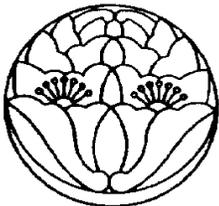


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### **DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER**

#### **For Our Members, Friends, and Neighbors**

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**2022 has been a very good year!** I am grateful for the resumption of services, all classes, Obon, community meetings, Senior Lunches...and much more. Most of all, I'm grateful for **YOU**. Your contributions of "sweat equity", financial support, and goodwill energize the Mission!

Consider the Buddha's teaching: *"Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship."* To learn more (and make new friends), please join us for our Bodhi Day Service to celebrate the Buddha's Enlightenment: Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1 p.m.

Wishing you health, contentment and faithfulness,

*Susan Forbes*, President

Namu Amida Butsu

## 2022 SERVICES

Changes in schedule will be posted at <https://www.hakalauhome.com/upcoming-events.html>.

Sunday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bodhi Day Service: Buddha's Enlightenment (<i>jodo-e</i>)</b> Shakyamuni Buddha, the founder of Buddhism, experienced spiritual awakening at the foot of the bodhi tree in Buddhagaya, India on December 8th at 35 years of age. <b>Bodhi day is a celebration of the Buddha's enlightenment.</b>	1 p.m.
Sunday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>New Year's Day Service:</b> This is a common ceremony held in Japanese Buddhism to commemorate the New Year. In Jōdo-shū, we gather to recite the Nembutsu. While we will be holding the service on New Year's morning, the traditional practice is to gather just before midnight on New Year's Eve and ring the temple bell 108 times, <b>symbolizing the washing away of the 108 human defilements and the beginning of a purified new year.</b>	10 a.m.
Sunday January 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Gyoki-e:</b> The <b>memorial</b> service for the Founder of Jōdo-shū, Honen Shonin. Honen Shonin died on January 25, 1212 and Gyoki-e takes place to recall his virtue in January.	1p.m.

## NENKI MEMORIAL SERVICES OBSERVED FOR THE YEARS OF:

2021 1st	2020 3rd	2016 7th	2010 13th	2006 17th	2000 23rd	1998 25th	1996 27th	1990 33rd	1986 37th	1980 43rd	1976 47th	1973 50th
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FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER	DATE OF DEATH	NENKI OBSERVANCE
Irene Machida	12/18/2016	7 <sup>th</sup>
Yaeko Masaki	12/23/2010	13 <sup>th</sup>

Please contact Rev. Miyazaki at 808-936-7828 for scheduling. **Namu Amida Butsu**

## CLASSES: Advance registration, please. Contact the instructors.

- **Bon Dance Practice with Sensei Jane Heit:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. **Contact Jane Heit at [bonqueen@gmail.com](mailto:bonqueen@gmail.com).**
- **Karate for Children with 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt Patricia Taniguchi:** Twice Weekly for each age group on Wednesdays and Fridays. Children 4-6 years old, from, 4:00 - 4:50 p.m.; 7-12 years, 5:00 - 5:50 p.m. **Contact Patricia Taniguchi at [WKA.hakalau@gmail.com](mailto:WKA.hakalau@gmail.com).**
- **Practice Yoga with Alison Simpson:** Four times weekly including Mon 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Tues. 9:00-10:30 a.m., Thurs., 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Fri., 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. **NOTES:** Students must be fully and currently vaccinated against Covid-19. **Contact Alison Simpson at 808-825-7856 or [alison@mahanahouse.com](mailto:alison@mahanahouse.com).**
- **Tai Chi with Sifu Slade Shim:** Wednesdays, 8:30 -10:00 a.m. **Contact Slade Shim at [wsi808@yahoo.com](mailto:wsi808@yahoo.com).**

For more information, including schedule changes and the addition of new classes, go to <https://www.hakalauhome.com/upcoming-events.html>.

## PLEASE CONTACT US WITH QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS, OR IF YOU NEED HELP!

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## SENIOR LUNCHES ARE BACK!



