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## **EITAIKYO** (Remembrance Day)

Each November, Hongwanji temples hold “*Eitai*kyo” services. It is a memorial service for people who have handed down the teaching of the Buddha to us. It is defined as a “perpetual sutra chanting service”. *Eitai* actually means perpetual and *kyo* means sutra, or “teaching of the Buddha.”

At *Eitai*kyo Service, we are given a chance to think about all the gifts our ancestors have left us, having left their ancestral homes to seek a better place to live out their lives and for their children that followed, working all day in the plantation fields and sacrificing so much so that their descendants’ lives would be better. They have sacrificed even further, working to establish a safe place for all and a place to express their gratitude to Amida Buddha for generations.

We are living heirs of all our teachers, friends of the Dharma (teachings), going back through history, and even to our common ancestor, the woman called Mitochondrial Eve who lived in Africa, 170,000 years ago. We chant for her, today, even if we did not know her. Our ritual is like an hourglass through which all the sands of humanity flow. Through this *Eitai*kyo service flows all the sentient beings that have brought the dharma to us and those that will come in the future. A perpetual chant includes all persons in all times and places because it looks back infinitely and are performed forward, infinitely.

Let us appreciate and show gratitude to the many generations of families going back to the time of the founder of the Hongwanji Shinran Shonin and the hardships they endured. They kept the dharma alive for us living in this day and age. Let us remember all the many great Buddhist patriarchs that we revere so much, going all the back to Shinran and the Seven Masters of Japan, China and India that developed and refined the Pure Land path for us to follow.

From India, let us remember the chants the first monks and nuns who began the transmission of Buddhism, and to Shakyamuni himself, and what he gave up to teach the lessons of the world. All in all, the Masters of India, China and Japan, together with Shinran, our ancestors, all the way to Africa to Mitochondrial Eve, have laid down the path for us to follow. However, we ourselves have to walk the path from here on. What we do on the path is decidedly important. The manner in which we walk the path will have influence on future generations of Jodo Shinshu followers.

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 *Eitai*kyo. 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 2019

3	<b>Intergenerational Sunday Service</b> (Activity to follow – see article)	Speaker: Prudence Kusano M.C.: Gerry Ochikubo
10	Family/Veteran's Service <b>(including Dharma School)</b> 9:00 a.m.	Speaker: Rev. Bert Sumikawa M.C.: Jean Fukumoto
<b>Dinner &amp; A Movie – 5:30 p.m. at the temple (details to come)</b>		
13	Board Meeting	6:30p.m. @ the temple
17	<b>Special Eitaikyo Service</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Guest Speaker: Rev. David Fujimoto</b> M.C.: Merle Tashiro
24	Monthly Remembrance Family Service 9:00 a.m.	Speaker: Shirley Yanagisawa M.C.: Cynthia Rodriguez
<p><b>Remembrance:</b> If you'd like to remember a loved one who passed away in the month of November (of any year), you will be given the opportunity to do so during this service. A sign-up sheet will be available at the reception desk.</p>		
<p><b>Temple Prep: Nov. 1-10 by Team Camellia (Janet)</b> <b>Nov. 17-30 by Team Ginger (Prudence)</b></p>		

## Reverend David Fujimoto Eitaikyo Guest Speaker



Rev. David Fujimoto began his education at Hongwanji Mission School in Honolulu and graduated from Farrington High School. He attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa where he earned a degree in Psychology and then, received a Master's Degree in Buddhist Studies from the Institute of Buddhist Studies.

He then began his journey to becoming a minister by receiving Tokudo ordination in 2007, followed by Kyoshi certification in 2010 and then Kaikyoshi (full-fledged minister) in August 2011.

Prior to the ministry, Rev. Fujimoto was an educator. He has served as the assistant to the director of the Buddhist Study Center, assistant chaplain at the Pacific Buddhist Academy and as a minister at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin and Puna Hongwanji (over seeing Pahala and Naalehu Hongwanjis as well). Currently, he is the resident minister at Mililani Hongwanji Mission.



Recently Project Dana had a luncheon to celebrate 30 years of assistance to the elderly, disabled and frail members of our community. In addition to celebrating 30 years of service, it was also an event to honor volunteers past and present for all of their selfless giving. One of Windward Buddhist Temple's newest volunteers attended the luncheon to meet other volunteers and get a sense of Project Dana through them. In his words, "It was good to meet and talk with other volunteers and it was enjoyable in a social setting." For myself, it was wonderful meeting old friends and reaffirming our commitment to Project Dana.

