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Kailua Hongwanji Mission is doing business as Windward Buddhist Temple

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## **Eitaikyo**

***When we say “Namo Amida Butsu”***

*The countless Buddhas throughout the ten quarters,  
Surrounding us a hundredfold, a thousandfold,  
Rejoice in and protects us.  
Namo Amida Butsu*

Eitaikyo is one of the 6 major services of the Hongwanji. The others are, Ho'onko (memorial in honor of the founder of Jodo Shinshu,) Spring Ohigan, Gotan-e (Shinran's birthday), Obon, Fall Ohigan and Eitaikyo.

There are many ways in which we can observe Eitaikyo in our hearts. For example, concern for our environment has promoted Hawaii, and many parts of the country to ban the use of plastic bags. It is heartening to see that a majority of people bringing their reusable bags when shopping. The Covid-10 pandemic has prompted us to wear masks, keep a safe distance from each other, observe good hygiene practices and get vaccinated.

The spirit of the Eitaikyo Service is to appreciate the efforts of the Sangha (WBT Ohana) that have passed on through the years. Without their sweat, blood and tears, WBT's beautiful temple would never had been able to have been built, much less sustain itself. Their wonderful dana (selfless giving) is what we see as a result today. We may not personally know or even have heard about many of those individuals, yet, the results of their efforts are here, and we show our gratitude to them by chanting the sutras in their memory.

In an article in “Oceans,” the Kahului Hongwanji's Newsletter, Rev. Tennes wrote a joke about the difference between involvement and commitment. When you make a breakfast of bacon and eggs, you can say a chicken was involved, but a pig was committed. Of course, neither the chicken nor the pig participated voluntarily in this, but when it comes to our own participation in sustaining our temples, the difference between these two words is very important. Are you merely involved in the temple or are you fully committed? If we merely go to Sunday services, are we truly committed?

Those that came before us were not only involved but were truly committed. Because of their deepest aspirations, the Buddha's teachings can be heard and continually enlightens us to this very day as it has been here at Windward even when we were a branch temple of the Waimanalo Hongwanji. Thanks to the benevolence of a late member Dorothy Ono and countless other members' strong commitment, we are able to continue the propagation of the nembustu teachings throughout the Windward area.

Eitaikyo is about appreciation, and it teaches us that everything that we receive in life – actually, life itself --- is truly a gift. Think about a large bucket of sand, literally billions of grains of sand. Take out or choose just one grain of sand, and that would be you. In the Kikyomon or Homages, it is read that:

*“Hard it is to be born into human life; now we are living it.  
Difficult it is to hear the Teachings of the Buddha; now we hear them.”*

The main thing that makes it possible for any person to live a full and creative life is the realization that: “I exist only because of the limitless and unearned benevolence I am receiving at this and every moment.” This is the teaching of interdependence, of *pratitya samutpada*. As this realization becomes clear to us, we cannot help but express gratitude to all beings. This is the true path of the Nembutsu.


We should all strive to live this way in gratefulness. We become teachers embodying the Dharma. We live the dharma. This way, each and every day is lived in Eitaikyo. When we live this way, our lives become the dharma, and our actions become the sutras we chant. -- Namu Amida Butsu. Rev. Bert Sumikawa

# November & December 2021



For the Sundays without in-person services at Windward Buddhist Temple, we do offer services that start at 9:00 a.m. via:

- 1) Windward Buddhist Temple website: [www.windwardbuddhisttemple.org](http://www.windwardbuddhisttemple.org)  
(or Google Windward Buddhist Temple)
- 2) YouTube: [www.youtube.com/windwardbuddhisttemple](https://www.youtube.com/windwardbuddhisttemple)
- 3) FaceBook: [facebook.com/windwardbuddhisttemple](https://facebook.com/windwardbuddhisttemple)

Date	Speaker
Nov. 7	Veterans Day Service – Rev. Bert Sumikawa
14	<b>Eitaikyo Special Service – Guest Speaker: Rev. Shindo Nishiyama</b> <b>This will be an in-person service.</b> Refer to “President’s Message” in this newsletter.
21	Family Service – Neil Yamamoto
28	Monthly Remembrance Service – Rev. Bert Sumikawa If you’d like to remember a loved one who passed away in the <u>month of November (of any year)</u> , you will be given the opportunity to do so during this service. Please email the person’s name and photo, if available, to Rev. Sumikawa at <a href="mailto:bertsumi@gmail.com">bertsumi@gmail.com</a> OR mail the information and photo (optional) to Rev. Sumikawa at Windward Buddhist Temple 268-A Kuulei Rd. Kailua, HI 96734 <b>by Sunday, November 21, 2021</b>
Dec. 5	NO SERVICE – Hawaii Buddhist Council’s Bodhi Day Service 9:30 am via YouTube Premiere @ Hawaii Buddhist Council’s YouTube Channel 
12	<b>Bodhi Day Special Service – Guest Speaker: Quinn Hashimoto</b> <b>This will be an in-person service.</b> Refer to “President’s Message” in this newsletter.
19	Family Service – Keiji Kukino
26	Monthly Remembrance Service – Shirley Yanagisawa If you’d like to remember a loved one who passed away in the <u>month of December (of any year)</u> , you will be given the opportunity to do so during this service. Please email the person’s name and photo, if available, to Rev. Sumikawa at <a href="mailto:bertsumi@gmail.com">bertsumi@gmail.com</a> OR mail the information and photo (optional) to Rev. Sumikawa at Windward Buddhist Temple 268-A Kuulei Rd. Kailua, HI 96734 <b>by Sunday, December 19, 2021</b>



## WBT Members:

The Board had hoped that we would have an in-person Annual General Membership Meeting this year, but unfortunately, we are still under COVID restrictions. Therefore, this meeting will be conducted immediately following the December 12, Bodhi Day service which will be held at the temple. Fully COVID vaccinated members are welcome to attend. More details of the meeting will be sent later to all members.

