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The Aiea Hongwanji Mission

Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Different approach, same result-*Dana* and *Hosha*

"There are many kinds of off'ring do you know them all? Pretty flowers, food and money and some incense, too. Happy face, gentle voice, and a helping hand. These are ways we make our off'ring to Amida."

Lyrics of the Gatha "Offering" by Lily Horio

There is a children's book series entitled the "Best I Can Be." In the series, there is a book called "I am Generous." On the back cover it says "This book is about generosity. Children at this age are typically in the egocentric phase of development. They want to know "What's in it for me?" (omit) This book models what children can do for others right now in their lives" says the author David Parker.

Did you know that in Buddhism we have a wonderful word for generosity, the word *Dana*. *Dana* is variously translated as "Selfless Giving", "Pure Giving", "Giving from the purity of one's heart" and so forth. One may wonder why the words "selfless" and "pure" are used. The emphasis is on giving with a pure heart, giving without strings attached. In true giving (*Dana*), after one has given or done something, one does not think "I did a good deed" "How will I benefit from what I did today?" "I did something for you so next time you do something for me." In Buddhism, *Dana* is performed from the purity and sincerity of one's heart without expecting anything in return. It does not, necessarily, have to be anonymous, but there should be no attachments. In General Buddhism, doing or performing *Dana* has a purpose. As one of the *Six Paramitas*, the purpose of *Dana* is to get rid of greed which is one of the major hindrances to attaining Enlightenment. The goal or aim of practicing *Dana* is to rid greed from one's life for the purpose of attaining Enlightenment.

In Jodo Shinshu or Shin Buddhism, however, *Dana* is not a requirement or religious practice we must perform/do to reach Enlightenment. In Shin Buddhism, we entrust one hundred percent in Amida Buddha's Great Wisdom and Compassion which promises our liberation by simply entrusting in the Buddha reciting *Namo Amida Butsu* (the Buddha's Honored Name) and do not rely on my imperfect effort(s). As a Shin Buddhist, I realize that whatever I do is always muddled or tainted by attachments and thus it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, for me to do pure *Dana* as outlined in General Buddhism. In Jodo Shinshu,



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FOR ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER

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Bodhisattva Dharmakara/Amida Buddha, knowing this beforehand, embraces me just as I am, imperfection included and eventually transforms the negative into positive with our birth in the Pure Land of Enlightenment.

Let me say though that Amida's embrace does not make greed okay. It does not justify greed or my motivations and actions based on greed. Greed hurts all of us. What Amida Buddha's unconditional embrace does express is the loving and all-encompassing Compassion of Amitabha-Amitayus, the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light. True compassion which cannot abandon even the most hopeless and lost.

In Jodo Shinshu, we use another Japanese word to explain or describe the so-called "good things" we do and why we do them such as volunteering at the temple. That word is the Japanese word, "**Hosha**" or "**Responding in gratitude.**" This responding in gratitude to Amida Buddha's Great Compassion is an essential characteristic of a Shin Buddhist's life. As Shin Buddhists, out of gratitude for this unconditional Compassion of Amida Buddha which embraces us, we respond by first reciting the Nembutsu, but along with that we try to be respectful, helpful and do things which will benefit as many as possible. Lily Horio in her gatha says that "These are ways we make our off'ring to Amida," but in reality they help or benefit others too.

I take it one step further by saying that the traditional teachings like *Dana* and The Eightfold Path which are the core of General Buddhism become guidelines and ideals we can incorporate into our daily living not as precepts and religious practices for Enlightenment, but as guidelines on how we can try to live a meaningful Buddhist way of life. We, the Nembutsu Sangha, out of gratitude to Amida Buddha's Great Wisdom and Compassion and in lament of our imperfect self are motivated to try to live a Buddhist life inspired and guided by the Buddha-Dharma. There is another expression, "**On o shirite, On ni mukuiru**" or "**Knowing Gratitude, Respond in Gratitude.**"

I would like to conclude this message by encouraging everyone to please join us on Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 9:00 AM for our Aiea Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association Dana Day Service which will also be Scout Sunday. Donations received at this Service will enable the BWA to help our youth organizations. Please join us for a day of spirituality, fun and fellowship in the name of gratitude and helping others.

