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The Aiea Hongwanji Mission

Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments



## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

### Do you see it? Do you appreciate it?

When you drive into the Temple parking lot, you cannot miss the brightly colored yellow lantana profusely blooming along the length of the wall. It is probably the first thing that captures your attention. However, in one corner of the lawn, there is a lone lily plant also growing and flowering. Have you seen it? I always pass by it and my eyes rest on it for a moment. As I do this, it reminds me of a message by Reverend Yakumo.



He shared that as we live our life as Buddhists I hope that we do not see people and things in our world only for their utility value. In other words, that we do not value people and things only from the standpoint of how we can benefit from them. In America or the West, nature is, too often, considered something to be used for our benefit. That is, we no longer look at things with an attitude that the thing itself is sufficient reason for it to exist. For example, a river is no longer seen as having value as flowing water. It is looked at for how many kilowatts of power can be generated if a power plant is built across it. The value of trees is calculated not for their beauty, but according to how much lumber it can produce. Similarly, people are no longer valued as individuals, but for the work they can do and so on. Some would say "How mottainai" which is often translated as "What a waste." However, the original meaning of the word "mottainai" implies that if you consider something only from the point of view of how we can use it and we disregard the essence of it that is "mottainai."

There is a story about Rennyō Shonin, the 8<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Leader of the Hongwanji. He once found a piece of paper that was carelessly left in the hallway. He said, "This belongs to the Buddha" and he placed his hands together in gassho (a gesture of reverence and respect in the Buddhist Tradition) and bowed to the paper. When we consider everything as "belonging to the Buddha" we accept water as water, a scrap of paper as paper and acknowledge its value for itself not according to how much we can profit or benefit from it. The Buddhist attitude is that everything in the world has its own reason for existing and has its own unique value. This is one way the expression "those of blue color emit blue radiance; those of yellow color emit yellow radiance; those of red color emit red radiance and those of white color emit white radiance. They are exquisite, wonderful, fragrant and pure." in the

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## FOR ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER

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**Reverend**

**Eric Matsumoto**

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If he is not  
available, leave a  
message on the  
answering  
machine.

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Emergencies  
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Smaller Sukhavativyuha Sutra about the various colored lotuses in the Pure Land can be interpreted. When we consider the value of things by how useful they are to us as the most important characteristic of it we miss the true beauty of it. Buddhism tries to awaken us to the beauty of and the essence of all things including people around us.

Rev. Kubose shared that the Buddhist religion is about awareness. In our lives, unless we are aware life will not be meaningful. He shares about Basho, a famous Japanese poet who authored a 17-syllable poem about a flower called a nazuna. (See photo of Sheperd's Purse or the Nazuna from Wikipedia.) The nazuna is a small insignificant flower, but Basho wrote a poem about it. He wrote "Look carefully. The nazuna blooms along the fence-ah!" We might wonder, why did he choose to write a poem about such a flower. Well, he learned something from this flower that everyone just seemed to ignore. All around us are many wonderful and beautiful things, but unless we are aware (of them) so much will be missing from our life. It is supposed that Basho walked many times along the fence he mentions in the haiku poem, but this one day, it was different because he truly noticed for the first time the nazuna blooming along the fence. In the bright morning sunlight, it was blooming with every petal, every leaf. How beautiful, how noble, he must have thought. Hardly anyone looks at it; no one praises it and yet there it is blooming with all its might. How about me? How are we living our lives? The Teachings of the Buddha are everywhere-all around us-if only we open our mind's eye. The beauty of the Buddha's Teaching is that it is found not only in the temple or in a sutra, but actually all around us. Just as Basho learned a great deal from the tiny nazuna blooming along the fence.



Awareness is what makes life meaningful. Our life may not be perfect, we have our problems and challenges, but without awareness it will be just another day. To learn Buddha-Dharma is to become aware of life itself. To learn Buddhism is to transform one's life living with a new perspective.

Thank you and Namu Amida Butsu.

Reverend Eric Matsumoto

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



To Our Sangha:

On the weekend of September 7th-8th, the Triple Celebration commemorating the 850th anniversary of Shinran Shonin's birth, the 800th anniversary of Jodo Shinshu's establishment, and the 135th anniversary of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii was held at the Ala Moana Hotel. Under the theme, "Sharing the Joy of Nembutsu, Our Living Heart of Gratitude,," the 295 attendees marked the largest gathering since the pandemic. In accordance with the "Green Hongwanji" initiative, a digital booklet showcasing the events, speakers, workshops, and messages was provided in lieu of a printed version. You can view a copy of this booklet by clicking on the QR code below. A few photos from the event are posted below, and the AHM attendees are on the far right.

