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The Aiea Hongwanji Mission

Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

"Dance, dance, dance like happy Moggallana to the Song of Joy and Peace"

The Significance of O-Bon and Bon Dances

Compiled, edited with additions by Rev. Eric Matsumoto



Members and Friends of Aiea Hongwanji including the General Public, please mark your calendars for our Bon Dance on Saturday, August 24th for an evening of spirituality, fellowship, entertainment, crafts, food and, of course, bon dancing! Food booths will open at 5:30PM, there will be short Bon Service at 6PM in the Main Sanctuary with other festivities beginning at 6:30PM around the Yagura (Musician's Tower and Social Hall) and the Bon Dance at 7PM including an Open House of the Main Sanctuary from 8PM-9:30PM.

You are invited to the Temple for an evening of harmony and community as we take the opportunity to remember and honor those who have passed on before us. For those who are observing their "First O-Bon" (*Hatsubon*) after the loss of a loved one, it is natural indeed to be absorbed in cherished memories and often these thoughts tend to bring tears of sadness.

It was under similar conditions Historical Buddha, Sakyamuni Buddha enlightened one of his disciples Moggallana to positively contribute to the spiritual welfare of his departed mother and at the same time find the way leading to the Dharma (Universal Truth) for himself as well. Moggallana was encouraged to make pure and sincere gestures with an emphasis on *Dana* or "Selfless Giving." This is the general emphasis of O-Bon.

The unique perspective on O-Bon of Jodo Shinshu or the Hongwanji Tradition of Mahayana Pure Land Buddhism, often known as Shin Buddhism, based on Shinran Shonin's experience is that for the average ordinary person, it is the sincere aspiration and effort of a Buddha named Amida (Amitabha-Amitayus) in which true liberation and freedom is found. The Amida Buddha has already accumulated untold virtues through past efforts and now out of compassion extends those virtues through the Buddha's Name Namo Amida Butsu, unconditionally, to all existence thus effecting our enlightenment.

Thus, for Shinran Shonin he found in Amida Buddha a dynamic all-

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If he is not
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-embracing Compassion which calls out "Come as you are" (full of imperfections though I may be), I promise you the gift of Supreme Enlightenment. Simply, entrust and call my Name, "Namo Amida Butsu" beckons the Buddha to every living being. Hence, a person would not only attain the promise of ultimate Enlightenment in this life but would attain Perfect Nirvana/Enlightenment in the next with birth in the Buddha's Pure Land of Enlightenment and then, be able to fully guide others to the same Perfect Peace and Happiness. O-Bon at Hongwanji Temples is referred to as a "Gathering of Joy" in contrast to the "Festival of the Dead" for the emphasis is on the living becoming aware and expressing our joy and gratitude. OBon, in this regard, is a time of joy and happiness in knowing that we are embraced by Great Compassion.

An important aspect of OBon is self-reflection coming to the realization that my life and living are made possible by so many others not limited to our human relations. So, it is also a time to express our gratitude to all others including the Buddhas. We come to gratefully realize the interdependent nature of all life, all existence. *Okagesama de*, how *arigatai* and *mottainai*!

The Bon Dance is said to find its spiritual origin with Moggallana's rejoicing over his mother's freedom from pain and suffering. However, as cultural phenomena, its origins are found in Japan. Appreciation, Joy, Profound Sense of Indebtedness, Inter-relatedness and Oneness with the Buddha and all life find expression through the Bon Observance. The Bon Dance is our rejoicing in the embrace of Great Compassion and recognizing the contributions of our departed loved ones upon our life. Many of the songs heard at the Bon Dance are regional folk songs of Japan, but some are religious in character. A few are even of local American and/or Hawaii origin. Regardless of the song's origins, we dance in the spirit of remembrance, community, harmony, joy and gratitude.

As the Bon Dance song "Joy and Peace" written by Cecilia Lindo of Hawaii shares, let us attend O-Bon Services and participate in Bon Dance, with awareness, joy, and gratitude in our hearts-and-minds and "dance, dance, dance like happy Moggallana to the song of Joy and Peace." See you at Bon Dance! Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom & All-Embracing Compassion.

Thank you, Namo Amida Butsu and see you at the temple!