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

In Gassho/Anjali,

Reverend Eric Matsumoto



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To Our Sangha,

I am glad to report that the vinyl tile flooring work in the social hall and kitchen has been completed in time for our Annual Membership Meeting and New Year's Party. Thank you Abbey Carpet and Floor for accommodating our schedule of events and completing the work on time!

Another shout-out goes to all the volunteers and attendees who helped to make our traditional Mochitsuki event a success! As you can see from the photos on page 6, everyone shared in the fun and excitement of this "Ichi-go ichi-e" unrepeatable special moments. That event was soon followed by the New Year's Eve service on the 31st at which participants literally rang in the new year by collectively sounding the Kansho (temple bell) 108 times which serves to remind us to strive to overcome the 108 delusions in our effort to become a better person. The New Year's service held on the 1st day of the year was another special event enjoyed by those who attended. Tamayo Matsumoto with the help of the BWA served everyone a delicious o-zoni breakfast, while Reverend Eric offered a toast of sake to those who wished to imbibe. (see photos at the top of page 7.) Thank-you Tamayo and Reverend Eric for getting the new year off to a great start!

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Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii - HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Return to Lahaina Hongwanji

As the re-entry restriction to zone 12B was lifted for the residents of Lahaina on Monday, November 27, 2023, Rev. Ai Hironaka, Business Manager Derrick Inouye, and I returned to the Lahaina Hongwanji Mission for the first time since the wildfire devastated the town of Lahaina on August 8, 2023.

Upon arrival at the temple, the three of us stood on the top of the stairs leading to the temple's front entrance. We placed our hands together in Gassho and chanted the sutra Sanbutsuge as we overlooked the debris-filled altar area destroyed by fire. The sound of the Nembutsu echoed through the quiet town.

We then entered the Nokotsudo (columbarium) building. The exterior seemed to have minor damages, such as cracks in the glass doors and some heat damage to the roof, but the interior, including all the niches and the altar, was intact. This is truly good news for the temple family, especially for those who have their loved ones interred in the Nokotsudo. We offered the incense and again chanted the sutra Sanbutsuge in front of the altar. It is indeed fortunate that the Nokotsudo was intact.

We then wore protective gear and began searching through the burnt rubble and assessing the situation. Although cloudy on the day, it wasn't easy to continue working with protective clothing for a long time. It was necessary to take breaks every 30 minutes or so to rehydrate. The temple building, minister's residence, garage, temple office, social hall, and the Japanese School building were all burned down, leaving only a few remnants, such as the stone pillars and walls. We carefully and respectfully searched the remains, especially in the altar area, while taking photographs of the damaged area. It is truly regrettable to report that the *Gohonzon* (Amida Buddha's statue) and the other altar ornaments, such as picture scrolls of Shinran Shonin and Rennyō Shonin, *Daikin* bell, *Shumidan*, *Maejoku* table, pews in the *Gejin* area, etc., were all burned to the ashes. We discovered some altar ornaments, but they were all heavily damaged, and it was hard to identify what they were.

In the desolate scenery, the statue of Shinran Shonin was still standing firmly with great dignity. His back, blackened by fire, indicated the fierceness of the blaze that engulfed the temple. By the side of Shinran Shonin, the small tree that the Gomonshu planted during his official visit to Hawaii in 2017 survived the fire and sprouted some new green leaves. The blackened statue of Shinran Shonin and a humble tree with greenery symbolize our resilience and commitment to the future. The road to recovery has just begun. We never know what the future holds. But we will move forward together. The Lahaina Hongwanji's statue of Amida Buddha has disappeared, but in our own voice of the Nembutsu, the three of us clearly heard the voice of Compassion that still embraces and sustains us warmly. Namo Amida Butsu.

On behalf of Rev. Ai Hironaka, the Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, and the people of Lahaina, I would like to humbly ask for your continued support.

