



MINISTER’S MESSAGE

“NAMANDABUTSU”

“Happy New Year!”

How quickly time passes. “Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments” is the final Theme & Slogan of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii with the theme of “Building Healthy Sanghas” which highlights the Sangha.

For the Hongwanji Sangha of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition or Shin Buddhism central is the experiencing of Amida Buddha’s Great Wisdom and Compassion, Namo Amida Butsu (The Buddha’s Name That Calls Us to Entrust), the ultimate Nembutsu Moment by each of us.



In the Tannisho (as translated by the late Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno), we find “When the thought of saying the nembutsu emerges decisively from within, having entrusted ourselves to the inconceivable power of Amida’s vow which save us, enabling us to be born in the Pure Land (of Enlightenment), in that very moment we receive the ultimate benefit of being grasped never to be abandoned.” In that incalculable brevity when we become conscious of the connection with that which is timeless (Amida Buddha, the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and infinite Light), finding ourselves embraced never to be abandoned, we utter “Namo Amida Butsu” in awareness brought on by a force or power beyond ourselves.

It does not mean that we become perfect individuals, we are still limited and imperfect (a bonbu), but an inseverable connection has been made which results in a peace, joyous happiness, an unending gratitude for that Great Compassion and the reciting of Amida Buddha’s Name, Namo Amida Butsu or one of its abbreviated forms such as “Namandabutsu.” This is the “Nembutsu Moment.” It is my response of “Namo Amida Butsu” (The Buddha’s Name I Call in Awareness, Joy and Gratitude) to Namo Amida Butsu (The Buddha’s Name That Calls Me to Entrust).”

It is an experience that eludes full and adequate description and conveyance by mere words or explanations. Also, many of the questions which one previously desperately sought to intellectually understand such “Is the Pure Land real?” “What is born in the Pure Land?” “Is the story of Bodhisattva Dharmakara true?” fall to the wayside as one gratefully experiences the “Joy of Dharma Music” in appreciation of the Buddha’s Great Virtue.

Rennyō Shōnin expressed it in one of his Letters known as “The Tradition of Shinran Shōnin” in the following way:

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FOR ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER

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What is taught in the tradition of Shinran Shonin is that the entrusting heart is essential. For when we abandon various practices and take refuge in Amida with a singleness of heart, our birth in the Pure Land is settled by the Buddha through the inconceivable Vow-power. The state we thus attain is describe as "with awakening of a single thought of entrusting, we join those who are in the stage of the truly settled." Recitation of the nembutsu thereafter should be understood to be the nembutsu as an expression of gratitude for the Tathagata's benevolence for settling our birth in the Pure Land.

For me, the life of a Shin Buddhist is one of responding in gratitude to the unparalleled Wisdom and Compassion of Namo Amida Butsu by verbally reciting the Nembutsu in awareness, joy and gratitude that I am embraced just as I am with all my limitations, but we also try to live our life guided by the Dharma until our life eventually culminates (at death) with our entering the Pure Land of Perfect Peace and Happiness at which time the ultimate perfect transformation occurs as we attain Buddhahood to become one with Amida Buddha. The Power of Great Compassion!

To slowly close, you may have noticed a change in the heading of our Newsletter in which "JIKO" is translated as "Compassionate Light." This Temple's newsletter has many functions, but its primary purpose or role is to convey to you, our dear Sangha Members and Friends, the Great Compassion of Amida Buddha or Namo Amida Butsu and thus it would be most appropriate to include the translation of "JIKO" as "Compassionate Light" in the heading of our Newsletter.

To conclude, please allow me to express my deepest appreciation to you, the Sangha of Aiea Hongwanji Buddhist Temple for you generosity, support, dedication and support of the temple and myself, your minister. Once again, let me wish you a very "Happy New Year" for a new year that is filled with joy, happiness, and meaning. I extend an invitation to you and those closest to you to come to the temple especially on Sunday mornings to delve more into the World of Great Wisdom and Compassion which aspires for the Peace and Happiness of all life, all existence, so that 2024 becomes the year of "The Nembutsu Moment" for you.

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

In Gassho/Anjali,

Reverend Eric Matsumoto

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



To Our Sangha,

We were fortunate that the Social Hall's power roof ventilators repairs involved just replacing the motors and belts, so the vinyl tile flooring work below could proceed as previously scheduled. You will notice that the existing VCT flooring has been removed and the concrete substrate is exposed. That will change in mid-January when the new vinyl tiles arrive and are installed. Nevertheless, our Mochitsuki event will take place on Saturday, December 30th, beginning at 8:00 AM. Thank you to all the volunteers who came forth to make this happen.