Reverend Eric Matsumoto



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To Our Sangha:

Our temple was a busy place this past July. Thanks to the volunteers who placed the Chochins and Windcatchers in the Hondo (Main Sanctuary), we can feel the ambiance of the obon season as we enter the building. The temple grounds were given a facelift thanks to the efforts of Eagle Scout candidate, Vincent Saito, who planned, organized, and executed his Eagle Scout project with the help of fellow Troop 49 scouts, parents, and friends. Please refer to the insert to this newsletter for the photos of what were accomplished. Thank you Vincent and his volunteers for helping to maintain and improve our facilities!

Planning for our upcoming Bon Dance is currently underway, and if you are interested in volunteering to help with the preparations and/or with the support activities during the Bon Dance event, please contact the office by leaving a voice mail at (808) 487-2626, or send us an email at AieaJiko@gmail.com, and someone will reach out to you. Donations of soft drinks, bottled water, and assorted canned juice can be dropped off at the social hall on Sundays between 10:00AM to 2:00PM. Refer to instructions on Page 11 regarding donations to be sold at the BWA table. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Events scheduled in August will offer many opportunities to further your understanding and appreciation of Shin Buddhism. Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi will be here in the islands to provide a series of lectures and Dharma discussions. Refer to the flyers herein for more information, as well as details on all other events.

In Gassho,
Boyd Marumoto



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii - HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

There was an article about adaptation on the National Geographic website. In evolutionary theory, adaptation is the biological mechanism by which organisms adjust to new environments or to changes in their current environment. Charles Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace believed that the evolution of organisms was connected in some way with adaptation of organisms to changing environmental conditions. They developed the theory of “natural selection” that traits that can be passed down allow organisms to adapt to the environment better than other organisms of the same species. This enables better survival and reproduction compared with other members of the species, leading to evolution.

As an example of natural selection, Charles Darwin proposed that giraffes evolved into long-necked creatures because, with longer necks, they could reach tender leaves on top of trees. This adaptation gave them an advantage over other animals and members of their own species with shorter necks. These giraffes with longer necks thrived and reproduced more, leading to generations of giraffes with their characteristic extended necks.

Whether it's an animal or an organization, those that can adapt to the environment better than others can not only survive but also thrive. The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and its 32 temples are no exception. Hawaii Kyodan must carefully assess the environment, both within and outside of the organization that surrounds us, and adapt to the changes appropriately. This will not only ensure our survival but also pave the way for us to continue to evolve and share the messages of Universal Wisdom and Compassion with renewed vigor and effectiveness.

On Sunday, June 23, 2024, HHMH had the honor of hosting Rev. Yuhiko Yasunaga, the Head Regent of the Hongwanji in Kyoto, at Hawaii Betsuin. He delivered a special lecture entitled “Innovative Rebranding and Recreating the Business Model of Tsukiji Hongwanji.” We were truly grateful to Rev. Yasunaga for taking the time to share his insights and experiences with us. Some key takeaways from his lecture include:

- The direct cause of the decline of the religious community is our inability to respond to changes in the current environment.
- Changes in the social environment surrounding temples include a declining population, the collapse of the membership system, the shift from the family system to individual households, changes in funeral format, and people's strict scrutiny of religious organizations.
- It is important to acknowledge and accept changes earnestly and sincerely. Individual leaders must consider how to adapt for the future.
- Simply waiting at the temple will never restore the former prosperity of the denomination.
- The management of a religious corporation and a stock company is essentially the same. Both exist to contribute to society, stakeholders, shareholders, employees, customers, members, etc.
- Both religious skills and secular skills are necessary for the proper management of temples. The religious skills involve providing religious services, while the secular skills entail skillfully managing a religious organization.
- Ministers should possess both religious and secular skills, including business management, financial accounting, marketing, and IT skills.
- A widening gap or distance between temples and people in the community results in fewer personal relationships, a loss of a sense of belonging, decreased donations, and lower levels of trust in religious organizations.
- A step-up strategy is needed that connects people with whom we have a weak relationship and eventually introduces them to receive an affirmation rite and become members of the temple.
- We must convey the teachings of Jodo Shinshu in modern and easy-to-understand language.

