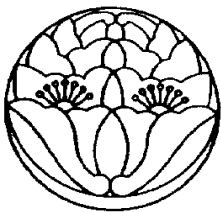


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FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

For Our Members, Friends, and Neighbors

We expand our understanding and practice of Buddhism using many sources. Otsutome: In praise of Amida Buddha, published by the Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions includes an invocation to call on Amida Buddha to “grant us the strength and abiding consciousness to work together harmoniously in our temple and in our community.”(p. 3) An article by Barbara O’Brien shares lessons about gratitude. Buddhism teaches us to be grateful, period. Gratitude is to be cultivated as a habit or attitude of mind not dependent on conditions. Gratitude is necessary for integrity and helps us develop patience. (<https://www.learnreligions.com/being-grateful-449576>).

These are powerful lessons for us as our membership and community changes and grows and we work to preserve not only our buildings, but our culture as well. We are grateful for YOU, our members, friends, neighbors, and donors for your encouragement.

In gassho,

Jan Nakamura

President

Rev. Junshin Miyazaki

13th Minister

Susan Forbes

Treasurer

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.

February 26 - SAT	Henah-e (Buddha's memorial) Party— NO SERVICE—CANCELED DUE TO COVID	1 p.m.
March 13 - SUN	Higan-e (Spring Equinox Service)	1 p.m.
April 10 - SUN	Hanamatsuri (Buddha's birthday)	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: 5:30 p.m. Bon Dance: 6:30 p.m.
September 11 - SUN	Joint Higan-e at Hilo Meishoin (Fall Equinox Service)	10 a.m.
October 9 - SUN	Eitai-kyo (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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FEBRUARY: HANAYO UEDA 2/18/1973 50TH

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

Namu Amida Butsu

CLASSES, PRESENTATIONS, MEETINGS: Subject to change based on the pandemic.

- **Practice Yoga** with Alison Simpson, 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. **NOTE:** Students must be fully and currently vaccinated against Covid-19.
- **Tai Chi** with Sifu Slade Shim: Weekly on Wednesdays, 8:30 -10:00 a.m.
- **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.
- **Bon Dance Practice with Sensei Jane Heit:** scheduling on hold due to the pandemic.

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

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

- **Junshin Miyazaki, Minister:** 936-7828 or gongqui326@hotmail.com
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MEMBER MEETING

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

- Electing directors
- Updating our bylaws, dated 1984, 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 [current as of the date of the meeting]. Not sure if your membership is current?

Contact us by email at hakalaujodominion.com or call Susan Forbes at 808-286-6130.

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, JANUARY 2022: SAINT HONEN

Saint Honen was born in 1133 and passed away in 1212. Saint Honen became a monk of Tendai-shu after his father samurai Tokikuni Uruma was killed when Honen was 9. He studied hard in the headquarters of Tendai for many years. When he was 42, he found that Nembutsu or repeating Namu-Amida-Butsu was the truth. He left the church and lived in the suburb of Kyoto. He attracted many disciples and followers. Since his teaching was different from traditional Japanese Buddhism and some of his followers who misunderstood Nembutsu did wrong, Saint Honen and his disciples were oppressed. But Nembutsu teaching spread and is still one of main streams of Japanese Buddhism.

Before Saint Honen, Amida-Buddha followers tried to accumulate good deeds such as keeping commandments, donating to churches, helping people, etc. to be born in the Gokuraku Pure Land. Those who could do such things were high-class people. It was hard for low class people and samurais to keep commandments. The commandments include no killing, no stealing, no lying, no adultery, no drinking. Samurai had to kill enemies. The general public had to kill animals to eat. If they did, they would go to hell after death. Saint Honen understood that Amida-Buddha wanted and would save all because before being enlightened, Amida-Buddha vowed that he would not get enlightened if he did not save all who called upon His name. His teaching was accepted by many people, especially those who worried about going to hell.



*Statue of Saint Honen at the
Hakalau Jodo Mission*

Saint Honen was not aggressive. He did not travel to spread his teachings, people came to him. Saint Honen did not deny traditional Buddhism and other religions. He said he chose repeating Namu Amida Butsu because he was nothing but an ordinary person who could not get enlightened.

I think Saint Honen always compared himself to the Buddha. Saint Honen was known as the wise and pure monk. He studied hard and continued to follow Buddhist commandments after he left the temple. Even monks who criticized Honen knew that he was smart, hard-working, and pure. But Honen always said he was an ordinary person. Because he deeply thought he was nothing compared to the Buddha, his faith was unshaken and overcame many hardships.