As we transition into 2024, we are preparing for our annual general membership meeting and New Year's Party which will be held on January 27th at 5:00 pm. Because we did not have the chance to do so during the COVID lockdown in years past, we will be honoring our Keirokai members (ages 80 and over) at this event, so please turn in your RSVP form which is printed on page 11. The Agenda for the meeting portion is on page 4 of this newsletter and the president's report is on page 3. The highlights of events in 2023 are further detailed in the BWA article on page 10. Without the BWA's and the Hosha group's involvement, many of the events we sponsor would not have been possible, so our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation go out to the members of the BWA and the Hosha group.

Special thanks to Gayle Yamaguchi for sharing the article on page 9 about the late Rosalynn Carter's connection to Project Dana. It is amazing to see that what we do here can have positive impacts in other parts of the country and the world! On that note, I wish you all a joyful and fulfilling new year!

In Gassho with our hands together,
Boyd Marumoto

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE AIEA HONGWANJI MISSION ANNUAL MEETING ON JANUARY 27, 2024

MAJOR PROJECTS AND EVENTS IN 2023:

In the interest of time to keep our upcoming annual meeting short, I have listed the below the major projects and undertakings that the AHM Board of Directors worked on in 2023.

- ◆ AHM elected its Board of directors to serve the 2023 through 2024 term and held its annual meeting and New Year's party on February 4th.
- ◆ AHM enlisted the services of retired Reverend Kevin Kuniyuki who officiated our services on the Sundays that we did not have a minister due to the sharing of a minister with Pearl City Hongwanji. This continued to July when Reverend Eric Matsumoto was assigned as resident minister at our temple and the Kenmu relationship with PCH was terminated.
- ◆ Reverend Eric initiated the Young People's Gatherings held on selected Friday evenings.
- ◆ Several AHM members attended the 800th/850th Joint Celebration at Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto Japan, and the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention.
- ◆ Former Bishop Reverend Eric Matsumoto and Tamayo Matsumoto were honorees of the Pacific Buddhist Academy annual Lighting Our Way Banquet.
- ◆ The motor for the compressor of the split air conditioning system for the Temple was replaced under warranty by RMI Mechanical.
- ◆ AHM continued to host COVID and flu vaccine clinics.
- ◆ AHM held its Bon Dance in July instead of August.
- ◆ AHM held an E-Waste collection day in July which provided a venue for the community to recycle their old electronic devices.
- ◆ AHM sponsored the Ohana/Peace Day event at the Loko l'a Pa'aiau Fishpond (Aiea Fishpond).
- ◆ The deteriorated wooden railing at the Temple's intermediate landing was replaced with a metal tubing rail by our Hoshu group.
- ◆ The flooring in the preschool was replaced by No Ka Oi Flooring.
- ◆ The Social Hall Foundation Strengthening work was completed by Structural Systems, Inc., as well as the repairs of the cracks and spalls in the exterior kitchen CMU walls.
- ◆ The 2 power roof ventilators for the social hall had their motors and belts replaced and placed back into service, by Progressive Air Conditioning.
- ◆ The Hall kitchen exhaust fan motor and belts were replaced as well.
- ◆ The social hall and kitchen vinyl composition tile flooring was removed and replaced by Abbey Carpet and Floor.
- ◆ An initiative was implemented to update the Columbarium niche contact information, and will continue into 2024.
- ◆ The AHM Membership handbook was updated and will be distributed with the 2024 HHMH calendar.

Respectfully Submitted,

Boyd Marumoto

President, Aiea Hongwanji Mission

AGENDA FOR THE AIEA HONGWANJI MISSION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 27, 2024 at 5:00 PM in the AHM Social Hall

Call to Order: Boyd Marumoto

Aspiration: Reverend Eric Matsumoto

Proxy: Audrey Marumoto, Assistant Secretary

Agenda: Boyd Marumoto

Meeting minutes for February 04, 2023: Audrey Marumoto, Asst. Secretary

Financial reports:

Annual reports for 2023 – Wade Yamamoto

Audit committee report – Mark Funasaki

President’s Report of Major projects and events of 2023

Announcements

Next Board meeting: Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

Next Annual meeting: To be announced later.

Adjournment with Nembutsu: Reverend Eric Matsumoto.