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- Temple Management Strategy includes:
 1. Define what your temple aims to achieve and how to increase the brand value of the temple.
 2. What is the uniqueness of your temple?
 3. What will you do to attract new members and repeat customers?
 4. Not to be afraid of changes.
 5. The use of IT is absolutely necessary for temple management.
- The traditional "product-out" approach is ineffective. Understanding and meeting customer expectations is crucial for an organization's survival.
- Roughly 80% of people oppose actual management reform. To change this, you need to rely on your own resilience to persistently persuade others, demonstrate small successes, and involve those who oppose you.
- Buddhism can help people to live a rich life in the age of the VUCA era (an acronym for Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity, which means an era in which things are highly uncertain and the future is difficult to predict).

Rev. Yasunaga's presentation was filled with valuable information, held my attention, and left me feeling inspired. Embarking on the journey of adaptation requires determination, courage, and perseverance. The path may not always be smooth, but let's advance together, taking deliberate steps to effectively and comprehensively address the needs of our community.

In Gassho,
Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

CONDOLENCE

Kahu Sherman Thompson, a member of Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, passed away on June 4, 2024. Kahu Thompson served as a member of the statewide Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Board of Directors for a long time and dedicated to Lahaina Hongwanji and Hawaii Betsuin. The Posthumous Title (INGO) of KO-MYO-IN 光明院, which signifies "Radiant Light" in recognition of his life of Nembutsu, was conferred by Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani on June 29, 2024.

YOUTH SPECIALIST UPDATE : Emi Hashi, Honpa Hongwanji Youth Specialist, will be away from office on leave of absence from August 15 to October 15, 2024. Please reach out as soon as possible if you have any youth-related concerns or requests before the start of her leave or contact Headquarters staff for anything urgent during the leave period. Emi will resume contact and coordination upon her return in October. Thank you for understanding.

TRIPLE CELEBRATION

Registration

Due to high demand the registration has been closed. Anyone sending in a registration from July 15 forward will be put on a waiting list and registered if space becomes available.

Registration Confirmation

HQ emailed a registration confirmation on July 19. If you provided your email address on the registration form and didn't receive the email, please contact us at triple.celebration@honpahi.org or call HQ at (808) 522-9200.

Hotel Reservation

If you would like to stay at the Ala Moana Hotel, the room block is still open. The Triple Celebration Committee has reserved 85 rooms for Friday night and 85 rooms for Saturday night. The room cost is \$194 for the Kona Tower and \$224 for the Waikiki Tower. We need help to fulfill our room block commitment so please register before the deadline of August 5, 2024. The hotel will waive the resort fees and provide complimentary internet in the rooms.

Please use this link to make your Ala Moana Hotel reservations: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50708991>



Call for Submissions

2025 HONGWANJI CALENDAR



The new Five-Year Theme for 2025-2029 is:
NURTURING NEMBUTSU.

2025 Slogan: CULTIVATING AWARENESS

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH) Calendar Committee invites members, Dharma friends, and affiliates to provide photos for the 2025 Hongwanji Calendar that capture our Theme and Slogan: "NURTURING NEMBUTSU: CULTIVATING AWARENESS."

If you will be attending the Triple Celebration, we encourage you to look for photo opportunities (candid and posed) showing the participants "Sharing the Joy of Nembutsu Together," while "Nurturing Nembutsu: Cultivating Awareness."

- You may submit several photos for consideration by the Calendar Committee for the 2025 Hongwanji Calendar.
- We do welcome cell phone photos. Photos will need to be able to be clearly enlarged.
- Preferably, please submit pictures in landscape format (horizontal), like this flyer.
- For EACH photo, please include a brief caption expressing the 2025 slogan and your name/temple for photo credit.
- If you have questions, please leave a message for Yumi Suzuki at the Hongwanji Headquarters Office % Rev. Baba at (808)522-9200 or email: hqs@honpahi.org.
- For photo submissions, please submit directly to Alan Kubota at lenscapeshawaii@gmail.com. He will respond directly to any technical questions. Thank you.

Deadline for submissions is: Monday, September 16, 2024.

MANOA

Bring your friends & make new ones!

PHOBIA

BUDDHIST STUDY CENTER FELLOWSHIP CLUB

BACK-TO-SCHOOL KICK-OFF EVENT

August 23 • 10:00 am • Buddhist Study Center

WHAT IS MANOAPHOBIA?

