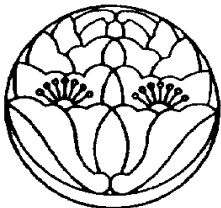


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JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER
For Our Members, Friends, and Neighbors

Happy New Year, to our members, friends, and neighbors!

Ten members gathered for the Bodhi Day service on December 12th, our first service since March 2020 and the first opportunity to see the newly painted Temple interior, refurbished pews, and ceiling fans with LED lights. Of course, we had our temperatures taken upon entry, wore masks, and socially distanced. Banchan generously provided all of us with individually wrapped manju from Two Ladies Kitchen to take home. Thank you, Banchan!

We hope to have many more gatherings in 2022, once it's safer.

Wishing all of you a safe, happy and prosperous New Year!

Jan Nakamura

President

Rev. Junshin Miyazaki

13th Minister

Susan Forbes

Treasurer

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE COMMUNITY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IN 2021!

\$1,000 or more

Anonymous
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
Leanne Kirk
Kinue Kobashigawa
Dave Longacre & Bill Foss
Akiko Masuda & WVHPC
Raymond & Stella Miyashiro
Gail J. Nakamura
Wil Shima
HH & JA Shimabukuro

\$250 to \$499

Charles Cavedoni
Linda Hartwell
Mae Kaneshiro
Eugene & Janice Koya
Hiroshi Kozohara
George & Hiroko Motobu
Mitsuru & Kara Ozaki
Patricia Ozeki
Scott & Aileen Sakamoto
Patricia Taniguchi
George & Lianne Ueda
Emi Uemura

Up to \$249

Corrine Allain
Anonymous
George & Doris Araki
Victoria Asayama
Don Atkins & Bernie Ho
Daniel and Martha Banks
Patrick & Valerie Beck
Jerry & Rose Broughton
Tom Burton
Hideaki & Caroline Doi
Karen Fitzgerald
Kiyoshi Fujimoto
Julie Goettsch
Joe Hampton
Molly Hart

Harold & Corinne Higa
George & Susana Hirowatari, Jr.
Tilden Jio & Leo Pesin-Melzer
June & John Kaye
Melvin Kaetsu
June Kaetsu
Sumie Kitajima-Ogata
Debbie Kuntz
Michael & Katie Lowrey
Chizuko Nakamura
Faye Nako & M. Shimabukuro
May Navarro
Geoff & Chris Nelson
Marion Nipper
Dr. Bob & Ingrid Nishimoto
Earl & Sharon Nomura
Geoff & Christina Nelson
Masako Sakata
Kay N. Shiota
Helen Shiota-Benevides
Mieko Soken
Mitsuko Takasaki
Maude Taylor
Ed Toguchi
Roy & Ann Toma
Harold & Jane Uyeno
Phil & Carol Wozniak
Raymond & Elaine Yano

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.

January 1 - SAT	Shusho-e (New Year's Service)— NO SERVICE--CANCELED DUE TO COVID	1 p.m.
January 16 - SUN	Gyoki-e (Saint Honen's memorial)	1 p.m.
February 26 - SAT	Henah-e (Buddha's memorial) Party	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	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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JANUARY

Itaro Nakao			1/24/1973		50 th							
Yoshie Shimabukuro			1/28/2010		13 th							

FEBRUARY

Hanayo Ueda			2/18/1973		50 th							
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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							

APRIL

Noboru Uemura			4/19/1973		50 th							
Yoshiko Inaoka			4/24/1976		47 th							
Shigeo Tabata			4/25/1986		37 th							
Michie Nishimoto			4/30/2020		3 rd							

MAY

Antoku Kokbashigawa			5/3/2021		1 st							
Chiyo Hirakawa			5/13/2010		13 th							
Sakae Miyashiro			5/17/1973		50 th							
Rika Mizuguchi			5/25/1973		50 th							
Kimiko Yoshimura			5/28/1986		37 th							
Atsushi Otake			5/29/2006		17 th							
Shizue Arakaki			5/31/1990		33 rd							