*Three minibuses delivered seniors from Hilo and Pahoa*

Lunch was delicious and we are grateful to the **Ochi Ohana** (Michi, Marissa, Peyton and Colby) for preparing the chicken hekka, purple sweet potato tempura, ground ahi tempura, takuan, and Christmas cookies for all to enjoy.

Helping the Ochis to serve the food and clean-up were Virginia and Bob Juettner and their friends from Alaska Bob Redlinger and Kathy Yoder, as well as Mike Stolp, Rev. Miyazaki, Odysseus Yacalis, Ken and Susan Forbes, and Akiko Masuda.

We are **slowly and carefully** restarting Senior Lunches. For the next few months, we will be inviting small groups of seniors to make sure all our “systems” are in order, our volunteers are trained, and the physical configuration supports social distancing.

November 17<sup>th</sup> marked the first Senior Lunch since March 2020. Twenty-six seniors and their helpers from Hilo and Pahoa arrived to enjoy lots of exercise, laughter, friendship, and great food.



*The Ochi Ohana preparing the plates, assisted by Odysseus, Rev. Miyazaki, and Mike Stolp...and baby Kailea*



*Pokeman Bon Dance...while sitting down and laughing! FUN!!!*

We are also grateful for the bountiful fruit for the seniors to take home, supplied by new Wailea resident Erika Catanese and delivered by Joe Hampton.

Senior Lunches would be incomplete without entertainment. Akiko Masuda energized the group with various exercises. Of course, the highlight of the activities was the performance of the Pokeman Bon Dance. Akiko and her sidekick, Mike Stolp, taught the steps and other moves and guided the seniors through a seated version of this dance.

## JOYFUL GRATITUDE

## MORE GRATITUDE



From Left to Right: Thanksgiving Assembly Line; Reuniting Old Friends Miyo Harumi and Clyde Chinen; Satisfied Neighbors Raven Hanna and Jeremy Lutes haul their feast home

The Ochi Ohana have been very busy lately. First, they prepared the Senior Lunches, then they prepared the Thanksgiving feast for the drive-by, walk-by Thanksgiving event. This mobile approach to Thanksgiving was sparked by the Pandemic and has been a big hit in the community. **(NOTE: Marissa of the Ochi Ohana will be preparing the December 15<sup>th</sup> Senior Lunch for the group from Hawaii Island Adult Care.)**

There were many who helped make this wonderful, delicious event possible. Michi Ochi expresses gratitude best:

*“Our family loves to cook/bake and is blessed to have the opportunity to share with others. It's wonderful seeing others enjoy the fruits of our labor. Thanks to Virginia for taking care of the vegetarians and helping in the serving line with Bob, too. It made our life so much easier!!! Auntie Sandi was awesome, too! Thanks again Akiko for letting us do it at your place and all your efforts coordinating everything. We couldn't accomplish this without everyone jumping in to help. Thank you for making this event possible!!! So amazed at the generosity of donations from all! The highlight was Miyo complimenting our food. It was like having a food critic giving us an excellent review!!!”*

## SITE VISIT BY HEATHER KIMBALL, COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER REPRESENTING OUR DISTRICT



On November 6<sup>th</sup>, we were fortunate to host our Council representative Heather Kimball for a tour and discussion about the Mission's role in serving the community. The team conducting the the tour included board members Mike Stolp, Bob Juettner, and Susan Forbes; Emergency Preparedness Liaison Virginia Juettner; and Neighbor/Architect/Supporter Merrick Patton. Now that she is familiar with our community roles and ongoing efforts, she can better assist help by identifying funding opportunities and other resources in support of the community.

Two key issues on the tour: 1) improving our ability to serve the community should there be an emergency, and 2) our desire to develop the 12,000+ square feet on the mauka side of the property to better serve Mission and community.

