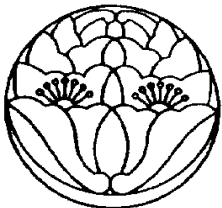


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**December 2021 NEWSLETTER**  
**For Our Members, Friends, and Neighbors**

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**ARIGATO! MAHALO! THANK YOU!**

During this season of Thanksgiving our thoughts turn gratefully to all of you for the love and support you have shown for our Hakalau Jodo Mission this year and every year. We are especially grateful to the seventy-eight members, friends, and neighbors whose generous gifts and pledges to the Capital Campaign have moved us past the halfway point in our \$140,000 restoration and preservation goal! See page 8 for complete project updates and information on sponsorship opportunities for the few remaining pews available for memorial plaques to honor your ancestors, family, or friends.

Sincerely,  
*Jan Nakamura*  
President

*Rev. Junshin Miyazaki*  
13<sup>th</sup> Minister

*Susan Forbes*  
Treasurer

## CONTRIBUTORS TO THE COMMUNITY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN! PLEASE JOIN US!

### \$1,000 or more

Sheila U. Black  
 Sylvia Arakawa Dea  
 Ken & Susan Forbes  
 George M. Hirowatari, Sr.  
 Jay & Maureen Ishimoto  
 Yolanda Morita  
 Jan Nakamura  
 Marjorie Oda-Burns  
 Anne Okazaki  
 The Shimabukuro Family  
 Anne & Garry Wyckoff  
 Robert & Norma Yara

### \$500 to \$999

John Boyer & Mike Stolp  
 Robert & Doris Fujimori  
 Jerry & Cathy Gray  
 Lucky & Paula Joseph  
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 Dave Longacre & Bill Foss  
 Akiko Masuda & WVHPC  
 Raymond & Stella Miyashiro  
 Gail J. Nakamura  
 Wil Shima

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 Hiroshi Kozohara  
 George & Hiroko Motobu  
 Mitsuru & Kara Ozaki  
 Patricia Ozeki  
 Scott & Aileen Sakamoto  
 Patricia Taniguchi  
 George & Lianne Ueda  
 Emi Uemura

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 Victoria Asayama  
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 Patrick & Valerie Beck  
 Jerry & Rose Broughton  
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 Helen Shirota-Benevides  
 Mieko Soken  
 Mitsuko Takasaki  
 Maude Taylor  
 Ed Toguchi  
 Roy & Ann Toma  
 Harold & Jane Uyeno  
 Phil & Carol Wozniak  
 Raymond & Elaine Yano

## UPCOMING BUDDHIST SERVICES

December 5 - SUN <b>ZOOM MEETING</b>	<b>BIG ISLAND BUDDHIST FEDERATION</b> Jodo-e (Bodhi Day Service) with guest speaker Dr. George Tanabe (co-author with Willa Jane Tanabe) of <u>Buddhist Temples of Hawai'i</u> TO JOIN ZOOM MEETING: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84914509094?pwd=WU5KblRXOTZCb1A0aVV BbmVoSGJqQT09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84914509094?pwd=WU5KblRXOTZCb1A0aVV BbmVoSGJqQT09</a> Meeting ID: 849 1450 9094 Passcode: 590330	9 a.m.
December 12 - SUN	Jodo-e (Bodhi Day Service) at the Hakalau Jodo Mission	1 p.m.
January 1 - SAT	Shusho-e (New Year's Day Service at the Hakalau Jodo Mission	1 p.m.
January 9 - SUN	Gyoki-e (St. Honen's Memorial Service) at the Hakalau Jodo Mission	1 p.m.

## NENKI MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

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

Remembering	Date of Death	Anniversary
Eitoku Chinen	12/8/1985	37th

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

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- **Jan Nakamura, President:** 295-7797 or ja.nakamura001@gmail.com
- **Susan Forbes, Treasurer/Newsletter Editor:** 808-286-6130 or sksforbes@gmail.com
- **Akiko Masuda, Community Liaison:** 963-6422 or msakiko@hawaii.rr.com

## CLASSES, PRESENTATIONS, MEETINGS

- **Practice Yoga** with Alison Simpson: **Classes are held four times weekly:** 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
- **Tai Chi** classes with Sifu Slade Shim: Weekly on Wednesdays, 8:30 -10:00 a.m.
- **Karate Class 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, 3:50 - 4:40 p.m.; 7-12 years, 4:50 - 5:40 p.m.
- **Bon Dance Practice with Sensei Jane Heit: ON HOLD UNTIL 2022.**

