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Shinran, the Founder of Jodo Shin Buddhism

In April, we observed *Hanamatsuri*, or Buddha Day, the birthday of Shakyamuni Buddha. We celebrated the Buddha's birthday because of the great benevolence of his Enlightenment, who came into the world to teach ordinary people like us about the Great Compassionate Vow of Amida Buddha.

In May, we observe and celebrate the birthday of Shinran Shonin, the founder of Shin Buddhism. This observance is called *Shuso Gotan-e*, or simply Gotan-e for short.

Shinran was born on May 21, 1173 in Hino, near Kyoto. He lost his mother at a very young age, and after his father abandoned the family to become a priest, Shinran decided also to become a priest. Accompanied by his uncle, young Matsuwaka-marō (as he was called then) went to the Shoren-in temple in Kyoto to be ordained by the priest, Jien. They arrived late at night, so Jien suggested that they wait until the morning before undergoing ordination. However, Shinran insisted that the *tonsure* be done that night, and so reportedly, he wrote this poem:

*Cherry blossoms that are felt
To last till the morrow'
May well blow away
During the night.*

The world that Matsuwaka-marō knew was filled with strife, with continuous warfare for control of the country, a series of major earthquakes, widespread famine and disease. It was an extremely difficult time. That was the reason why young Matsuwaka-marō wrote that poem - the reason for the urgency in his obtaining tokudo, even though Jien was inconvenienced. Jien consented and he was ordained. The year was 1181, and he was just 9 years old.

Were it not for the life that Shinran was born into, perhaps he would not have sought answers to the deeper questions of life at such a young age. These unusual causes and conditions that Shinran went through, we are the beneficiaries of the wonderful and rare life's work of this remarkable person.

After enduring difficult studies and practices, he found that he could not find the way to attain Perfect Enlightenment through his own efforts. At the age of 29, he was led to the Way of the Nembutsu by Honen Shonin and found the true path to the attainment of Buddhahood through the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha.

Jodo Shinshu Buddhists celebrate the birth of Shinran as the person who developed the True Pure land teaching gleaned from Shakyamuni in the Larger Sutra and made them meaningful for us, in all situations and all conditions, for all people regardless of age, physical or mental abilities.

Namu Amida Butsu.

Rev. Bert Sumikawa

May & June 2022






Although not on “real time”, WBT will continue to post the services online via:

- 1) Windward Buddhist Temple website: www.windwardbuddhisttemple.org
(or Google Windward Buddhist Temple)
- 2) YouTube: www.youtube.com/windwardbuddhisttemple
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Everyone is welcome to attend service at the temple on Sundays.

DATE	SERVICE	SPEAKER/MC
May 1	NO Service (Virtual State Dharma School Gathering “Connecting with Others”)	
8	Mother’s Day Service 	Guest Speaker: Nancy Shimamoto M.C.: Merle Tashiro
15	Gotane Service (Shinran’s Birthday) 	Guest Speaker: Rev. Shigenori Makino M.C.: Gerald Matsuda
22	Monthly Remembrance Service If you’d like to remember a loved one who passed away in the <u>month of May (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.: Linda Jaffe
May 1-22, 2022, after service refreshments will be done by Group A (Lisa Fujikawa, lead).		
29	Family Service	Speaker: Rev. Bert Sumikawa M.C.: Naomi Kaneko
June 5	Intergenerational Family Service	Speaker: Neil Yamamoto M.C.: Fujikawa Family
12	Family Service	Speaker: Rev. Bert Sumikawa M.C.: Merle Tashiro
19	 <i>Father’s Day Service</i>	Speaker: Dennis Tashiro M.C. Shirley Yanagisawa
May 29 - June 19, 2022, after service refreshments will be done by Group B (Dana Arakaki, lead).		
26	Monthly Remembrance Service and 2022 Graduate Recognition If you’d like to remember a loved one who passed away in the <u>month of June (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
June 26, 2022, after service refreshments will be done by Group C (Merle Tashiro, lead).		



Nancy Shimamoto

Mother's Day Service Guest Speaker

(May 8, 2022)

Nancy (Yamane) Shimamoto was born and raised in the coffee fields of Kona on the Big Island. She attended Sunday School at Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple and enjoyed being a member of the Jr. YBA, where she learned fellowship and leadership skills that have lasted a lifetime.

She attended college in a small town outside Kansas City, Missouri, where she obtained her Bachelor of Science in Education. Nancy returned to the 50th State where she was a teacher at elementary schools throughout Oahu for 27 years. While still teaching, she attended evening and summer classes at UH Manoa and received her

Masters Degree in Educational Administration. She then served as vice principal and principal of several Oahu schools and retired as the principal of Aina Haina Elementary School in Honolulu.

