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**Minister's Message**

By Rev. Marcos Sawada

**INSECURITY, ANXIETY, SUSPICION: AWAKENING TO THE TRUE REALITY**



If I have to designate a person who represents the route of dedication for Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji Sangha, her name is Gladys Sakata. She has been taking care of all facilities, making altar vases, temple's garden for every resident minister that was here before. She was like a mother for the young ministers teaching them how-to live in Hawaii. The incredible fact is that she was a young leader of another religion but from her parents' deep appreciation for the teaching of Buddha, she started to realize more about Buddhism. Several times she described the episode of her father walking daily along the temple's road. The elderly man, who lost his vision and was blind, knew where the temple was, and used to stop closer to the altar outside and put his hands in gassho then left. That posture of life of Gladys' father led to her dedication to this temple.

Today, as with every human, Gladys cannot come to the temple for health and age reasons. She has moved to a place where she can get more personal attention. I miss her. In the one year I'm here, she taught me many things about this temple. For you Gladys, I can tell you to stand in this new situation of adjustment, anxieties, and insecurities and to continue living day by day guided by Buddha's wisdom.

And to you and me, ordinary people who never have been expecting these daily happenings of insecurities and anxieties I say, sorry but we cannot escape from them. I feel them in everything--my health, my pocket, my freedom, social life, my security, my travels, my favorite dishes, my patience, my mental health, etc. Everything is getting worse.

Getting worse!? Let's make a parallel situation. For a long time, we would watch the TV news and situations of drought, famine, lack of food, death of children and wars. We think those things were only in poor countries. On those days we couldn't imagine those situations starting to happen here in the USA, considered the richest country in the world.

Even though we are closer to those conditions in our environment, we have been trying to be distracted by saying those facts don't concern me. However, day by day they are closer and I cannot escape from the feelings of insecurities of life. I'm afraid of them.

We have much information and misinformation in this time of uncertainty. What can I believe? Where is my safe zone, my secure port? What can I trust? Can I trust the leaders of this world? Who can take me to a better way of living? Even if I'm happy or unhappy now, the feeling of being insecure never leaves me. That reality is here right now!

What makes us feel insecure, anxious, and afraid of uncertainty? It comes from our mind, from the ego self which cannot see a clear path to see your true self. There is something not balanced between my way of living and the true reality or original basis.

"The reality doesn't make us feel at the end of the road- (empty in vain), however my mind does it!" It doesn't matter how happy or unhappy we are. The insecurity, anxiety, doubt and suspicion never abandon us! (不安FUAN) --We are not living in reality but in our thoughts. (anxiety, fear, insecurity). (不審 FUSHIN)--My thought is in dissonance with reality and I prioritize it beyond reality. I try to adjust the facts, happenings to my idea or concept.

(Mistrust, lack of trust, suspicion, questionable). The feelings of insecurity, anxiety and doubt or suspicion come from the non-living basis of reality. No foundation to live it. Not living based on the actual, the real, original human's basis.

So, I live in my beliefs and try to perpetuate them and the dissonance (gap) among my ruler and the reality calls (works) me to realize the reality as it is. Everything in this body alerts me that I cannot escape from this reality! Sensei Rijin Yasuda has this affirmation: "Without religion human beings cannot be considered as human." He adds: "Without religion, can I be a human?" Religion isn't in the terms of the dogmas and rites established by an organization, but the human basis of living." Religion is to make me realize my origin, my basis, and to bring me insights of being human.

Salvation/Liberation is going to the reality not in our thoughts or thinking. I run to my fantasies and dreams to avoid reality, but the Buddha's wisdom works to awaken me to that. Sensei Yutai Ikeda tells us that being exposed to the Light can show who we are. Our darkness of attachments, passions, illusions, and delusions becomes evident to us when the Light or Buddha's Wisdom shows us our own face as a human. Show me who I am actually! It will probably discomfort me most times, but knowing who I am and where I am standing right now allows me to go to the next step in my life.

However, there is something working in me, asking what am I doing? What am I doing to improve this world? Karma is something I cannot change, but being responsible for this life is what I can have to live, being responsible for this life.

Buddha says, "If I do not learn today, I will continue a life in the darkness." The focus of the Dharma is to take us from the belief in the Dharma to awakening to the Dharma. Awakening to the Truth/Buddha Dharma/True Reality as they are, comes to you from the Big Compassion of Amida Buddha aspiring you to be reborn in the Truth, in the Pure Land, the Land of Ultimate Reality. It is time to listen to the Buddha's Wisdom to show us our actual condition as a human.

As Master Shinran points out in the same Chinese character the difference among ANJIN 安心 (Stand in the reality) X ANSHIN 安心 (Feelings of our SAMSARA) the opposite word is Insecurity. The first is Buddha's work on us; the second is that our mentality works, it doesn't matter if you are happy or unhappy. Anxieties and suspicion are very important to reorder my direction to the truth.

Overcoming the SAMSARA is standing in the reality. But can we really stand in there with insecurities, anxieties and suspicion? From our contradiction and dissonance, Buddha's wisdom works to make humans come back to be humans. As Yasuda Sensei says: "Insecurity is the Buddha's working for making me to be human!" Namuamidabutsu!



