



# The Messenger

Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity & Openness

## Calendar of Events

### July

- 04 Sun 9:00am Sunday Service - Please call WHM office for a reservation by July 1st
- 04 Sun 9:30am -10:30am Food Drive
- 11 Sun 9:00am Sunday Service - Please call WHM office for a reservation by July 8th
- 18 Sun 9:00am Sunday Service - Please call WHM office for a reservation by July 15th
- 24 Sat 9:00am - 12:00noon WHM Antiques, Treasures & Treats Sale
- 25 Sun 9:00am Sunday Service - Please call WHM office for a reservation by July 22nd

### August

- 01 Sun 9:00am Sunday Service - Please call WHM office for a reservation by July 29th
- 01 Sun 9:30am -10:30am Food Drive
- 01 Sun 10:00am - 10:30am CPR-AED 30 minute Knowledge Class
- 08 Sun 9:00am Sunday Service - Please call WHM office for a reservation by August 5th
- 15 Sun 9:00am Sunday Service - Please call WHM office for a reservation by August 12th
- 22 Sun 9:00am Sunday Service - Please call WHM office for a reservation by August 19th
- 29 Sun 9:00am Obon Service - Please call WHM office for a reservation by August 26th



## WHM Antiques, Treasures & Treats Sale Saturday, July 24th 9:00am - 12:00noon



Looking for new artwork to display in your home? A beautiful one of a kind quilt? Looking for new or gently used household items? Shop at our Antiques, Treasures and Treats sale.

We are also accepting donations of homemade treats such as snack mixes (party mix, muddy buddies, pretzel mix), brownies, dessert bars (lemon bars, nut bars, fruit bars), mochi, cookies or other treats packed in baggies ready to sell. Please call the office at 622-4320 to arrange for a drop off time. Thank you!

## Wahiawa Hongwanji Food Drive

By Carolyn Uchiyama

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, we conducted our monthly Food Drive for St. Stephen's Church in Wahiawa. Through the generosity of our members, we have continued to collect many food items for the less fortunate citizens of Wahiawa. We have had a Food Drive for St. Stephen's Church in the past for many years, but due to COVID-19 the situation became more critical. We have been participating in this current effort since June 11, 2020, one year ago. It is difficult to believe we would be in this pandemic situation for this long.

A big MAHALO to our contributing members and support every month for this past year. This month we collected **326** items of canned goods, cereal, saimin, and canned meats and **105** pounds of rice.

We will continue this Food Drive until the situation improves significantly. The Food Drive will be on the first Sunday of July. We thank you from the Board of Trustees of the Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission.



# Minister's Message - O- Bon

When I hear the word "O-Bon", it gives me a good memory. It represents the home of our life.

We were born as humans and when we are aware that we have been given human life, we can feel joy and pleasure. On the other hand, we must feel sadness and suffering also.

When we observe society and the natural world, we become aware that we are supporting other people and things around us.

People who try to be truly human become aware of selfishness in oneself.

It is incredibly sad. We do not want to accept our own selfishness. Therefore, we suffer from this. Then we try to escape from such suffering. But we become aware that we cannot escape from it.

That is why we all begin to look for our true self.

Shakyamuni Buddha knew that all people must walk this path.. That is why he taught us the Four Noble Truths.

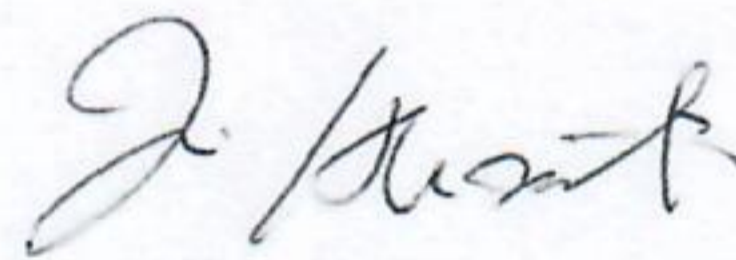
Buddha is for the person who is unable to change his/her selfishness. When we are aware of the truth, we know that no matter how we live a life we surely are saved, and Buddha has already prepared the Pure Land for us. Buddha and my loved ones are always saying to me, "you are not alone. We are always with you."

During the season of O-Bon, we can be aware of Buddha's voice and our loved one's voices.

Through the O-Bon, let us look back on our life and let us give thankfulness to Buddha and to our loved ones.

