

I think this is for Buddha, not for me because I don't think that other children are like my son or other ladies are like my wife or other animals are like my pet. I don't have the same kind of compassion or universal feeling. It doesn't work for me.

Like me, Master SHINRAN realized he didn't have any settled Buddha's mind or pure mind. He didn't aspire to be saved either. He really didn't trust he could be saved by reciting the name or doing any kind of endeavors and practices. Only he couldn't escape from the feeling of being better for himself. He tried everything to be saved, but he realized that it was not possible to be saved by himself. From his conduct, he didn't have any chance to be saved or to be free from suffering. Then he thought about what is his real aspiration to live.

What is my real aspiration to live? Actually, I'm doing everything to be special so people would look at me as a special guy. But I want to be called by others!

Buddha knew my deep aspiration to call all people because I want to be included. Buddha says, "Then call my name. I, Buddha, will constantly call you. I, Buddha, will stay with you in any circumstances. Your name is renamed as Namuamidabutsu and I'll come back to this world of passions, staying in your place, and working like a light in your darkness and wisdom in your ignorance, never abandoning you and working to awaken you to realize the truth. Let's do it! Listening to my name is the way to interact with me. If you want to be called, I will constantly call you! The name is "I want to be together!" Come back to the place we never left is right now, not projecting to the future nor bringing records of the past--only right now!"

As Master Shinran said: For us, all things that are moved by passions are dualistic and provisional and are symbolic representations. We can't escape from the human judgment. But, there is always the truth of Buddha. We can only try to understand the word. From words, we create suffering and happiness, but we are saved by words too!

My father's one year memorial service was on July 3. As the tradition of ancient people, this is a way to re-encounter him. I think we are selfish beings who do not think we can encounter our loved ones in that condition. My father comes to me to represent his essence from those strong legacies. Before, I considered it positive or negative and now, as my treasure of my tradition and path as a human. His presence with me overcomes all kinds of judgments I had and will continue to have. The Wisdom of Buddha overcomes my dualistic world and all span of time. All things, positive or negative, call me to open my eyes to what really is the essence of being a human. My father's light teaches me that true reality overcomes my good and evils and my feeling of selecting what is best for me. I realize more things about him since he passed. It's like I know him more than when he was alive!

In gassho, NAMUAMIDABUTSU!

OAHU DHARMA GATHERING May 29, 2022



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CALENDAR AUGUST - OCTOBER 2022

AUGUST 2022

7 (Sun) Sunday Service with Windward Hongwanji 9:00 am
*YT live stream
10 (Tue) Ministers MTG 1 pm
11 (Wed) OKO Tea time 3 pm *Zoom With Betsuin
14 (Tue) Larger Sutra Study 6 p.m.*Zoom
20 (Sat) Hawaii District Boarder 's Mtg 10:00 am By Zoom
21 (Sun) Sunday Service 9:00 am *YT live stream
28 (Sun) SS 9 am; Boarder 's mtg 10:30

18 (Sun) Sunday Service 9 a.m. & Board MTG 10:30 a.m.
25 (Sun) Sunday Service 9 a.m.
*YT live stream

OCTOBER 2022

1 (Sat) Kaneohe Higashi Bon Dance at WIND WARD MALL 3 to 8 pm
2 (Sun) Eitaikyo Service 9 a.m.) *YT 9; 16; 23 (Sun) Sunday Service 9 a.m
11 (Tue) Larger Sutra Study 6 p.m.*Zoom
13 (Thu) OKO Tea time 3 pm *Zoom by Betsuin
30 (Sun) KHH HO ON KO Service 9 a.m.
*YT Guest Speaker Rev. Bart Sumikawa
• ZOOM Live Stream Need get Link
• *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.

SEPTEMBER 2022

4 (Sun) Sunday Service 9 a.m.
9 (Fri) Rummage Sale setting up 6 pm
10 (Sat) Mottainai Sale 9 am
11 (Sun) Fall Ohigan Service 9a.m. *YT
13 (Wed) Larger Sutra Study 6 p.m.*Zoom
14 (Wed) OKO Tea time 3 pm *Zoom With Betsuin

UP COMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Aug. 7 (Sun) Sunday Service with Windward Hongwanji 9:00 am *YT

Mottainai Sale was postponed from Sept 4 to Sept. 10 (Sat) at 9 a.m. ; Sept. 11 (Sun) Fall Ohigan Service 9a.m. ;

Kaneohe Higashi Bon Dance at WIND WARD MALL Oct. 1 (Sat); 2(Sun) Eit- aikyo Service 9 a.m.) *YT; 30 (Sun) KHH HO ON KO Service 9 a.m. Guest Speaker Rev Bart Sumikawa *YT

Dear member who lives on Oahu are receiving an OBON VISITATION from- Rev. Sawada to do a short service at your home in August - September 2022. The visit will be short and sensei doesn't ask to make it inside of your house.