In Gassho,

Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani
December 4, 2023

Note: Go to the HHMH Website at <https://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/2023/12/05/return-to-lahaina-hongwanji/> for some pictures and video we took during our visit on Monday, November 27, 2023, along with the link to the Maui News article and the Kyodo News video.



PERSONNEL MATTERS

Reverend Mieko Majima, the Resident Minister of Kapaa Hongwanji Mission, will resign from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii as of December 31, 2023, and transfer her ministry to the Buddhist Churches of America. Rev. Majima has been serving Hawaii Kyodan as a Kaikyoshi Minister since March 2015. After Rev. Majima's departure, the Ministers of the Kauai District Ministers Association, chaired by Rev. Shawn Yagi, will oversee the Kapaa Hongwanji Mission during the absence of their Resident Minister.

Reverend Charlene Kihara received the letter from the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha on October 24, 2023, officially appointing her as a Kaikyoshi Minister of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

Reverend Charlene Kihara, an Intern Kaikyoshi Minister currently serving at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin and the Headquarters, will be assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as its Associate Minister as of January 1, 2024.

Ministers of the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin will be assigned to oversee Honohina-Papaaloa Hongwanji Mission, Honomu Hongwanji Mission, and Papaikou Hongwanji Mission as of January 1, 2024. Reverend Kazunori Takahashi, the current Rimban of Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin, in collaboration and teamwork with Rev. Joshin Kamuro, temple presidents, and Hilo Betsuin staff, is responsible for making the necessary arrangements and providing service and guidance to the Hamakua Temples. Accordingly, ministers of the Hawaii District Ministers Association will be relieved from their responsibilities of overseeing the Hamakua Temples as of December 31, 2023.

Reverend Bert Sumikawa, a minister who currently serves at Moiliili Hongwanji Mission as a Retired Kaikyoshi Minister (Part-Time), will be relieved from his current assignment at Moiliili Hongwanji Mission as of February 29, 2024. Rev. Sumikawa will continue to guide the Kailua Hongwanji Mission (Windward Buddhist Temple), where Rev. Barbara Brennan serves as a Kaikyoshi-ho under the mentorship of Rev. Sumikawa.

2024 LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAII

The Living Treasures of Hawai'i Committee has selected five outstanding awardees for 2024 from a large pool of highly qualified nominees.

The awardees for 2024 are:

Julian Ako, retired Teacher and Administrator, Kamehameha Schools; Hawaiian music composer and musicologist, leader in the indigenization of curriculum, promoter of international studies and relations, and regenerative tourism

Douglas Chong, Leader in the Hawai'i Chinese Community, member of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, historian of Chinese in Hawai'i, retired University of Hawai'i Professor

Sarah Keahi, leader of the Hawaiian musical renaissance and reviver of Hawaiian language and education; long-time instructor and mentor at Kamehameha Schools

Davianna Pomaika'i McGregor, Professor Emeritus, Ethnic Studies Department; Director Oral History Center, University of Hawai'i; one of the primary leaders of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana; author of seminal book, "Na Kua 'Aina: Living Hawaiian Culture.

Ricardo "Rick" Trimillos, Professor Emeritus, Ethnomusicology, University of Hawai'i, perpetuator of Hawai'i's cultural, music, and artistic traditions, international consultant on ethnomusicology.

The Living Treasures Awards luncheon is scheduled to be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom.

TOKUDO

The English Tokudo Shurai (training) was held from December 6-16, 2023, at the Nishiyama Betsuin in Kyoto, Japan. Participants were ten from BCA and one from Hawaii who was Linda Nagai from Kona Hongwanji. Below is her sharing of Tokudo Experience. Congratulations, Linda!



My Tokudo Experience by Linda Nagai, Kona Hongwanji

Trying to memorize sutras and various recitations, and then having memorization requirements change at the last minute was very stressful. However, I realized that I was actually living the teachings. The teaching of impermanence, nothing remains the same and our suffering is due to the fact that we cannot accept change. It was then that I was able to accept the many changes that came along with my Tokudo journey.