Namo Amida Butsu

In Gassho,



Reverend Kojun Hashimoto



## WHM P.O. Box is Closed

Please mail all correspondence to the temple's office at 1067 California Avenue. We have closed our P.O. Box. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission Office Hours: By appointment 808-622-4320**

**Columbarium Hours: Daily 10:00am - 3:00pm**

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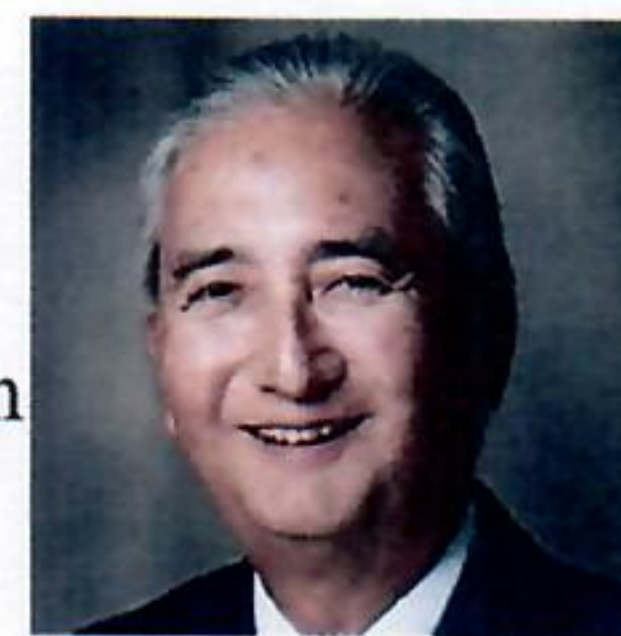
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# President's Report

The month of June is Obon Festivities month for Wahiawa Hongwanji. Despite the restrictions of the pandemic, we are working very hard to provide a worthwhile experience for everyone. The Star Advertiser and Midweek provided a very good splash of news for Wahiawa with colorful pictures filling the Travel Section. We were so fortunate to have such "free advertising!"



The Obon Festival Committee including the Bon Dance Leaders are planning for a number of activities. Our website has been better organized and "cleaned" with the details of every event. The Bon Dance Team, Hosha, and the Quilt Club were involved. They were essential, in addition to the website, designing the fliers, videography and editing the video that encompasses the Wahiawa Community and the virtual Bon Dance, Memorial Ribbons on the Chochin hanging in front of the temple, Bento pickup, a dynamic silent auction, and the building, setup and takedown of the mini-yagura. Video scenes were taken from various places including Leilehua High School, the Wahiawa Botanical Gardens, Lake Wilson, and Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission.

I was truly impressed and amazed at the integration of skills and knowledge of so many "younger folks." In order to not leave anyone behind, after the bento drive-by pickup, we opened the temple so people could come and view the Zoom Event on Saturday evening with the wide screen TV. We practiced proper social distancing rules.

We are already seeing the much needed donations come in with all of these activities planned. Thank you so much for your strong participation and support!

Namo Amida Butsu!

In gassho (gratitude),

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rodney S. Moriyama".

Rodney S. Moriyama, President

## Social Concerns

*The Committee on Social Concerns (CSC) was established by the Gisekai (Legislative Assembly) to advise the Bishop on social issues and to collect and disburse funds to support organizations and/or programs that promote peace, alleviate suffering, and advocate for the welfare of the disadvantaged, disabled or discriminated against. The Committee is also tasked with disbursing funds to aid individuals or groups affected by major disasters. The Committee on Social Concerns is composed of ministers and laypersons that research and study contemporary social issues relevant to the Shin Buddhist community in Hawaii and makes recommendations on social action by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH).*

The above is a summary of the Social Concerns Committee charter for Honpa Hongwanji. We are part of this effort to be more cognizant of our environment, both social and physical, and the potential of bettering humankind.

During 2021, our country has faced many important decisions relating to our role in this world. We are coming out of our efforts to hold down the spread of COVID 19. How we responsibly participate in our community is our opportunity to show what the teachings (Dharma) and the membership (Sangha), two of the Three Treasures, are all about. Enclosed is an envelope for a donation toward social concerns, but more importantly, consider your ACTIONS as a citizen of this state, our country and the world.



## KHON2 Kupuna Life Features Doris Matsuoka

July 1st during 5:00pm Newscast  
July 2nd at about 7:45am  
July 3rd during 6:00pm Newscast



KHON2's Kupuna Life, provides informative and compelling stories of Hawaii's seniors. Take2 anchor Kristine Uyeno came to Wahiawa Hongwanji to interview Doris Matusoka and our Bon Dance Team members Karen Pang, Mavis Nakabayashi and Elaine Fukuda.

Be sure to tune in to KHON2 (Oceanic Spectrum channel 3 and Hawaiian Telcom channel 2) to see Wahiawa's newest celebrities!