----- Jean Fukumoto

## Dharma School Report



On October 13, our Dharma School students were joined by members of the Bear Den of Pack 223. The combined group listened to the Stone Soup story, a European folk story in which hungry strangers convince the people of a town to each share a small amount of their food in order to make a meal that everyone enjoys. The students and cub scouts then filled out a "think sheet" and discussed how the main character felt when the villagers were being selfish versus when they were generous and collaborative. After the lesson, the group went outside to participate in a collaborative "tangle" game assisted by the adult leaders.

Honolulu District Dharma School Association held its annual Pumpkin Patch Activity Day on October 20. Kade and his parents attended and participated in the pumpkin carving challenge. Great job Kade!

The next Dharma Class is November 10. Parents and children are asked to meet at 8:30am to help prep the stone soup. Please check your email for ingredient list. Mililani Dharma School students will be attending our class, followed by a joint field trip to Hoomaluhia Botanical Garden for fishing.

-----Joy Nishida



## Food Collection

### Looking for:

- Canned meats (spam, ham, Vienna sausage, chili, stew, etc.)
  - Rice
  - Canned vegetables
  - Canned fruits
  - Boxed cereals
- and anything non-perishable

To benefit the Hawaii Foodbank.  
**Ends Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019**

## Activities Corner



# November's **Inter-Generational** Activity: Planting Amaryllis & Making Thanksgiving Cards



## Oct. Activity: Toilet Paper Roll Pumpkins



### EXERCISING, STRENGTHENING & WALKING



Tuesdays & Thursdays

**No Classes the week of 11/24**

8:30 a.m. at the temple

### GARDENING



Gardening class will be on Sunday, **Nov. 10, 2019** at 2:00 p.m. There is no sign up – everyone is welcome to attend.

### MEDITATION

**Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm**

Guided meditation, walking meditation and offering of incense, and chanting of a sutra. Followed by a short “talk story” section. Meditation is conducted by Rev. Dr. Bert M. Sumikawa. All are welcome to participate.

### TAI CHI

Tai Chi classes continue at the temple as follows:

**Tuesday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Friday 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

If you're interested and have not already signed up for tai chi class, please contact Dennis Tashiro by email at [dhtashiro@gmail.com](mailto:dhtashiro@gmail.com) or call 226-0339.



### IKEBANA

(Flower Arranging)

This month's Ikebana class is on **Nov. 2 & 23** at 1:30 p.m. at the temple. Cost is \$5 per class plus the cost of the flowers/foilage (\$5-8). Instructor needs a count of participants as flowers are purchased for each class.

# 1st Annual Rev. Dr. Alfred Bloom Memorial Lecture



“Encountering Amida’s Vow: Reflections on my Teacher“



**Speaker: Rev. Richard Tennes**

**Date: Saturday, November 16, 2019**

**Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Place: Windward Buddhist Temple**

268-A Kuulei Road  
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Registration Fee: \$10.00

To Register: call Rev. Bert Sumikawa (808) 492-7254 or  
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October 23, 2019

To: Windward Buddhist Temple Members and Friends

**Subject: 2018-2019 Social Concerns Fund Drive**

I share the following message from Bishop Matsumoto and Dean Sakamoto & Blayne Higa, Co-Chair of the Committee on Social Concerns:

“We celebrate gratitude in the month of November. The Thanksgiving holiday and the *Eitaikyo* observance are reminders of the countless blessings in our lives and how we live deeply connected to the world around us. It is in this spirit of gratitude that we begin our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive. The fund drive will be from November, 2019 through August, 2020 and we request temples to submit their collected donations in September 2020.

Through the generous contributions of Sangha members, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is able to support worthy organizations and programs with funding to continue their work in our community. Your support also allows us to provide compassionate action during times of disaster and the ability to respond to social issues affecting our community.

Because of your commitment to promoting the Buddhist values of compassion and loving kindness, we are able to lend our support to such organizations as the Hawaii Community Foundation, Project Dana, Mana Olana Shelter, Family Promise Hawaii, Hawaii People’s Fund, A Cup of Cold Water, Hawaii, and various food banks on each island.