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

## MEMBER MEETING

We will be holding a member meeting by ZOOM early in 2022, date and time to be announced. The agenda includes:

- Electing directors: Potentially, we need 5-6 new directors.
- Updating our bylaws and articles of incorporation, originally adopted in 1984, to reflect changes in the size and location of our membership membership, meet the State's non-profit requirements, and enable the use of new technologies for meetings as needed.
- Adopting a conflict-of-interest policy as required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Participation is for current members only. Not sure if your membership is current? Contact us by email at [hakalaujodominion.com](mailto:hakalaujodominion.com) or call Susan Forbes at 808-286-6130.

## MINISTER'S SERMON AND MESSAGE:

This month, I offer my sermon as guidance for eating this holiday season. My message is a continuation of our study of Okinawan history.

## MINISTER'S SERMON: BUDDHA'S "A BUCKET OF RICE" SUTRA

Holiday Season has come! The Pandemic seems to be subsiding and we may have more chances to attend gatherings and enjoy good kaukau. I gained weight this season. I should be careful not to eat too much.

When the Buddha lived, there were 16 major countries and many small countries in the Indian Subcontinent. As you know, the Buddha was a prince of a small country of the Shaka tribe. Shaka tribe was under Kosala Country, which was one of two strongest countries among the 16 major countries. The king of Kosala, Pasenadi, is said to have been enthroned in the same year the Buddha attained enlightenment. King Pasenadi was a follower of traditional ethnic religion called Brahmanism. He converted to Buddhism after his wife became a Buddhist. King Pasenadi respected the Buddha and supported His Sangha. King Pasenadi often visited the Buddha for consultation when the Buddha stayed in Kosala. Their conversation formed sutras. Some are difficult, some are plain, and some are sad. There is a short sutra called 'A bucket of rice sutra' featuring King Pasenadi:

*'One day the Buddha was in Jetavana-vihara in Kosala. The king of Kosala, Pasenadi, always ate a lot and was very fat. On that day, Pasenadi visited Buddha after he ate 1 dona (bucket) of rice. He walked to the Buddha, puffing, and blowing, and heavily perspiring. The Buddha gave a verse to the king: 'men should be careful, know the proper amount, when they eat. Then they will suffer less, won't get old too fast, and will live long.'*

*There was a boy Sudassana standing behind the king. The king said 'Sudassana, remember what the Buddha said and repeat it before my meals. I will give you 100 kahapana (monetary unit).' 'Yes, my highness.' The boy memorized the verse and recited 'men should be careful, know the proper amount, when they eat. Then they will suffer less, won't get old too fast, and will live long.'*

*The king reduced the amount of his meals, became satisfied with 1 nali (1/16 dona) of rice. The king lost weight and his body became well-proportioned. The king rubbed his body and said, 'the Buddha blessed me with two benefits, the benefit of now and the benefit of the future.'*

This sutra is not well-known. I guess this sutra was not practical for many people because not everyone had enough food before. For instance, my grandpa was born in 1910. He was the 4<sup>th</sup> son of 7 children of a middle-class farmer. I was eating tangerines. I think I was about 10 years old. At that time people bought a box of tangerines. Winter was colder, and tangerines lasted long in a storage room. Tangerines were in a basket on kotatsu table, and I was slovenly eating plenty tangerines. My grandpa said: 'you eat too many.' When I was small, we hardly had tangerines, and when we had them, 7 of us shared 2 tangerines. My father was born in 1942, and Japan didn't have enough food until he went to elementary school. He said he was always hungry. I was born in 1970. My family was not rich, but Japan was revived, and I could eat and ate plenty like King Pasenadi. I should remember the Buddha's verse **'men should be careful, know the proper amount, when they eat'**... at least until holiday season pau.

#### **MINISTER'S MESSAGE: CONTINUATION OF OKINAWAN HISTORY**

From the middle 1600s, Japan had very limited contact with foreign countries, few diplomatic relations with Korea (Joseon) and Ryukyu, trade with the Netherlands and China at Dejima Island and Nagasaki. **Nothing happened for 150 years.**

In 1792, a Russian ship came to Hokkaido with Japanese castaways Kodayu, Kokichi and Isokichi to start trade, but Japan declined. Then U.K. and U.S. ships came to Japan and asked for water, firewood, and kaukau. In the beginning Shogunate gave them goods, but haoles escalated and tried to land on or start trading with Japan. In 1825, Shogunate promulgated the Edict to Repel Foreign Vessels and bombard haole ships. Haoles went to Ryukyu instead. Ryukyu provided goods for them because Ryukyu did not have enough military power. Some of them tried to trade with Ryukyu, but Ryukyu somehow evaded.