HATSUBON SERVICE on July 30 (Sat) and Bon Service on July 31 (Sun)

**"Without religion, can I be considered as human? Religion isn't in the terms of the dogmas and rites established by an organization, but the human basis of living."**  
*Sensei Rijin Yasuda*

**CALENDAR OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2022**

**UP COMING SERVICES & EVENTS**

**OCTOBER 2022**

- 1 (Sat) WINDWARD MALL BON DANCE, KHHM with Windward Hongwanji 4:00 pm
- 2 (Sun) Eitaikyo Svc. 9:00 am \*YT
- 3 (Mon) Amida Sutra Study 10 am \*Zoom
- 9 (Sun); 16 (Sun) Sunday Service 9 am
- 11 (Tue) Larger Sutra Study 6 pm \*Zoom
- 13 (Thu) OKO Tea time 3 pm \* Zoom With Betsuin
- 23 (Sun) Short SS + **OMIGAKI** 9 am
- 30 (Sun) **HOONKO SVC** 9:00 am Guest Rev. Bert Sumikawa \*YT

**NOVEMBER 2022**

- 6 (Sun) Sunday Service 9 a.m. \*YT
- 7 (Mon) Larger Sutra Study 1 10 am \*Zoom
- 8 (Tue) Larger Sutra Study 6p.m.\*Zoom
- 10 (Thu) OKO Tea time Shinran's Wasan 3 pm \* Zoom With Betsuin
- 12 (Sat) Hoonko Gathering 1 pm, 13 (Sun) 10 am Hawaii District Hoonko Service Guest: Rev. Patti Nakai Chicago Buddhist temple \*Zoom + FB
- 20 (Sun) SS 9 am & Board MTG 10:30 am
- 27 (Sun) Sunday Service 9 a.m. \* YT live stream

**DECEMBER 2022**

- 4 (Sun) HBC Bodhi Day Service 9:30 am YT
- 11 (Sun) KHHM Bodhi Day Service 9 am \*YT
- 18 (Sun) Short SS + General Temple Cleaning up 9 a.m
- 26 (Mon) Mochi Pounding for the temple 8 am
- 31 (Sat) Joya-e Year End Svc 5 pm
- JANUARY 1 (Sun) 2023 NY SHUSHO E SVC 9 am

- ZOOM Live Stream Need to 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.

Reverend Bert Sumikawa of Windward Buddhist Temple, Guest Speaker at KHHM HOONKO SVC 10/30

Kaneohe Higashi Bon Dance at WIND WARD MALL Oct. 1 (Sat) , 4 to 8 pm

Eitaikyo Svc: October 2, 2022 at 9am \*YT

Omigaki: October 23, 2022 at 9 am . Volunteers are welcomed.

HOONKO SVC: October 30, 2022 at 9 am Guest Rev. Bert Sumikawa \*YT

Honzan Japan Tour: From April 18 to 25, 2023. About \$ 3000 More Inf. WEB Site

Dear members who live on Oahu are receiving in November 2022 Year End VISITATION from Rev. Sawada to do a short service at your home. 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.

**HOONKO OUR MAJOR SERVICE SHINRAN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE**

This is the memorial service for Master Shinran and the major service at JODO SHINSHU's denomination. It is the moment to learn the teaching of NENBUTSU, sharing with others from your heart those benefits we are getting as a Buddhist Sangha. We really appreciate your presence on October 30, 2022 at 9 a.m. GASSHO, NAMUAMIDABUTSU!

**JUSHIN EDITORIAL MEMBERS**

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## Chairperson's Message

Aloha Members & Friends,

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and had a chance to catch up with your family & friends especially since the intensity and prevalence of CV has weakened with vaccines, boosters, and herd immunity, proving itself. Hats off to science! And to all of you, who are caregivers! I'm sure many of you may not automatically think of yourself as a "caregiver". However, if the normalcies of your life changed in the course of you looking out for another person's well-being, consider yourself a caregiver. Namu amidabutsu to you and remember to make time to take care of yourself.

If we didn't get to see you at our once a year, Mottainai Sale held on Saturday September 10th, you missed out! It was a beautiful, clear blue sky, sizzling hot day. We were so fortunate to receive many donations of beautiful rare plants from Laverne & the Akagi's, Susan's stunning succulent arrangements, antique train sets, Hawaiian print quilt blankets by Joyce Masaki, handcrafts by Majel, and lots of Japanese wares. We had fun reconnecting with our local community and enjoyed second servings of Cheryl Tyler's onolicious chili. If you didn't have a chance to taste Norma's chinsukou cookies and Dayle & Jeannie's sweet potato manju, it will be available at the bon dance. By the end of our successful day, our total sales amounted to \$2,440.50. More importantly, all of this was possible because of our hardworking, dedicated volunteers. A sincere "Thank You" goes out to my friends & 1975 Castle High School classmates - Janice (Hanta) Nagai, Joy (Kawasaki) Sakamoto & Jeannie Higa, my co-worker/friend - Jean Fong, member that flew to Kaneohe from her Alaska home - Majel Toyofuku, & new friend, retired from hotel Sales - Setsu Meyer. Also a big mahalo to Karen Higashi, Dayle Chock, Norma Sawada & Stan Sato for all the hours spent on receiving /picking up items, organizing and pricing the rummage items. And not to forget our tent / table / signage team: Tommy, Julian, Leighton, Dennis, Craig, Light, Bill, Kevin, Terry, Rev. Marcos, & Alan; Cheryl & Setsu handling of the plants, our helpers from Betsuin: Jeanne, Kevin, Emi & Steven. Thank you so much! We couldn't have done this without each of you!

