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The Aiea Hongwanji Mission

Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together



MINISTER’S MESSAGE

The Dynamics of Shin Buddhism Through the Vows of Amida Buddha

By Reverend Eric Matsumoto



In Buddhism, the making, fulfilling and manifesting of vows is considered very important. The dynamics of Shin Buddhism can be understood through examining certain vows of Bodhisattva Dharmakara or Amida Buddha. Let us look at Amida Buddha’s vows to answer the question “What is Amida Buddha’s intent or aspiration?” The Ultimate Buddha (Dharmakaya) is beyond any specifics or particulars and unlimited. In order to make itself known and to reach out to sentient beings, it manifests itself or unfolds in more concrete ways so we can begin to understand. Hence, the Ultimate Buddha-body (Dharmakaya) assumes a shape and form. The

shape and form it takes is none other than Amida Buddha (Sambhogakaya). This is expressed in the 12th and 13th Vows. The 12th Vow states the Buddha’s light will be infinite and illumine countless world systems throughout space and the 13th Vow states that the Buddha’s life span will be immeasurably long spanning eons of time. Thus, Amida Buddha is often referred to as the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light. This is an objective description of Amida Buddha. But, more subjectively, why is it necessary for Amida Buddha to be immeasurable life and infinite light? It is to illumine, guide, embrace, and transform all unenlightened beings into an enlightenment itself. However, “How did Shinran Shonin interpret it?” He said (without excluding anyone), “It was for me, Shinran, alone.”

The next question is “How do we/I come to know all this?” The answer is found in the 17th Vow. Very simply, Amida Buddha says in the 17th Vow that all the countless Buddhas in the Universe will praise his Name; Namo Amida Butsu. Since all Buddhas will speak of Amida Buddha’s supreme accomplishments, all sentient beings will hear about Amida Buddha and the Nembutsu Teachings. Sakyamuni Buddha, the Historic Buddha, is one of the countless earthly or human (Nirmanakaya) Buddhas who praise Amida Buddha’s Great Wisdom and Compassion. Thus, it is through Sakyamuni Buddha that we become aware of an immense unconditional compassion known as Amida Buddha that reaches out to save or liberate all especially foolish beings trapped in Samsara, the realms of suffering and sorrow. A unique feature of Amida Buddha is that Amida Buddha is the only Buddha that saves/liberates a foolish being as a foolish being not through difficult religious practices, but Namo Amida Butsu, the Buddha’s Name Which Calls to En-trust.

“How exactly does this Great Compassion enter our life and accomplish its goal of effecting the enlightenment of all beings especially this foolish one?” It is through the 18th Vow or the Primal Vow. According to Shinran Shonin’s under-

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-standing of the 18th Vow, it is by endowing or gifting all sentient beings with the Awakened Mind of True Entrusting (*Shinjin*)-and-Recitation of the Buddha's Name (*Nembutsu or Namo Amida Butsu*) which assures our birth into the Pure Land of Enlightenment.

At this juncture, I add to the traditional explanation, the 33rd Vow as an important vow. The 33rd Vow shares how our life or how I am affected by receiving Shinjin and encountering the Buddha's Light of Wisdom and Compassion. It shares that we will become "soft and gentle in body and mind." Let me be clear, we do not attain enlightenment to become perfect and pure. In fact, I am still plagued by negative thoughts, feelings, emotions and many times actions, but I do live in a new awareness which makes a difference and in gratitude to the Buddha and in lament of my imperfect and limited self, I respond in gratitude by trying to live more in accordance with the Dharma.

To continue, it is traditionally explained that because of the 11th Vow, our attainment of Enlightenment is assured with our birth into the Pure Land at the end of our finite life. In our Shin Buddhist Tradition, this Pure Land of Amida Buddha is nirvana, enlightenment itself. It is our understanding that by being born in the Pure Land through the Power of Amida Buddha's Vows we immediately attain enlightenment and instantaneously attain the same perfect enlightenment as Amida Buddha.