## Reverend Shindo Nishiyama

Eitaikyo Guest Speaker  
(11/14/2021)



Reverend Shindo Nishiyama was born in Fukuoka, Japan. He graduated from Rukoku University in 1986 and registered Kaikyoshi in 1991. He then came to Hawaii to begin his career serving the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

During his tenure he was assigned and served the following temples: Hawaii Betsuin, Waimea Hongwanji, Windward Buddhist Temple, Hilo Betsuin and is currently the resident minister at Jikoen. Reverend Nishiyama also served as the Headquarters Secretary.

Reverend Nishiyama and his wife Suzie have two children, Shanna and Skyler.

## Reverend Quinn Hashimoto

Bodhi Day Guest Speaker  
(12/12/2021)



Reverend Quinn Hashimoto is the Vice Director of Shingon Mission of Hawaii.

A Kalani High School graduate, Rev. Hashimoto began helping the Shingon Mission 21 years ago. He has since obtained a degree in Psychology from University of Hawaii at West Oahu, and a master's degree in Marriage and Family Counseling from Chaminade University.

Rev. Hashimoto is an instructor with the University of Hawaii's Early College Program, teaching psychology, and lectures at Department of Education high schools throughout Oahu. He also lectures at the University of Hawaii - West Oahu, and is an adjunct professor at Chaminade University, instructing in the field of psychology, specializing in lifespan studies and bereavement counseling.

Rev. Hashimoto received his ordination in 2009, his formal receiving of vows in 2015, as well as accepting the transmission of the Green Tara Meditations from the Dalai Lama in 2016. He has assisted in leading pilgrims on the 88 Temples of Shikoku, as well as the Rakuyo 33 Kannon trail.

As a matter of interest, Rev. Hashimoto also received a certification from the Honolulu Community College Electrical Program and does many of the repairs at Shingon Mission of Hawaii himself!

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### More Peace Day Photos:



## President's Message

Good news: the temple will be open for some live, in person services!!

Since some of the COVID restrictions are being lifted, the Board has decided to slowly open the temple for live services. We will begin by having one in-person temple service a month and as more restrictions are lifted, more will be added.

**The Eitaikyo Service on November 14 and the Bodhi Day service on December 12 will be held at the temple.** The other Sunday services in November and December will be pre-recorded and available for viewing on Sundays via YouTube, WBT website and FaceBook.

We will continue to follow government guidance for in-person services by limiting the number of people in attendance to 50% of capacity and those 12 years and older who can verify their COVID vaccination status. Everyone will need to be masked and physically distanced if not from the same household. We will be allowed to chant and sing with our masks on.

Everyone attending the service is required to: 1) present proof of their COVID vaccination status and a photo ID, and 2) sign in on the COVID tracking sheet as they enter the temple. Nametags will not be used, so it will be interesting to see how many of us can recognize each other after almost 20 months since our last live service in March 2020. We look forward to meeting new people who may have been waiting for services at the temple.

There will be no fellowship after these services. Many of us look forward to meeting new people and to chat with old friends over refreshments; however, we need to be patient for the time when this will be possible again. In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you at the Eitaikyo and Bodhi Day services.

In gassho,  
Prudence Kusano



### Dharma School Teacher

In order for a temple to flourish, it must have a Dharma school for children. A key component is an engaging and committed teacher.

WBT is looking for a Dharma school teacher. If you are interested in working with children and willing to teach a monthly Dharma School class, please contact Rev. Bert Sumikawa at 808- 492-7254.

# ☸ *Mahalo* ☸

*for your kind monetary donations*

Greg and Naomi Kaneko - Obon

Audrey Muromoto - Obon

Bob & Joyce Nishita – IMO Kazunari Nishita

Ryan Miyamoto – Remembrance Day

Roy & Cynthia Miyamoto – IMO Donna Yonamine

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Family of the late Cynthia Uehara

Natasha Parker

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## **Ohigan (Autumn Equinox) Donations**

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Allen and Prudence Kusano

Ronald and Shirley Yanagisawa

Kwansei and Emmaline Kaneshiro

Bob & Joyce Nishita

Roy & Cynthia Miyamoto



### **NOTE: Donation Envelope:**

We celebrate gratitude in the month of November. We celebrate Thanksgiving holiday and observe Etaikyo in November. We also begin our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive in November. To save on postage, you may use the same envelope for Etaikyo donation and for Social Concerns donation. ***If you choose to donate to both,*** please note the amount for each donation on your check. Thank you for your generosity.

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## Peace Day – Bell Ringing

September 21, 2021



Connecting with temples & churches (inter-denominational) in Hawaii and internationally via Zoom!