Willem II



James Biddle



Matthew Perry

In 1842, China lost the Opium War. China was forced to open several ports and conclude unequal treaties with U.K. Japan was shocked. Shogunate lifted the Edict and provided goods to haole ships. In 1844, the king of the Netherlands, Willem II, wrote to Shogun to recommend opening the country, but shogunate declined. In 1846, the East India Squadron Commodore James Biddle came to open Japan. The U.S. Government told him to be temperate. Shogunate declined the offer.



In 1853, U.S. Commodore Matthew Perry stopped at Ryukyu on the way to Japan. Different from Biddle, Perry was oppressive. Perry visited Japan in July 1853. He told Shogunate to open the country, showing the ship's guns. Shogunate told Perry to wait for 1 year. Perry agreed. He left and came back 7 months later. In March 1854, U.S. forced Japan to conclude an unequal treaty and opened Japan. Perry came to Ryukyu and had an unequal treaty with Ryukyu in July 1854.

In Japan, an anti-haole movement began. Anti-haole samurais criticized Shogunate because shogunate gave in. Radical anti-haole samurais attacked and killed haoles as well as Shogunate officers and merchants who were associated with haoles. They started to say that the emperor was the true leader of Japan, not shogun. (Japan was ruled by shoguns since the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Shoguns formally were appointed by emperors, but emperors did not have power.) There were two major leaders of the anti-haole movement: Choshu (Yamaguchi) and Satsuma (Kagoshima). Choshu samurais were super-radical. They tried to overthrow shogunate, and kick haoles out under leadership of the emperor. Satsuma samurais tried to build the new government under the emperor with shogun, and kick haoles out. Choshu and Satsuma did not get along.

In 1863, Satsuma went to war against U.K. In 1864, Choshu went to war against U.K., U.S., France, and Netherland. They both understood that Japan could not match Western Countries. In 1866 Satsuma and Choshu shook hands, and Shogun returned the power to the emperor in 1868. (TO BE CONTINUED)

## SHARING OUR HISTORY TO PRESERVE OUR LEGACY: REMEMBERING TORAICHI MORIKAWA

Born on May 28th, 1906 in Hawaii. Died January 30, 1962

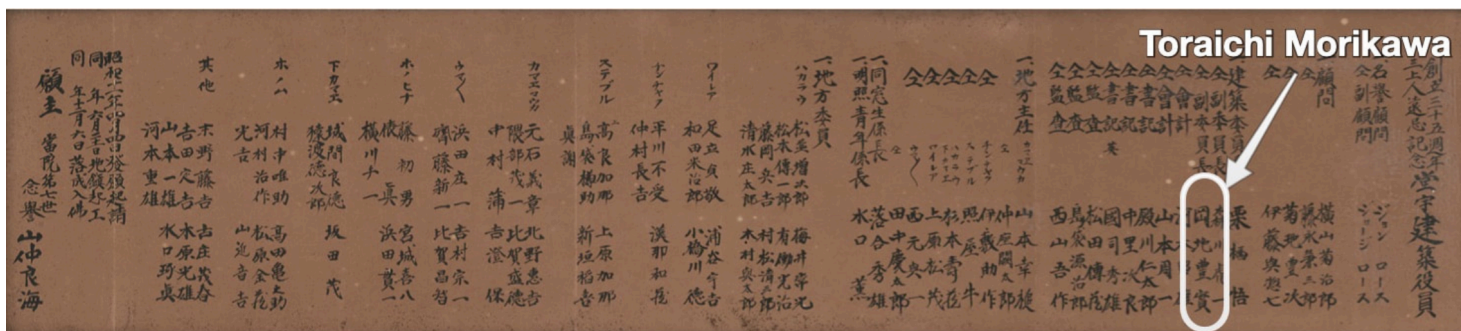
*Hawaii Nihonjin Meikan (1927) describes him: He was born in Hakalau, Hawaii Island, one of the Japanese Americans. He finished public school at the age of 14, then started to work for Hakalau Sugar Plantation as the chief Japanese clerk of warehouse. He also studies and preparing to go to a college in the Mainland. He is a dutiful son of Kakuichi and Suna, nice promising young man. His sister Akiyo is teaching in a public school after graduated from nomal school in Honolulu.*



Photo taken prior to April 10, 1925 includes, from left to right, sisters Yoshiko Idemoto and Akiyo Kunishi, mother Suna, Toraichi (standing), and father Kakuichiro. Photo courtesy of Leanne Kirk, first cousin, twice removed.