* Join us in person for KHHM Services. We are doing the best to keep every member and visitor safe following the safety guidelines.

RUMMAGE AND PLANT SALES

Our temple will be making a rummage sale on September 10 (Sat), 2022. We need your help in donating items which include rummage, plants, hardware, baked goods, etc. We ask for donations. Could you please call sensei about items of donation? Bring to temple. 808 247-2661 Volunteers will be needed. Thanks.

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Temple's Message

Temple New Wind Is Blowing: MOTTAINAI SALE AND OFF SEASON BON DANCE

MOTTAINAI SALE

Aloha!!

In this hard time important values of humans are being rediscovered! Let's revive the Three R's: REDUCE, RECYCLE and REUSE. Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji's Annual MOTTAINAI RUMMAGE and PLANT SALE will be held on **September 10 (Sat) from 9:00 a.m.** to 1 p.m.

If you have some items for donating, we are accepting them. Also, we need volunteers, who can help to price and organize stuff to be sold. We will need, also manpower to set up tents on Friday, September 9 from 6 p.m.

BON DANCE

The WINDWARD MALL, KAILUA HONGWANJI WINDWARD BUDDHIST CENTRE and KANEOHE HIGASHI HONGWANJI are celebrating the THREE PARTNERS INDOOR BON DANCE FESTIVAL AT WINDWARD MALL. The event will be held on **October, 1st (Sat)** from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. We ask for members and friends if you have conditions, any monetary donation for Bon Dance. The money will be used for buying ingredients and tools to help and set up our stalls there. Also, we will need volunteers for this new event. Thank you! MAHALO! Have a nice day! In Gassho,



Special Thanks for Leighton Sakamoto, Karen Higashi, Taylor Darling, Stan Sato, CharlAnn Nakamoto, Denis Kajiura, Gladys Sakata and Norma Sawada

OBON VISITATION JULY 2022



Sawada Sensei visited some members in the Bon Season

EHIME MARU MEMORIAL SERVICE & CLEAN-UP July 24, 2022



EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

Temple's yard Cleanup June 5, 2022



Gladys Sakata & Taylor Darling

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: As of May 16 to July 13, 2022

Memorial Service: Harriet Yamada; Mary E. Kagawa (IMO Daniel Taira) ; Del Tanaka;

DONATION: Charles Iida; Michael Takashita, Higashi Honganji Hawaii District, Robert Evans, Dharma Bon Dance Practitioners; Makule Club (Bart Kihara); Gladys Sakata; Betty Nishida; Douglas Crosier; Earl Tsukamoto;

Obon : Coleen Kasamoto, Douglas & Jean Croiser, Harriet Yamada, Julian & Susan Ng; Glenn & Reiko Hatakeyama; Margaret Goodheart; Joann McCabe; Elaine Hirayasu; erie Kiyotoki (IMO Stanley & Caroline Kyotoki); Charl Ann Nakamoto; Harriet Yamada; Karen Higashi; Joyce Kawakami; Joyce Matsumoto; Jane Wakatake; Janet Mukai; Mary Kagawa; Atsuko Nonaka; Ernest K. Oda; Tokie Yoneshige; George Tamashiro (IMO Matsu Nabe & Masa Tamashiro); Janet Waki; Eleanor Tokunaga; Gordon Fujimoto; Jan Hamaguchi; Karen Sakuma (IMO Kenneth Sakuma & Roy Kawakami); Bill T. Yamanaka; Patricia Nitta (IMO Roger Fujieda); Sakiko Nishimura Edith Y. Miyasato; Ann M. Meador; Yoshiko Kawakami; Dennis & Karen Kajiura

Hanamatsuri & Tanjo E: Glenn & Reiko Hatakeyama

Building Maintenance: Anonymous (a couple)

Items & Food Donation: CharlAnn Nakamoto;

Norma Sawada; Jean Crosier; Stan Sato; Karen Higashi; Cheryl Tyler , Brent Miyamoto; Robert Evans; Joyce Masaki; Kerri Kahapea; Harriet Yamada

Garage Sale: Joyce Masaki; Lorraine Wong; D. & M. Yu; James & Jean Ogata; Tommy Fujimoto; Laverne Tarumoto; Mary Matsuda; Debra & Denis Saiki; Jane Sasabuchi; Setsu Meyer; Charlene Watanabe, Robert Evans

Altar's flower donation: Stan Sato; Harriet Yamada; Gladys Sakata; Karen Higashi; Dayle Chock, Norma Sawada,

Total: Gojikai dues & Donations \$ 5,902.62

Thank You!