JUNE

Noel Machida			6/4/2021		1 st							
Rinmo Shimabukuro			6/19/2000		23 rd							

JULY

Fukuo Motobu			7/7/1973		50 th							
Josuah Hirakawa			7/10/1996		27 th							
Shizuyo Yoshida			7/16/1998		25 th							
Toku Machida			7/28/1986		37 th							
Katsuyoshi Arita			7/29/1990		33 rd							

AUGUST

Lynn Pagaragan			8/5/2006		17 th							
Kana Hirakawa			8/6/1998		25 th							
Shinichi Taira			8/11/2020		3 rd							
Kikuyo Yoshimura			8/14/2016		7 th							
Chiyoko Oshiro			8/15/1973		50 th							
Kerry Browning			8/16/2021		1 st							
Yoshi Uratani			8/17/1990		33 rd							
Mitsuo Kanna			8/20/1976		47 th							

SEPTEMBER

Yoneichi Masaki			9/1/1990		33 rd							
Satsu Yamamoto			9/11/1973		50 th							
Hatsuyo Sakoda			9/12/1973		50 th							
Reginald Mizuguchi			9/15/1986		37 th							
Takeshi Kataoka			9/19/1990		33 rd							
Masako Machida			9/19/1998		25 th							
Sukezen Chinen			9/21/1980		43 rd							
Uichi Shimizu			9/23/1973		50 th							
Kiyoshi Miyashiro			9/25/1996		27 th							
Shunichi Sugino			9/26/1976		47 th							
Seita Tsuha			9/26/1973		50 th							

OCTOBER

Harry Tabata			10/1/2016		7 th							
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NOVEMBER

Takie Yoshida			11/7/2016		7 th							
Shoei Yabiku			11/14/1996		27 th							
Tomoe Shishido			11/18/1973		50 th							

DECEMBER

Irene Machida			12/18/2016		7 th							
Yaeko Masaki			12/23/2010		13 th							

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

Namu Amida Butsu

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

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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
- **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>.

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 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:

If you wish to renew your membership or become a member, membership dues are \$60 for both individuals and families. 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.

The Mission would not be able to survive without the physical, financial, and spiritual support of members. As a dues-paying member you...

- Commit to continue to carry out the purposes* of the Mission: to share Buddhist teachings and principles, to act to improve the condition of mankind, and to promote happiness among members and the community (*abbreviated version of purposes included in the bylaws).
- Commit yourself to continue to support the efforts of your ancestors who helped to make this temple and Jodo Buddhism what it is today and continue their spiritual belief.
- Have access to the temple to honor your beloved ancestors.
- May leave your urn as well as your ihai (memorial plaque) in the temple.
- Are identified as a member of the Hakalau Jodo Mission with all the rights identified in the bylaws, including participating in the annual member meeting and voting to elect members to serve on the board of directors.
- Receive a copy of this bulletin by email or by mail.

- Receive a special, discounted rate for the use of the hall and/or dining room for your private gatherings.
- Enjoy friendship, support, on food, and a place to learn the teachings of Amida Buddha.

Thank you for your dedication in supporting the Hakalau Jodo Mission.

MINISTER’S SERMON: AKEMASHITE OMEDETO GOZAIMASU!

The year 2022 is the year of tiger.

There are tigers in China. Tigers were regarded as ferocious animals.

One story: Confucius (551 B.C. – 479 B.C.) and his disciples were passing the foot of Mt. Tai. There was a woman crying in front of a grave. Confucius bowed and listened to the wailing and let his disciple Zilu ask her what had happened. Zilu said to her, “hearing your wailing, you must have experienced lots of sad things.” She said, “Yes. My father-in-law was killed by a tiger a while ago. My husband was killed, too. Now my son was killed by a tiger.” Confucius asked: “Why don’t you leave here?” Her response: “There is no tyranny here.” Confucius said to his disciples: “Remember, tyranny is more brutal than tigers”.

There is a famous Buddhist story involving tigers: The Buddha was a prince named Sattva in his previous life. Sattva and his two older brothers played on a mountain where they saw a tigress with cubs, starving to death. The two older brothers pitied the tigers but thought they could do nothing. Sattva said, “the Exalted One tries to save life. My body does not last forever even if I were reborn 100 times, 1000 times. Now I will feed them.” He jumped from a cliff. The tigress ate him and milked her cubs. All heavenly beings were moved. Sattva was reborn as the Buddha. I think this story teaches us that the Buddha’s compassion is boundless. When we try to save someone or something, we should be serious and committed. (Please, do not feed your body to tigers.)