*****NEW YEAR’S PARTY TO FOLLOW THE MEETING*****

**PLEASE JOIN US & GEORGE TAKEI AT HONPA
HONGWANJI HAWAI’I BETSUIN HONDO**

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2024

9:30am Special Service

“What Buddhism Means to Me”

(Free admission)

**5pm “George Takei Reflects on Day of
Remembrance”**

**followed by food & entertainment at
Pacific Buddhist Academy**

(Fundraising event - Tickets at \$150)

All proceeds will support social justice initiatives at the temple and other nonprofit organizations (including Spill the Tea)

Event presented by:

Honolulu Hongwanji Council
Pacific Buddhist Academy

Community partners:

Hawai’i Health & Harm Reduction Center
Japanese American Citizens League, Honolulu Chapter
Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai’i
University of Hawai’i LGBTQIA+ Center



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New Year's Greeting — January 1, 2024

Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

Over the last year, innumerable people worldwide have been affected by natural disasters, such as earthquakes, floods, and forest fires. I was particularly shocked by the wild fires that devastated the island of Maui in the state of Hawaii. This disaster completely destroyed the temple hall of Lahaina Hongwanji Mission and one temple member was reported to have lost his life. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to all who have perished in those calamities. I would also like to express my sympathies to those who are still coping with the dire situations. It is my sincere hope that all who have been affected will soon be able to return to a normal daily life.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022 is still continuing. Not only that, conflict between Israel and Palestine has once again flared up from October 2023, embroiling nations concerned with victimizing a large number of people many of whom are civilians. Looking at the appalling state of the world, the following words of Sakyamuni Buddha come to mind. "Everyone fears violence and is scared of death. In consideration of all life, do not kill and do not make others kill."

Every one of us who has received life as a human being, no matter the reason, must be ensured equally of human rights, and no one's life should be threatened. In reality, however, conflicts and terrorist attacks have occurred everywhere in the world and for many people, their right to live and exist has been threatened. As Buddhists who aspire for peace, we must keep Sakyamuni Buddha's words seriously in our hearts and pursue our endeavor of contributing toward world peace and security.

During the last year, we observed the Joint Celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching at Hongwanji, Kyoto for a total of 30 days, divided into 5 sessions during the period from March 29 to May 21. On this occasion, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to those who came to Japan to attend, as well as those who supported it in various ways. This celebratory event could be realized only because our predecessors have cherished the Jodo Shinshu teaching as their spiritual foundation for many years no matter when or where they were, and carefully transmitted it to us today.

Let us, too, continue listening to the teaching as the center of our life while cherishing each day.



OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

To welcome the New Year, I would like to extend my heartfelt greetings to you all. On behalf of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all of you for your support, dedication, and participation in our services and activities.

Since I took the Headquarters Office as the new Bishop last July, I have been able to visit some of your temples. I bow my head to the ministers, temple leaders, and temple members for their tireless effort in protecting their temples and sharing with others the joy of Namu Amida Butsu. Each temple has its challenges and opportunities. As a community of people joined together revering the teaching of Shinran Shonin, let us work toward the realization of a society in which everyone can live a life of spiritual fulfillment.

This year, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will observe the Triple Celebration at Ala Moana Hotel on September 7-8, 2024. The Triple Celebration commemorates the 850th Anniversary of the Birth of Shinran Shonin, the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teachings, and the 135th Anniversary of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. The Steering Committee is working hard towards the two-day celebration event and its related programs. I would like to invite you all to attend this auspicious anniversary.

Our Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Theme and Slogan for 2024 is **“Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments.”** What are the “Nembutsu Moments”? These are the moments when the voice of the Nembutsu, “Namu Amida Butsu,” spontaneously flows from our lips.

The main body of *the Sutra on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life* explains the Forty-eight Vows of Amida Buddha, who undertook to establish a Pure Land for the enlightenment of all sentient beings. Shinran Shonin regarded that our act of saying “Namu Amida Butsu” is derived wholly from the working of Amida’s Vow. It means that the sound of “Namu Amida Butsu,” the promise Amida Buddha made to embrace and never abandon all beings, is already fulfilled and extended to all beings. It is the calling voice from the Buddha of Immeasurable Light and Life that holds the Buddha’s boundless empathy, concern, and compassion toward all beings. Such a message of universal compassion reaches into our hearts and minds, and flows from our lips spontaneously as “Namu Amida Butsu.”