Throughout the 1930s and 1940s, his leadership in the community was mentioned often in the newspapers, including:

- **Hakalau Jodo Mission and Hakalau Meisho YBA**, including Board President, Vice Chairman of the Construction Committee for the Mission (1936), Fundraiser



Ganshu, pledged April 4, 1936.



- **Boy Scouts:** He was active in scouting for 38 years including 34 consecutive years as Scout Master for Hakalau's Troop. Early in his scouting career, in 1939, he was awarded the highest award that the Kilauea Council could bestow on a scout leader, the Silver Beaver Award, for outstanding service to boyhood.



*Merit Scouts, Officers and Troop Chaiman, in the front yard of the Hakalau Plantation Manager's home, 1930. Standing L to R: Eagle Scout Harry Urasaki, Life Scout Shigeru Ito, Star Scout Theodore Machado, Star Scout Masawo Tanaka, Eagle Scout Waichi Ouye, Star Scout Daniel Gonsalves, and Asst. Scout Master Nishioka. Sitting: Scout Master Morikawa, Troop Chairman J.M. Ross, and Asst. Scout Master Furusho. Photographer Shigeharu Furusho. Photo from the Waichi Ouye Collection, courtesy of his family.*

- **Other leadership roles** included the Hakalau School PTA, Honomu Hongwanji, the Hilo High Renunion Committee, Hakalau Civic Club, and Hakalau Plantation liaison with the community.

We are grateful for his leadership and dedication to the Hakalau Jodo Mission and the community.

For more information about Toraichi Morikawa, see <https://www.hakalauhome.com/toraichi-morikawa.html>.





## **PRESERVING THE MISSION:**

### **The Challenge of Restoring the Inner Sanctuary and Understanding the Elements:**

Painting the inside of the Temple, repairing windows, and installing lighted ceiling fans has brightened the Temple and now **highlights the need to restore the the inner sanctuary, or naijin.**

We are guided in this restoration by a wonderful resource: Japanese Buddhist Temples of Hawai`i by George J. and Willa Jane Tanabe. Included here are many quotes from this book, *all listed in italics.*

*Representing the realm of the Buddha, the inner sanctuary is richly ornamented with colorful lacquer, brocades, gilded metal, and wood furnishings. It is a vision of the splendor of the Buddhist Pure Land or paradise. It not only the world of the buddhas and their attendants but also the stage for the performance of rites...*

*The congregation does not enter the sacred space, which is clearly differentiated from the outer sanctuary by several devices. First, the floor of the inner sanctuary is usually raised one or two levels above the outer sanctuary...Second, the front edge of the inner sanctuary is usually framed at or near the ceiling by transoms (ranma) carved with floral, animal, figural, or geometric motifs, and under them curtains or reed and brocade blinds (misu) may hang. (pages 25 and 26)*

#### **The misu need to be cleaned and, perhaps, replaced.**

We discovered that the misu are popular locations for wasp nests.

#### **Our brocades, damaged by light, dirt, and age, must be replaced.**

*For special services, the front altar table is covered with one or two brocade altar cloths: a rectangular underlayer and a triangular cloth (uchishiki). This triangular shape derives from the cloth that the disciples of the Buddha spread out and knelt on as they bowed before the Buddha. Smaller versions of the cloths are used on the upper altar tables. (page 28)*



*Photo taken prior to painting of the Temple interior.*

**The Phase 2 Community Capital Campaign funds these preservation and restoration activities.**

**Details on restoration of other elements of the inner sanctuary will be featured in future newsletters.**



## Fundraising

### Community Capital Campaign Status as of November 27th:

- 78 donations received
- Total campaign contributions \$50,000 (Phase 1), \$25,800 (Phase 2), or \$75,800 in total

To encourage gifts of \$250, \$500 or \$1,000 we have a limited number of laser engraved koa plaques (see samples below) that will be placed on the back of the refurbished pews to permanently memorialize your ancestors, current family members or anyone you choose to honor.