We appreciate your generous donations. Please contact Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji for inadvertent omission of donors or if you want to remain as anonymous, please inform us in your mail.

Bon Dance donation

Dear member and friend,
We ask for monetary donations to buy ingredients and stuffs for Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji's stall on Bon dance day.
Thank you!

Helpers Volunteers needed

We need people who can help in the next following temple's event:

Mottanai Rummage Plants Sale:

Pricing during the week day; Setting up on Sept. 9 (Fri) at 6 pm ;

Sept. 10 (Sat) from 7 am to 12 pm.

Bon Dance :at Windward Mall October 1 (Sat) from morning to evening.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

1 Y (Passed on 2021) Mr. Francis Isao Tachiyama 04/ 12; Mr. Michael Tadashi Onomoto 10/30; Junichi Miyamoto 01/25 (2023)

3Y (Passed on 2020) Mr. Eugene Satomi Mukai 01/ 18; Mr. Koichi Yoshihara 1/29; Mr. Neil Masahisa Honda 02/ 24; Mr. Kurato Nakamoto 4/30; Mrs.Charliet Tsutayo Nakaniishi 5/16; Mr. Minoru Higa, 07/ 21; Mr. Ayano Miyazaki 08/19; Mr. Mitsuji Higashi 10/26; Mr. Jon Sakae Horikawa 12/10;

7 Y (2016) Mrs. Miyoko Imai Hamaguchi 01/06; Mr. Yoshito Kanemitsu 03/07; Mr. Kenneth Yoshio Sakuma 04/16; Mrs. Irene Louise Tachiyama 04/ 16; Mr. Harry Masatsugu Sakaguchi 07/30; Mr. James Seiken Shiira 11/11; Ms. Chiyo Fukumoto 11/19;

13 Y (2010)Mr. Masami Kasadate 12/30/2009; Mrs. Alice Kimiko Toyofuku 4/ 2010; Mr. Harry Masaru Kunihiro 08/02; Mr. Walter Iwao Furuya 10/28; Ms. Miyuki Yasuda 11/22;

17Y (2006) Mrs. Lillian Shizue Komoda 12/17/2005; Mrs. Doris Fujiko Tsuchitori 03/27/2006; Mrs. Loretta Misao Sato 04/14; Mr. Toshio Ishida 10/11; Mr. Taro Shinsato 11/25; Mr. Shizuo Murabayashi 12/05; Ms. Kimie Ozeki Kasadate 12/26;

25 Y (1998) Mr. Takashi Kiichi 03/14; Mr. Masakichi Aniya 5/26; Mr. Misato Yoshihiro 09/01; Mrs. Tazu Oda 12/15;

33 Y (1990) Mr. Harry Masao Uyemura 01/20; Mr. Mitsuru Yoshizaki 06/28; Mrs. Megumi Takishita 08/03; Mr. Tomeki Takishita 10/03;

50 Y (1973) Mr. Takashi Tamekichi 01/25; Mr. Katsuki Nakamura 04/27; Mr. Katsuhisa

Nakamura 04/27; Mr. Rengo Okamoto 05/16; Mr. Yoshiharu Hasebe Nakamura 08/07; Mr. Masaru Otsubo 09/28/1973;

#The above dates reflect the memorial services for the entire year 2022. This year, we are keeping for the whole year because the pandemic's situation. We are having in person's service at the temple, at home or by Zoom by requesting. Please call Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji (808 247-2661) for your service appointment, even if 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. For further information call Rev. Sawada at 808 247-2661.

First proceed (when a loved one almost going to pass or just passed away), for Bedside service: call immediately to Rev. Sawada at 808 247-2661 or 808 217-7325.

Thanks, visitors & helpers!!



Rev. Mariko Nishiyama Pearl City Hongwanji



Denis & Debra Saiki; Jane Sasabuchi



Rev. Steve Toyoshima & Rev. Akiko Okada