On Sunday, August 9, 2022 we were so happy to welcome our sangha friends from the Windward Buddhist Temple. Reverend Bert Sumikawa and 20 members arrived by cars and a chartered bus for a joint Sunday Service and lunch. We learned from Prudence Kusano, Keiji "Cookie" Kukino and Cynthia Rodriguez about how the temple was rebuilt, their current activities and how they close their temple annually in August to use that time for vacations and to visit other temples. On a personal note, I was very touched when Rev. Sumikawa explained how the Nishi and Higashi temples were once overseen one family and how it became divided up within the same family especially since I've spent many Sundays at both Nishi and Higashi temples throughout my life. It was so nice to reconnect with the WBT friends that have remained as active Shin Buddhist followers since the time when our Nakanishi family were once members there.

We are excited about strengthening our relationship with our dharma friends at the Windward Buddhist Temple as we work together in presenting the Windward Mall Bon Dance Festival on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 from 4-8pm. WBT's festive yagura and lanterns will adorn center court. Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji will handle the program, bon dancers & musicians. We will be selling sekihan, manju, Okinawan cookies, bon towels, crafts & Japanese merchandise. WBT will be selling andagi, takuan, namasu, bon towels & fans. Please join us in the festivities and support our temples! In Gassho, CharlAnn Nakamoto

## EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

**MOTTAINAI SALES, preparation and sales day Sept. 9 & 10**



Joined Sunday SVC. With Windward Buddhist Temple, August 7, 2022



### HIGASHI HONGANJI HAWAII DISTRICT HOONKO SERVICE & DHARMA GATHERING

Join us on November 12 (Sat) at 1 pm and 13 (Sun) at 10 am, the District will hold the HOONKO. The guest speaker will be Rev. Patti Nakai of Chicago Buddhist temple. Lecture, Service with Confirmation Ceremony for Buddhist Name. Please join us at Betsuin (1685 Alaneo street, HNL). 808 531-9088 or 808 247-2661 with Rev. Sawada

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: As of July 18 to September 04, 2022

**Memorial Service:** Kasamoto Family; Karen Matsushima (IMO Yoshito Kanemitsu).

**OSAISEN (OFFERTORY):** \$ 165

**Parking in lot donation:** Sandi Driskill; Melvin Terao (Castle High School 76).

**Gojikai (Membership Fee):** Robert Jr. Evans

**DONATION:** Michael Takashita; Jeanne Kawawata; Robert Evans; Dharma Bon Dance Practitioners; Michael Kinoshita; Jean Fong; Leighton Sakamoto; Gerald H. Taira; Robert & Lynn Carey Grossman.

**Obon :** Jean A. Kanda; George Fujimoto; Richard & Kelda Kakisako; Lianne Briggs; Majel Toyofuku; Barry & June Weled; Hisae Higa; Sandra Kawate; Carolyn Towata;

**Hatsu Bon Service:** Lois E. Miyamoto; Eileen Onomoto & Family; Miyazaki Family; Linda Honda; Kasamoto Family;

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**Bon Dance Preparation:** Edith Miyasato; J. Ogata; Sandra Kawate.

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**Total: \$ 3,436.14 Gojikai dues & Donations**

### 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.

### Helpers Volunteers needed

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

### OMIGAKI

**We need volunteers on Oct. 23 (Sun) at 9 am to polish the Buddhist ornaments of Altar for the HOONKO and the new year. Please join us. Lunch will be served. Thanks! In Gassho,**

**Please call Rev. Sawada 808 247-2661**

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

**1 Y** (Passed on 2021, 2022) Mr. Michael Tadashi Onomoto 10/30; Junichi Miyamoto 01/25/22; Mrs. Milicent Misao Lurito 08/03/22 (2023)

**3Y** (Passed on 2020, 2021) Mr. Kurato Nakamoto 4/30; Mrs. Charliet Tsutayo Nakanishi 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, 2017) 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, 2011) 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. 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, 1999) Mr. Masakichi Aniya 5/26; Mr. Misato Yoshihiro 09/01; Mrs. Tazu Oda 12/15;

**33 Y** (1990, 1991) Mr. Mitsuru Yoshizaki 06/28; Mrs. Megumi Takishita 08/03; Mr. Tomeki Takishita 10/03;

**50 Y** (1973, 1974) 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.

### EITAIKYO SERVICE

**OCTOBER 2, 2022 (Sun) at 9 am**

**This service is for those who had former members in KHHM. They built this temple for you, expecting this DOJO continues for the future generations.**



### Thanks, visitors & helpers!!