December 3, was the beginning of the final leg of my Tokudo journey. We arrived in Japan and for 2 days received orientation and training at the Hongwanji International Center, as well as receiving the remainder of the items we would need when we went to the Nishiyama training center for Tokudo. On December 6, all of our electronics were put aside, and for 10 days we had no outside contact, which I do have to admit was quite refreshing, and peaceful. Our day began with a wake up to music at 5:30 a.m., followed by chores, and morning service, (some of which we had to lead), classes, and meals. Our day normally ended at 9:00 p.m. and lights were out at 11:00 p.m. Yes, it was quite rigorous.

We were able to visit Shoren-in Temple where Shinran Shonin was ordained, and Mt. Hiei where Shinran Shonin studied for 20 years. However, the highlight of Tokudo for me was the actual ordination. Not that I was receiving my Tokudo, but ordination itself. We were ordained in the evening in candle lights, depicting Shinran Shonin's ordination.

65 Aspirants from Japan, BCA, and yes me from Hawaii arrived at Honzan in the late afternoon. We assembled in Goeido (Founder's Hall) the building that enshrines Shinran Shonin, and in front Shinran Shonin's image we received our Tokudo ordination. It was a beautiful ritual very serene, and peaceful, as Gomonsu came by and taped each aspirant on the head, followed by all 65 aspirants reciting the New Ryogemon. Reciting the words of the Gomonsu which echoed through Goeido, taking the Jodo Shinshu teachings from Amida's compassion to how to live each moment of our lives, a feeling that I cannot describe and will never forget.

My journey towards Tokudo was worth every step. And as I took each step, I could feel Amida guiding me through the many people who helped me along this path. And as I watched the beautiful white snow fall in Hiroshima after Tokudo, I could feel Amida's embrace, realizing that Amida's all encompassing Wisdom and compassion, will continue to guide me as I continue to walk the Nembutsu path. With deep gratitude and palms together, I recite the Buddha's name "Namo Amida Butsu."

MOCHITSUKI—DECEMBER 30, 2023





New Year's Service Refreshments



Aiea Buddhist Women's Craft/ White Elephant Sale

Cards, rugs, bags, earrings, bracelets and food.
Bargains for ALL!

March 22, 2024, Friday, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
March 23, 2024, Sat., 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Aiea Hongwanji Mission Social Hall
99-186 Puakala Street, Aiea, Hawai'i 96701

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Dana Day

In 1965, at the Second World Buddhist Women's Convention in New York City, delegates from Buddhist Women's Associations established an annual observance of Dana Day. The observance date was set as the 2nd Sunday in February.

Dana means selfless giving. Monetary collections associated with BWA Dana Day go towards non-profit organizations that benefit youth, women, or the elderly.

If you wish to make a Dana Day donation, please make your check payable to Aiea Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association and use the enclosed envelope to send it to the temple office. Please check the appropriate box and indicate that the donation is to the BWA.

On the first Sunday in February, Aiea Hongwanji will be observing Dana Day in conjunction with Scout Sunday at our Adult and Children's service on February 4, 2024. The service starts at 9 a.m. We hope to see you there!!

President's message continued from page 2:

Also on page 7 you will see an announcement of the upcoming Aiea BWA Crafts and "White Elephant" sale happening on March 22nd & 23rd. The photos at the bottom of page 7 show the BWA ladies making the beautiful bracelets and floral wrist bands.

Another event worth noting is the upcoming annual membership meeting of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii to be held on February 9th at 11:15am at the Hawaii Betsuin.

For our March schedule of events shown on page 12, please note that we switched the Sunday service and the Temple Beautification dates on March 10th and March 31st to accommodate the time and staff needed to put things back following the tent fumigation of the temple and parsonage buildings on March 29-30th.

In closing, I extend my personal thank-you to all those who volunteered their services and made donations to the Aiea Hongwanji Mission and its affiliates throughout the past year in addition to and to those listed on page 10.

