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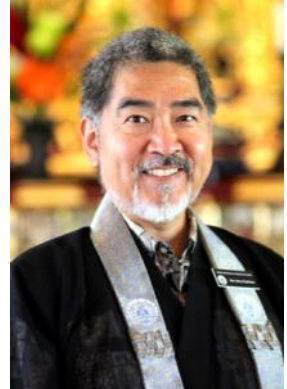
*"I will write peace on your wings and you
will fly all over the world." Sadako Sasaki*



Note to Self: Be a Fool, not a Foolish Minister

*I am such that I do not know right and wrong
And cannot distinguish false and true;
I lack even small love and compassion,
And yet, for fame and profit, enjoy teaching others.*

—Shinran Shōnin
Hymns of the Dharma Ages, verse 116
CWS, Vol 1, page 429



The inspiration for this month's message comes from **Gustavo Wenceslau**, a Facebook friend who lives in Brazil. These are his reflections upon the wisdom his master taught him at a Zen monastery, which applies to monks, ministers, and layperson alike.

The foolish minister believes he is better than laypersons simply for being allowed to teach but the wise minister knows himself to be a fool and does not condemn or judge the causes and conditions of other people's lives.

While the foolish minister believes that receiving his robes and credentials is enough to be a good cleric, the wise minister does not forget his mentors and continues to learn for life as a disciple who knows nothing.

While the foolish minister believes his work and efforts are part of a negotiation of favors to be repaid for praise, donations or fame, the wise minister believes to be his jobs the least he could do to repay the gift of listening to teachings and concentrates in cooperating with the transmission of teachings to the next.

While the foolish minister creates ambitions for promotion and outstanding works, the wise minister recognizes that all functions, opportunities and positions, large or small, attracting attention or not, are worthy and important to the Sangha, rejoices in helping with one simple sweeping of the temple steps, for example, and does not consider himself better or worse than the sweeper.

While the foolish minister believes it is necessary to attack, fight and curse those who align themselves with distorted or different teachings than what he believes, the wise minister cares more about imparting the teachings with compassion, empathy and wisdom through the examples of the life he lives, because lies have short legs and soon that which is true and real will stand out among the fake.

While the foolish minister cares to be rewarded, the wise minister is dedicated to serving Buddha, Dharma and Sangha.

While the foolish minister tries to justify all of his faults and does not accept criticism, the wise minister listens and accepts criticisms directed to him, considering all of his everyday life as teachers. Sometimes the very existence of criticism says a lot about how we act, think, speak or present ourselves before others.

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While the foolish minister always publicly declares himself as a great scholar, the wise minister empties his own ego and always recognizes himself as a mere beginner who has more to learn than to teach.

(Automatic translation by Facebook into English from the original Brazilian Portuguese. I edited the original for this message by swapping out “monk” in favor of “minister” for clarity.)

How grateful I am to discover such an eloquent exploration of life on a spiritual path. The insights and advice in the essay are wonderful reminders of the pitfalls of believing one’s own Ego-Self. (Note to Self: that means you.)

This degree of true self-awareness, which is the goal of Buddhist practice, is difficult to achieve because of the death-grip our ego-centric self-centeredness has on our thoughts, words, and actions.

Shinran’s words remind us of the gap between reality-as-it-is and reality-as-my-Ego-wants-it-to-be. Shinran wrote this hymn in his later years, well after he was recognized as a religious leader, thinker, and author.

And yet, Shinran laments his true nature as a fool, a “*bombu*”—an unexceptional, self-centered, foolish human being, who enjoys fame and fortune for teaching others.

Shinran thus rejoices in the Compassion of Amida, for Amida’s Vow is to save Shinran because he is an “unexceptional self-centered foolish human being”

This simultaneous experience of seeing reality-as-it-is and reality-as-my-ego-wants-it-to-be is at the core of Shinjin, the transformation of one’s self-centered heart and selfish mind. Humbled by the recognition of our human frailties and limitations, we experience true gratitude for the benevolence of Amida’s Compassion and the infinite depth of Amida’s Wisdom, which has always embraced us, never to abandon us.

And then, Namo Amida Butsu pops out of our mouth in joy and gratitude because we are saved by Amida’s Compassion, guided by Amida’s Wisdom, and our birth in the Pure Land is assured because we remain stubbornly attached to our unexceptional self-centered foolish human self!