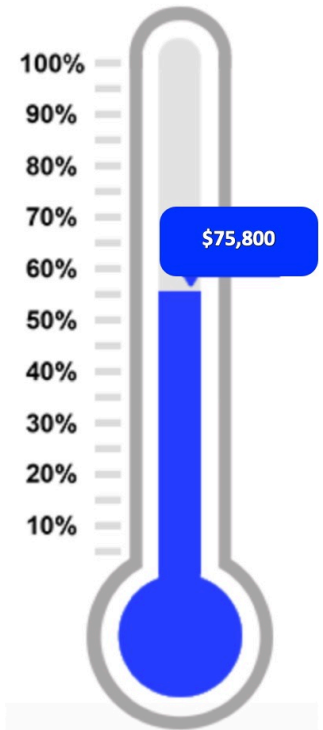
**Plaques measure 2-5/8" by 5"**



A Community Capital Campaign gift and pew sponsorship form is on the next page.

The time is now! Please kokua!

**GOAL: \$140,000**



*Phase 1 and Phase 2 contributions as of 11/27/21*



## PHASE 2 COMMUNITY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIFT AND PEW SPONSORSHIP FORM

Donor Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ / Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes! I would like to make a gift *and* memorialize my ancestors, current family members, or others with a laser engraved koa plaque(s) for placement on a refurbished pew, as follows:

MY/OUR GIFT TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF PLAQUES REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

	Sponsorship Level	# of Plaques
Long Pew	\$1,000	1 to 4
One Half of a Long Pew	\$500	1 or 2
Short Pew	\$500	1 or 2
One Half of a Short Pew	\$250	1

**The choice of wording is yours.** Once your contribution is received and the wording for each plaque confirmed, a draft will be produced and sent it to you by email or mail for your approval or revision.

**A suggested format from Norma Yara, listing two generations, is provided below:**

In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of CAMP or VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ (EX: CHIN CHUCK CAMP)

Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
(List Biological children – oldest to youngest, followed by stepchildren)

**Yes! I would like to contribute to preserving the Mission with a Community Campaign Gift. I/we do not request a laser engraved koa plaque.**

MY/OUR GIFT TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN THIS FORM with your Check or Money Order payable to:**  
**Hakalau Jodo Mission**  
**PO Box 296**  
**Hakalau, HI 96710.**

**NOTE:** Contributions to the Hakalau Jodo Mission are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

**Arigato!**  
**Mahalo!**  
**Thank you!**



## HAKALAU JODO MISSION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**OUR VISION:** *To preserve and maintain the Historic Hakalau Jodo Mission  
to serve current and future spiritual and community needs*

**FOUR-YEAR GOAL:** \$140,000



### PHASE 1: 2020-2021 Projects (\$65,000)

- Replace historic emblems on front of Temple and repair windows and screens.
- Repair water damage and repaint interiors of Temple and Social Hall.
- Improve accessibility & safety with handrails for Social Hall stairs and barrier to the "Stairs to Nowhere".

### PHASE 2: 2022 Projects (\$52,000)

- Paint all roofs.
- Paint building exteriors.
- Replace deteriorating altar brocade and replace pew padding.
- Install security cameras and monitoring system.
- Enable internet connectivity to support services and programs.
- Upgrade to LED lighting throughout, with 1936 period-appropriate style.

### PHASE 3: 2023-2024 Projects (\$23,000)

- Tent for termites and repair termite damage.
- Upgrades and repairs for the Parsonage.



### SOURCES OF FUNDING

- Individual Giving
- Public and Private Foundation Grants
- Government Grants

### MILESTONES

- 2018 – \$50,000 Freeman Foundation Award
- 2019—Volunteer Randy Simpson painted the Social Hall prior to Shinnenkai. Thank you!
- 2019—Phase 1 approvals by State Historic Preservation Division, County Planning Dept.
- 2020—Volunteer Mike Stolp installed new lighting installed in Social Hall. Thank you!
- 2021—Significant progress through November:
  - Pews sanded, repainted, returned to the Mission.
  - Temple interior painted
  - Water/termite damage repaired.
  - Social Hall and Temple screens built.
  - Social Hall Windows repaired.
  - Ceiling fans with LED lighting installed in Temple.