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Kailua Hongwanji Mission is doing business as Windward Buddhist Temple

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## **OHIGAN – The Other Shore**

*The ocean of birth and death, of painful existence  
Has no bound;  
Only by the ship of Amida's Universal Vow  
Can we, who have long been drowning,  
Unfailingly be brought across it.*

*Namo Amida Butsu*

On Sunday, September 25, the Windward Buddhist Temple and its membership, together with guests, will gather to observe the annual Autumn Ohigan Festival.

Ohigan occurs twice yearly, once in the Spring and again in the Fall. But it is one of the few religious holidays that did not originate with Shakyamuni Buddha. It began in Japan in the Asuka Period, (538-710 of the Common Era), presumably from the time of Prince Shotoku and is a distinctly Japanese observance. It is the vernal equinox, when both night and day are equal in length, and the world feels in balance and in comfortable harmony. In astronomy, Ohigan is the day when the sun rises directly from the East and sets directly in the West. This equinox appears again in the Spring.

Peoples of the many cultures throughout the world understood that nature was in perfect harmony and understood oneness of the universe. This harmony becomes apparent when we are able to see that which is beyond our limited and self-centered view of ourselves.

So, at this time of Ohigan, which is not a distant shore of Enlightenment, but in Jodo Shinshu is called “Sanbutsu-e” or “Gathering to Praise the Buddha”. Let us all gather together to praise Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion which leads us to the Other Shore and appreciate all that has been given to us as we reflect on our lives and especially at this time of Ohigan let us reflect on our interdependence with all of life itself, which is another way we can view Ohigan. Through the realization of interdependence, we become truly embraced by the Buddha which is what Namu Amida Butsu really means.

Namu Amida Butsu.

Rev. Bert Sumikawa

# Sept. & Oct. 2022



WBT is holding Sunday Services at the temple.

We will continue to post the services online shortly thereafter 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	Service	Speaker/MC
Sept. 4	Intergenerational Sunday <i>(followed by a craft activity)</i>	Speaker: Shirley Yanagisawa M.C.: Myles Yamamoto
11	Family Service	Speaker: Joy Nishida M.C.: Gerald Matsuda
18	International Peace Day Service	Speaker: Rev. Bert Sumikawa M.C.: Merle Tashiro
<i>(Wed.)</i> 21	<b>Ringing Bells for Peace Day 8:30 a.m.</b> (Refer to HQ update in this newsletter)	
25	<b>Autumn Ohigan (Equinox) Service &amp; Monthly Remembrance Service</b>  If you'd like to remember a loved one who passed away in the <u>months of AUG. &amp; SEPT. (of any year)</u> , you will be given the opportunity to do so during this service. Please add the name of your loved one to the list at the sign in desk and if you have a photo, please bring it to the service.	<b>Guest Speaker: Rev. Daido Baba</b> M.C.: Shirley Yanagisawa

Oct. <i>(Sat.)</i> 1	<b>Windward Mall Bon Dance Festival 4:00-8:00 p.m.</b> (Refer to article in this newsletter)	
2	Intergenerational Sunday <i>(followed by a craft activity)</i>	Speaker: Michael Jaffe M.C.: Dennis Tashiro
9	Family Service	Speaker: Rev. Bert Sumikawa M.C.: Neil Yamamoto
<i>(Sat.)</i> 15	<b>WBT Family Movie Night</b> (Details in related article in this newsletter)	
16	Family Service	Speaker: Bob Nishita M.C.: Emma Fujikawa
23	Monthly Remembrance Service  If you'd like to remember a loved one who passed away in the <u>month of October (of any year)</u> , you will be given the opportunity to do so during this service. Please add the name of your loved one to the list at the sign in desk and if you have a photo, please bring it to the service.	Speaker: Rev. Bert Sumikawa M.C.: Cynthia Rodriguez
30	Family Service	Speaker: Neil Yamamoto M.C.: Naomi Kaneko

**Rev. Daido Baba**  
Autumn Ohigan (Equinox) Service Guest Speaker  
September 25, 2022



Rev. Daido Baba hails from Miyazaki prefecture Japan. Rev. Daido's home temple is in Chiba prefecture, and he has three older brothers who are also Buddhist ministers in Japan.

Rev. Baba began his ministerial journey in 2002 when he received his Tokudo ordination and that was followed in 2008 with his Kyoshi ordination. He attended Ryukoku University majoring in Jodo Shinshu and graduated in 2008 and received his Master's degree in 2010. He then worked at Nishi-Hongwanji in Kyoto until 2014, when he was assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii as a minister.

After serving as an associate minister at the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin, he relocated to Oahu and is currently the Executive Assistant to the Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii at its headquarters.

Rev. Baba enjoys watching sports (especially soccer), playing tennis, skiing, hiking with his family and travelling (when he has time). Rev. and his wife Aki have three children; Dojun, Doken and Anna, who attend the Hongwanji Mission School.



WBT members visited  
Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji  
on Sunday, August 9, 2022





# 2022 Summer Photos



A new batch of WBT's yummy takuan!



Ice cream making! (Massaging ingredients in a plastic bag.)