## SERMON FROM REVEREND JUNSHIN MIYAZAKI

Ojuya services began around year 1430 at a Tendai sect temple called Shinnyo-do in Kyoto. A high-ranking samurai dozed off and had a dream about a monk while practicing Nembutsu at Shinnyodo for several days. He followed the advice of the monk, and his house became prosperous. Based on his Nembutsu training, Juya or Ten-day-ten-night nembutsu service was started at Shinnyodo and became popular. In 1495, a Jodo Shu monk Yuso was invited by the emperor in Kyoto, who was impressed by Yuso's lecture and singsong-tone nembutsu. Because of that, he gave Yuso permission to hold Juya services in Jodo Shu temples. Since then, it became Jodo Shu service.

The Juya began with a samurai's dream. Speaking of dreams, Honen-sama had a significant dream.

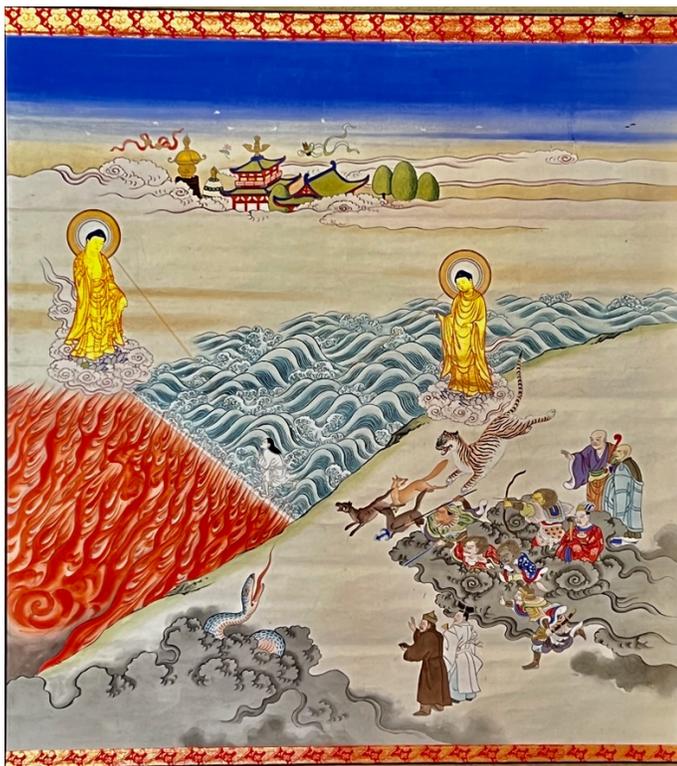
I recently changed the silverfish repellent in the scrolls in Meishoin, and saw these scrolls, including Honen-sama's dream. So, this is the topic of the sermon.

This scroll is called Niso-taimen-zu or the picture of the meeting of the two masters. Saint Honen is on the right, and the Chinese monk Zendo is on the left.

Honen-sama was a monk of the Tendai-sect. Tendai was the most influential denomination when Honen lived, and he was in the head temple of Tendai. He read books and sutras every day to find the truth, and when he was 43, he came across a sentence from a book written by a Chinese monk Zendo, which we read today. Zendo lived in the 7th century where Buddhism was thriving in China and Master Zendo's understanding of Amida Buddha teaching was unique. He left some books and was buried in history.

Honen-sama adored Master Zendo. Then one day, Master Zendo appeared in his dream and praised Honen as he practiced repeating Namu-Amida-Butsu. He was convinced and started Jodo Shu.





The scroll on the left is based on Master Zendo's parable in his book about Nembutsu teaching. The parable says:

*Here is a man walking westward on a path of thousands of miles. A river suddenly appeared before him. To the south was a river of blazing fire and to the north a river of swirling water. The river was about a hundred paces wide, but there was no bottom in sight, and the water and fire continued endlessly from north to south. At the junction of water and fire, a white path led to the west bank, but the path was only four or five inches wide, and too dangerous to cross because of the constant fire and waves. Moreover, looking back, he saw many bandits and evil beasts heading toward him. So, he thought to himself, "If I head west, I will be able to cross to the west bank. If I head west, there is a white path to cross over to the west bank. However, although the other side of the river was not far away, this white path was too narrow to cross, and I would surely die if I stepped off the road. Even if I turned back to the east,*

