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December 2019 Hi-Lites

Of Special Interest This Month

December 1 - BIBF Bodhi Day Service @
Hilo Meishoin

December 7 - SR YBA Year End Party

December 8 - Bodhi Day Service

December 14 - Winter Festival & Keaau
Christmas Parade

December 22 - Year End Clean Up/General
Membership Meeting

December 22 – 28 – Judo Kangiko

December 31 - New Years Eve Service



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020!!

January 1 - New Years Service

January 4 - Judo Kagami Biraki

January 11 - Buddhism Seminar

January 12 - Hoonko Service

January 25 - Appreciation Party



2019 Honpa Hongwanji Slogan

Embrace Change: Transformation
(Walk in Peace)

Puna Hongwanji Vision Statement

Puna Hongwanji Mission will be a dynamic and unique temple for Hawaii serving the spiritual needs of the community through Jodo-Shinshu teachings.

Puna Hongwanji Mission Statement

Puna Hongwanji Mission is a community of people joined in the joy of a common faith in Amida Buddha to share the Dharma in our daily living.



The Hi-Lites Monthly Newsletter

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Temple Clean-up Schedule



Each section will be responsible for weekly clean-up of the temple for the entire month. Section leader will contact members on the clean-up dates and times

DECEMBER - 2
JANUARY - 3

Toban Refreshment Schedule for Sunday

DECEMBER - 4
JANUARY - 1



Memorial Service (Nenki)

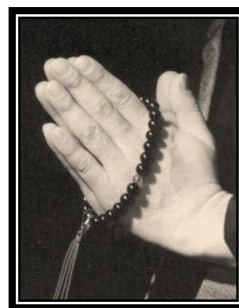
Families, relatives, and friends of deceased members listed, please contact the temple if there are any corrections or omissions.
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December 2019

1 yr.	None	
3 yrs.	Yoshiko Otomo Haruno Go Nobuko "Mary" Yoshida Kazuo Shishido Sadame Ota	December 4, 2017 December 6, 2017 December 9, 2017 December 18, 2017 December 29, 2017
7 yrs.	Hiroshi Nozawa Kaoe "Ben" Fuse	December 22, 2013 December 26, 2013
13 yrs.	Harue Masuda Yoshio Harada	December 8, 2007 December 18, 2007
17 yrs.	Herbert Charles Isa Miyoko Higa Kiyomi Wakida Ayame Matsumoto	December 6, 2013 December 16, 2003 December 24, 2003 December 29, 2003
25 yrs.	Kiku Shiigi	December 12, 1995
33 yrs.	None	
50 yrs.	None	

With Deepest Sympathy



Puna Hongwanji Mission extends its sincerest sympathy and condolences to the family and relatives of the following member(s) who recently passed away.

Kokimi Takaki
Sumiko Miyamoto
Irene Oshiro
Norie Ogasawara

December 2019

Puna Hongwanji Mission Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 BIBF Bodhi Day at Hilo Meishoin	2 Piyo Live! 4 PM Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM Pahoa Service 7 PM	3 Taiko 3 PM Tannisho 6 PM Judo 6:30 PM	4 Piyo Live! 4 PM Japanese Class 5 PM Judo 5:30 PM	5 Meditation 6:30 AM Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	6 Yoga 9 AM Choir 3:30 PM	7 Yoga 8 AM Sr. YBA Year End Party
8 Bodhi Day Service BWA Meeting	9 Piyo Live! 4 PM Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM	10 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	11 Piyo Live! 4 PM Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM	12 Meditation 6:30 AM Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	13 Yoga 9 AM Choir 3:30 PM	14 Yoga 8 AM Winter Festival 11 AM Keaau Christmas Parade 6 PM
15 Family Service 9 AM	16 Piyo Live! 4 PM Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM	17 Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	18 Piyo Live! 4 PM Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM	19 Meditation 6:30 AM Taiko 3 PM Judo 6:30 PM	20 Yoga 9 AM Choir 3:30 PM	21 Yoga 8 AM Buddhism Class 10 AM
22 Year End Clean Up/ General Membership Meeting	23 Piyo Live! 4 PM Judo 5:30 PM Karate 7 PM	24	25	26	27	28
29 Family Service 9 AM	30	31 New Year's Eve Service 9 AM				

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Minister's Message



Aloha. As we welcome the last month of the year of 2019, let us have a moment of reflection on our life and think about how did you live your life throughout the year. Did you speak kind words? Did you think pure and beautiful thoughts? Did you offer your kindness to others? As a Shin

Buddhist or as a person

who encounter Amida Buddha's Primal Vow, every day is a journey and a moment of being a manifestation of Buddha's Compassion and Wisdom in our daily life. You are the manifestation and a recipient of Buddha's loving-kindness, therefore we get to strive to live a life as a Shin Buddhist and not use humanness way of thinking but think about what would a Shin Buddhist do?