In Gassho,
Boyd Marumoto

**Call for
Participation!**

We are looking for participants to join our Triple Celebration Choir! The Triple Celebration Choir will be singing during the prelude of the 135th Commemorative Service on Sunday, September 8, 2024.

The two gathas selected are:

"When I look Up at the Sky"

(Ano Sora Mireba)

"Moments Like This"

(Sonna Toki Watashi wa Kuchizusanu)

If interested, please check "Yes" for the Choir Question on the Triple Celebration Registration Form.

Please email Francis Okano (faokano@gmail.com) or Brandi Yamamoto (brandiy@hawaii.edu) with any questions or concerns!



Join Project Dana's Public Presentation Meetings!

Upcoming Events:

Meeting Date:	Saturday, February 10, 2024
Time:	10:00 am to 11:30 am
Location:	Zoom and Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (94-821 Kuhaulua Street, Waipahu, HI 96797)
Topic:	"Tax Problems and Nowhere to Turn?" – Caregivers will learn that the Taxpayer Advocate Service is an independent organization within the IRS. It was mandated by Congress in 1998 and stood up in 2000. They are designed to assist taxpayers who have an ongoing problem with the IRS that they have not been able to resolve thru normal channels at the IRS. The presentation will cover who they are and how they can help caregivers who file taxes on behalf of their loved one and may encounter challenges.
Speaker:	Gayvial James, Local Tax Advocate

Meeting Date:	Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Time:	10:00 am to 11:30 am
Location:	Zoom and Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813)
Topic:	"Planning Ahead While Maintaining Control": – Learn that planning ahead for a time that you are not able to do things for yourself doesn't mean you lose your say now, or anytime soon. In this presentation, we will discuss Advance Health Care Directives, Financial Power of Attorneys, and Estate Planning. See how these simple documents can help your loved ones ensure you receive the care and help you need, when you need it, with full control of how, and when it happens.
Speaker:	Grayson Harrop, We Go Notary LLC

*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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We extend our appreciation to the following who have generously made contributions and donations to Aiea Hongwanji Mission in 2023, which greatly helped to sustain our temple's facilities, its programs, and its mission.

Aiea Hongwanji Judo Club	Iwata, Caran	Nakamoto, Kenneth	Sato, Dean
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			Shimabukuro Family of R.K.&C.
Asato, Harold/Charlene	Kamada, Kenneth	Nakashima, Deneen	Shimabukuro, Marcia
Asato, Joyce	Kaneshiro, Kenneth	Nako, Jane	Shimizu, Warren/Lei
Asato, Sumiko	Kawaguchi, George	Niino, Mavis	Shinogi, Leonard
Chagami, Alan	Kihara, Yaeko	Nishikawa Family	Shiraki, Evelyn
Davis, Therese	Kimoto, Shirley	Nishikawa, Wayne	Suma, Alice
Fujimoto, Jodi	Kimura, Kenneth	Nishioku, Renee	Sumida, Shigeko
Fujitani, Jerilynn	Kiwanis Club of Pearl Harbor	Nohara, Myra	Sunada, Mark/Arlene
Fukuda, Glenn/Janice	Kodama, David	Nonaka, Russell	
		Oahu Hongwanji Bon Dance Club	Takata, Doreen
Funasaki, Mark	Kojima, Janet	Odagiri Family	Takeda, Susan
Furuta, Karen	Kondo, Alvah	Odajiri, Calen/Gail	Takenouchi, Frank/Helen
Ginoza, Hazel	Kubota, May	Odajiri, Thomas	Tamamoto, Warren/Claire
Gordon, Anne	Kuromoto, Leslie	Ohira, Sally	Tamashiro, Norma
Gushiken, Joyce	Kutaka, Elaine	Oka, Clifford	Tanaka, Sharon
Haimoto, Mark	Kyodan Members	Okada, Sidney	Taniguchi, Joe
Hamada, Steven	Maeda, Gary	Okamoto, Ryan/Jean	Tasaki, Alice
Hanabusa, LeeAnn	Malasa, Leslie	Okawa, Diane K.F.	Tokuno, Gerald
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Hara, Portia	Marumoto, Boyd/Audrey	Okihiro Family	Tomoyasu, Charlotte
Harada, Deborah	Marumoto, Glenn	Okihiro, Hisako	Ukita, Daniel
Haramura, Jennifer	Marumoto, Grace	Okimoto, Neal	Anonymous
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Imamura Family	Morita, Donna	Reverend Jeffrey Soga	Yamamoto, Sheila
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Inoue, Edwin/Carol	Muraoka, Verna	Sakima-Oba, Erlyn	Yamashita Family
Ishii, Diane	Nakagawa, Helen	Sakurai Family	Yamashita, Lorraine
Isobe, Gary	Nakagawa, Raymond	Sakurai, Raymond	Zakahi, George
Iwanaga Family	Nakamoto, Audrey	Sasaoka Family	