What we experience in our daily lives could be the opportunities to ascertain and appreciate the truth of Boundless Wisdom and Compassion that embraces our lives. Let us experience, savor, appreciate, and share the Nembutsu moments with our families and friends in our daily lives.

May the sound of the Nembutsu flow from our lips. May the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha inspire and guide us always. Namu Amida Butsu.

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani
Bishop
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii



President's New Year's Message for 2024 Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

Happy New Year! Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu! Hauoli Makahiki Hou!

I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and in good spirits as we enter the New Year, 2024. The year 2023 was an eventful one. Many of our Sangha were able to attend the Joint Celebration (Commemoration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching) at our Honzan in Kyoto on May 10, 2023. The Joint Celebration program was well organized and meaningful. The 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention (WBWC) followed on May 11 and 12 at the modern (although 50 years old) Kyoto International Conference Center. These two events were a highlight of the year for those who were able to attend. I will always remember the warm welcome that we received from our hosts at the Honzan and at the World Buddhist Women's Convention.



Soon after our return from Japan, we said “Mahalo and Aloha” to outgoing Bishop, Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Mrs. Tamayo Matsumoto, Chika and Caden at a luncheon in July. In August we warmly greeted incoming Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani, Mrs. Yoshiko Umitani, and daughters Naho and Riho at a luncheon.

Then, the disastrous Maui Wildfires of August 8, 2023 destroyed the historic town of Lahaina. Our Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, located near the center of the town was not spared. The temple, social hall, and minister's residence burned to the ground. Only the columbarium appears to have survived the fire. Fortunately, Rev. Ai Hironaka and family along with many other temple members evacuated in time. However, we have learned that one temple member lost his life in that fire. It appears that 2023 will be remembered as the year of the Maui Wildfires and the year that Lahaina Hongwanji was lost to the fire. This was a great loss for Lahaina town and the entire Hawaii Sangha.

However, this was not the end of the story. Community, state and federal agencies rushed into action and are still on the ground in Maui, planning for the future of Lahaina town and helping those displaced by the fire. Maui temple ministers and Sangha have warmly supported Lahaina members displaced by the fire. The Hongwanji community statewide, nationally and internationally has responded with compassionate action in the form of postcards, letters, gifts and generous monetary donations. Like the recent “disaster” that affected us, the COVID-19 pandemic, we learned that we are adaptable and we are resilient. The Lahaina community, and Lahaina Hongwanji Sangha in particular, I believe will respond with grit and determination.

Our theme and slogan for 2024 is “*Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments*”. We live with joy and gratitude for Amida's universal and unconditional compassion for us. Since we are connected with and care for the people around us, we *share our Nembutsu moments*, so that others may awaken to, and appreciate the Buddha's limitless Compassion. In this way, we can each contribute to *building healthy Sanghas*.

With Gassho,

Warren Tamamoto
President, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

DECEMBER PHOTOS



Bodhi Day Service Attendees



Welcome Luncheon for Reverend Eric and Tamayo Matsumoto



*Temple
Beautification
Day
Volunteers*



*BWA Preparing
Jiko Newsletters
For Mailing*



REMEMBERING PROJECT DANA'S FRIEND, ROSALYNN CARTER

When former First Lady Rosalynn Carter passed away on Nov. 19, 2023 in Plains, Georgia, Project Dana lost a long-time friend.

While it's well-known that Mrs. Carter was globally recognized as a humanitarian who advocated for those living with mental illness and for family caregivers, most Hawaii residents may not know of her close ties to the non-profit organization whose origins date back to a conversation between two retirement-age Japanese American women in the kitchen at Moiliili Hongwanji Mission.

As they prepared food for the bon dance festival one July summer, the late Shimeji Kanazawa and the late Rose Nakamura proposed starting an organization to serve Hawaii's frail elders and their caregivers.

Today Project Dana serves seniors on Oahu, Maui and Hawaii Island by providing transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping, visiting those living alone and offering caregiver support, education and counseling.

It isn't known exactly how Mrs. Carter first learned about Project Dana, but in 1993, she honored Mrs. Nakamura by presenting her with the first Rosalynn Carter Caregiving Award in Americus, Georgia. The following year, Mrs. Carter was welcomed in Hawaii by some 200 volunteers and staff members who gathered in the Honpa Hongwanji Mission Headquarters Social Hall where she spent an afternoon with them.

In her remarks, she said she thought the best way to put one's faith into practice was to help those who were less fortunate, and that Project Dana was a program that needed to be replicated across the country. Over the years, she kept her bonds with Hawaii.