Namo Amida Butsu!

Rev. Kerry

P.S. Stay safe, have fun, and enjoy Halloween!

PEACE DAY - Did you see the international and interfaith “Ring Your Bell for Peace Day” event on September 21 organized by Honpa Hongwanji’s Peace Day Committee? Here’s a link to a **YouTube video of the combined bell ringing** from over 100 sites in Hawaii, continental U.S., Canada, and beyond!

IN MEMORIAM

Makawao Hongwanji Mission extends its deepest sympathy to families that have recently lost a loved one:

Family of the **Late Mr. Glenn Haruo Otani** (68) who passed away July 30, 2020.

September & October 2020 Memorial Anniversaries

(Please call Temple Office to schedule your service—572-7229)

1st Year Memorial Service 2019

October 18 Richard Shigeru Karimoto
October 18 Joanne Son Karimoto

3rd Year Memorial Service 2018

October 22 Misata Okamoto
October 22 Yaeko Alice Fujimoto

7th Year Memorial Service 2014

October 08 Janet Sumie Shiratori
October 31 Takashi Kamasaki

13th Year Memorial Service 2008

October - None

17th Year Memorial Service 2004

October 23 Evelyn Shigemi Tanitomi

25th Year Memorial Service 1996

October 08 Masae Tanaka
October 11 Mitsuno Fukuda

33rd Year Memorial Service 1988

October - None

50th Year Memorial Service 1971

October 08 Traso Taketa

1st Year Memorial service 2019

November 18 Yoshiko (Hiraguchi) Mattson

3rd Year Memorial Service 2018

November 21 Fujiko Fudgie Tanaka

7th Year Memorial Service 2014

November 02 Shirley Sugako Kawahara

13th Year Memorial Service 2008

November 17 Frances Yoshino Morikawa

17th Year Memorial Service 2004

November 12 Hatsuyo Rose Nishiyama
November 23 Tsuneyo Gohara
November 30 Fusako Yamamura

25th Year Memorial Service 1996

November 01 Yao Toritani
November 05 Fumiko Kijima

33rd Year Memorial Service 1988

November 10 Ayako Nishimoto

50th Year Memorial Service 1971

November 04 Isami Kato
November 30 Chiyoko Alice Sakashita
November 30 Kiyome Tsukuda



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Contributions August 26, 2020 to September 25, 2020

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33rd memorial for Shigeichi Karimoto – Yvonne and Toshio Kishi

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NOKOTSUDO:

June Ogawa

Paul Sentani

Kelvin and Lynn Nakamura

Grandparents' Day – Nora Nishiyama

Chochin project donation – Angela Yasutomi

OFUSE:

1st year memorial service for Ann Ritsuko Burd – Family of Ann Ritsuko Burd

1st year memorial service for Setsuko Asato – Family of Setsuko Asato

In memory of Ann Burd – David Hongo

Inurnment service for Glenn Otani – Family of Glenn Otani

In memory of Glenn Otani – Tanaka Ohana, Harvey and Diane Owara

In memory of Setsuko Asato – Jill, Rayna, Shawn, and Brian Kawabe



I am Grateful
Namo Amida Butsu

Are you grateful for the things you have? What about things you hoped not to receive?



2020 ELECTION DATES (From State of Hawaii Office of Elections Website)

October 5, 2020: Last day to register to vote and receive your Ballot packet in the mail. If you have not registered by October 5, you must go to your local Voter Service Centers.

October 20, 2020: Voter Service Centers are open through Election Day. Services include same day registration and in-person voting.

Map of Voter Service Centers & Places of Deposits:

<https://histategis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=40a88743b85b4fbfb8cf6128bacfedcf>

Ballots Received By: October 16, 2020

Contact your County Elections Division if you have not received your ballot by this date.

Ballots Returned: October 27, 2020

Last day to return your voted ballot by mail. After this date, voters must return their ballot to a place of deposit (ballot drop box).