## AED-CPR 30 Minute Knowledge Class

CALL - PUSH - RESPOND  
Sunday, August 1st 10:00am  
By Dale Shimauro

If you see someone unresponsive, remember the following steps:

- Call 911
- Push hard and fast in the center of the chest
- Respond with your AED (if one is not available, continue chest compressions)

Sudden Cardiac Arrest is an electrical problem in the heart that can happen to anyone, at any time. There are generally no signs or symptoms, just a sudden collapse. By-standers have 2 minutes to respond with chest compressions and/or the use of an AED to give the patient the best chance of survival (upwards of 90%). Every minute that chest compressions are delayed, the patient's chance of survival decreases 10%. An AED is an Automatic External Defibrillator - a device designed to deliver an electrical shock to the heart of someone in cardiac arrest, hopefully resetting the heart's rhythm to normal. AEDs are designed to be used by novices. When turned on a voice will walk through the simple steps.

So if someone unexpectedly collapses, immediately, without hesitation, call 911, start pushing hard and fast in the center of the chest, and respond with that AED. Remember, AED's are made for people with no training.

CPR training used to involve checking for a pulse and delivering air via mouth-to-mouth. No longer! The American Heart Association says hands-only CPR alone can double or triple someone's chance of survival. CPR is the number one fundamental for saving someone's life. Without CPR, the brain is going to die within 4-minutes. If someone collapses, begin hands-only CPR immediately, while someone else calls 911 and retrieves an AED.

The AED machine can truly save a life, but only if someone is willing to use it! So please sign up for the 30-minute "knowledge only" CPR/AED session scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 1, 2021 at 10am. You may choose to do this in-person in the social hall following Sunday service, or on-line in the comfort of your own home (link will be provided at time of sign-up). Those attending the session in-person may dress comfortably for Sunday service.

Whichever way you decide to attend the session, please call the temple office (622-4320) right away to secure a spot for yourself. Limited in-person, hands-on space in the social hall.

# Preparing for Obon 2021



WHM Bon Dance Team (L-R) Char Acohido, Lillian Shimoda, Chad Nohara Stephanie & Skyler Oshiro, Wendy Fukuhara, Elaine Fukuda, Vivian Murayama, Doris Matsuoka, Karen Pang, Cindy Nakabayashi, Mavis Nakabayashi



The WHM Bon Dance team recorded dances at different Wahiawa locations.



Henry Kitagawa and Toshi Segawa hang chochin with Memorial Ribbons. Not pictured: Brian Fukuhara, Hiram Itamoto and Karen Pang



Thank you to our WHM volunteers who helped pack bento and bon dance towels for pick up.



**WE ♥ OUR  
VOLUNTEERS**

# Obon 2021

Thank you to everyone who joined us online!



Thank you to Karen and Glenn Pang for opening their beautiful home to the WHM Bon Dance Team for the live online bon dancing.



# Upcoming Online Buddhist Education



**Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii**




*Hawaii District Ministers Association*

**2021 BUDDHIST EDUCATION SERIES**

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Free & Open to the Public

## Monthly Online Seminars

Saturday July 10 10-11:30 a.m.	<b>Spiritual Foundation: Nembutsu that is true and real.</b> Rev. Ka'imipono Tomioka Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple	
Saturday August 14 10-11:00 a.m.	<b>Relationship between Amida Buddha and Shakyamuni Buddha</b> Rev. Masanari Yamagishi Kamuela Hongwanji Mission	
Saturday September 25 10-11:30 a.m.	<b>How should Buddhist temple exist as a part of community?</b> Discussion led by Rev. Shinji Kawagoe Papaikou Hongwanji Mission	
Saturday October 9 10-11:30 a.m.	<b>Embracing our Shadow: Shin Buddhist Wisdom for When Life Gets Difficult</b> Rev. Blayne Higa Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple	
Saturday November 13 10-11:30 a.m.	<b>Learning from the Shoshinge</b> Rimban Kazunori Takahashi Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin	

## NEMBUTSU SEMINAR 2021

Saturday October 2, 10-11:30 a.m. **Shin Buddhism and Mental Health**  
Rev. Dr. Carmella Javellana Hirano

Saturday December 11, **Ways of Living in Wisdom and Resilience--**

10-11:30 a.m. **Footsteps of Some Nembutsu Practicers on the Big Island**

Rev. Tatsuo Muneto, Retired Minister of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

Any questions? Email: [hawaii.kyogakkai@gmail.com](mailto:hawaii.kyogakkai@gmail.com)



