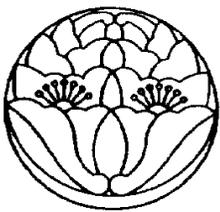


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MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

For Our Members, Friends, and Neighbors

Recently I read, [Fear: Essential Wisdom for Getting Through the Storm](#) by Thich Nhat Hanh. This is a short book filled with simple and practical guidance on overcoming fear and anxiety. This is a useful book for facing today's turmoil in the world and in our lives. Chapters on *Releasing Fears about the Future: Five Remembrances*, *Transforming the Fear Around Us*, and *Transforming Fear into Love: The Four Mantras* were particularly useful.

I recommend this book to support your deeper studies of Buddhism and to provide guidance in day-to-day living. Let me know what you think of it.

In gassho,
Jan Nakamura
President

2022 SERVICES

Our scheduled services are subject to change due to the pandemic. Changes in schedule will be posted at <https://www.hakalauhome.com/upcoming-events.html>. On the day of the service, if in doubt, you may text or phone either Rev. Miyazaki (808-936-7828) or Susan Forbes (808-286-6130) to verify that the service will take place.

March 13 - SUN	Higan-e (Spring Equinox Service)	1 p.m.
April 10 - SUN	Hanamatsuri (Buddha's Birthday Service)	1 p.m.
May 28 – SAT	Memorial Day Service at Hakalau Veteran's Park	To Be Determined
June	NO SERVICE	
July	NO SERVICE	
August 20 - SAT	O-Bon Service and Bon Dance	Svc: 5:30 p.m. Dance 6:30 p.m.
September 11 - SUN	Higan-e at Hilo Meishoin (Fall Equinox Service)	10 a.m. (Joint Service)
October 9 - SUN	Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial Service)	1 p.m.
November 13 - SUN	Ojuya Nembutsu Service	1 p.m.
December 11 – SUN	Bodhi Day Service	1 p.m.

NENKI MEMORIAL SERVICES

Nenki services are good occasions to repeat Namu Amida Butsu together and hear Dharma talks. When you think of your beloved ones in the Pure Land and repeat Namu-Amida-Butsu, you can be grateful to the Buddha and the deceased, and the gratefulness is the gateway to true happiness. The Buddha said, "Having respect, humility, contentment, gratitude, and hearing the Dharma on timely occasions...this is the highest happiness."

2022 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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MARCH		
Sumio Shitabata	3/4/2016	7 th
Satoru Shishido	3/27/1986	37 th
Uto Shimabukuro	3/28/1976	47 th

Please contact Rev. Miyazaki at 808-936-7828 for scheduling.

Namu Amida Butsu

CLASSES, PRESENTATIONS, MEETINGS: Subject to change based on the pandemic. Advance registration required with the instructors. No visitors or "drop ins".

Returning!

Bon Dance Practice with Sensei Jane Heit: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., beginning Tuesday, March 8. **Contact Jane Heit at bonqueen@gmail.com.**

- **Karate for Children with 4th Degree Black Belt Patricia Taniguchi:** Twice Weekly for each age group on Wednesdays and Fridays. Children 4-6 years old, from, 3:50 - 4:40 p.m.; 7-12 years, 4:50 - 5:40 p.m. **Contact Patricia Taniguchi at WKA.hakalau@gmail.com.**
- **Practice Yoga with Alison Simpson:** Four times weekly including Mon., noon - 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Thurs., 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Fri., 9:00 - 10:30. **NOTE:** Students must be fully and currently vaccinated against Covid-19. **Contact Alison Simpson at 808-825-7856 or by email: alison@mahanahouse.com.**
- **Tai Chi with Sifu Slade Shim:** Weekly on Wednesdays, 8:30 -10:00 a.m. **Contact Slade Shim at ws808@yahoo.com.**

For more information, including schedule changes: <https://www.hakalauhome.com/upcoming-events.html>.

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

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MEMBER MEETING

We will be holding the General Member meeting by ZOOM on March 26th at 11 a.m. Hawaii Standard Time. The agenda includes:

- Electing directors and officers
- Updating our 1984 bylaws to reflect a smaller and geographically dispersed membership, meet State legal requirements for nonprofits, and allow use of new technologies for meetings.

Participation is for members only. For this meeting, since we have not held a General Membership Meeting for several years and all of us have been hampered by the pandemic, we are considering individuals as current members if they have paid for membership in 2021 and/or 2022. Not sure if your membership is current? Contact us by email at hakalaujodominion.com or call Susan Forbes at 808-286-6130.

The meeting packet will be mailed to all current members, as described above, on or before March 12, 2022. This packet will include the agenda, supporting materials, and the instructions for participating in the ZOOM meeting.

MEMBERSHIP:

To renew your membership or become a member, membership dues are \$60 for both individuals and families. Please consider an additional donation in support of the Capital Campaign. Send your check payable to the Hakalau Jodo Mission, PO Box 296, Hakalau, HI 96710. For each person included in the membership, please provide **NAME, MAILING ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER,** and **EMAIL ADDRESS.** Indicate whether you wish to receive the newsletter by US Mail or by email.