Open to college-aged students, Manoaphobia is a kick-off event for the 2024 school year. Bring your friends and make new ones at the Buddhist Study Center! We'll have lunch, mixers, games, and chat about university life.

WHAT IS THE BUDDHIST STUDY CENTER FELLOWSHIP CLUB?

Right now we're just getting (re)started! The BSCFC was a registered student organization with UH Manoa that held social, service, and educational events focused on Buddhist values for college students. Unfortunately, the BSCFC has gone inactive, so now is a chance to re-create a club that will grow and support today's college students and interests. Come join us!

Volunteers at the E-Waste Collection & Drop-off Event

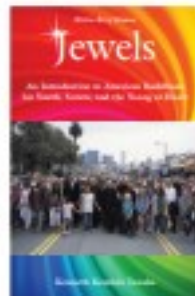


The 2024 67th Jr. YBA Convention Attendees





Description:	This course is designed to provide the basics of Buddhism for those seeking a religious/spiritual foundation through the Dharma.
Dates:	10 sessions on the first Saturday of the month September 7, 2024 – June 7, 2025
Time:	5:00 – 6:30 pm (Pacific Time)
For Detailed Information:	Please see click here
The Topics:	<p>September 7: <i>Three Kinds of Jewels</i></p> <p>October 5: <i>Buddhism in the U.S. and Canada</i></p> <p>November 2: <i>Life of the Buddha</i></p> <p>December 7: <i>How Buddhism Spread Through Asia</i> <i>Brief History of Buddhism in the U.S. and Canada</i></p> <p>January 4: <i>Four Noble Truths: The Big Framework</i></p> <p>February 1: <i>Karma and the Eightfold Noble Path: How to Act</i></p> <p>March 1: <i>Four Marks of Life: How to See Life to Reduce Suffering</i></p> <p>April 5: <i>Popular Passages, Metaphors, and Stories</i></p> <p>May 3: <i>Issues and Problems in Daily Life</i></p> <p>June 7: <i>Questions on Buddhism, Humor as Teaching, Epilogue, and Appendices</i></p>
Instructor and Moderator:	Kenneth K. Tanaka , Professor Emeritus, Musashino University, Tokyo. Former Assoc. Prof. and Assist. Dean, the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley.
Register for the Course:	Please apply here
Donation:	Suggested amount \$50 – \$100. (In Japan, ¥6,000)
Textbook:	Tanaka, Kenneth. <i>Jewels: An Introduction to American Buddhism for Youth, Scouts and the Young at Heart</i> . BDK America, 2020. Can be downloaded free of charge. Please click here
Contact email:	shinbuddhismcourse@gmail.com





Sharing Your NEMBUTSU MOMENTS

2024 HONGWANJI SLOGAN

"Sharing Nembutsu Moments"

WE WILL SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES
IN THE KA LEO KAHEA, TEMPLE
NEWSLETTERS OR IN A COLLECTION
FOR A BOOK.

SUBMIT YOUR EXPERIENCE HERE!

<https://forms.gle/6cVKBwqsZqYg5XrHA>



DEADLINE TO SUBMIT:
AUGUST 31, 2024

??? QUESTIONS ???

Please contact Debbie Kubota
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2024 BSC Summer Session Kauai Satellite Seminar

The Efforts of Others

Saturday, August 10, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. (HST): Zoom

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi



Morgan Freeman's "Story of God" in USA Today. He is writing a book which interprets Shin in a way that is relevant in 21st century America.

Education: Univ California San Francisco Dental School (DDS), Institute of Transpersonal Psychology (MATP), and the Institute of Buddhist Studies (MBS).

Experience: USAF Capt. In Misawa, Japan. 30 years private dental practice in San Jose, California. San Jose Betsuin Board President. Chaplain at the Santa Clara County Juvenile Hall. Former head minister of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego. Retreat leader, author, teacher.

Registration Fee: Free

Donations can be made to the Kauai Hongwanji Council. Please make a check payable to Kauai Hongwanji Council and send it to Kapaa Hongwanji Mission 4-1170 Kuhio Hwy, Kapaa, HI 96746.