In her 1994 book, "Helping Yourself Help Others: A Book for Caregivers," she devoted a section to interfaith volunteer caregivers and cited Project Dana, Mrs. Nakamura and Mrs. Kanazawa for their roles setting up and sustaining the program, acknowledging the hundreds of volunteers who practice *dana*, the act of selfless giving.

Caregivers help those in need regardless of their faith and, "...do so without any attempt to proselytize," she wrote. "They receive training from professionals so that they are comfortable, confident and competent when called upon to provide assistance."

At Project Dana's 25th anniversary celebration on Sept. 20, 2014, Mrs. Carter's video recorded remarks were delivered and Dr. Leisa Easom, Executive Director of the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving at the Georgia Southwestern State University, delivered the keynote address.

Over the decades, the former First Lady's highly visible and vocal support of caregivers genuinely transformed and broke new ground as she took time to recognize and remember Project Dana's work.



Join Project Dana's Public Presentation Meetings!

Upcoming Events:

Meeting Date:	Wednesday, January 10, 2024
Time:	10:00 am to 11:30 am
Location:	Zoom and Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813)
Topic:	"Constipation Relief: What's the Scoop?": - Learn how constipation affects elders' quality of life, what can caregivers do for prevention, and what can be done if the person is impacted.
Speaker:	Dr. Warren Wong, Geriatrician

Meeting Date:	Saturday, January 13, 2024
Time:	10:00 am to 11:30 am
Location:	Zoom and Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (94-821 Kuhaulua Street, Waipahu, HI 96797)
Topic:	"Declutter is Important" - A cluttered home can be a risk to an elder's safety and well-being, however, de-cluttering your loved one's home can become an overwhelming task for a caregiver. Learn how caregivers may become aware of the signs of clutter, steps to take in de-cluttering, and who are the professionals available in community to help.
Speaker:	Cynthia Arnold, Let's Move

*Zoom links will be provided by inquiry

Please call or e-mail if you are interested on attending public presentations or need more information about the program:

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BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION - Sharing Joy Together in 2023

Akemashite Omedetoo! Happy New Year!

As we returned to normal activities, BWA continued to support various temple projects. Reflecting back, 2023 was filled with numerous activities that kept our members engaged and involved.

Our first order of business was providing scrumptious home-made desserts for our 2023 New Year's Party held in February. Our women never disappoint when it comes to providing delicious treats!

April heralded in our Eishinni Kakushinni craft fair which was a huge success! Our ladies displayed many handcrafted items including: cards, scrubbies, hand crafted jewelry, and Japanese hair ornaments- just to name a few.

In May, a number of members traveled to Kyoto, Japan for Shinran Shonin's 850th Celebration. It was a wonderful time to bond and relax as we were able to tour the rustic prefecture of Kyushu. One of the highlights was the delicious meals which were gratefully received.

July roared in our Obon. We all worked hard to prepare the chicken mini-bentos, chowmein noodles, and spam musubis for the concession booth AND held a craft fair in the hall. Our BWA members and their families also graciously provided assistance to Pearl City Hongwanji during their Obon in August.

In August, with the encouragement of Reverend Matsumoto, we participated in the Pearl Harbor peace activity and taught visitors how to fold origami cranes. Those in attendance were also treated to clips of Peace on your Wings performed at Hawaii Theater earlier in the year. The same production traveled to Hiroshima, Japan not long after.

September took us out to the fishpond located in McGrew Point for the Sangha/Peace Day and 'Ohana Day festivities. A number of members alongside our Hoshu crew toiled in the hot sun to clear the grounds. A small group of ladies kept young participants engaged in decorating a fabric koi bag and in designing handmade cards adorned with origami fish.

October signaled the start of HBY month for the Juniors. A few of our ladies gathered at Waipahu Hongwanji to lend a helping hand. to the youngsters who needed much help in filling an overwhelming response of 200+ orders of baked manju. (Don't miss your opportunity to place your manju order in October. These golden treats are simply delectable!)

In early December, our hardworking members provided pupus and a wide array of desserts to accompany the delicious Natsunoya box lunches to celebrate the welcoming of our new Reverend and Sensei Tamayo.

Lastly, we closed 2023 with a bang! Working nonstop the last three days of December, the BWA helped with Mochitsuki, and assisted Tamayo Sensei with her special New Year's Eve and New Year's Day refreshments.

Otsukaresamadeshita!!!