General Election: November 3, 2020

All voted ballots must be received by your Clerk's Office no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

ELECTION RESOURCES

Hawai'i Voter Registration - Registration to vote or update your voter registration

<https://olvr.hawaii.gov/>

State of Hawai'i Office of Elections - Info on voting and elections in Hawai'i

<https://elections.hawaii.gov/>

Elections by Mail - State of Hawaii, Office of Elections (YouTube Video)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?V=azYEEybXTUY&feature=emb_title

Peace Day” at Makawao Hongwanji Preschool

By: Teacher Iris

On September 21, 2020 at 12:01 p.m., the children and the teachers marched and rang their little fishing bells in celebration of Peace Day. The children were thrilled when they found out that they would be able to keep the bells and ring it at home. Thank you Bobbi for that great idea. We talked about being kind to one another and ways we can promote peace. Some said “sharing is caring”, “helping a friend” and “being nice”. We read books that talked about our differences and similarities and how we are a preschool family who takes care of each other. We will continue to reinforce the value of 'ohana and kuleana (family and responsibility).



Maui United Jr. YBA

By: Diane Nako

The Maui United Jr. YBA held their September meeting via “Google Meet” platform to nominate new 2020-2021 officers. President: Jaimee Yokoyama, Vice President: Kai Okuni, Treasurer: Tani Kaholoaa, Secretary: Kokoro Yamazaki, Councilors: Kai Okuni, Tani Kaholoaa and Kaylie Okuni. Although we are still meeting virtually, we are excited about this coming new year with the Jr YBA’s presence in our community. We will be having our next meeting in October and will let you know more about upcoming projects/events!



Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
Council Meeting Highlights
Sunday, September 20, 2020

Minister's Report: Rev. Kerry's report:

- October 31st Halloween, planning virtual event
- Newsletter: membership push and donation solicitation
- Online Memorial Service is working out well.
- Kupuna Bento Project (Project Dana) \$ or make bento



UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Hurricane Insurance Coverage: Floyd will invite insurance agent Alan Manibog to meet with the Temple Council to explain the Temple's current insurance coverages, not including the residential rentals.

If there are questions, please email your questions about the Temple's insurance coverage to Jean to collect this week. She will give them to Floyd to send to Alan before the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

2021 Candidates for Officers, Directors, and Advisors:

A table indicating who will serve as Officers, Directors for Standing Committees and Advisors to the Council was distributed at the meeting.

President:	Clyde Hamai	Vice President:	Karen Ishizu
Secretary:	Jean Heselden	Treasurer:	Fred Wong

Timeline:

October 2020 Council meeting finalize list. Clyde will continue search for new Finance Director.

November 2020 newsletter: print candidate list along with ballots.

December 2020: newsletter publish election results.

January 2021: Installation of new officers at New Years' Service in 2021 might need to be Virtual if COVID-19 restrictions limit size of in-person gatherings.

Ad Hoc Committee for Bylaws Update

Jean Heselden presented a written proposal to amend the Temple's Bylaws in Article IV, Section 2, to include electronic meetings. The statewide Legislative Assembly and Lay Association are also doing this in order to carry on business during the COVID-19 pandemic without having to gather in-person during the severe restrictions on the size of group gatherings.

An Ad Hoc Committee for Bylaws Update was created with Diane Kosaka and Sharon Higuchi as members and Jean Heselden as Chair. This would also be a good time to review and update the rest of Makawao's bylaws in addition to changes for electronic meetings.

Exception to Temple Closure for Drive Through Jam Sale on November 21, 2020

Motion by Jean Heselden to grant an exception to the temple closure for a fundraiser jam sale on November 21, 2020, for jams made by Alison Nakagawa and Mimy Kiyohara. Payment will be made at time of pick up. Mimy will coordinate making of jam, taking and fulfilling orders, and place an announcement in the October newsletter with the ordering details.

Potential Fundraiser in December 2020

Gail Hamai described fundraising alternatives to the December Garage Sale which will not be held this year due to COVID-19. Ideas included a tent sale for furniture and plants, along with possible food sales. Gail will present a written proposal at the October Temple Council meeting on October 18, 2020, including how we will conform to the Maui Mayor's restrictions on the size of group gatherings due to COVID-19.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Buddhist Education: Blaine Higa of Kona Hongwanji was the guest speaker for today's Shuki Higan-e Autumn Higan Service presented via the internet.

Membership: Written report received from Sharon Higuchi. Diane Kosaka reported on the number of members paid year to date and how many are now in emeritus status who no longer pay membership fees.

Funeral /Nokotsudo: Written report received from Sharon Higuchi. Discussion about encouraging folks to help pay for upkeep and maintenance of the Nokotsudo, perhaps by establishing a Friends of the Nokotsudo fundraising group.