SERMON BY REVEREND JUNSHIN MIYAZAKI

The Buddha passed away twenty something hundred years ago in the Indian Subcontinent. He was traveling with his disciples. The aspect of his last journey and passing formed a sutra called **Maha Pari Nirvana Sutra.** The sutra says that the Buddha got sick and passed away. When the Buddha was passing his disciples, Ananda asked him about his funeral. The Buddha told Ananda that monks and nuns should not be involved with the funeral but leave it to laypersons. Ananda asked the Buddha how the cremation should be done. The Buddha told Ananda to do it in the same way as the legendary ideal king **Chakravarti,** and **stupas** (monuments for the remains) should have been built.



The oldest existing stupa in India (3rd Century)

The Buddha's funeral was carried out by his followers of the **Malla Tribe.** His body was cremated, and the remains were shared by 8 individuals and tribes, and 10 stupas were built, 8 for the relics, one for the urn, and

one for ashes in the crematory. The Pari-Nirvana Sutra concludes *“The Buddha’s remains are well-worshipped; those are prayed by heavenly kings, Dragon Kings, human kings, and the best people. Put your hands together and pray for Him. Indeed, it is difficult to see the Buddha within millions of years.”*

Cremation has been practiced in the Indian Subcontinent from ancient times. They believed in **Samsara** or transmigration. All sentient beings have something like a soul. When they die, the soul would be judged



The relief of Buddha's Passing in Gaandhara (2nd-3rd Century)

according to their deeds while living, and they will be reborn as something else. Therefore, different from other civilizations such as Egypt or China, Indian people did not make any effort to preserve the bodies but cremated and put the remains into the sacred river Ganges. It was a unique idea of the Buddha to build stupas.

The Buddha told his disciples not to worship the Buddha’s body but to practice the Dharma or teachings. He told the laypersons to build stupas.

The stupas were taken care of by laypersons. They put a relief of Buddha’s life stories,

those who took care of the stupas told the stories to visitors, and they prayed. Some Buddhist monks joined them. Then Mahayana Buddhism was born in the 1st Century. Mahayana Buddhism emphasized helping others.

Our Jodo-shu belongs to [Mahayana Buddhism](#). Let us think of the Buddha, pray by repeating Namu Amida Butsu, and try to be good to others. That makes the Buddha happy.

SHARING OUR HISTORY TO PRESERVE OUR LEGACY:

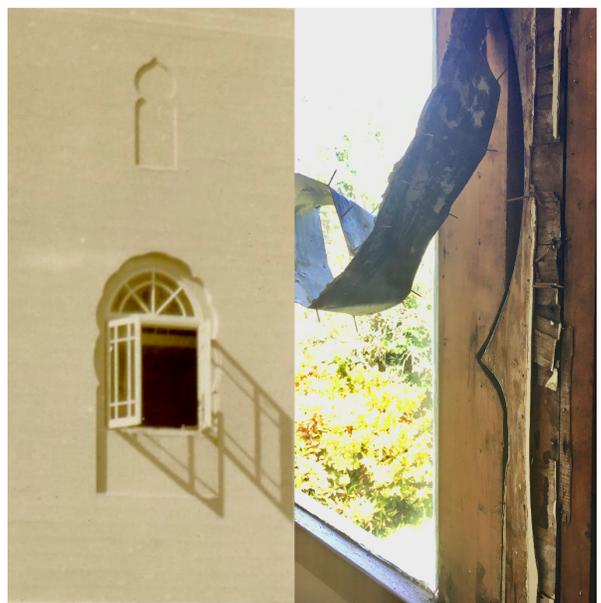
Remembering Aigoro Uyeno (1894-1992)

RIGHT NOW, we’re working to restore and install the original windows at the front of the temple.

Plywood has been removed from the interior walls surrounding the windows, revealing the original redwood boards with no termite damage, some water damage...and the **artistry of the original construction**.

This is a good time to remember **Aigoro Uyeno**, the carpenter foreman in 1936 when the temple was erected. He was the master craftsman for our temple and is listed on the *munafuda*.

PHOTOS - Left: 1936-one of the windows at the front of the temple, 1936. Right: Beginning to restore the area around the window in preparation for replacing the plate glass with the original windows.



When a Japanese temple is being constructed, a *munafuda* is created and placed between the roof and the ceiling. It includes a blessing for the temple and identifies the individuals involved in its building, whether through financing or actual design and construction. At the ceremony called *Jyotoshiki*, the priest prays in front of the *munafuda*. This is a prayer that acknowledges the completion of the framework of the building.