On October 6th and 27th, after the Sunday Services, a replay of the BSC lectures by Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto on "**What is Mahayana Buddhism**" and "**What is Pure Land Buddhism**," respectively, will be shown, followed by a Questions & Answers session by Rev. Eric Matsumoto.

Also, please refer to the flyers herein for the many upcoming events.



In Gassho,  
Boyd Marumoto



## *Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii* - HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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### MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

*\*Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani delivered the following message at the Hawaii Kyodan Board of Directors Meeting on September 14, 2024.*

#### “ACHIEVING THE GOAL TOGETHER”

**“The mission of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is to share the living teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism so that all beings may enjoy lives of harmony, peace, and gratitude.”**

The teachings of the Nembutsu hold a profound power—the power to transform our ordinary existence into something extraordinary. Jodo Shinshu reminds us that within the all-encompassing Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha, every life—yours, mine, and all others—is equally valued, affirmed, and cherished.

In these challenging times, the message of Jodo Shinshu is more important than ever. It offers us a path to a more harmonious and compassionate society. But our mission cannot be achieved in isolation—it requires the collective effort of all of us. Together, we have the power to create a positive impact on individuals and the world.

Currently, we have approximately 3,700 member families devoted to the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. Some, like you, are actively involved in managing the temple’s businesses and activities.

Additionally, there are others—whom I call ‘affiliates’—who may not be formal members but who support the temple during key events, like bon dances. While we don’t have official numbers, I estimate there are about 12,000 affiliates.

Our current propagation efforts largely focus on these groups—members and affiliates. However, our reach can go much further. A recent survey shows that many people have a personal interest in Buddhism, even though they are not connected to any specific organization. Roughly 5% of Hawaii’s population identifies as Buddhist, which is about 70,000 people.

But beyond this, we have an even greater opportunity. Approximately 67% of Hawaii’s adult population—around 700,000 people—express an interest in spirituality, even though they don’t identify as Buddhist.

I believe now is the time for us to broaden our horizon and reach out beyond our immediate temple communities. The message of Jodo Shinshu has the potential to resonate with many more people.

As Bishop and as the BSC Interim Director, I have shared these statistics with the BSC Committee, the Commission on Buddhist Education, and the Ministerial Training Committee. I’ve stressed that, for the future survival and growth of Hawaii Kyodan, we need to engage the broader community. I deeply appreciate those committee members who have already begun to review their programs and activities with this broader market in mind.

But the responsibility of propagation does not rest solely on our ministers or certain committees. It must be a team effort, a collective responsibility. Each one of us—whether a minister, temple president, member, or board member—has a crucial role to play in spreading the Nembutsu teaching.

Let me share an analogy: think of a café, such as Starbucks. The mission of Starbucks is to inspire and nurture the human spirit—one person, one cup, and one neighborhood at a time. People go to Starbucks not just for the coffee but for the entire experience. The coffee may be excellent, but what keeps people coming back is the warm, welcoming atmosphere—the sense of belonging they feel as soon as they step through the door.

A successful café offers more than just a product. It provides a space where people can relax, connect, and enjoy a pleasant environment. And it’s not only the baristas who are responsible for this. Many workers,

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departments, HQ, and the entire organization work together to create this positive customer experience.

In the same way, our temples should function. The Buddha's teachings are like the coffee in a café—they are at the heart of what we offer. Ministers, like baristas, are at the forefront, sharing the Dharma. But just as a café requires more than its baristas to create a welcoming environment, our temples require more than just the ministers. It takes all of us, working together, to create a space where people can feel at home, build connections, and leave the temple feeling spiritually fulfilled.

We all carry the "brand" of our mission on our shoulders. As ministers, members, and leaders of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, every interaction—whether inside the temple or in the broader community—reflects our values and the Buddha's teachings. Each of us helps shape the identity of our organization. Together, we create a lasting impact on those who come into contact with us.

As our Kyodan faces declining membership and a shrinking pool of leadership, working together becomes even more critical. By uniting our efforts, we can achieve far more than any one of us can achieve alone.

So, I ask you: How can you, as an individual, a temple, or a committee, contribute to this collaborative effort to share the Nembutsu? I deeply appreciate your tireless dedication to this mission. But I invite you to reflect on this question—either on your own, with your temple members, or with your committee members.

Remember, we are all carrying the "brand" of Hongwanji. Every effort, no matter how small, contributes to the greater mission. And these efforts must be recognized, shared, and communicated effectively.