The maximum capacity is 100 people, first come, first served. We will email you a Zoom link three days prior to the seminar.

Click below to register!

"Registration Deadline August 3, 2024"

<https://forms.gle/nxjBAvqp85UJJ3NE7>



When you complete the seminar registration, you will receive an automatic confirmation email from Google forms.

For further information, please contact:

Kapaa Hongwanji at 822-4667, West Kauai Hongwanji at 335-3195 or Lihue Hongwanji at 245-6262.

WHAT IS A "NEMBUTSU MOMENT?"

When you see or hear or experience something so beautiful, touching and profound that it leaves you speechless and all you can say is "Wow!" After that, as one continues to be in awe of that life changing encounter, you continue to say "Wow." This moment is explained in The Collected Works of Shinran, Volume Two as "...the moment of awakening of shinjin (True Entrusting) and saying the nembutsu is a moment both in and out of time.

---Reverend Eric Matsumoto



The 16th Annual

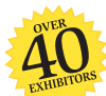
GENERATIONS HAWAII'S RESOURCE FOR LIFE

AGING IN PLACE WORKSHOP

Saturday, Aug. 3, 8am-2:15pm

Ala Moana Hotel

Hotel parking validations available
FREE Event | No Reservations Required



Call for more information:
808-722-8487



	HIBISCUS ROOM	GARDEN LANAI	PAKALANA ROOM	PLUMERIA ROOM	ILIMA ROOM	CARNATION ROOM
AM Session	8:30 - 9:15 Six Pillars of Brain Health Amy Kelley, Certified Brain Health Trainer AARP Hawaii	Staying Healthy, Safe & Social - Tips & Resources for Seniors CJ Johnson, Product & Member Engagement Manager AlohaCare	Reverse Mortgages: All You Need to Know Percy Ihara, Hawaii's Reverse Mortgage Expert One Trust Home Loans	Real Estate Planning for the Future & Beyond Dan Ihara, CEO & Founder and National Coach The Ihara Team/ KW Real Estate Planner	Beyond Joint & Muscle Support - Breakthrough Longevity Results from NIH with Zanthosyn David G. Watumull, CEO Cardax Inc.	Let's Talk About Adult Day Care Kathy Wyatt, President Hale Hau'oli Hawaii
	9:30 - 10:15 Tech: Intro to Smart Homes Sherlyn Freeman & Kristina Demery Senior Planet	Social Security 101 SSA Representative Social Security Administration	The Heartfelt Method To Estate Planning Monica Yempuka, Esq. & Christina Leos Yim & Yempuka Law	Unveiling the Allure of Today's Long-Term Care Solutions Roger Higa, CLTC Financial Professional Roger Higa Financial Services	Safe Falling for Kipuna Bill Doi, President Kupuna Aikido	Decluttering Tips for Your Home Cynthia Arnold & Jon Vendola Lets Move LLC
	10:30 - 11:15 Care Resources at Every Stage Nicole Coglietta Care Shift	Navigating Medicare in These Challenging Times Travis Motousue, President Financial Benefits Insurance Inc.	Do You Have a Plan for Extended Care? Michael Yee, CFP Ameriprise Financial Services LLC	Recognizing Fall Risk: An Occupational Therapist's Perspective Damian Sempio, Thrive for Life & Joni Kamiya, OT Association of HI	Wandering & Dementia: Triggers, Tips & How to Keep our Loved Ones Safe Dr. Poki'i Balaz Alzheimer's Association - Hawaii Chapter	EstPlanning for Geniuses Scott Makusaka Counselor at Law EstPlanning Counsel LLC
PM Session	Mid-Day Break Visit Exhibitors (Open all day)	Visit Exhibitors (Open all day)	Visit Exhibitors (Open all day)	Visit Exhibitors (Open all day)	Visit Exhibitors (Open all day)	Visit Exhibitors (Open all day)
	11:30 - 12:15 Tech: Intro to Digital Wallets Sherlyn Freeman & Kristina Demery Senior Planet	Staying Healthy, Safe & Social - Tips & Resources for Seniors CJ Johnson, Product & Member Engagement Manager AlohaCare	Reverse Mortgages: All You Need to Know Percy Ihara, Hawaii's Reverse Mortgage Expert One Trust Home Loans	Real Estate Planning for the Future & Beyond Dan Ihara, CEO & Founder and National Coach The Ihara Team/ KW Real Estate Planner	Beyond Joint & Muscle Support - Breakthrough Longevity Results from NIH with Zanthosyn David G. Watumull, CEO Cardax Inc.	Let's Talk About Adult Day Care Kathy Wyatt, President Hale Hau'oli Hawaii
	12:30 - 1:15 Fight Fraud! Curt Hasegawa AARP Hawaii	Social Security 101 SSA Representative Social Security Administration	The Heartfelt Method To Estate Planning Monica Yempuka, Esq. & Christina Leos Yim & Yempuka Law	Unveiling the Allure of Today's Long-Term Care Solutions Roger Higa, CLTC Financial Professional Roger Higa Financial Services	Fun After 55 - Recreational Programs Steven Stanton Senior Citizens Coordinator HCC Department of Parks & Recreation	Decluttering Tips for Your Home Cynthia Arnold & Jon Vendola Lets Move LLC
	1:30 - 2:15 Tech: Streaming & Smart TV's Sherlyn Freeman & Kristina Demery Senior Planet	Navigating Medicare in These Challenging Times Travis Motousue, President Financial Benefits Insurance Inc.	Do You Have a Plan for Extended Care? Michael Yee, CFP Ameriprise Financial Services LLC	Recognizing Fall Risk: An Occupational Therapist's Perspective Damian Sempio, Thrive for Life & Joni Kamiya, OT Association of HI	Wandering & Dementia: Triggers, Tips & How to Keep our Loved Ones Safe Dr. Poki'i Balaz Alzheimer's Association - Hawaii Chapter	EstPlanning for Geniuses Scott Makusaka Counselor at Law EstPlanning Counsel LLC