In Japan, there were no wild tigers. Japanese people knew about tigers through books and pictures from China and Korea. There is a famous story related to Buddhism and a picture of a tiger: About 600 years ago there was a Zen monk boy named Ikkyu in Kyoto.

He was nicknamed “quick-witted Ikkyu”.

One day Shogun Yoshimitsu Ashikaga heard about Ikkyu. Shogun liked quick wit, too. He invited Ikkyu to his castle to beat him with quick wit. Shogun showed Ikkyu a big folding screen with a tiger painted on it.

Shogun said: “Ikkyu, I have a problem.

Every night this tiger comes out from the picture and does wrong. Can you catch it for me?” Ikkyu said yes and asked for a rope to tie the tiger. Once ready, he asked Shogun: “Please chase the tiger out from the picture. I will tie the tiger.” Shogun said: “What are you saying? How can I chase the tiger picture out?” Ikkyu said, “So, the tiger did not come out then.” Shogun was impressed and gave Ikkyu generous donations. Ikkyu and Shogun were real persons, but this story is a fiction.



Tiger and Panther on Folding Screen, early 17th Century

Let us enjoy the year 2021 with wit and humor, repeating Namu Amida Butsu!

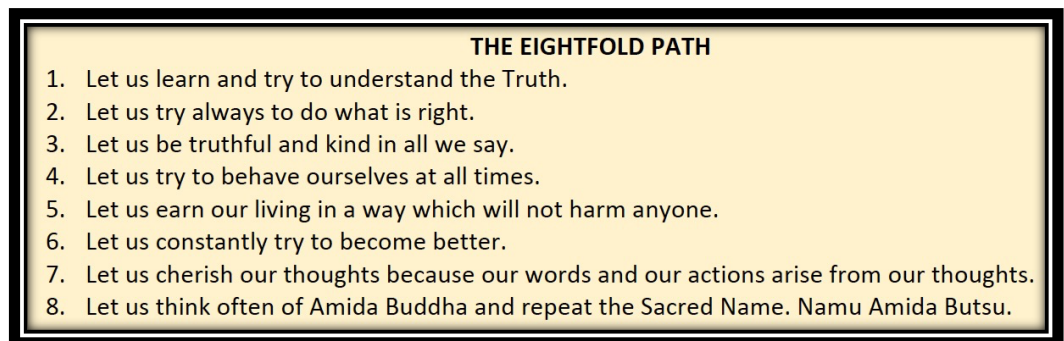
SHARING OUR HISTORY TO PRESERVE OUR LEGACY:

Right now, at the end of 2021 and beginning of 2022, it's time to take stock of the past and present and anticipate the future. Of course, we will continue to share stories of those who came before us, beginning again in February. Honoring them is our way of sharing both history and cultural values.

What is the legacy of the Hakalau Jodo Mission?

The foundation of the Mission's legacy is twofold: **Buddhism** and **plantation values**. Officially, the Mission's purposes are to share Jodo Shu Buddhist teachings and principles, to act to improve the condition of mankind, and to promote happiness among members and the community. **Plantation values** of engaging in collective effort, looking out for each other, honoring hard work, and showing respect for those who came before us provide the framework for our social norms. Buddhism and plantation values, taken together, describe the legacy we're working to preserve and can be summarized in eight points:

1. Continuing commitment to the community
2. Openness to all
3. Honoring those who came before us
4. Working hard and collaboratively
5. Sharing traditions and honoring the traditions of others
6. Nurturing the children
7. Honoring the kupuna
8. Following the Eightfold Path



Our facilities, including the Temple, Social Hall, and Dining Room, are tools to be used in sharing our legacy, perpetuating cultural values, and carrying out the purposes of the Hakalau Jodo Mission.

Changes Over Time

Much has changed since 1904 when Rev. Soma started the language school in "Down Camp" moved it to its present location in "Up Camp" in 1905, and 1936 when the current Temple, Social Hall, and parsonage were built. The sugar plantation and its camps are gone, most of the population moved away, and many of the old timers have passed away. Newcomers are often from other states without an understanding of the rich cultural and religious history.