Let us recommit ourselves to the mission, to one another, and to those who are waiting to hear the timeless message of Shinran Shonin. Together, we will continue to spread the joy of living in the Nembutsu.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Toshiyuki Umitani, Bishop

## CONDOLENCE

**Mr. Bruce Yoshiyuki Shimada**, a member of Waiialua Hongwanji Mission, passed away on March 11, 2024. Mr. Shimada dedicated his life to fostering a warm atmosphere for the Sangha members of the Waiialua Hongwanji as its secretary and editor of the temple newsletter. Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani presented the Posthumous Title (INGO) of **FU-SHO-IN 普照院**, which signifies the Light of the Buddha that "completely illuminates" the boundless worlds, at the Funeral Service held on September 12, 2024.

## SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING EVENT

### PBA LIGHTING OUR WAY BANQUET

Date: Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Time: Reception at 5:00 p.m. • Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Ala Moana Hotel by Mantra

To become a sponsor, purchase individual tickets, or make a donation to support the Banquet, please visit PBA's Banquet website at <https://pacificbuddhistacademy.org/giving/lighting-our-way> or contact Megan Lee at [megan.lee@pbahi.org](mailto:megan.lee@pbahi.org) for more information.

## IMPORTANT SECURITY NOTICE: BEWARE OF RECENT PHISHING EMAILS

We want to alert our community about recent phishing attempts targeting our temples and members. Fraudulent emails have been sent that appear to come from our ministers, but in reality, they originate from unknown email addresses, such as **rev.reverend@keemail.me**. These emails typically request gift cards or money, and may instruct recipients not to call the minister and to respond only via email, claiming the matter is urgent and confidential—such as surprising temple members with a gift. These emails are not from our ministers. Scammers likely created fake email addresses using our reverends' names to exploit their public role and the trust of our community. Please be aware:

- 1) **Our ministers will never ask for gift cards or money via email.**
  - 2) If you receive such an email, do not respond or click on any links, as this may compromise your security.
  - 3) On our website at <https://hongwanjihawaii.com/temples/>, you can look up email addresses for temples & ministers.
  - 4) If in doubt, call the minister or temple office directly to verify the email's authenticity.
- By staying vigilant and reporting suspicious emails, we can protect our community and help to combat cybercrime.

# LEILEHUA HIGH SCHOOL

Leilehua Agriculture Learning Center  
October 19, 2024 (Saturday)  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
No Entry Fee

# FallFest



- PUMPKIN PATCH: PICK & PURCHASE YOUR VERY OWN PUMPKIN!
- BAKED GOODS
- FOOD BOOTHS & FOOD TRUCKS
- FRESH PRODUCE SALE
- STUDENT MADE PRODUCTS
- MULES LOGO ITEMS
- GAMES
- TRAIN RIDE
- CASH ONLY EVENT



## Oahu District Buddhist Education Committee

The Oahu District temple families, children, and friends are invited to the Leilehua High School FallFest on October 19, 2024. We will be at the event from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Each family will receive a ticket for a free pumpkin that you may pick from the LHS pumpkin patch.

At 11:30 am, please meet at the Wahiawa Hongwanji Social Hall to continue fellowship over lunch and games.

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### Registration

Temple Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of families attending (for a pumpkin ticket) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending (for lunch count) \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline to register is October 7, 2024**

**Please submit one registration per temple and send to Carolyn Uchiyama at [carolyn2048@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn2048@gmail.com)**

## Junior YBA Happenings

To kick off our last month we had our United officer elections and Installation Service. Thank you Rev. Kamuro for officiating our installation in Rev. Soga's absence. We know Rev. Soga was having a good time at the BCA 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and their Triple Celebration.

Congratulations to our United officers!

President: Yuma Kamuro (Mililani Hongwanji)  
Vice-President: Trevor Matsuwaki (Mililani Hongwanji)  
Secretary: Courtney Uehara (Mililani Hongwanji)  
Treasurer: Jamelyn Tomori (Aiea Hongwanji)



We've also increased our Membership for the United this year so we'd like to welcome our new members: Dean and Kim Tse-Castro and Trevor Matsuwaki. We have several interested new members who we are looking forward to having join us at our events.

Our Juniors met prior to the Honpa Hongwanji Triple Celebration to pack all the registration bags that were given to participants of the Triple Celebration on September 7-8 at Ala Moana Hotel. After making 300 bags which included the service booklet, set of reusable utensils with a holder, souvenir keha (petals to throw during the service), and a few other goodies, we had our Fall Federation Meeting. Oahu United is hosting the Winter Federation Meeting which is scheduled for Martin Luther King Jr. weekend.

A big **THANK YOU!** to all of you who ordered manju for our HBY Month Fundraiser. As mentioned previously, we will be donating a portion of our proceeds to the Oahu SPCA. We truly appreciate your support and all your orders and generous donations. We hope that you enjoy the manju that we baked because we enjoyed making it for you!