However, Amida Buddha's compassion does not end here. After we attain birth in the Pure Land and become enlightened, we return to Samsara to help others also attain Perfect Peace and Happiness. This is expressed by the 22nd Vow. We having become one with true compassion, a person is not content with only having attained peace and happiness for oneself, but with the heart of great Compassion aspires for the ultimate peace and happiness of others. In a poem attributed to Shinran Shonin, he shares that he will come back, again and again, like the waves on a beach. Thus in Shin Buddhism, we speak not only of going to the Pure Land, but also returning from the Pure Land as Wisdom and Compassion, so we can all together attain Perfect Peace and Happiness or Supreme Enlightenment.

In a nutshell, this is the dynamics of Shin Buddhism as explained through seven of the forty-eight vows of Amida Buddha. It is the working of Wisdom and Compassion incessantly moving towards the ultimate goal of bringing about true peace and happiness for all forms of life, of all existence.

Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



To Our Sangha,

The 60th annual convention of the Hawaii State Federation of Honpa Hongwanji Lay Association was successfully held at the Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. The first order of business was to adopt a resolution to allow for virtual and hybrid meetings. A key resolution that was passed replaced the current bylaws with new bylaws that defined the restructured Lay Association which is represented by members of temples rather than districts. The transition from the former to the new organization will gradually take place through 2025. The directors and officers for the 2023—2024 term were elected and installed (see photo on page 7). Thank you to the KHBT ohana for graciously hosting this convention.

Another successful event in September was the Ohana Family Peace Day event hosted by Aiea Hongwanji Mission for the Oahu District temple members and friends. The event showcased the continuing restoration of the Loko I'a Pa'aiau Fishpond ecosystem and focused on the healing of the 'Aina as well as the community spirit. The participants of this event were delighted to experience the area's beauty and serenity as they engaged in the various activities (photos on page 6).

In support of the Lahaina Hongwanji and the relief efforts on Maui, the AHM Board of Directors approved to donate \$5,000 to the Maui Wildfires Disaster Relief Fund. See page 4 of this newsletter for information on how you can contribute to this Fund.

In our social hall, the structural foundation strengthening work is proceeding as scheduled. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped clear and clean out the areas that were needed to access the work spaces.

Coming up in the month of October are the PBA's Lighting Our Way Dinner Banquet in which Reverend Eric Matsumoto, immediate past Bishop, and Mrs. Tamayo Matsumoto will be among the honorees (details on page 7). On Sunday, October 15th, in addition to the regular Family Service, we will live-stream Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani's Dharma message he will be giving at the State Dharma School Online Gathering. The live-streaming will be set up in the social hall. I look forward to seeing you there!

In Gassho,

Boyd Marumoto

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii - HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

The Maui wildfire has brought significant loss of life and property. The town of Lahaina has been devastated, and among the tragic loss of property was the Lahaina Hongwanji Mission. As of today, we have not yet been allowed to enter the property and, therefore, cannot officially provide the temple's status. Many people on Maui, including Rev. Ai Hironaka and his family and Lahaina Hongwanji members, continue living with grief over what they have lost and anxiety about their uncertain future. We have lost so much. What we have lost will never come back. However, despite these challenging times, there is always a ray of hope. Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is committed to extending a comprehensive and compassionate response to this unprecedented disaster. Here are some updates on the actions we have taken thus far.

Since HHMH established the Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund on August 10, we have raised over \$400,000. We thank many individuals and organizations, including ministers, temples, BWAs, Lay Associations, Jr. YBA, PBA, BCA, Canada, Japan, and worldwide.

The Committee on Social Concerns has donated to various organizations and affected individuals. We have processed \$2,000 Omimai for each member of Lahaina Hongwanji and other members of our Hawaii Kyodan Ohana who have been impacted by the wildfires, totaling \$222,000.