The Golden Chain Grant program was established to promote compassionate action through innovative community service projects. Your generosity directly helps those in need and promotes a more humane world.”

I encourage you to support the Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive. Please use the enclosed envelope for your donation. Checks may be made **payable to Windward Buddhist Temple** and our treasurer will submit a combined check to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. The suggested donation is the cost of just one meal per person. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

In gassho,

Prudence Kusano  
President  
Windward Buddhist Temple

A graphic with the words "Save The Date" in a stylized, red, cursive font.

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**Dinner & A Movie Night**

**Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019**

(Monday is Veteran’s Day Holiday)

**5:30 p.m.**

**Featured movie to be announced soon!**



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## HEADQUARTERS UPDATE



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### 2019 MINISTER'S LAY ASSISTANT ENRICHMENT RETREAT ON OCTOBER 13-15

The Retreat has two fundamental purposes:

1. Provide knowledge and skills for anyone who is interested in deepening their knowledge of Shin Buddhism and the rituals and traditions of the Nishi Hongwanji.
2. Fulfill the requirements for a person being mentored by their temple's head minister to qualify to be recommended by their mentor to be certified by the Bishop as a Minister's Lay Assistant.

Therefore, the Retreat is for two types of participants: those who would like to learn more about their religion and those being mentored by their temple's ministers to be a Minister's Lay Assistant.

This year the Retreat was held at the Buddhist Study Center and the Moiliili Hongwanji. The Instructor and Mentor for Rituals and Traditions was Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani, the General Facilitator and Instructor for Buddhism and Shin Buddhism was Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki, the Instructor for the Minister's Assistant Experience Session was Dr. Dexter Mar. Supporting the Retreat this year was the BSC Assistant to the Director, Kerrie Wong, Office of Buddhist Education Assistant Rev. Shingo Furusawa, and volunteer, Dayle Kuniyuki.

A special feature was the use of the Buddhist Educational Resource, *Shoshinge Saga*, in teaching Shin Buddhism. *Shoshinge Saga* was built on the original Japanese manga: *Shoshinge no Hanashi*, published by Hozokan. We are very grateful to Hozokan for their generous permission to produce the resource to be used in the presentation of Shin Buddhism in a more understandable manner for students from high school and through adult education levels. It is presently in the final stages of revision and the Retreat was a good opportunity to test the resource in an instructional setting. It was produced by the Buddhist Study Center with the help of volunteers from the BSC Fellowship Club. The plan is to distribute it either at the ending of this year or the beginning of next year through the Office of Buddhist Education.

The participants were:

Hawaii Island District: Earl Tanaka (Honokaa Hongwanji), Linda Nagai (Kona Hongwanji), Warren Tanigawa (Puna Hongwanji)

Honolulu District: Barbara Brennan, Debbie Kubota, Jan Terakawa (Hawaii Betsuin), Jaryd Oshiro (Jikoen Hongwanji), Andy Carson (Moiliili Hongwanji), **Jennifer Kane, Prudence Kusano, Cynthia Rodriguez, Dennis Tashiro (Windward Buddhist Temple)**

Oahu District: Carolyn Uchiyama (Wahiawa Hongwanji)



From L-R, seated: Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani & Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki, first row: Jan Terakawa, Carolyn Uchiyama, Barbara Brennan, Linda Nagai, **Prudence Kusano**, Debbie Kubota, **Cynthia Rodriguez**, Jaryd Oshiro, second row: **Dennis Tashiro**, **Jennifer Kane**, Earl Tanaka. Warren Tanigawa. last row: Andy Carson.

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☸ ***Mahalo*** ☸

*for your kind monetary donations*

Rhea Alexander McWilliams III  
Gary & Annette Tashiro  
Dorene Niibu & James Toma for Windward Mall Bon Dance  
Linda Yoza in memory of Ronald Yoza  
Nancy Kikuchi in memory of Wallace Kikuchi  
Jennifer Kane for Eitaikyo  
Rose Nakata for Eitaikyo  
Thomas Yagi for Eitaikyo  
Isao Asada for Fall Ohigan  
Shirasu Family in memory of Bryron Shirasu



Windward Buddhist Temple  
General Membership Meeting & Installation of Officers  
**Sunday, December 1, 2019**  
(Following the Sunday Service)

After the meeting, temple members are invited to lunch at Yen Yen Chinese Cuisine