*bandits and fierce beasts would attack me. If I try to flee to the north or south, the bandits and beasts of prey would still come at me."*

*The man's heart was filled with fear, but whether he turned back, stayed here, or continued forward on this path, he would not escape death in the end. He decided, then, that since there was a path in front of him, he would go straight ahead on this path. Then from the East Bank a voice spoke "Go straight on this road, and there will be no death. If you stay here, you will surely die." From the west bank, another voice said, "Set your mind and come over here at once. I will protect you. Do not fear the rivers of water and fire." From the east the voice said, "Go," and from the west, "Come." The voice encouraged him to go, and he determinedly proceeded along the white path, his doubts and fears vanished. Then, from the east bank, bandits and fierce beasts said, "Come back, that white path is a dangerous and evil path, and you will never be able to cross it. We do not have an evil heart." But he did not look back at the voice of temptation and continued along the white path. He quickly crossed over to the west bank, and he didn't encounter any difficulties.*

The east bank is compared to this world, west bank to the Pure Land, bandits and beasts are our sense, water is our craving and attachment, and fire is anger and hatred. The white path is the wish to be born in the Pure Land where walking on the white path is to accumulate deeds to be born in the Pure Land, which is nembutsu for us. The voice from the east is encouragement by Shakamuni Buddha and the voice from west is welcoming by Amida Buddha.

Saint Honen referred to this parable in his book and Jodo Shu followers created Buddhist paintings based on this parable, often using them for special trainings called Goju Soden.

Fire, water, bandits, and beasts are all in our minds. If we erase those items, there would only be Buddhas and Pure Land. Repeating Namu Amida Butsu may lead us to that state. So please continue to repeat Namu Amida Butsu, find the white path, and lead fruitful and peaceful lives.

# 2022 YEAR END PROGRESS REPORT



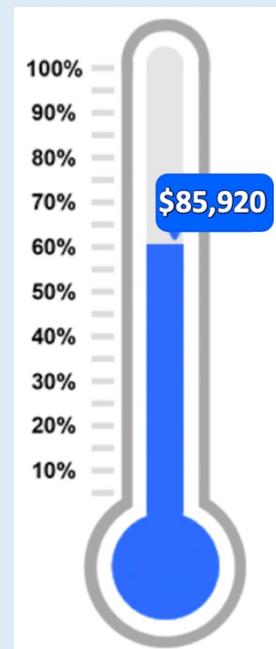
## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROJECTS COMPLETED

1. Social Hall Repainted
2. Social Hall Windows repaired and painted
3. Handrails installed in all Social Hall stairwells
4. Social Hall and Temple screens rebuilt and painted
5. Temple interior painted
6. Ceiling Fans with LED Lights installed
7. Water/termite damage repaired
8. Temple roof repaired
9. Pews sanded and repainted
10. 38 Memorial plaques attached to pews

## WORK IN PROGRESS

1. Install period-appropriate windows along the bridge between Temple and Parsonage
2. Replace historic emblems on front of the Temple
3. Replace broken stained glass in Temple windows

## FOUR YEAR GOAL \$140,000



While the Community Campaign for individual giving continues, we will increase our focus on Corporate, Government and Foundation funding opportunities during the next two years.

Thank you for supporting the vision to preserve & maintain our precious Hakalau Jodo Mission!

## 2022 Highlights



**Jan-Memorial Plaques**



**Feb-Discoveries**



**Mar-Original Windows Installed**



**Apr-Hanamido**



**May-Memorial Day**



**June-Roof Repairs**



**Jul-Handrails Installed**



**Aug-Obon**



**Sep-Peace Day Bell Ringin**



**Oct-All Classes Continue**



**Nov-Senior Lunches Resume**



**Dec-"Bridge" Windows SOON!**