The Maui Wildfire Emergency Response Ad-Hoc Committee, which includes representatives of the Office of the Bishop, Social Concerns Committee, and ministers and lay leaders of the Maui District Hongwanji Temples, has been meeting frequently. The Ad-Hoc Committee serves as a central coordinating forum for addressing the needs of Lahaina Hongwanji and other Maui Hongwanji temple members affected by the disaster.

The Office of the Bishop has been closely communicating with Honzan, our mother temple headquarters in Kyoto. They have also launched a fundraising campaign and are actively soliciting donations from those who reside in Japan. The Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha and its affiliated organizations have also generously contributed financially to our relief effort.

The State Ministers Association and the Maui Ministers Association will host the Maui Wildfires Memorial Service on Sunday, September 24, 2023, at 10 a.m., at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Hondo.

I apologize that I cannot list all of the compassionate actions you extend to HHMH and to those on Maui. If you would like to know more about our relief efforts, please go to

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/tag/maui-fires-2023/>.

Recently, there was news that the Lahaina Banyan Tree's greenery blooms in a sea of dead leaves. After just over a month since the blazing fires, new clusters of green leaves have begun sprouting on its massive branches. It once again reminds us of the teaching of impermanence. Life goes on. The power of life is so strong that amidst the unimaginable tragedy, we will stand strong. We stand in solidarity with those experiencing suffering and sorrow, and together, we will move forward in rebuilding our community. A new life, a new community, will sprout and thrive once again.

Namo Amida Butsu
Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

SUPPORT FROM JAPAN FOR MAUI WILDFIRE RELIEF EFFORT

The Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, the Headquarters in Kyoto, Japan, has sent their initial financial aid to the HHMH for our relief effort.

10,000,000 Yen for HHMH

1,000,000 Yen for the State of Hawaii

They've also launched a fundraising campaign and are actively soliciting donations from those who reside in Japan. <https://www.hongwanji.or.jp/news/cat5/002152.html>

Monshu Kojun Ohtani, Urakata Lady Ruzumi Ohtani, Monshu Emeritus Koshin Ohtani, and Urakata Emeritus Lady Noriko Ohtani sent their messages of condolences and sympathies to Rev. Ai Hironaka and Lahaina Hongwanji members.

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist Women's Federation of Japan also provided financial aid to HHMH that would be used for Reverend Hironaka to purchase the necessary robes and supplies for his ministerial duties.

MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENT

Rev. Ai Hironaka, currently serving at Lahaina Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister, will be assigned to Kahului Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister, effective November 1, 2023. He will also continue his duties as the minister of Lahaina Hongwanji Mission.

FUTABA LECTURE SERIES

The Futaba Lecture Series is endowed by Dr. Alfred Bloom to honor the memory of his friend and mentor, Professor Kenko Futaba. Dr. Futaba, a noted Shin Buddhist scholar, served as President of Kyoto's Ryukoku University from 1983 to 1995 and then became Chancellor of Kyoto Women's University. Dr. Bloom fervently hopes that this lecture series will be a continuing inspiration for the nurturing of American Buddhism and for the social participation of Buddhists in the quest of social justice and peace.

Date & Time: Friday, October 6, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (HST).

Place: Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Annex Temple & Zoom

Guest Lecturer: Prof. Vanessa Sasson, Marianopolis College, Westmount, Quebec, Canada

Topic: The "Lost" Women of Buddhism featuring her two new books: "Yasodhara and The Buddha" and "The Gathering"

Free Registration: <https://forms.gle/kjSAZ3bCugc29ih97>

SAVE THE DATE

5th Virtual State Dharma School Gathering "Just As You Are"

Date : Sunday, October 15, 2023

Guest Speaker: Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (HST)

A service will be held from 10:00 - 10:30 am with Bishop Umitani sharing a Dharma Message.

Adult and Student Breakout Rooms will be held from 10:40 - 11:30 am.

This is an intergenerational activity....ALL are welcome.