GRATITUDE: A PATH OF AWAKENING

Dharma Learning & Talk Story
with **Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi**

Aiea Hongwanji
Wed, August 14, 2024
7:00 - 9:00 pm

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A 21st Century interpretation of Shin Buddhism, the largest sect in Japan, reveals an effective and easy method of resolving life issues amid a hectic American life:

The practice of Gratitude.

Meditation and Mindfulness have been proven to be effective practices that have enriched the lives of many Americans. Now, learn how gratitude, a central practice of Shin Buddhists, can shift how we view life from despair to joy.

**"Thank You!"
Transform Your Life**



HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII TRIPLE CELEBRATION 2024 ONLINE BUDDHIST EDUCATION SERIES

The world is waiting for Buddhism and Shinran Shonin: Joy of the Nembutsu



WITH REV. GENE SEKIYA

Join us on Zoom for
the next lecture on the
essence of Jodo Shinshu!

register for link→



**August 24
Saturday
2 p.m.**

DeTour — An 'Aiea Ahupua'a Experience

August 16, 2024 - 8:30am-2pm

The Mary Mikahala Foster Legacy Committee is sponsoring a huaka'i (field trip) for Hongwanji member & friends. The day will include visiting & learning about the following sites:

 **Kea'iwa Heiau**
(Aiea Loop State Recreation Area)

 **Loko I'a Pā'aiau at
McGrew Point**

 **Pu'uloa**
(Pearl Harbor)

 **'Aiea Hongwanji for
lunch**

Cost: \$30 per person which includes bus
transport and lunch

**Bus will leave Honpa Hongwanji at 8:30am
and return around 2pm.**



Please Scan to register or drop off a check
made out to: HHHB before by **3 p.m. Friday, 8/9**
(space is limited)

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT JON MATSUOKA AT
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Growing Our Sangha

It takes a village (Shin Buddhist sangha)
to raise a child. Why have adult Dharma
School and YBA members not continued?

Leadership Workshop
with **Rev. Dr.
Kenji Akahoshi**



**Monday, August 19, 2024
6:00 (dinner) - 9:00 pm
Pearl City Hongwanji**

Amazon and online shopping have altered retail sales dramatically.
Similarly, temple culture and activities must adapt to new ways.

A comprehensive process of attracting new members involves
several areas of temple activities and communication.