Compared to Saint Honen, I am stupid, pilau, and good for nothing. I have to be saved by Amida-Buddha. Namu Amida Butsu.

Nembutsu teaching is good for everyone, and it is up to you how to understand it. Please continue to repeat Namu Amida Butsu and lead happy lives.

ALL ABOUT SHINNENKAI

Once again, we will not be able to gather for Shinnenkai, due to the pandemic. Usually, this party is held immediately after the February service. Let's consider what Shinnenkai is all about...

Shinnenkai is an opportunity for us to celebrate the [lunar] New Year. Our members, neighbors, and Friends of the Hakalau Jodo Mission gather to have a good time, eat on food, play games with lots of prizes, look forward to a wonderful year, and give thanks to those who have helped us. This is a major celebration of **COMMUNITY**.

The Shinnenkai is usually the time we publicly acknowledge our gratitude for those who helped us during the previous year. Let us show our gratitude in words here...then recognize folks again when we can gather. We thank all those who contributed money, volunteered their time and effort to support the Mission in 2021, and we welcome new and returning members.



Shinnenkai, February 23, 2020: It's all about food, fun, and gratitude!

Many thanks for your financial contributions! Donations (i.e., dues, capital campaign, all other donations) totaled \$38,785 in 2021, compared to \$13,789 in 2020 and \$27,105 in 2019. The pandemic, of course, was responsible for the decline in donations in 2020. The capital campaign accounts for the increase in 2021.

We are thankful for the 112 individuals or families who made a total of 234 donations in 2021.

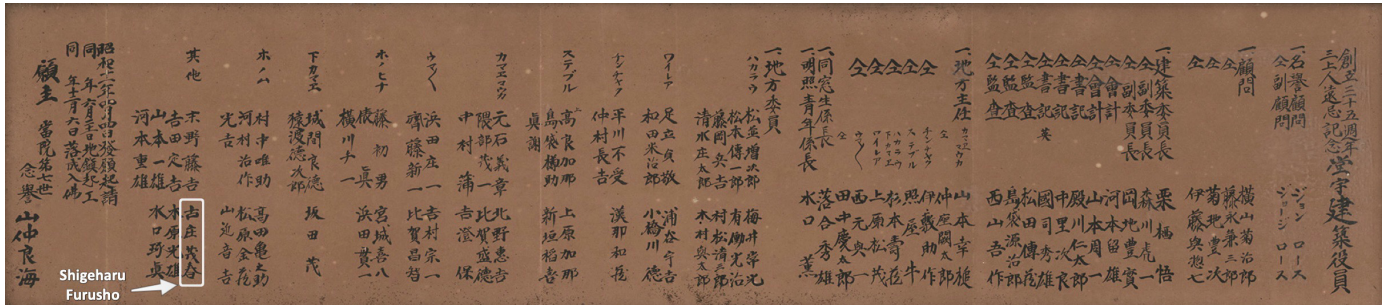
And let's not forget the "Sweat Equity"! Here are the volunteers supporting facility and grounds maintenance and preservation with their labor:

- **Banchan Bamba** keeps our bathroom facilities clean and disinfected and the stairwells to the Social Hall free of debris. **Banchan** also oversees our grounds to identify areas needing attention.
- **John Boyer** helps recruit volunteers for yard maintenance.
- **Clyde Chinen** advises the Facilities Committee on maintenance issues.
- **Julie Goettsch** periodically serves as our official photographer.
- **Bob Juettner** helps with management of some of the preservation projects.
- **Virginia** and **Bob Juettner** are managing the process of framing, matting, and cleaning the photographs of all the ministers.
- **Cyr Pakele** takes the trash to the dump when needed.
- Architect and neighbor **Merrick Patten** provides guidance on our preservation projects and has been tremendously helpful in the process of working with the County on the building permit, site plan, and he prepared the required architectural drawings.
- **Sifu Slade Shim** regularly cleans the Social Hall after Tai Chi class in preparation for Karate classes.
- **Randy** and **Alison Simpson** regularly clean the Social Hall for Alison's yoga classes.
- **Billy Spiedel** and **Merrick Patten** set up a trap for wild pigs when needed.
- **Mike Stolp** provides guidance on priorities for maintenance and preservation.
- **Patricia Taniguchi** and her **Karate Students** help keep the Social Hall and surrounding areas clean.
- We are in the process of removing rubbish and invasive trees from the property, relying on volunteers. So far, these volunteers include **Rev. Miyazaki, Dr. Nagata** (from Hilo Meishoin), **Merrick Patten**, and **Billy Spiedel**. More volunteers are welcome!
- Special thanks goes to those providing guidance and "elbow grease" on the May clean up of the shed and the Social Hall: **Yumiko Bamba, John Boyer, Roger Byrnes, Ken Forbes, Bob Juettner, Joey and Opu Kern, Brad Kurokawa, Ohomae and Akea Marr, Emma Marshall, Rev. Miyazaki, Noelle Oscarson, Cyr Pakele, Merrick Patten, Randy Simpson, Mike Stolp, Patricia Taniguchi, and Justin and Phoenix Yamashiro.**