A Dharma School Teachers/Educators Session will be held before the gathering - from 8:45 - 9:45 am.

Looking forward to seeing you all then!

Registration: <https://forms.gle/2pEt3azy5qkwSmPb7>

MAUI WILDFIRE DISASTER RELIEF FUND

In the spirit of compassionate action, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii have established the **MAUI WILDFIRE DISASTER RELIEF FUND**. You can donate in the following ways:

Online at www.hongwanjihawaii.com by clicking on the "Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief" button under the "Donate" tab.

QR code for PayPal:



Through GoFundMe at the following link: <https://gofund.me/ff77a520>

Check and cash donations can be sent directly to Hawaii Kyodan Headquarters. Please make check payable to HHMH and in the memo line designate "Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief" to ensure proper credit.

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All donations collected will go to support Lahaina Hongwanji and relief efforts on Maui. The Office of the Bishop and Committee on Social Concerns will prioritize addressing the immediate and short-term needs of temple families displaced by the fires and supporting the greater community as it rebuilds. The Committee will select reputable relief agencies and organizations to support in order to ensure our donations will directly aid those impacted by this disaster. Updates will be shared on our website at <http://honpahi.link/fire>

Mahalo for your generosity and support during this time of tragedy.

PBA LIGHTING OUR WAY BANQUET



Reserve Your Seats for Lighting Our Way Today!

Pacific Buddhist Academy's Lighting Our Way Banquet will be held on Friday, October 13, 2023, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Prince Waikiki.

PBA's Lighting Our Way banquet recognizes inspirational individuals and organizations exemplifying leadership principles and values of the school such as selfless service to others, gratitude, and compassion. We are pleased to announce that our honorees for 2023 are Rev. Eric and Ms. Tamayo Matsumoto, Ms. Alicia Moy, Ms. Suzanne Vares-Lum, and Kupu. All silent auction proceeds will be donated to the Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund. You can become a sponsor, purchase individual tickets, or make a donation to support the Banquet by going to PBA's Banquet website, <https://pacificbuddhistacademy.org/giving/lighting-our-way>

Many thanks for supporting our wonderful honorees. We hope you can join us!

OCTOBER 13 2023	4:30 PM	PRINCE WAIKIKI 100 HOLOMOANA ST HONOLULU, HI 96815
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Honorees

<p>Reverend Eric Matsumoto and Mrs. Tamayo Matsumoto <i>Immediate Past Bishop Early Childhood Educator</i></p>	<p>Suzanne Vares-Lum <i>President East-West Center</i></p>
<p>Alicia Moy <i>President & Chief Executive Officer Hawai'i Gas</i></p>	<p>Kupu <i>Building a Brighter Future for Hawai'i's Youth</i></p>

SILENT AUCTION PROCEEDS

In light of the tragic fires on Maui, all proceeds from the silent auction will be donated to the Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund created by the Honpa Honwanji Mission of Hawaii.

*Oahu District Ohana Day Family Event at Loko I'a Pa'ai'au Fishpond
at McGrew Loop, Aiea*



*Welcome Introductions
(Ho'olauna)*



Weeding and Weed-whacking



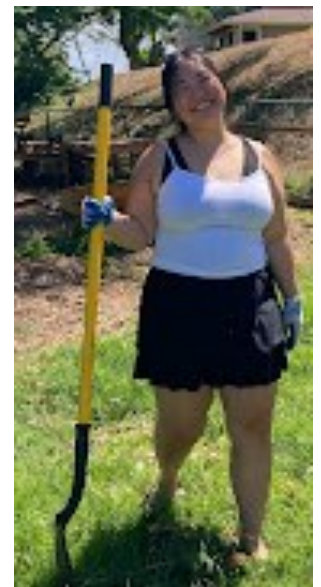
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Lessons*



And Just Posing



Hands-on Composting Work Group



**“Building Healthy
Sanghas-
Sharing Joy
Together!”**

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MISSION OF HAWAII**

**Bishop Toshiyuki
Umitani**

Rev. Daido Baba
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MISSION

- To promote Peace Day in Hawaii - September 21st
- Temple activities to promote peace and harmony in the world



Mahalo Nui Loa!

