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Lessons from a Distant Monk

There was a monk who lived in India by the name of “Sadaparibhuta.” This was a strange name for a monk since *sadaparibhuta* means “never despising.” He was named this because he always respected people and never looked down on anyone. Whenever he saw anyone – monks, nuns, lay people – he would praise them and pay homage to them, saying, “I deeply respect you. I would never belittle you. All of you practice the bodhisattva path and will become buddhas”.

Some people thought he was crazy and wondered, “Where does this ignorant monk come from?” Others said, “He says that he himself does not belittle us and predicts that we will become buddhas. I don’t believe it. We don’t need such predictions.” People were not comfortable being approached by an unknown monk and hearing him declare, “You will become a buddha.” He was laughed at. People threw stones at him some even savagely beat him with sticks, yelling, “Don’t lie!”

The monk had to run away, but never stopped praising them from a distance. He did not chant or meditate. Paying homage was the only practice Sadaparibhuta did. He kept telling people, “All of you will become buddhas in the future”.

Can you guess who Sadaparibhuta was? He was a previous incarnation of Shakamuni Buddha. You might think he could do what he did because he was a Buddha. Although we may not be able to pray for others when we are upset, or we cannot pray for your enemies, Shakamuni Buddha saw “Buddha” in all living things and cherished them. Can we see respect all lives as Shakamuni Buddha showed us? Can we treat everyone as a future Buddha-to-be?

On the evening of February 16, the Windward Interfaith Ohana, comprising of Christian ministers, Rabbi, an Imam of the Muslim religion, religious leaders of the Baha’i faith, a Buddhist minister, a Hawaiian religious minister and supported by a poet, shakuhachi player, conch shell player, Hawaiian chanter and others, gathered via Zoom in a service to commemorate “Watch Night” - a religious service typically held on New Year’s Eve to honor and remember the Emancipation Proclamation which freed slaves in the Confederate states.

Each religious group shared their religious symbols followed by messages of peace, harmony, and compassion for our fellow human beings and to living without hatred and misunderstanding. From a Buddhist perspective we shared the Buddha’s wish for the world, and as the former Monshu Koshin Ohtani reminds us in his book *The Buddha’s Wish for the World*, the seven gifts that require no possessions:

1. The gift of gentle eyes, looking at others kindly
2. The gift of a smile and kind expressions
3. The gift of words, speaking kindly to others
4. The gift of the physical body. Acting properly yourself and treating others with respect
5. The gift of heart, touching others with a heart full of love
6. The gift of a resting place, offering others a place to sit and to rest
7. The gift of shelter and lodging, providing others with a room or warm place to stay

Only together, by living our lives with compassion and kindness toward not only our fellow human beings, but also to the plants, animals, the environment and all that allows us to exist in this world, will we be able to overcome hatred, misunderstanding, and learn how we are all dependent of one another.

Namu Amida Butsu
Rev. Bert Sumikawa

March & April 2021



Although there are NO in-person services being held at Windward Buddhist Temple, we do offer Sunday Services that start at 9:00 a.m. and are accessible via:

- 1) Windward Buddhist Temple website: www.windwardbuddhisttemple.org
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Date	Speaker
March 7	Family Service – Wyatt Fujikawa (student at University High School)
14	Spring Equinox (<i>Higan</i>) Service – Guest Speaker: Rev. Arthur Kaufmann
21	Family Service – Rev. Bert Sumikawa
28	Monthly Remembrance Service - Rev. Bert Sumikawa If you'd like to remember a loved one who passed away in the <u>months of March (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 bertsumi@gmail.com OR mail the information and photo (optional) to Rev. Sumikawa at Windward Buddhist Temple 268-A Kuulei Rd. Kailua, HI 96734 by Sunday, March 21, 2021)
April 4	NO WBT online service. Everyone is encouraged to attend the HI Buddhist Council Buddha Day Service at 10:00 a.m. Please register with the link below which will allow a Zoom link to be sent to you. https://forms.gle/8LQK7zAGSDELMZNB7
11	Buddha Day Service – Guest Speaker: Rev. Takamasa Yamamura
18	Eshinni/Kakushinni Day – Guest Speaker: Charlene Kihara
25	Earth Day & Monthly Remembrance Service – Rev. Bert Sumikawa If you'd like to remember a loved one who passed away in the <u>months of March (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 bertsumi@gmail.com OR mail the information and photo (optional) to Rev. Sumikawa at Windward Buddhist Temple 268-A Kuulei Rd. Kailua, HI 96734 by Sunday, April 18, 2021)