Of course, we will try to keep you informed of volunteer opportunities in this bulletin. If you have an interest in volunteering, please send us an email at hakalaujodominion@gmail.com and we will add you to our list for notification of opportunities as they arise.

SHARING OUR HISTORY TO PRESERVE OUR LEGACY: Remembering Shigeharu Furusho

The ganshu, or the wish or pledge to build a new Temple in 1936, is often the inspiration for selecting an individual to remember. This month, we're remembering Shigeharu Furusho (1907-1970). Born in Hakalau, he resided in Hakalau Upper Camp (Up Camp).



Photography and fishing were his passions. He had a photographic studio in room adjoining the old gym, and his darkroom was downstairs, under the gym. Like most photographers, he was not usually in pictures. **HOWEVER**, he is included in a 1929 photo of Boy Scout Troop 5 adjacent to the Hakalau Plantation Manager's home. We've listed all the individuals in the next two photographs because they are also among those to be remembered.



Shigeharu Furusho

Hakalau Boy Scout Troup 5, March 17, 1929 by the Hakalau Plantation Manager's house. Scout Master T. Morikawa holding trophy. **Front row, kneeling, L to R:** Shigeru Ito, Akira Muramatsu, Uechi Shimizu, Satoru Maneki, Yoshiwo Yoshida, Augustine Tavarres, Theodore Machado, Waichi Ouye, Shiga? Miyasato. **Second Row, L to R:** Harry Urasaki, Manuel Jesus, Noboru Fujimoto, Tsutoma Tavares, J. Miyashiro, T. Torikawa (Scout Master), Toshio Hamada, William Ross, Lionel Machado, Fred Lopes, Shigeharu Furusho (Deputy Scout Master). **Back row, L to R:** Ted Nishioka, Koichi Yoshida, Masaro Tanaka, Mitsuo Arita, Kaoru Mizuguchi, Mitsuo Okazaki, Susumu Kimura, George Lopes, Masao Oshiro. Photo by Shigeharu Furusho, from the Waichi Ouye Collection, courtesy of the Ouye family.

The 1929 graduation picture from the Hakalau Japanese Language School also includes him.



1929 picture of the Hakalau Jodo Mission and Japanese Language School students from the Waichi Ouye Collection, courtesy of his family.

Left to right: 1st Row: ?, ?, Taeko Tadokoro, Sadame Yoshimura, Masako Hirata, Masako Fujimoto, Rev. Itakura, Mrs. Itakura, Akiko Morikawa, ? Yokoyama, Haruyo Hashimoto, Shigeko Shiraishi, Tomoyo Yoshida, Kaoru Tawara;

2nd Row: ? Fukunaga, Yasuhiro Uyechi, Waichi Ouye, Hiyokichi Fujioka, Katsutarō Yoshida, Hideo Ochiai, Yukio Hamada, Henry Urasaki, Kazuo Yamamoto, Toraiichi Morikawa, Satoshi Fujinaga, Takuma Mizuguchi, Hajime Nishioka, Yoshikazu Kishimori, Shuichi Furuyama, Tsutamo Tawara, Hoichi Uyeda, Toshio Hamada, ? Yoshimura, Masao Mizuguchi;

3rd Row: Susumu Kimura, Kazumi Ueda, Takeo Okazaki, Hiroshi Ikawa, Tadashi Nishioka, Makoto Tawara, Harold Noboru Fujimoto, Shigeharu Furusho, Masao Mihara, Masami Uyeda, Sadakichi Yoshida, Kaoru Mizuguchi, Terumi Koga, Yutaka Hirata, Naotaka Hiroshige, Shigeo Nishiyama, Masao Oshiro.

His photographs of the Hakalau Mill during April 1st 1946 tsunami are stunning.