International Day of Peace

Peace Day T-shirts

In the spirit of promoting Peace Day in Hawaii and throughout the world, we invite you to order the new navy blue, dri-fit PEACE DAY t-shirts, which is also a fundraiser to support Lahaina Hongwanji families who were displaced by the wildfires and support relief efforts on Maui through the **Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund**.

Order here: bit.ly/PeaceDayShirts2023



- **Origami Crane is the International symbol of Peace and Pink is the Island of Maui's color**
- **The white lotus is for purity and enlightenment**

PRICES: \$15.00 - S, M, L Children's t-shirts
\$20.00 - S, M, L, XL \$21.00 - 2XL, 3XL
Cost for shipping requests to be added

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**2023—2024
HAWAII STATE
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Junior YBA Happenings

By Arryn Ishikawa

Happy Fall Y'all! Thank you again for supporting the Jr. YBA. We had a very successful beverage booth at the Mililani Bon Dance! The money raised will go toward some of our expenses throughout the year.



To continue our theme from convention Sangha: Our Independent Environment, we want to promote "Going Green." We are also selling sterling steel utensil sets that includes a fork, spoon, knife and chopsticks in a case that comes in red, blue, or black. Each set is \$7. We also gave each of the summer convention attendees one of these sets with the hope that it will be used instead of throwaway plasticware. Please contact a Jr. YBA member if you would like to purchase one of these sets! Available while supplies last!

Our next United meeting will be held on Sunday, October 8, at 11:30pm at Aiea Hongwanji. If you are interested, please come. We'd love to have you! We will be planning a few upcoming activities for the next couple of months.

We will be making Manju for our Hawaii Buddhist Youth (HBY) month fundraiser for Oahu District temples. Our baking date is Saturday, October 21 at 11am at Waipahu Hongwanji with distribution to the temples the following day. We will have more details for the juniors at the next meeting. We will be doing a Manju Fundraiser later for Mililani and Ewa Hongwanji.

We are always open for new members to join Jr. YBA and membership is open for students entering 6th grade through students up to 2 years after High School graduation. Please contact Jr. YBA advisor Auntie Arryn Ishikawa at arynn.m.ishikawa@gmail.com if you'd like more information.

You can also follow us on Instagram! @jrybaofahu and @hawaii-fedjryba

United Jr. YBA of Oahu HBY Month Fundraiser



In October, the United Jr. YBA of Oahu will sell Baked Manju filled with Koshian (red bean paste) to fundraise for our HBY (Hawaii Buddhist Youth) Month project. This year, we will be donating a portion of proceeds to Honpa Hongwanji's Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund and/or Reverend Ai Hironaka and his family. Please see the information and order form below. Thank you for your continued support!

ORDER DEADLINE: October 11th, 2023

Please email orders to: jrybaofahu@gmail.com

(Include name, address, contact number, temple pickup location, and number of orders)

OR

Mail order form (bottom) to:

Mililani Hongwanji Mission, attn: Jr. YBA
P.O. Box 89330, Mililani, HI 96789

Pick-up/Delivery date: October 22nd, 2023

Pick-up locations: Aiea, Wahiawa, or Waipahu Hongwanji

Payment: Cash (exact change) or checks payable to United Jr. YBA of Oahu

Please enclose payment or pay at the time of pick up/delivery.

Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Pick up temple location: _____

OR

Delivery Address: _____



Manju: one order is 5 pc for \$5

TOTAL: ___ orders x \$5 = \$ _____

Payment enclosed: Yes ___ No ___



Oahu United Honpa Hongwanji Buddhist Women’s Association (OUHHBWA) Conference

Saturday, October 28, 2023, at Waipahu Hongwanji Mission
 Theme: Building Healthy Sanghas – Coping with The Future

Schedule: 8:00 am -- Registration and Fellowship – in Social Hall
 8:30 am Memorial Service for BWA Members in temple
 Officiated by Reverend Jeffrey Soga
 Dharma Message by Reverend Eric Matsumoto
 9:15 am Break
 9:30 am General Membership Meeting in social hall
 10:30 am Installation Ceremony for 2024 Officers
 10:40 am Workshop with Chikako Nago of Effective Microorganism
 For a demonstration and explanation of Bokashi composting
 11:40 am Lunch
 12:15 pm Closing Remarks – Susan Morishige

In keeping with the Green Hongwanji, please bring your own cup if possible.
OUHHBWA members are encouraged to come and invite a guest.

Registration deadline is Oct 14.

Note: The ministers of the Oahu District are guests and presented orei and lunch at the conference: Reverends Fujimoto, Hashimoto, Matsumoto, Nishiyama and Soga.

UHHBWA Conference Registration Form



Unit name: _____ Name of Contact Person: _____

Contact phone # () _____ &/or email: _____

Lunch is provided to Resident Ministers of the Oahu District Honpa Hongwanji temples.

Is your minister attending the conference? _____ (Y or N)

Registration includes Lunch (regular or vegetarian):

Total OUHHBWA members* _____ @\$15 - reg: _____ veg _____ = total x \$15= \$ _____

Total Nonmembers _____ @\$17 - reg: _____ veg _____ = total x \$17=\$ _____

*Includes At Large Unit members Total payment: \$ _____

Questions? Call or email Joyce Ogawa (808-387-8656 or jogawa62@gmail.com)

Make checks payable to OUHHBWA with memo: OUHHBWA Annual Conference.

Please remind attendees to bring Montoshikisho if they have one and onenju for the Memorial Service, as well as their own cup. Thank you!



REQUEST FOR CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ASSIGNED NICHE(S) IN THE AHM COLUMBARIUM

To all families and/or individuals who have a current Columbarium niche(s) in use or purchased:

AHM is in the process of updating its database regarding contact information for currently in use Columbarium niches or those niches that have been purchased but are yet to be utilized. Please note that while the purchaser of the niche is required to be a Gojikai (dues paying member of AHM), contacts are encouraged to be members but it is not a requirement that contacts be members of the AHM. It is important that current contact information be available to the AHM as all urn deposits and withdrawals must be authorized in writing by one the of the contact persons. Voluntary surrender of a niche must also be in writing by one of the contact persons. Contacts for each niche must provide a current mailing address and telephone number. It is highly encouraged that contacts also provide an e-mail address that can be entered into our Columbarium database. Please note that failure to maintain status as an AHM Gojikai member or to maintain current contact persons information may result in forfeiture of the niche which would then revert back to the AHM's Columbarium inventory.

Please find enclosed the form to provide contact information for a purchased but yet unused or in use niche. If the Niche Number at the top of the page is unknown, please enter the name of the purchaser of the niche in the Niche Number space.

Please return this contact information to Dean Yamaguchi c/o Aiea Hongwanji Mission, 99-186 Puakala Street, Aiea, HI 96701. Alternatively, a scanned version of the contact information may be returned to Dean Yamaguchi's e-mail at deanyamaguchi4@gmail.com. Questions relative to this request can be referred to Dean Yamaguchi by the above e-mail or by phone (818)-371-2841. Thank you in advance regarding this request for Columbarium niche contact updates.

Niche Number: _____

The Niche must have two (2) contact persons with current mailing addresses and telephone numbers on file with the AHM.

Failure to maintain status as an AHM Gojikai member or to maintain current contact persons information may result in forfeiture of the Niche, which would then revert back to AHM's columbarium inventory.