Guided by Amida Buddha's Compassion which loves and embraces every one without an idea of like/dislike, we are enabled to see my limited kindness which tends to love more those who are closer to us and less to others. This realization guides us to expand our loving kindness we have for a closer person to include others too.

Inspired by Amida Buddha's Wisdom which sees things and people as they are without judgement, distinction, discrimination, mindset, unconscious bias, we are guided to be aware of our own ways of seeing people and things. Unfortunately, we see things and people depending on our convenience and an idea of like/dislike and it causes disharmony & concerns to us and to others.

As a human being, we have emotions, happy moments as well as unhappy moments, concerns, and suffering in home, work, family, friends and a relationship with others. There are complex reasons and causes, but fundamental cause of worries we have in our life is our own attachments – things should go as I plan and as I wish. As long we have desires and attachments of ego, there is always

concerns and worries because life doesn't go as I wish.

A temple is a place to listen to the teachings of Buddhism. By listening to the teachings, we learn about ourselves. We may think we know ourselves, but in front of Buddha's Compassion and Wisdom, our true nature is revealed to us. Our nature of G.A.S. -Greed, Anger, and Stupidity (Ignorance) is shown to us and that is a moment to realize Amida Buddha's Primal Vow which promises to liberate us from these G.A.S. and lead us to live a life of peace, harmony and gratitude. However, it is so difficult to know ourselves and to know such a nature of ourselves. Why? Because we love ourselves and we want to think we are okay, no body want to be called you have G.A.S. However, without knowing, we are causing suffering to ourselves and to others due to our attachments. Then, how can we know ourselves?

This is a reason why we come to a temple. We come to a temple to listen to the teachings and have a self-reflection guided by Buddha's Compassion and Wisdom. By entering the temple, it is a moment of religious seeking, reconnection with Buddha, deep meditation on your life, think about our thoughts, words, and deeds. Although you may have worries and concerns, once you are in the main temple, you leave all kinds of idea you have in your mind behind the entrance and experience the moment of being in the embrace of Buddha's compassionate light. As each member appreciate the present moment, it becomes our moment of meditation we do together. We show our respect for each other and consider if your behavior is a respectful for others who appreciate the present moment. That is a sangha where people worship the same object of reverence and feel a sense of togetherness and support for each other.

Therefore, when you hear a temple bell ringing, it is a time to conclude your chatting and prepare yourself for the service. Also, when we have an offering of incense, even after your turn is finished, we get to show our respect for others who are offering of incense. Moreover, the reason why we bow when we enter the temple is we are entering the realm of Buddha. By bowing, we express our religious respect for the Buddha and recognize the distinction of secular world and the religious place

of worship. "I enter this temple to listen to the teachings of Buddhism and aspire to receive Buddha's Compassion and Wisdom"

Then, how about a fellowship? Yes, therefore we have refreshments. It provides a fellowship time for us and we can enjoy talk story, laugh, and cherish the moment together. Even in a temple, by chanting, singing, listening together, it is also a fellowship which we may not be able to experience in our secular time. A temple is a place of practice what we listen to. And we also enjoy meeting old friends, making new one, working together for a temple and for the entire community.

Let us live a life of Buddha-Dharma centered, but not self-centered.

As you have a family & friends get together, have a happy and safe holiday season. Thank you very much for your support and friendship this year. I'm looking forward to sharing the joy of Namo Amida Butsu with you next year. Mahalo



Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Minister's Report December 2019

Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Minister's Report October 2019 Schedule as of November 20, 2019

November 21-Thursday, Puna Hongwanji board of directors mtg. 7 p.m.

November 22-Friday, visitation from Japan @Puna

November 23-Saturday, Memorial service @Puna, 10 a.m.

November 23-Saturday, Memorial service @Puna, 11 a.m.

November 24-Sunday, guest speaker @Kona Daifukuji,

November 25-Monday, Memorial Service @Puna, 10 a.m.

November 25-Monday, Memorial Service @Hilo, noon

November 26-Tuesday, Thanksgiving gathering @Hilo, 7 p.m.

November 27-Wednesday, Japanese Class @Puna, 5 p.m. (cancelled)

November 27-29, Honolulu

December 1-Sunday, Big Island Buddhist Federation (BIBF) Bodhi Day @Hilo Meishoin. NO Service at Puna Hongwanji.

December 2-Monday, Hawaii District Ministers Association mtg. @Hilo, 10 a.m.