Properties: Gail Hamai reported no changes in status of rental properties.

Floyd Nagoshi reported that Ray Nakagawa and Michael Nakagawa now mow the lawns, Sid Nako trims the front of the temple property, and Floyd weed whacks the rest of the property. Every other week Floyd cleans and resupplies the restroom building.

AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS:

Dharma School: Sharon Nagoshi and Rev. Kerry reported on Peace Day 2020 observance including a bell ringing featuring the Kansho and gong bells in the Hondo to be shared via ZOOM on 3 cameras. A Peace Day activity booklet for keiki was distributed by mail and by link on the temple's website.

Preschool: Bobbi Nakagawa reported that COVID-19 procedures have been implemented. A wall tagged with graffiti has been painted over.

(Full Council Minutes and Reports can be obtained from Temple Office.)

Looking for X'mas Presents?

Makawao Peach and Guava Jam is available for order to pick up

Order Deadline: November 10, 2020

Drive Through Pick Up: Saturday November 21, 2020, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Please call Temple Office at 572-7229, between M – F 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m, to place your order.

Or email your order to mimykiyohara@mac.com

Order deadline is November 10, 2020.

We will stop taking orders if limited supply is sold out before the deadline.

Price for 8oz jar of jam is \$6.

Price for 3 ounce bag of dried pickled peaches is \$4.

Please pay at drive through pick up, with check made out to Makawao Hongwanji Mission.

Drive through pick up at breezeway between kitchen and social hall.

Pick up on Saturday morning November 21, 2020 between 9:00 and 11:00.

MAHALO for your support!



Congratulations



*Wesley and
Sierra Kosaka*



Lucas Ginoza

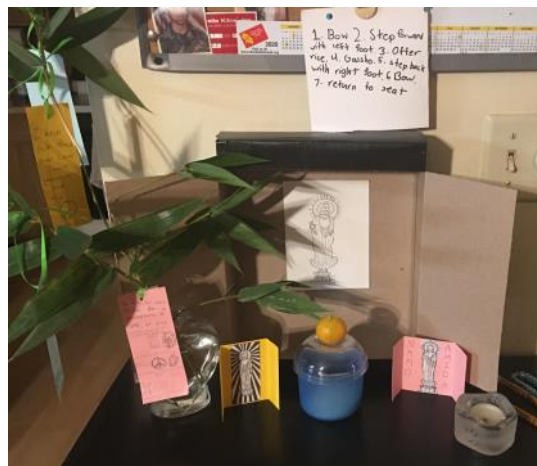
PACK 18 CUBS EARN METTA AWARD ONLINE!

Six scouts from Cub Scout Pack 18 earned their Metta Awards this summer: Wesley Kosaka, Sierra Kosaka, Lucas Ginoza, Brayden Kitagawa, Elias de Jesus, and Emilie de Jesus. This was first time ever that the Cub Scouts in Hawaii were able to complete the entire program online via Zoom.

The Metta Award is the religious award for Cub Scouts who follow the Buddhist path. The course requires a minimum of 10 hours of classroom lectures, projects, homework, self-study, quizzes, and a final examination. Our Pack 18 Cub Scouts were joined by scouts from Wailuku Hongwanji's Pack 40, Honolulu's Pack 3001, and Brownie from the Girl Scouts!



Brayden Kitagawa



Butsudan made by Emilie and Elias de Jesus.

Rev. Kerry is always happy to teach the Metta Award program for Cub Scouts, as well as the Sangha Award program for Scouts. Contact Rev. Kerry at Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.

PEACE DAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Did you feel the vibration of the bells and gongs? Did you “Ring Your Bell for Peace Day” with people from across the islands of Hawaii and across the oceans? Makawao Hongwanji commemorated International Peace Day on September 21 by joining the ZOOM event sponsored by Honpa Hongwanji. Rev. Kerry set up all the technology and Floyd rang the bell for 5 minutes. Inside the church, Jean H. and Julie B. joined in striking the gongs while others rang different bells. The echoing sounds connected everyone in joyously spreading wisdom and compassion, very much needed in our world today.

We enjoyed the display of cranes fluttering in the breeze to spread peace. Thank you, Jean H. The Dharma School made a PEACE-FULL TIME activity book which can be accessed and printed from MHBT website. Thank you, Marilyn, Sharon N. and Karen.