In this workshop, Rev. Dr. Akahoshi presents methods that have been
successful in attracting new and previous members. How might we
share the benefits of Shin Buddhism?

Junior YBA Happenings



We would like to share some news from our State Convention that we attended in June. Three of our members were awarded the Outstanding Jr. YBA Award. This is an award picked by the United Advisors and this year we recognized Courtney & Brennan Uehara from Mililani Hongwanji and Taylor Kunimitsu from Aiea Hongwanji. Also, we'd like to congratulate Chad Okawa from Aiea for winning the Essay Contest! And lastly we had our Federation Board Elections. Congratulations to Diandra Thomson, from Mililani, who is the new Vice President and Taylor who is the new Secretary. We know that they will be dedicated to learn and grow to be leaders in the Jr. YBA as best as they can. They have a great support behind them.

Next Event: Escape Room, Sunday, August 4th – Details will be emailed so if interested in joining us, please contact us via email!

Next Meeting: Sunday, August 11, at Mililani Hongwanji (time TBD)

It's BON DANCE season and we are looking for some additional help for our District's bon dances:

- Pearl City Hongwanji – Saturday, August 10
- Mililani Hongwanji – Friday & Saturday, August 16 & 17.
 - Friday: Lantern Parade help starting at 6:00pm.
 - Both nights: Beverage booth. We will have locations this year so we are looking for a lot of volunteer help!
- Aiea Hongwanji – Saturday, August 24. We will be running the shave ice booth.

If you are available to help, please contact Aunty Aryn (information below) and she will put you in touch with Ty who will be organizing our volunteers.

THANK YOU for your support of our Panda Express Fundraiser! We hope that you were able to get an order in and enjoy delicious food! We are truly grateful for the support you give us to continue to thrive and provide activities for our members!



Do you have a set of reusable flatware? No? Well guess what? You can purchase one from Jr. YBA! As an on-going fundraiser, we are selling sterling steel utensil sets which includes a fork, spoon, knife and chopsticks. The carrying case comes in red, blue, or black. Each set is \$7. Please contact a Jr. YBA member if you would like to purchase one of these sets! We want to encourage you to bring your own utensils and plate (or bento box or bowl, etc) for after service refreshments on Sunday. Available while supplies last!

Any youth who are entering 6th grade through 2 years after high school graduation are welcome to join Jr. YBA! You do not need to be a member of a temple so bring your friends! Please contact a Jr. YBA member or Aunty Aryn Ishikawa (advisor) at arynn.m.ishikawa@gmail.com if you'd like more information.

Follow us on Instagram! @jrybafoahu and @hawaiiifedjryba





50th Annual Buddhist Study Center Summer Session August 5-9, 2024

“Shifting From ‘Please’ to ‘Thank You’ – A Path to Awakening”

A contemporary interpretation of Shin Buddhism

In ancient times, the unknown world was explained in mythical form with deities and the afterlife being prominent. Relating traditional myths to our modern life has its limits. We will reverse this method of going from the past to the present. By using our current knowledge from science and psychology, we will reveal the practical and spiritual benefits of Shin.

For those seeking solutions to common concerns, Shin has provided a path for ordinary people for 800 years.

Each session will be an interactive workshop that leads to an experience of the benefits of Shin Buddhism. This is a practical guide of how being a Shin Buddhist in the 21st century can resolve many issues.

Rev. Akahoshi's retreats and workshops use innovative methods that he learned from leading philosophers, psychologists, and Buddhist teachers. Using these interactive methods, he will share an effective, simple practice of gratitude.

Come learn how to bring joy into the flow of ordinary life. For more information and registration, select this link: <https://bschawaii.org>, or contact the Buddhist Study Center. (Times are Hawaii Standard Time)

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Aug. 5 (Monday) - 6-8pm	Why & How of Gratitude Practicing the non-practice of gratitude.
Aug. 6 (Tuesday) - 6-8pm	Truth: Now and Then Our understanding of truth has expanded from the Buddha's time to now.
Aug. 7 (Wednesday) - 6-8pm	Who Am I in the World? Finding my authentic self.
Aug. 8 (Thursday) - 6-8pm	Benefits of Shin Buddhism Current interpretations of ancient rituals.
Aug. 9 (Friday) - 6-8pm	Being Sacred in the Profane Being whole, not holy.

Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi

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Experience: USAF Capt. In Misawa, Japan. 30 years private dental practice in San Jose, California. San Jose Betsuin Board President. Chaplain at the Santa Clara County Juvenile Hall. Former head minister of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego. Retreat leader, author, teacher.

Suggested tax-deductible donation, 5 sessions \$50, single sessions \$10. Checks made out to HHMH.

Direct questions to: **Buddhist Study Center, 1436 University Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96822, Phone: (808) 522-9200**

BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

BWA needs your support! Please help us by donating any type of baked goods (cookies, breads, manju, etc.), pickled vegetables (such as tsukemono, takuan, etc.), rice dishes (such as sushi, kamameshi, etc.), and party snacks (party mix, dipped pretzels, and pupus). These donations will be sold on the evening of our Bon Dance at the BWA table.

May we ask that you drop off all donations (except for the rice dishes) to the AHM kitchen on Thursday, August 22nd between 10:30 am-6:30 pm or on the evening of our Bon Dance at the BWA table located in the Social Hall. All rice dishes may be dropped off on the day of obon. These items do not need to be individually packaged, however may we ask that you include a list of ingredients used along with your donated items. We will package and price all donations.

Thank you in advance for your kokua and generosity.

In Gassho,
D. Okawa

Aiea Hongwanji Mission extends its Deepest Condolences to the family of the Late Helen Nakagawa, Shigeko Sumida, Stella Nishikawa, Marcia Shimabukuro, Frank Takenouchi, and Gerald Hisashi Nako.

Namo Amida Butsu

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.



August 2024



3 rd Richard Toshio	Sasaoka	13 th Jean Kikuno	Nagai
3 rd Gladys	Tomishima	17 th Wakae	Nuibe
7 th Hideaki	Uradomo	25 th Barbara Mieko	Hirano
7 th Thomas Takeyama	Onaga	33 th Asayo	Oba
7 th Harry Harumi	Nagai	50 th Koichi	Kawamura
13 th Teruko	Saiki		

September 2024

1 st Helen	Nakagawa	13 th Ruth Fumie	Yoshioka
7 th Nancy Harumi	Nakagawa	13 th Sadako	Ginoza
7 th Thomas Yoshinori	Katayama		

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Temple Calendar of Events for August 2024

3 Sat	9:30AM	Dharma-centered Living Workshop (In person only) at Hawaii Betsuin
4 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
5-9		BSC Summer Session with Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi at BSC
11 Sun	8:00AM	Bon Dance Yagura Setup (No service)
14 Wed	9AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services
	7:00PM	Oahu District Dharma Discussion with Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi at AHM
15 Thu	10:00AM	Lotus Adult Daycare Service & Visitation
	6:00PM	"Attracting New Members" Zoom Session with Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi
18 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
19 Mon	6:00PM	Oahu District Special Limited Session by Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi at PCH
20 Tue	7:00PM	AHM Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom
24 Wed	6:00PM	Bon Service prior to Bon Dance in Temple. Open to the Public.
	7:00PM	AHM Bon Dance. Open to the Public.
	8:00PM-9:30PM	AHM Temple (Main Sanctuary/Hondo) Open House. Open to the Public.
25 Sun	8:00AM	Dismantle Bon Yagura & Clean up (No service)
	10:30AM	AHM BWA meeting
	1:00PM	Oahu District United Buddhist Women's Association BOD meeting at PCH

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1 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
2 Mon		Lotus Adult Daycare and Preschool closed for Labor Day Holiday
7 Sat	9:00AM-5:00PM	HHMH Triple Celebration – 850 th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's birth & 800 th Anniversary of the Establishment of Jodo Shinshu Teaching
8 Sun	7:00AM-12:00PM	HHMH Triple Celebration - 135 th Anniversary of HHMH (No AHM Service)
	1:30PM- 4:30PM	HHMH State 61 st Lay Assoc. Meeting & Ministers' Spouses Assoc. Seminar
13 Fri	1:00PM	HHMH Sanmu-Kanji Online Meeting
14 Sat	9:00AM	HHMH Board of Directors Online Meeting
15 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
17 Tue	7:00PM	AHM Board of Directors meeting via Zoom