December 2-Monday, Pahoa Monthly service, 7 p.m.

December 3-Tuesday, Buddhism Book Club: Tannisho. Chapter 10. 6-7:30 p.m.

December 3-Tuesday, Winter Festival mtg. 7:30 p.m.

December 4-Wednesday, Japanese Class, @Puna, 5 p.m.

December 4-Wednesday, Sr. YBA mtg. @Puna, 7 p.m.

December 5-7, Bishop's advisory & District Presidents, State board of directors mtg.

December 7-Saturday, Sr. YBA Year End Party

December 8-Sunday, Puna Bodhi Day Service, Guest speaker: Karen Maedo

December 8-Sunday, Memorial Service, @Puna, 1 p.m.

December 9-Monday, Pahala/Naalehu joint winter interfaith gathering, @Pahala 5pm

December 10-Tuesday, Columbarium mtg. 7 p.m.

December 11-Wednesday, Japanese Class, 5 p.m. (substitute)

December 11-Wednesday, Memorial Service @Hilo, 5 p.m.

December 13-Friday, Memorial Service @Puna

December 13-Friday, State Monshinto Membership mtg. via skype, 6 p.m.

December 14-Saturday, Winter Festival and Parade

December 15-Sunday, Guest Speaker @Kona Daifukuji

December 19-Thursday, Memorial Service @Puna, 10:30 a.m.

December 19-Thursday, Memorial Service @Hilo, Noon

December 19-Thursday, Puna Board of Directors mtg. 7 p.m.

December 20-Friday, State Monshinto Membership Sub mtg. via skype, 6 p.m.

December 21-Saturday, Buddhism class, 10-11:30 a.m. @Puna

December 22, Sunday, year end clean up & general membership mtg. NO Service

1. Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii 130 Anniversary-Puna Hongwanji Buddhist

Temple Nembutsu Japan Tour November 2019

Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple had a Japan tour from November 4 to 13, 2019. 21 people in a group visited Mother Temple Hongwanji in Kyoto, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, Rev. Tomioka's Home temple, and sightseeing & shopping. Although there were lots of walking and some "funny" happenings, we enjoyed food in Japan and fellowship, and learned a culture and history of Japan.

2. New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Service

New Year's Eve service will be observed at 9 a.m. followed by ringing a temple by all attendees. Let us welcome the end of the year hearing the teachings of Buddhism and calmly and peacefully have a moment of reflection on this year. New Year's Day service will be also held at 9 a.m. And we will welcome new year 2020 receiving Buddha's Compassion & Wisdom and aspire to live a life of peace, harmony, and gratitude with family, friends, community and in the world.

3. Wedding Ceremony

As I have announced, my fiancé, Haruka Kuratate and I will have a wedding ceremony on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, 10 a.m. followed by a reception. Please save the Date!



PUNA HONGWANJI GIFT WRAPPING

It's that time of year again. Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will be providing free gift wrapping at the Keaau Shopping Center. This service is one of the things we do to contribute to the community around us, and be a part of the holiday season. It also helps people get to know our temple, and who we are.



To do this, we need your help. We need volunteers to cover 13 four hour shifts starting on December 14 and ending on December 24. We need to have, at least two people on each shift, so that is, a minimum of 26 volunteers needed

If you can volunteer four hours of your time, it would be very helpful, and much appreciated. Volunteer with your friends and have some fun!

The Schedule

December 14, 2019, Noon to 4 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm.

December 15 to December 20, 2019, 4pm to 8 pm

December 21, 2019, Noon to 4 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm

December 22 to December 24, 2019, 4pm to 8 pm

Donations of gift wrapping paper and supplies can be left by the kitchen door at the temple.

If you have questions regarding this, please contact

Richard Solie

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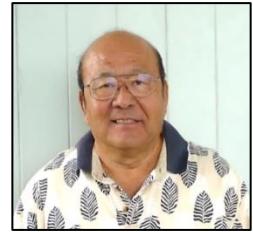
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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Please welcome Mason and Valerie Yamaki and children Samuel & Tristan of Hilo.

Dues reminders have been sent. Thank you for those that are current. If you are head of household and in a care home situation, your dues are exempt. Please let myself or the office know of your status.

In Gassho,
Roy Toma
Membership Chrm
935-7712



INCENSE WORKSHOP



Monday, December 9

10 to 11:30 a.m.

Introduction to Incense: History, types and uses.

Make a incense-scented bag and take it!

Instructor: Mr. Masaya Kuratate

At Puna Hongwanji Dining Room

Admission free.

Lunch to follow.

Please submit your name to Rev. Tomioka by December 4.