Tidal Wave Actually Hitting the Mill.



A View of the Devastation Wrought by the Tidal Wave.

Photos by Shigeharu Furusho published in the 1946 Hakalau Plantation Annual Report.

Our understanding of his contribution to Hakalau is enhanced by publicly available information such as newspapers and census data. He worked in the Hakalau Plantation Store, and later worked for Pepeekeo Sugar. At one point, after Hakalau Store closed, and after both Hakalau and Pepeekeo Hospitals had closed their doors, he drove patients by bus to the Clinic on Wailuku Drive in Hilo.

He exemplified many of the values we're trying to preserve today. He worked collaboratively supporting the community: Deputy Scout Master for Hakalau Boy Scout Troop 5 (1929), Hakalau School PTA Vice President (1939-40), President of the Hakalau Japanese Language School (1940), Trustee ILWU-CIO Local 142 Trustee (1946), Voter Registration Volunteer (1946), Treasurer of the Hakalau [Japanese] Civic Club (1946), member of the Hakalau Jodo Mission Board of Directors (1946), member of the Hakalau Camera Club (1949). Undoubtedly, he made many more contributions to the betterment of Hakalau that are yet to be discovered.

We would like to expand our understanding of Shigeharu Furusho and his life in Hakalau. If you have knowledge of Shigeharu Furusho and his photographs, please email hakalauhome.com or call Susan Forbes at 808-286-6130.

PRESERVING THE MISSION



Community Capital Campaign Status as of *January 28th*:

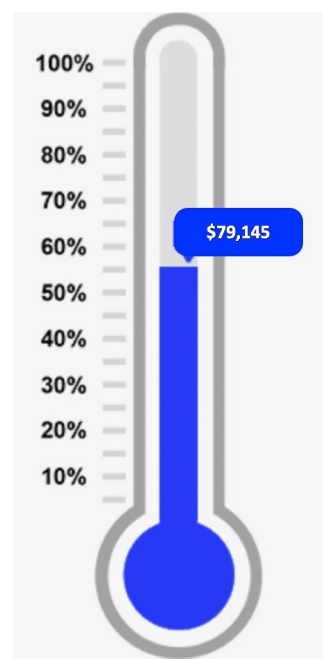
- 87 donations received
- Campaign contributions total \$79,145, including \$50,000 (Freeman Foundation Grant, Phase 1), and \$29,145 (Community Campaign, Phase 2)
- We've reached 57% of our 4-year goal, and 56% of our Phase 2 Community Campaign for projects in 2022.
- Donations honoring former members and loved ones have generated 35 plaques. **The opportunity is still available for additional memorial plaques.**

Next Steps:

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



Beyond the Capital Campaign:

TWO EASY WAYS TO ENSURE THE FUTURE OF HAKALAU JODO MISSION:

WILLS & BEQUESTS OR BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS

1. Let's say you want to support the Mission by designating a planned gift in your will. You *also* want the flexibility to change your will in the event that life circumstances change. Now, you can do both in as little as one sentence at no cost to you.
2. Not everyone wants to commit to making a gift in their will. You may prefer the increased flexibility that a beneficiary designation provides by using:
 - IRAs and retirement plans, including all or part of any required minimum distributions (RMD's)
 - Life insurance policies
 - Annuities, bank, or brokerage accounts

If you or anyone you know is interested in these kinds of gifts, just let us know and we can help you. Either send an email to hakalaujodominion@gmail.com or contact Susan Forbes at 808-286-6130.

What are we working on now?

Over the next two months, we will be working to restore and install the original windows from the Temple. Last May, when we cleaned out the shed, 3 of the 4 original front Temple windows were discovered. Roger Byrnes, our carpenter, has restored those three windows and fabricated the matching fourth window. Additional work will be required inside to repair the walls surrounding the windows.

[Tenth] Minister Hakushi Tamura (1979-1996) verified that these windows were still in place in the late 1980s when the Temple exterior was repainted and were probably replaced in the 1990s while he was still at Hakalau. He thought they were replaced because the hardware had corroded and, therefore, the windows were hard to open. In our work to reinstall these original windows, marine grade brass hardware will be used.



From Left to Right: 1. Roger Byrnes with the original windows in May 2021 after they were discovered in the shed. 2. Newly fabricated 4th window. 3. Picture from the late 1980s after the Temple exterior was painted.

We look forward to sharing more progress on the Temple window restoration and installation...Stay tuned!