December 6, 1936. Opening of the new Hakalau Jodo Mission and placing of the Buddha. Members included 350 families.

Here's a summary of the some the changes:

	Circa 1934-1936: Thriving community built new temple, social hall, and parsonage	1984-1989: Demise of sugar: many moved away, camps dismantled by the late 1970s.	2021: Changing demographics, smaller population
Membership	350 <i>families</i> , probably more than 1,000 individuals	78 individuals listed, unknown whether those were just heads of household or the complete roster.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021: 43 individuals • 2020: 41 individuals • 2019: 30 individuals
Ethnicity	Japanese: 100%	Japanese: 100%	Japanese: 70% Caucasian: 30%
Area of Residence	Hakalau area: 100%	Hilo: 37% Pepeekeo: 33% Hakalau: 26%	East Hawaii: 70% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hakalau: 26% • Other East HI: 44% Oahu: 14% Mainland: 16%
Age Distribution	Details unknown, from infants to elderly, and large families	43-59: 13 (17%) 60-69: 16 (21%) 70-79: 28 (36%) 80-89: 13 (17%) 90+: 8 (10%) Age distribution based on 1987	47-59: 5 (12%) 60-69: 11 (26%) 70-79: 13 (30%) 80-89: 13 (30%) 90+: 1 (2%)

Questions for the New Year:

1. How do we **enhance our relevance** to longtime members, those who've moved away and recently rejoined the Mission, and newcomers, many of whom are new to Buddhism?
2. What is the most effective way to share the **practical aspects of Buddhism in daily life**?
3. How do our members and the broader community want to **learn about Buddhist teachings**?
4. While the pandemic has limited community gatherings, we continue to hold classes to serve the community and look for new ways to reach our members no matter where they live. **What classes and programs do community members and our members want?**
5. How are going to **continue to increase our membership**?

Please share your thoughts so we can tackle these questions! Email us at hakalaujodominion@gmail.com or call or text Susan Forbes at 808-286-6130.

PRESERVING THE MISSION

Discoveries and Transformation in 2021:

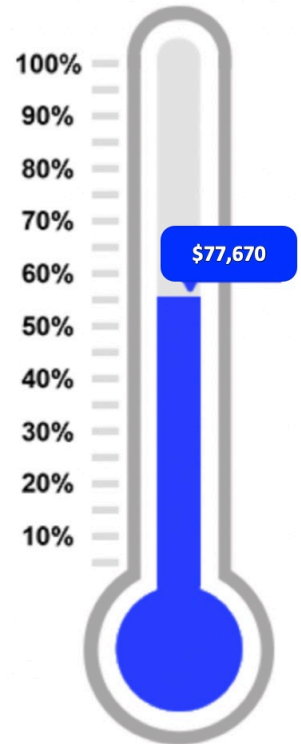


Left to Right: Original Temples Windows Discovered; Painting Transformed the Temple; Refurbished Pews Returned; Lighted Ceiling Fans Cool and Enhance the Temple

Community Capital Campaign Status as of December 27th:

- 83 donations received
- Campaign contributions total \$77,670, including \$50,000 (Freeman Foundation Grant, Phase 1), and \$27,670 (Community Campaign, Phase 2)
- We've reached 55% of our 4-year goal, and 53% of our Phase 2 Community Campaign for projects in 2022.

GOAL: \$140,000



Memorial Plaques:

Donations honoring former members and loved ones have generated 32 plaques so far.

Each plaque measures 2-5/8 by 5 inches. Here are some examples:



We still have a few laser engraved koa plaques available for placement on the refurbished pews to permanently memorialize ancestors, current family members or anyone you choose to honor.

We thank you for your generosity in 2021 and ask for your continued support in 2022. We are at 53% of our goal for the Phase 2 Community Campaign intended to fund 2022 restoration projects. Please help us reach this goal.

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

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 December:
 - Pews sanded, repainted, returned to the Mission.
 - Temple interior painted
 - Water/termite damage repaired.
 - Social Hall and Temple screens built.
 - Social Hall Windows repaired, painted, and reinstalled.
 - Ceiling fans with LED lighting installed in Temple.