KEAAU VILLAGE LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday, Dec. 14 at 5:45 pm

PHM will again participate in this annual evening parade. Last year, led by Rev Tomioka, we walked behind the Puna Taiko float with the judo, scouts, members and friends joining in. This year's theme is "*Plantation Christmas*" with Mr. Pedro "Pete" Hasepe of Keaau as the Grand Marshall. The 2019 Championship Pony Baseball Team from Hilo will also be honored as co-Grand Marshalls. Mayor Kim will join the parade also. The parade route starts from Keaau High School and ends at to the Shipman Gym (we will branch off directly to the church).

The judges' viewing stand will be on the hill (Lapa'au Rd) just before the Kau-Keaau-Pahoa Complex offices. There will be announcers at three locations: at the start, by the judges' stand and the intersection fronting Longs and McDonalds.

There will be a Winter Festival at the church before the parade from 11 am to 5 pm. Almost two dozen craft vendors, several entertainment groups and many food vendors will be participating. So it will be a full day at the church.

If you'd like to walk in the parade, park at the church by 4:30 and shuttles will be provided to the staging area. If you are dropped off at the school, look for the Puna Taiko float. The parade committee request that each group is ready by 5 pm.

Be prepared with a flashlight and possibly rain gear. A light dinner will be provided for the participants. Thank you for participating.



****YEAR END CLEAN UP & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING****

Sunday December 22, 2019 at 8am. Year end clean up day, and General membership meeting to follow.

PUNA HONGWANJI WINTER FESTIVAL 2019

This year we are trying something new, a Puna Hongwanji Winter Festival. Please come support this event on Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. We will have food booths that will have food available for lunch and then you can grab dinner to take with you to watch the Keaau Christmas Light Parade that will begin from Keaau High School and end up at Shipman Gym.

Do your Christmas shopping at this event as we will have 23 craft vendors with an assortment of items available for sale. Just to give you a taste of what will be available we will have J's Creations – hand sewn items, magnets, decals, furikake party mix, and glazed animal crackers. Sha Hua – blankets, zabuton, baby futon. Essentially Yours – jewelry, key fobs, zip pouches, pie crust manju, pizzelle, chocolate chip cookies, lollipops. Mari Koyama & Suellen Tanoue – greeting cards, rope coasters/trivets/bowls, pottery, crocheted items. Puna Hongwanji Choir – sewn items, eating utensil sets. Stitches & Giggles & Kreations by Tote – machine embroidery and sewn items.

We will also have the Puna Hongwanji Boutique open with a lot of new items that have been recently donated.

As of this writing we will have a variety of entertainment from Halau O Mailelaulani, Lori Lei Hula, the New Dharma Band (Miles Okumura), Keaau High School Band, and Keonepoko Elementary Chorus.

Temple tours will be available with Rev. Satoshi Tomioka. We will also be giving out lucky number drawings. Come visit Santa and get a picture with him.

Visit our Puna Hongwanji Mission Facebook page and Instagram page (punahongwanji1902) to get updated information on what other vendors/entertainment will be available at our event.

Distinguished Sangha Service Award

At our Eitaikyo Sangha Memorial Service we honored four of our Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Distinguished Sangha Service Award recipients for 2019. The honorees in 2019 are Mitsuo Miyatake, Mieko Nagao, Yukiko “Yuki” Uchida, and Masako “Mako” Sanehira. Congratulations and thank you for your dedication to the temple! We appreciate all that you do to help sustain Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple!



Mr. Mitsuo Miyatake & Mrs. Tokimi Miyatake.



Mrs. Mieko Nagao and Family



Grace (Yuki's daughter) accepting for Yukiko “Yuki” Uchida.



Mrs. Masako “Mako” Sanehira and family.

Friends of Lili`uokalani Gardens events and partnerships:

Takuhiro Yamada of Hanatoyo Landscape in Kyoto (a company that cares for the gardens at Nishi Hongwanji) will visit Hilo again on Tuesday, December 10. Mr. Yamada's personal passion is Japanese gardens outside of Japan, 100 years of age or older, which are in need of some help. He has been coming to Lili`uokalani Gardens since fall of 2014. Tuesday from 8 a.m. to noon will be for regular maintenance projects. Some specialized projects may be undertaken after lunch, depending on the number of people interested.

**Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
130th Anniversary ~ Puna Hongwanji
Buddhist Temple Nembutsu Japan Tour
November 2019**



Temple visit to Rev. Satoshi “Ka‘imipono”
Tomioka’s family temple in Tsuwano



Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. Thank you very
much for all that participated in helping us fold
1,000 cranes. We placed them among all the others
cranes that others presented. In front of Sadako’s
monument Rev. Tomioka lead us in the Nembutsu.