Preparing After Service Refreshment Bags



## B-I-N-G-O!



# 🌀 Mahalo 🌀

*for your kind monetary donations*

Kailua Aikido Club  
Roy & Cynthia Miyamoto: IMO Tofu, Shizue Yonamine, & Toshio Miyamoto  
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Gilbert Miyasato: IMO Ellen Miyasato  
Clyde & Gayle Kimura: IMO Berna Austin, Fusae Hayakawa, Les Oda, Denise Horimoto, Jackie Brown, Mr. Chun, & Mrs. Kurihara  
Millie Yamada: IMO Alvin Yamada  
Gerald & Lori Ann Matsuda: IMO Paul Matsuda  
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Kenneth Kamei  
Duen Yen & Linda Takai  
Teshima Family  
M/M Yoshiaki Kimura  
Thomas & Mae Yamamoto  
Niimi & Sakamoto Families – Waimanalo Cemetery visitation  
Leatrice & Thomas Sakamoto-Waimanalo Cemetery visitation

## Obon Donations

Kathleen Hashimoto: IMO Robert & Setsuko Okuda  
Asada Family: Family Obon Service  
Jennifer Kane  
Gary & Annette Tashiro  
Leslie & Joanne Yamamoto  
Isao & Susan Asada  
Wilfred Ikemoto  
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Beatrice Kaneshiro  
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Bob & Joyce Nishita: Aiko Nishita 30-year memorial  
Faye Yamauchi  
Dean Sumikawa Family  
Marjorie Ikeda: IMO Laverne Morisato & Nancy Sueyoshi  
Jean Fukumoto  
Carolyn Towata  
Rose Nakata  
Kenneth Kamei

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**SAVE THIS DATE!**

**Saturday  
October 15, 2022**

**WBT Family Movie Night!**

*(No Charge)*

**5:30 p.m. Dinner**

**6:15 p.m. Movie (tbd) & Snacks**







# Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

## HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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July 2022

### 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL RING YOUR BELL FOR PEACE DAY

DATE: **Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

TIME: Program is 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. (Bell ringing is 9:00 -9:05 a.m.)

PLACE: ZOOM – International participation promoting Peace

Interfaith gathering hosted by Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and greeting and encouraging individuals and organizations to proudly ring their bells for Peace! Our goal is to have all 32 Honpa Hongwanji temples participating on September 21<sup>st</sup>! **(NOTE: WBT will be participating. Please come to the temple by 8:30 a.m.)**



### HAWAII KYODAN FUNERAL SERVICE (UPDATE)

**Reverend Yoshiaki Fujitani**, the 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, passed away on May 17, 2021, at the age of 97. The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii sponsored funeral service was held on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin.

### MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS

**Rev. Alan Urasaki**, earlier this year, retired from his chaplaincy position with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Effective April 11, 2022, he is Resigned Minister of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

**Rev. Richard Tennes**, currently serving at Kahului Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister, will be retiring from the active ministry of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii as of August 12, 2022. Rev. Tennes became a Kaikyoshi minister in March 2008, and has served at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin and Kahului Hongwanji Mission. Mahalo Rev. Tennes for 14 years of service to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii!

**Rev. Mariko Nishiyama**, currently serving at Pearl City Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister, will be assigned to Aiea Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister and Pearl City Hongwanji Mission as its Overseer Minister as of October 1, 2022.

**Rev. Shawn Yagi**, currently serving at Aiea Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister, will be assigned to Lihue Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister as of October 1, 2022.

### BSC 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

“Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday, BSC!”

On August 18, 1972, the Buddhist Study Center (BSC) opened its doors to the Public. It was the dream of former Bishop Kanmo Imamura to create a study center in Honolulu and, initially, with the assistance of the leaders of Hawaii Betsuin such as Mr. Richard Sasaki and individuals like Dr. Alfred Bloom that dream became a reality. Rev. Ryo Imamura and Rev. Tatsuo Muneto were the first co-directors of BSC in 1972. The present building on University Avenue was dedicated on August 20, 1995.



# Creating Dharma Moments Together:

*E Komo Mai*

*(Welcome in Hawaiian)*

**SAVE THE DATE...**

## **2022 FALL VIRTUAL NEMBUTSU SEMINAR**

*Sponsored by the Honolulu & Oahu Hongwanji Councils and the  
Office of Buddhist Education*

**Sunday, October 23, 2022 ~ 1:00-2:30pm (HST)**

Featuring Sensei Koichi Mizushima  
from the Buddhist Church of Sacramento

Mark your calendars to join in on this seminar that will share how we can make our temples more inviting to everyone including youth & young families & create Dharma moments together!

More info to come soon.

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## **Windward Mall Bon Dance Festival**

Windward Mall in Kaneohe will be resuming their annual Bon Dance Festival on **Saturday, October 1, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** WBT's temple "yagura" (musician's stand), will once again grace the center court along with newly purchased 'Windward Buddhist Temple' lanterns.

As part of this community event, WBT is collaborating with the Kaneohe Higashi Hongwanji in selling merchandise and food items. We plan to sell, freshly made andagi, takuan, bitter melon namasu, boiled peanuts, 'WBT' bon towels and fans, etc. Higashi Hongwanji will also have a merchandise/display area.

Please stop by Windward Mall to join in the festivities, dance and support our 'Windward Buddhist Temple' fundraising effort. See you there!

*Fundraising Committee*