### Upcoming Important Dates:

**HBY Month Manju Making: Saturday, October 5 at Waipahu Hongwanji at 11:00am.** Please make sure you are wearing covered shoes and (if you have long hair) a hair tie/cap to keep your hair back while we bake. Gloves will be provided.

**Next Meeting: Sunday, October 6, at Pearl City Hongwanji at 12:30am.**

### Save the Date:

**Sunday, October 27, time TBD – Haunted Plantation (tentative; details will be discussed at Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting)**

**Sunday, January 19 – Monday, January 20: Winter Federation Meeting (Oahu is hosting)**

We welcome any youth who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Auntie Arynn Ishikawa (advisor) at [arynn.m.ishikawa@gmail.com](mailto:arynn.m.ishikawa@gmail.com) if you'd like more information.

Follow us on Instagram! [@jrybafoahu](https://www.instagram.com/jrybafoahu) and [@hawaiiifedjryba](https://www.instagram.com/hawaiiifedjryba)



New officers: Yuma, Courtney, Jamelyn, Trevor



# KAGIRINAKI AI TO JIHI: TOWARD LGBTQ+ EQUITY & INCLUSION IN HAWAII'S JAPANESE COMMUNITIES

**Friday, October 25 - 6:30 - 8:30 pm**  
**Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii**  
**2454 S Beretania St., Honolulu, HI 96826**

Sharing Stories & Interactive Panel Discussion with:

### Justice Sabrina Shizue McKenna

The first openly LGBTQ+ Asian American to serve on a state supreme court, she came out publicly to show that anything is possible.



### Bill Kaneko

As president of the Honolulu chapter of the JACL, he led the national organization to become the first non-LGBT civil rights organization to support marriage equality.



### Marsha & Aiden Aizumi



Marsha is an author (*Two Spirits, One Heart*), educator, & LGBTQ+ activist. She co-founded the first PFLAG chapter for Asian-Pacific islanders and founded Okaeri - a Nikkei LGBTQ+ community.

Aiden, her transgender son and co-author of the book, lived as a female for the first 20 years of his life. In 2008 he came out as transgender & transitioned from female to male. He is the President of PFLAG, Pasadena Chapter.

Please RSVP -  
 Deadline is Friday,  
 October 18



Click on this [link](#)  
 to RSVP, or use  
 this QR Code

Questions? Please contact Jon Matsuoka, Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii | Betsuin  
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## Nurturing Nembutsu: Cultivating Awareness

2025 HHMH THEME/SLOGAN  
**POSTER CONTEST**

THE WINNING ENTRY WILL BE  
 FEATURED ON A STATEWIDE POSTER!

Entries will be accepted between  
**September 14 - November 16**

POSTER GUIDELINES - [LINK](#) to detailed guidelines

- Visually express the theme/slogan "Nurturing Nembutsu: Cultivating Awareness"
- Focus on how the Nembutsu nurtures a sense of gratitude, awareness of our true nature, and compassion for all beings.
- Reflect Shinron Shonin's teachings, emphasizing the universality of Amida Buddha's compassion and the importance of living in harmony and peace.
- Encourage viewers to reflect on Nembutsu's role in cultivating a deeper awareness of themselves and others.
- Be created using any medium (e.g., painting, drawing, digital art, photography) but must be submitted as a high-resolution digital file (JPEG, PNG, or PDF).
- Dimensions: Standard poster size (24" x 36" or equivalent in digital format).
- Be original and not include any copyrighted images or text.

Click on this [LINK](#)  
 to enter or use  
 this QR Code



PRIZES WILL BE  
 AWARDED TO THE  
**TOP 5 POSTERS**

QUESTIONS?

Debbie Kubota | [dekub88@gmail.com](mailto:dekub88@gmail.com)

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## Reflect & Respect      Self-Reflection

Do pure & beautiful deeds      Say pure & beautiful words

Listening      Gratitude      Compassion

# Dharma-Centered Living 101

Learn how to:

- Nurture spiritual development through character building,
- Cultivate compassionate and resilient human beings, and
- Communicate your values through the mindful use of technology.



Join us for an engaging and hands-on workshop with  
**D. Trinidad Hunt**

International trainer, author, public speaker & contributor to 3 "*Chicken Soup for the Soul*" books, granddaughter of Rev. Dorothy Hunt, author of "*The Golden Chain of Love*"

A Workshop Series designed to empower parents, grandparents, & educators with tools & strategies to share life lessons and skills based on Shin Buddhist values.