Contact Persons

#1

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

email address: _____

Phone number: (Res.) _____ (Bus) _____ (Cell) _____

Date: _____

Contact Persons

#2

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

email address: _____

Phone number: (Res.) _____ (Bus) _____ (Cell) _____

Date: _____

Aiea Hongwanji Mission extends its Deepest Condolences to the families of the Late Ms. Helen Nakagawa and Ms. Dorothy Omori.

Namo Amida Butsu

Family Memorial Service

In the Japanese Buddhist tradition, families hold memorial services (Nen-ki Hoyo) in memory of our loved ones, and to express our gratitude for Amida Buddha's Infinite Light.

The Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion embrace our loved ones in the land of peace and happiness. May we also remember Amida's embrace on our lives as we remember those who have departed.

If your family would like to arrange a memorial service for your loved one, please call Reverend Eric Matsumoto at (808)-488-5685, or leave a message on the office phone: (808)-487-2626. You may schedule the service either before or after the memorial date.

October 2023

17th Richard Megumi Matsunaga
 33rd Stanley Tsuda
 33rd Yoshio Tochiki

November 2023

7th Ronald Masami Oba
 7th Mildred Mutsuko Nomura
 13th Juichi Tokioka
 17th Todd Etsuo Maeda
 17th Mitsuo Hara
 25th Namie Takaki
 25th Ethel Hatsumi Kanbara
 33rd Juichi Yoshioka
 33rd Yoshio Tanimoto
 33rd Tsuru Hayashi

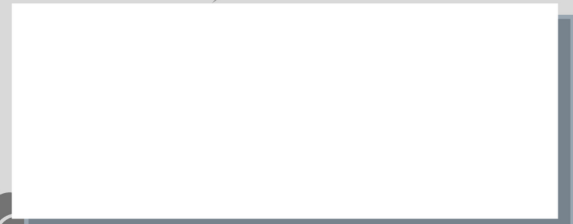
December 2023

3rd Paulette Kikue Watanabe
 7th Keiji "Bob" Tokushige
 7th Joe Haruto Taniguchi
 7th Mitsuko "Miriam" Nishimoto
 13th Wataru Minami
 13th Asayo Fujii
 25th Mitsuo Nagamine
 25th Harry Tadaichi Kanbara
 25th Tomio "Tom" Higuchi
 33rd Toshiaki Robert Onaka
 33rd Katsuko Omori

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Calendar of Events for October 2023

1,8,15*22&29	Sun	9:00 am	Sunday Family Service (*15 th includes special live-streamed Dharma message by Bishop Umitani at 10 am)
4	Wed	9:30 am	Oahu District Ministers Meeting
7-8	Sat-Sun	8:30 am	HHMH Ministers' Assistant Retreat
13	Fri	9:00 am	Special Ritual Seminar for Ministers only at BSC
13	Fri	4:30 pm	PBA's Lighting Our Way Dinner Banquet
14	Sat	9:00 am	Hawaii Federation of BWAs Assembly at Hawaii Betsuin
15	Sun	10:00 am	State Dharma School Online Gathering
17	Tue	7:00 pm	Temple BOD Meeting
21	Sat	9:00 am	Oahu District Halloween Festival at Wahiawa Hongwanji
22	Sun	10:30 am	AHM Temple BWA Meeting
27	Fri	5:30 pm	Young People's Gathering
28	Sat	8:00 am	Oahu United BWA Annual Conference at Waipahu Hongwanji
31	Tue	8:30 am	Preschool Halloween Treat Street event

November 2023

2-3	Thurs-Fri		Ministers Continuing Education at BSC
5, 12, & 26	Sun	9:00 am	Sunday Family Service
10	Fri		Veterans' Day Holiday (Preschool & Lotus Closed)
17	Fri	5:30 pm	Young People's Gathering
19	Sun	9:00 am	Sangha Memorial Service (Eitaikyo)
21	Tue	7:00 pm	Temple BOD Meeting
23&24	Thurs-Fri		Thanksgiving Holidays (Preschool & Lotus Closed.)
26	Sun	10:30 am	AHM Temple BWA meeting