WBT Adult Dharma Class

Date: Saturdays, beginning April 10 (*with tentative completion: mid-July*)
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Via: Zoom (on computer)
Instructor: Rev. Bert Sumikawa
Book: “The Buddha’s Call to Awaken” by Monshu Koshin Otani
 (Book may be purchased from WBT for \$18.50, shipping included)

Enrollment is limited to 15 participants

Registration: By **March 27, 2021**, Contact Prudence Kusano at prudencekusano@yahoo.com or (808)292-1802.



Rev. Arthur Kaufmann *Spring Equinox Service – Guest Speaker*



Rev. Arthur James Kaufmann was born and raised in New York City and upon graduation from high school served in the United States Air Force.

While living in Denver, Colorado in 1975, Rev. Kaufmann began to study Jodo Shinshu Buddhism at the Denver Tri-State Buddhist Temple.

He relocated to Hawaii in 1993 and in addition to studying for the ministry, Rev. Kaufmann attended Kapiolani Community College where he graduated with an Associate's Degree in Art.

He received his Tokudo ordination in 1994, at the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-Ha in Kyoto Japan and in 1999 was assigned as a ministerial aide at the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin. In February 2003 Rev. Kaufmann became the resident manager at BDK Sudatta Hawaii, the Society for the Promotion of Buddhism.

Rev. Kaufmann received his Kyoshi Certification in 2007 and since then has served as a minister's assistant at the Hilo Betsuin, Kyoshi minister at the Aiea Mission, Hawai'i Betsuin and is presently the resident minister at the Lihue Hongwanji Mission on the island of Kauai.

Rev. Kaufmann and his wife Judith, have five children and ten grandchildren.

Rev. Takamasa Yamamura *Buddha Day Guest Speaker*

Rev. Takamasa Yamamura has an extensive background in music. He earned a master's degree in music in 2003 from the graduate school of Showa University of Music in Japan followed by a Diploma in music from Santa Cecilia Conservatory of Music in Rome, Italy.

In 2008, Rev. Takamasa was installed into Ministerial Rank in Nichiren-shu Buddhism. He was an instructor of the retreat at Renko-ji Temple (Milan, Italy) and in 2009, trained to be an overseas minister at the Horin-ji Temple (Sarnath, India). He then made his way to Honolulu and in 2010 became the Head Minister of Honolulu Myohoji Mission.

Rev. Yamamura is multi-lingual and speaks, Japanese, English and Italian.



Charlene Kihara *Eshinni & Kakushinni Day Guest Speaker*



Charlene Kihara grew up in Honolulu and attended the University of Hawaii, Manoa, attaining her BA and MSW with concentration in gerontology. She then attained a paralegal certificate from the University of San Diego.

In July 2015, she received her Tokudo and is currently studying for a Kiyoshi certificate from the Institute of Business Studies, CA (IBS).

Charlene previously worked in the court system (Supreme Court, District Court, Family Court) and at Aloha Nursing and Ohana Health Plan before retiring.

She currently serves as recording secretary of the HI Betsuin Buddhist Women's Assn., participates in Family Promise and is a member of the Compassionate Care Committee at the Betsuin.

Charlene is the caregiver for her 96 year old mother who has dementia. She has a son Ryan, who lives in San Diego and she is also a pet parent to Avia, a miniature schnauzer. Charlene has a passion for cooking shows on the Food Network and also enjoys Korean dramas.


Mahalo

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Saturday March 27
9 am - 11 am (HST)

FREE Registration
Deadline: Sat. March 20

Featuring Bishop Marvin Harada (BCA)

of Orange County Buddhist Church where he has served since 1986.

agenda

9:00 am: Welcome/Opening
9:05-10:05am: Bishop Harada
10:05 am: Break
10:10 am: Q&A
10:55 am: Closing/Mahalo



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