Family Memorial Service

Buddhists 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.

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

March 2024

1 st Thomas Masami	Odagiri
3 rd Amy Chieko	Nuibe
3 rd Itsuto "Ito"	Kurasaki
3 rd Stanley Sueo	Yamashita
3 rd Akiko	Odagiri
7 th Colin	Morikawa
13 th Michie	Takeshita
13 th Adrienne Mitsuko	Hosokawa
17 th Yoshie	Tanimoto
25 th Matsuyo	Nadai
50 th Toku	Nakahara

2024 Major Memorial Service Schedule

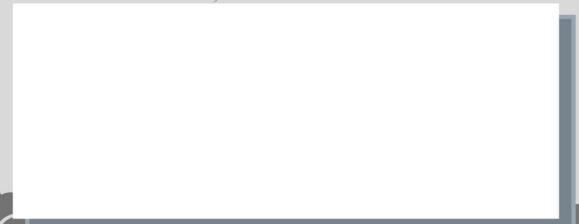
Anniversary

Interval	Year of passing	
1st year	2023	
** 3rd year	2022	** After the 1st anniversary, subsequent memorial services follow the Japanese custom and are held on the year before the anniversary interval
7th year	2018	
13th year	2012	
17th year	2008	
25th year	2000	
33rd year	1992	
50th year	1975	

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Temple Calendar of Events for February 2024

4 Sun	9:00AM	Scout Sunday & BWA Dana Day Children & Adult Service
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
9-10 Fri-Sat		112 th HHMH Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) & Living Treasures Program
11 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
14 Wed	9:00AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services
15 Thu	10:00AM	Lotus Adult Daycare Center Service & Visitation
18 Sun	9:00AM	Nirvana Day Sunday Service
20 Tue	7:00PM	AHM Board of Directors Meeting
23 Fri	5:30PM	Young People's Gathering at LADCC room
25 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
	10:30AM	AHM BWA Meeting

Temple Calendar of Events for March 2024 (as of 01/16/24)

3 Sun	9:00AM	Hongwanji Day Sunday Service
	11:30AM	Jr. YBA Meeting (at Aiea Hongwanji)
7-8 Thur-Fri		BSC-Ryukoku Ministers Spring Seminar (BSC)
10 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
11 Mon	7:00PM	Oahu District Hongwanji Council Meeting
13 Wed	9:00AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services
17 Sun	9:00AM	Spring Higan & Rennyō Shonin Children & Adult Service Services
19 Tue	7:00PM	AHM Board of Directors Meeting
21 Thu	10:00AM	Lotus Adult Daycare Center Service and Visitation
22 Fri	5:30PM	Young People's Gathering at AHM at LADCC room
22 Fri	5:00PM – 8:00 PM	BWA Craft Fair
23 Sat	8:00AM - 12:00PM	BWA Craft Fair
24 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
29-30	Fri-Sat	Temple Building & Parsonage Fumigation (Prep 03/28 & Re-entry 3/31)
31 Sun	8:00AM	Temple Beautification Day (No Service)
	10:30AM	AHM BWA Meeting