Nancy and her husband Roy, a retired Health Physicist, have three sons and three grandchildren. Nancy's favorite pastimes are reading bestselling novels, watching Korean drama, and enjoying family and friends. She serves as a volunteer at Kuakini Medical Center, is Chairman of the Kuakini Foundation, and has been a Director on the Kuakini Health System Board for many years.

Reverend Shigenori Makino

Gotan-e (Shinran's Birthday) Service Guest Speaker

May 15, 2022

Reverend Shigenori Makino is originally from Fukuoka, Japan and began his ministry in 1960 at the Sapporo Betsuin in Hokkaido, Japan.,

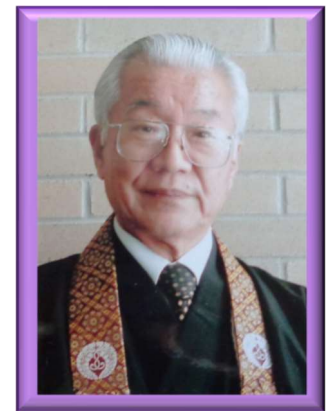
He received his Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism from Ryukoku University in Kyoto Japan. He also obtained a Master of Science degree in Applied Psychology from Winona State University in Minnesota.

In 1964, Rev. Makino came to Hawaii and began 44 years of service to the Honpa Hongwanji Missions of Hawaii serving at Wailuku Hongwanji on Maui, and as resident minister at Honpa Hongwanji Mission HI Betsuin, **Kailua Hongwanji** and Moiliili Hongwanji temples. He also served as Chief Advisor to the Bishop before retiring as an active minister of the Honpa Hongwanji Missions of Hawaii.

During those 44 years, Rev. Makino was also active in community service, volunteering as counselor and chaplain for various non-profit organizations and serving on advisory boards of the State Hospital Chaplaincy Program which included Kapiolani Children's Hospital; and as a board member of Project Dana.

Rev. Makino and his wife Sumie have two daughters, Megumi & Minori and two grandchildren, Graysen and Madisen.

Welcome back sensei!



WBT Bon Dance Saturday, July 9, 2022

(Look for more information in the next newsletter scheduled for mid-June.)

🌀 Mahalo 🌀

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Buddha Day (Hanamatsuri) Donations

Ryan Miyamoto
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138 pounds of food was collected and delivered to the Hawaii Foodbank.

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STATEMENT BY THE JODO SHINSHU HONGWANJI-HA

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii would like to share the statement on Russia's Invasion of Ukraine presented by Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha in Kyoto, Japan. The statement was released on March 8, 2022.

Statement on Russia's Invasion of Ukraine

On February 24, 2022, Russia aggressively began its invasion of Ukraine through military force.

It has been reported that in cities across Ukraine, many civilians including children have become victims in addition to the well over one million Ukrainian citizens forced to flee becoming refugees.

We, the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist organization, strongly condemn taking human life lightly as well as using military force to unilaterally try to change reality through violent actions for no matter what reason.

In addition to the invasion of Ukraine, the reality is that terrorist attacks and military warfare continue across the world. Reiterating our stance against violence, it is our fervent hope that a peaceful resolution may be realized as soon as possible and that there be a safe return to peace for the people of Ukraine.

Overcoming conflict that arises through mutual exclusion and differences in thinking and values, I firmly believe that through joint efforts, the path to perpetual peace will open up to a life of spiritual richness.

Iwagami, Chiko
Governor General, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Committee on Social Concerns has made the following donations to organizations supporting relief efforts and humanitarian aid in Tonga as a result of the volcanic eruption and the ongoing war in Ukraine:

For Tonga:

\$750 The Salvation Army

For Ukraine:

\$1250 Doctors Without Borders

\$750 World Central Kitchen

Congratulations to Wyatt Fujikawa – Class of 2022!

Windward Buddhist Temple and Jr. YBA member Wyatt Fujikawa is graduating with the Class of 2022 from University Laboratory School. When he isn't participating in Jr. YBA activities or emceeding WBT Sunday service, Wyatt can be found running cross country for Pac-5, playing basketball for Lab School or his man2man club team, or gaming on his computer. Wyatt heads off to Oregon State in the fall to study computer science. He is grateful to everyone at WBT for their support.

Wyatt's family (parents Lisa and Keith Fujikawa, sister Emma and grandmother Margaret Fujikawa) have been active WBT members for many years. Congratulations!



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