PEACE –

Please practice peace, Everyday & everywhere, Acts of peace, Choose peace, Earth needs peace



Virtual Nembutsu Seminar

Sponsored by the Honolulu & Oahu Hongwanji Councils and the Office of Buddhist Education

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00 to 11:30 am

GUEST SPEAKER:

Bishop Marvin Harada
Buddhist Churches of America



Practical Buddhism to Truth Level Buddhism

The Buddha's teaching is expressed at a deep and profound level of truth upon which Shinran Shonin and all of the Buddhist masters speak and write. However, the average person is looking for more of a practical approach to Buddhism. Will Buddhism help me to... live a happier life?...ease my stress and fears? ...live a more meaningful life? We all start from that level, and with those questions. How can we go from the practical level to the truth level of the teachings? In this seminar we explore those two levels of the teachings and how we can move from the practical level to the truth level.

PANEL FEATURING:

Reverend Kerry Kiyohara
Makawao Hongwanji

Pieper Toyama
former HHMH President &
PBA Head of School

Cristina Gervais
Sangha Activities Coordinator,
Hilo Betsuin

Carol Valentine
President, Lihue Hongwanji

AGENDA:

- 9:00 am - Welcome and Introductions**
- 9:05 - 9:50 am - Bishop Harada**
- 9:50 - 10:05 - Q&A with Bishop Harada**
- 10:05 - 10:20 am - Break**
- 10:20 am - 11:25 am - Panel Discussion**
- 11:25 am - Closing**

Registration is FREE! We welcome your **DONATIONS**, which will be designated for Buddhist Education.

Checks payable to: **Honolulu Hongwanji Council** | Please mail registration form and checks to: Hawaii Betsuin 1727 Pali Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96813

A link for this Zoom session will be emailed to you a few days before the seminar. Questions? Please contact the Hawaii Betsuin Office (808) 536-7044

*** Registration Deadline Sun, Oct. 11 ***

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Temple or School Affiliation: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number (mobile): _____

How did you hear about this seminar? Email Temple Newsletter Social Media Temple Website
 Other (please indicate): _____

Questions for Panel Discussion: _____

What Are You Doing During This “Stay At Home” Period?

After staying at home with Coronavirus for so many months, some people have described having feelings of “Island Fever”. Thank goodness we have our cell phones and internet to keep us connected and maintaining our sense of humor. Recently someone sent me this...

*EVERYONE! PLEASE, be careful because people are going crazy from being locked down at home!
I was just talking about this with the microwave and the toaster while drinking my coffee, and we all agreed that things are getting bad.*

I didn't mention any of this to the washing machine, because she puts a different spin on EVERYTHING!! Certainly couldn't share with the fridge, cause he's been acting cold and distant!

In the end, the iron straightened me out! She said the situation isn't all that pressing and all the wrinkles will soon get ironed out! The vacuum, however, was very unsympathetic...told me to just suck it up buttercup!

But the fan was VERY optimistic and gave me hope that it will all blow over soon! The toilet looked a bit flushed but didn't say anything when I asked its opinion, but the front door said I was becoming unhinged and the doorknob told me to get a grip!!

You can just about guess what the curtains told me: they told me to “pull myself together!”

We will survive!! #alonetogether2020

Pass it on - gotta keep the humor!

Gail H.



I isolate myself from the Corona Virus and things. I have an area in my backyard where I can sit and have my liquid beverages (more than one) .

Happy Hour everyday at 4:30 p.m.
Drink only one... one of each,
okay?????

Floyd

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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BISHOP'S CORNER

September 2020

“Pausing a moment to express gratitude”

At this time, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to all of you. If you are reading this message, your life and my life are somehow directly connected. More than likely, your support is enabling me to not only live, but carry out my life's work and responsibilities as the Bishop.

Needless to say, especially since late February and March, we are living in challenging times. The Coronavirus continues to spread and the death toll keeps rising all over the world including our own Hawaii. My deepest condolences to family and friends of those who have succumbed to COVID-19 and my well wishes to those who are struggling with the Virus right now. So many people are unemployed with much uncertainty of their livelihood, businesses are struggling, our healthcare professionals are pushed to the brink of sheer exhaustion, essential workers continue their important work filled (I am sure) with much anxiety, and even our Kupuna are doing their best to stay home and practice safety measures including good hygiene to help curb the spread of the virus so we can all be safer. Thank you, one and all, for your efforts!