On the front of the 1936 munafuda, a blessing:

FRAMEWORK-RISING

Yafune-no-ookami god

Gogyo mikami god

Long time Protection of the Church

December 6, 1936

Director Toyoji Kikuchi

Minister Ryokai Yamanaka



On the back, key people are listed:

Carpenter Foreman Aigoro Ueno

Construction Chief Yososhichi Ito

Petitioner the 7th Minister Ryokai Yamanaka

Construction Committee Chairman Satoru Kurisu

Vice Chairman Toraichi Morikawa

Vice Chairman Toyomi Okaji

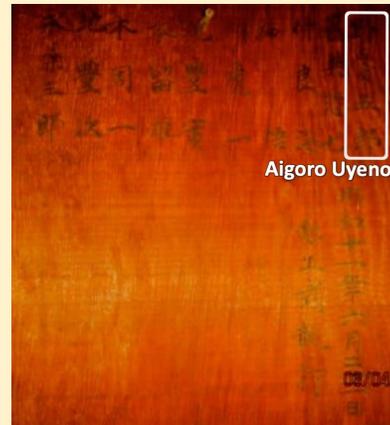
Treasurer Tomeo Kawamoto

Treasurer Shuichi Yamamoto

Director Toyoji Kikuchi

Director Kanesaburo Fujinaga

June 21, 1936



Aigoro Ueno

Aigoro Ueno, originally from Hiroshima, was adopted by a childless couple, Ichinouke and Kiku Ueno. The family immigrated to Hawaii when Aigoro was 18. However, due to illness, he was not able to travel with them and was required to stay behind. He arrived in Hawaii in March of 1913 at the age of 19.

While waiting to travel to Hawaii and left alone in Tokyo, he met a kind geisha. She gave him a job of applying make-up to actors and putting on plays. This knowledge came in handy later in Hawaii when he helped with community plays. Below is a photo currently displayed in the Hakalau Jodo Mission Social Hall. NOTE: We don't know whether Aigoro Ueno is in this picture.



Hinode Taiiku (Athletic Club), August 7, 1937, Engei No Yube (Evening of Entertainment)

He finally made it to Hawaii where he worked for a very short time for a sugar plantation, probably Laupahoehoe. He went to school and learned carpentry. He spent his career as an independent carpenter, plumber, and painter mostly in the Ninole, Laupahoehoe, Hakalau, and Honomu areas.

From our *munafuda*, we know he was the carpenter foreman for the Hakalau Jodo Mission, built in the Indian-Western style.

From a newspaper article (Hawaii Tribune Herald, February 25, 1939), we know that he was the carpenter foreman for the Honohina Hongwanji, built in a style typical of temples in Japan at the time.

<https://www.hakalauhome.com/honohina-hongwanji.html>

His son, Harold Uyeno, current President of the Honohina Hongwanji, thinks his father also built Honohina's branch temple in Ninole in 1927 that now serves as the Honohina Hongwanji. This temple is built in the plantation style.



Hakalau Jodo Mission, 1936, from the Waichi Ouye Collection, courtesy of his family



Honohina Hongwanji, 1937, courtesy of the Lyman Museum



Honohina Hongwanji today. Built in 1927 as the Ninole branch of the Honohina Hongwanji. It became the official Honohina Hongwanji in 1969 when Honohina was dismantled

Aigoro and his family, including 10 children, lived in Ninole just beyond the northern boundary of the Hakalau Plantation, i.e., beyond Mile Marker 20. They were strong members of Honohina Hongwanji.

Aigoro Uyeno lived a long and happy life.

We are grateful for his many talents and contributions to the community.

Photo to the right taken in 1978 provided by Harold Uyeno. Left, Aigoro Uyeno, age 84; wife Takiyo Uyeno; daughter Velma Uyeno.



PRESERVING THE MISSION



Community Capital Campaign Status as of February 27th:

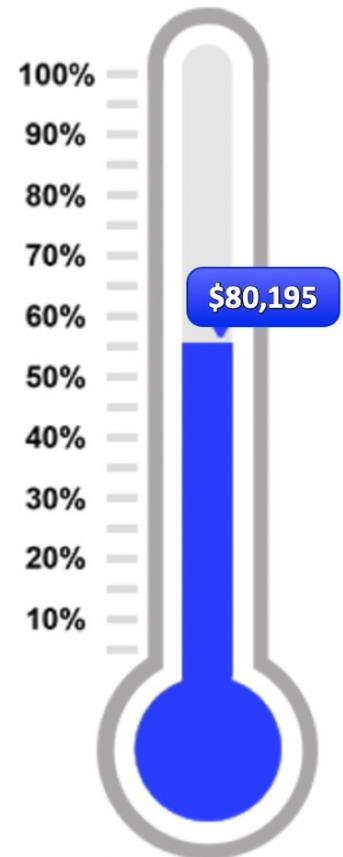
- 91 donations received
- Campaign contributions total \$80,195, including \$50,000 (Freeman Foundation Grant, Phase 1), and \$30,195 (Community Campaign, Phase 2)—57% of our 4-year goal.
- Donations honoring former members and loved ones have generated 35 plaques. **The opportunity is still available for additional memorial plaques.**

Next Steps...in process:

As expected, the pace of Community Campaign donations has slowed. We are now taking additional steps to meet our goal:

- Applying for grants from foundations in support of the Capital Campaign
- Approaching businesses for contributions
- Asking members and donors from 2021 to consider making a Capital Campaign contribution for 2022

GOAL: \$140,000



Arigato!