In gassho,

D. Okawa

Donations of prizes and drinks for the New Year's Party can be dropped off at the Social Hall on Sunday mornings 8:00 am to noon. Thank you very much.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY (SHIN'ENKAI) AND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please RSVP by sending in this form if you plan to attend.

When: Saturday, January 27, 2024 Time: Tentatively at 5:00pm

Location: Aiea Hongwanji Mission's Social Hall

Attendees ages 13 through 79: _____ x \$10/each = \$ _____

Children ages 7 through 12: _____ x \$5/each = \$ _____ (No charge for children under age 7 and Keirokai Honorees)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Name (s) of Keirokai Honorees age 80 and over: _____



Also, to ensure that the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii 2024 Calendar is mailed to the correct address, and to update our records, please provide the following contact information:

Primary member's name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone number (s): _____

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ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

The annual membership dues for Aiea Hongwanji Mission are \$125.00 for a Family Unit which consists of the Primary member, a spouse, and dependent children under 25 years of age. However, if the Primary member of a Family Unit is less than 40 years of age the annual dues is only \$50.00. Dues can be paid by checks made out to, "Aiea Hongwanji Mission" or simply "AHM", and mailed to 99-186 Puakala Street, Aiea, Hawaii 96701. (Note that the online payment feature at the AieaBuddhistTemple.org website has been deleted.)

Family Memorial Service

Buddhist consider the memorial service a significant occasion to remember the deceased with feelings of gratitude and love. The memorial service provides an opportunity to pay tribute and recall cherished memories of the departed, while listening to the Buddha Dharma. The service is not for appeasing the spirits of the deceased or for the sake of the deceased, but rather for the sake of the living. In remembering the deceased we acknowledge their influence on our lives as well as the importance of living the Buddha Dharma.

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.

January 2024

7th	Harriet Shizuyo	Watanabe
7th	Doris Tamie	Sumida
13th	Grace Toshie	Tokushige
13th	Shizue	Nakagawa
13th	Itsuji	Kazunaga
17th	Masao	Saiki
25th	Suyeno "Myrtle"	Ukita
25th	Tadaichi	Kouchiyama
25th	Tamotsu	Kawamoto
33rd	Kina	Omura
33rd	Akiyo	Honda
50th	Yoshiko	Nishiiwa

February 2024

1 st	Harry	Tomishima
1 st	Etsuko	Nakagawa
3 rd	Wayne Takeo	Marumoto
3 rd	Nobuko	Nagai
7 th	Akira	Mori
7 th	Yasuto	Kubota
13 th	Kenneth Kazuo	Kaneshiro
13 th	Hinako Evelyn	Ito
33 rd	Shizuko	Nishimura
50 th	Ayako Clara	Yamamoto
50 th	Shingoro	Omura

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Temple Calendar of Events for January 2024

1 Mon	10:00AM	New Year's Day Service (Gantan-E)
3 Wed	9:30AM	Oahu District Ministers Association Meeting
7 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Family Service
10 Wed	9AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services
14 Sun	9:00AM	Shinran Shonin Memorial Major Service (Hoonko)
15 Mon		Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (Preschool & Lotus Adult Day Care closed)
16 Tue	7:00PM	AHM Board of Directors Meeting
18 Thurs	10:00AM`	Lotus Adult Daycare Service and Visitation
21 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Family Service
22 Mon	7:00PM	Oahu District Pre-Giseikai/Legislative Assembly Meeting (tentative)
26 Fri	5:30PM	Young People's Gathering at AHM
27 Sat	5:00PM	AHM General Membership Meeting, New Year's Party and Keirokai
28 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday "Turning of the Wheel of Dharma" Family Service (Shotemporin)

Temple Calendar of Events for February

4 Sun	9:00AM	BWA Dana Day Family Service
7 Wed	9:30AM	Oahu District Ministers Meeting
8 Thu		HHMH Board of Directors Meeting & State Ministers Association Meeting
9 Fri	11:15AM	Annual Membership Meeting of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
9-8 Fri-Sat		HHMH 112 th Legislative Assembly & Living Treasures of Hawaii Program
11 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Family Service
18 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Nirvana Day Family Service
19 Mon		President's Day Holiday (Preschool & Lotus Adult Day Care closed)
20 Tue	7:00PM	AHM Board of Directors Meeting
23 Fri	5:30PM	Young People's Gathering at AHM
25 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Family Service
	10:30AM	AHM BWA Meeting