Buddhist  
Study Center

## 47th Annual

## Summer Session

**Peace Through  
Buddha-dharma**  
Rev. Kodo Umezu

Former Bishop of the Buddhist  
Churches of America

### Topics:

Monday: Peace Through Buddha-dharma

Tuesday: Inner Peace

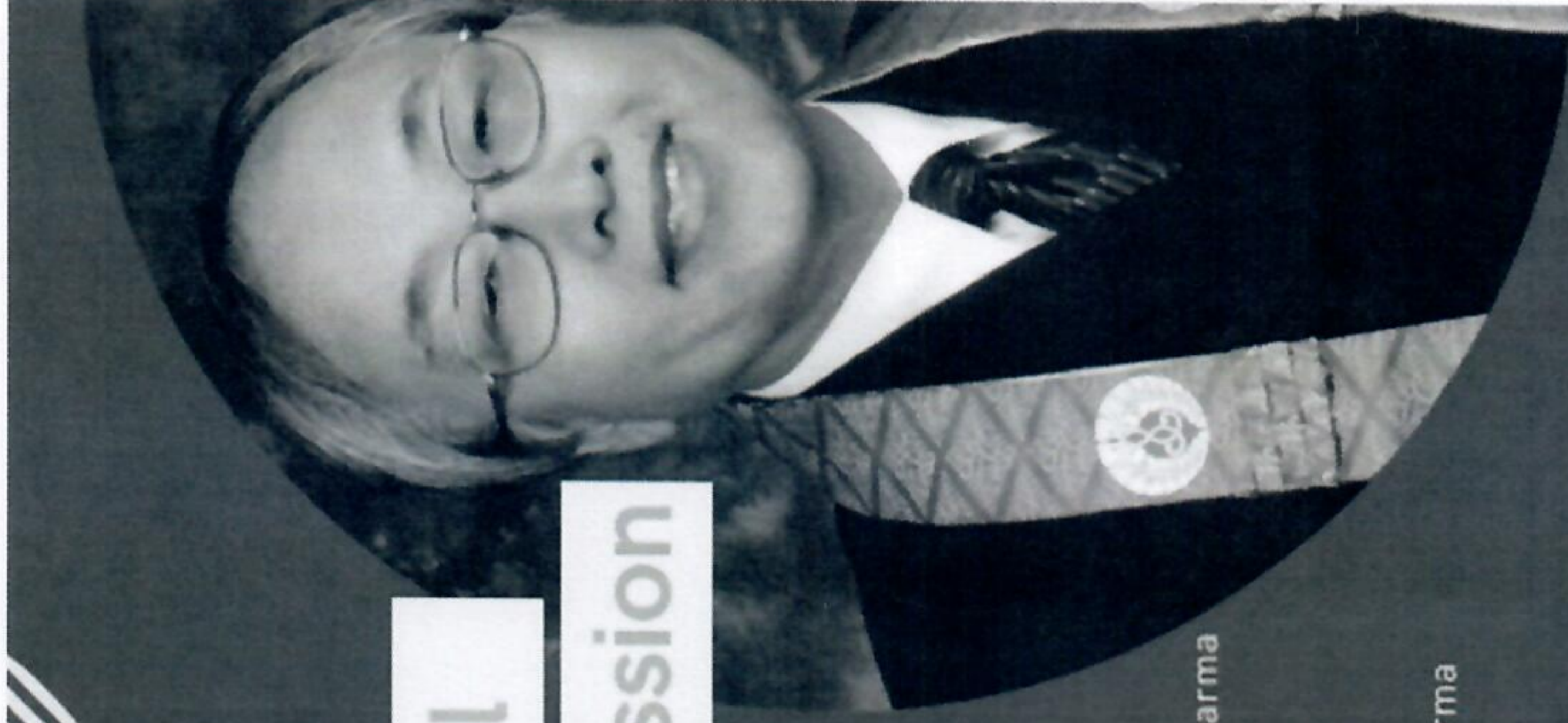
Wednesday: Every Day Peace

Thursday: World Peace

Friday: Peace Through Buddha-dharma

JUL 12-16 • 5:00PM TO 7:00PM  
HST

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# Summer Dharmathon 2021



The BSC Summer Session has featured, and will continue to feature, noted national and international speakers for the benefit of its attendees. However, there is one rich source of Dharma learning and ideas that is as close as our own Nembutsu sanghas. These sangha are made up of our ministers and lay people and their acquaintances within the State of Hawaii. They have much to offer if we take the effort to feature them. So, with that in mind the BSC Program Committee has started a new program, the Summer Dharmathon that will rely on that pool of speakers.

Summer Dharmathon will start this new program by featuring 10 Hawaii Kyodan Ministers who will be speaking on the Hawaii Kyodan 2021 theme and slogan:

**Building Healthy Sanghas: Nurturing Empathy and Respect**

WHERE	DATES	TIMES
YouTube Livestream	Mon. Aug 23 - Fri. Aug 27	6:30 - 8:30p HST

## DAILY SCHEDULE

6:30pm Start  
 6:35 Introduction of Speaker 1  
 6:40 Dharma Talk  
 7:15 Q & A  
 7:30 Break  
 7:35 Introduction of Speaker 2  
 7:40 Dharma Talk  
 8:15 Q & A  
 8:30 Conclusion

MON  
8/23



BISHOP  
MATSUMOTO

TUES  
8/24



REVEREND  
KALU

WEDS  
8/25



REVEREND  
HIGA

THURS  
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