To the Members and Friends of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii especially ministers, lay leaders, staff and volunteers, and those who are affiliated with the Hawaii Kyodan through our affiliated organizations including schools and adult care, I want to thank you for your continuing leadership, dedication, and perseverance. Your endeavors and support enables the Hawaii Kyodan to continue being active and a contributing member of society during this Pandemic. From the mask-making to the food and meal distributions, and monetary donations to those in need and online spiritual presentations of the Dharma by temples including special projects like the OBon Videos, Mahalo Videos, and promotion of Peace Day which provide much needed comfort, support, guidance and assurance in this, almost, unparalleled time filled with natural disasters of hurricanes and wildfires and also racial discrimination and tensions which too often are filled with violence and even death, your actions make a difference and are appreciated. Your support of the temples and HQs with your time, energy, commitment including financial contributions and leadership is truly appreciated. I would also like to thank everyone for following the safety recommendations and guidelines that have been issued. I know it has not been easy and, unfortunately, we are not out of the woods yet. Let us persevere! May we be inspired by the example of the Bodhisattva Dharmakara (to become Amida Buddha) and persevere for the benefit of one and all. We will get through this! Our Hongwanji Sangha has survived previous epidemics and famines, religious persecutions, world wars and internal hurdles to carry out our purpose *“The organization transmits the wisdom and compassion of Amida Tathagata to all people, and in doing so, contributes to the realization of a society in which everyone, both within and outside of the organization, is able to live a life of spiritual fulfillment.”*

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As I think about our purpose, I am reminded of the recent passing of some of our most outstanding members like Mrs. Rose Nakamura, co-founder and Founding Administrator of Project Dana and Dr. Fujio Matsuda, Former Trustee and Co-Chair of Pacific Buddhist Academy's Capital Campaign to name just two to whom we have not been able to honor and express our gratitude to, due to the Pandemic. Today, I am recalling the words of the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg who recently passed away too, who said "One lives not just for oneself but for one's community."

Last and by no means least, I would like to express gratitude to Amida Buddha who has changed my life as I find myself embraced by Unconditional Compassion and given the promise of Supreme Enlightenment. Who could have imagined, who could have guessed, who could have known that such a Wisdom and Compassion existed! Not I, but as someone (Shinran Shonin) very dear to us said, "How joyous I am...I have been able to encounter...already I have been able to hear...I am especially aware of the profundity of the Tathagata's benevolence. Here I rejoice in what I have heard and extol what I have attained."

To one and all, please take care and, once again, from the bottom of my heart, thank you!

Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light.

Bishop Matsumoto's video messages are also available on the HHMH YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN4Up41QotZr6OsqcntoYVvE>

ONLINE DHARMA MESSAGE

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN4DTm65ALR0loYZc2_OHwwi

9/06	11:00am	Rev. Shindo Nishiyama (Jikoen Hongwanji Mission & Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin)
9/13	11:00am	Rev. Mieko Majima (Kapaa Hongwanji Mission)
9/20	11:00am	Rev. Shingo Furusawa (Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin)
9/27	11:00am	Rev. Daido Baba (Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin)
10/04	11:00am	Rev. Satoshi Tomioka (Puna Hongwanji Mission)
10/11	11:00am	Rev. Arthur Kaufmann (Lihue Hongwanji Mission)
10/18	11:00am	Rev. Yuika Hasebe (Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin)
10/25	11:00am	Rev. Joshin Kamuro (Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin)

METTA: LOVING - KINDNESS



May all beings be happy and well

May no harm or difficulties come to them

May they live in peace and harmony

May I be happy and well

May no harm or difficulties come to me

May I live in peace and harmony

May my family be happy and well

May no harm or difficulties come to them

May they live in peace and harmony

May my teachers be happy and well

May no harm or difficulties come to them

May they live in peace and harmony

May my friends be happy and well

May no harm or difficulties come to them

May they live in peace and harmony

May strangers be happy and well

May no harm or difficulties come to them

May they live in peace and harmony

May my enemies be happy and well

May no harm or difficulties come to them

May they live in peace and harmony

May all beings be happy and well

May no harm or difficulties come to them

May they live in peace and harmony