**Session 3 - Saturday, November 9 -- 10:30 am-1:45 pm**  
 (lunch 11:30 am - 12:15 pm)

In-Person on Maui at Wailuku Hongwanji (1828 E. Vineyard, Wailuku)  
 OR Via ZOOM across the state: one site per district

Session will include: **Reflect & Respect for the Lower Grades**  
 & **Self-Reflection for the Upper Grades**

Bring Your  
 Cell Phones!



PLEASE REGISTER BY  
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19  
 REGISTRATION LINK:  
<https://forms.gle/A8Wcg4Xcj2bmSeQ6>

Please contact  
 Debbie Kubota  
 ([dekub88@gmail.com](mailto:dekub88@gmail.com)) if any  
 questions arise.



## 6th Virtual Dharma School Gathering SHARING JOY TOGETHER: THE GOLDEN CHAIN OF LOVE Sunday, November 17, 2024 via Zoom

- 8:45 am Dharma Educators Session
- 10:00 am Intergenerational Service
- 10:40 am Breakout Room Activities
- 11:30 Group Sharing Session
- 12:00 End

All are welcome to this  
 intergenerational event!!!

Any questions?  
 Contact Debbie Kubota  
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Guest Speaker:  
**D. Trinidad Hunt**  
 Granddaughter of  
 Rev. Dorothy Hunt,  
 author of the  
*Golden Chain of Love*



RSVP Deadline: Saturday, November 9  
 Link to register (or use camera to scan code):  
<https://forms.gle/2CKeiiGafN3pbWY9>  
 Zoom link will be emailed by Friday, 11/15

## SUNRISE FOUNDATION

In partnership with TOHO NO HIKARI HAWAI'I, is pleased to present

### JOURNEYS TO WELLNESS XII

Saturday, October 26, 2024, 8:30 am-1:00 p.m.

1310 Nu`uanu Pali Drive & Old Pali Road (ample parking available)

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER: PŌKĀ LAENUI (HAYDEN BURGESS), J.D.

Distinguished attorney and human rights advocate deeply committed to peace, justice, and fundamental freedoms of people throughout the world. We are blessed to have Pōkā step up to take the place of his beloved wife, Puanani Burgess as key-noter of this event.

### TOPIC: "Malama I Ka `Aina, E Ola Pono" Cherish the Land and Live in Health and Harmony

#### Respondents:

Rev. Eric Matsumoto

Rev. Dr. Ha`aheo Guanson

David Laeha

Rev. Dr. JP Sabbithi, moderator

The morning session will also honor the 2024 Puka`ana o ka lā awardees:

Aunty Puanani Burgess

Nanci Kriedman

Rev. Dr. Kaleo Patterson

#### WORKSHOPS OFFERED

1. Conversation with keynote speaker and respondents
2. Healing Through Human Energy Field: Ruey Ryburn, Dr. PH
3. Dancing to Tastiness- Sanuki Udon: Dawn Kanno & MOA Volunteers
4. Movement, Qi, Environment & Spirituality: Corey Wong
5. New Winds in Mindfulness: Jimmy Toyama

#### Featured Performing Artists

Kumu Hula Ardis Gomes & the Halau O Kawaiaha`o, Hari Bayani and Jason Laeha

A vegetarian and non-vegetarian dim sum lunch catered by Sarah Loui will be served

#### Registration

Cost: \$30 prepay \$35 at the event (includes lunch and materials)

Complete the attached registration form and mail it and your check to:

Sunrise Foundation

P.O. Box 235708

Honolulu, HI 96823

For information contact Yolanda Hernandez ([yghernandez44@gmail.com](mailto:yghernandez44@gmail.com))

Wally Fukunaga ([sunrisehi.222@gmail.com](mailto:sunrisehi.222@gmail.com))

or Jody Kanemaru ([ikanemaru@sunrisefoundationhawaii.org](mailto:ikanemaru@sunrisefoundationhawaii.org))





**REGISTRATION FORM  
SUNRISE FOUNDATION  
JOURNEYS TO WELLNESS XII**

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024  
Registration form

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of attendee(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional names \_\_\_\_\_

Kindly check below previous Journeys to Wellness you've attended:

2012\_\_ 2013\_\_ 2014\_\_ 2015\_\_ 2016\_\_ 2017\_\_ 2018\_\_ (2 year COVID break)

2021\_\_ 2022\_\_ 2023\_\_

Amount of check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form and check to:  
Sunrise Foundation  
PO Box 235708  
Honolulu, HI 96823

Please make check payable to Sunrise Foundation  
Early registration: \$30 At the door: \$35

**Partial Temple Calendar of Events for November 2024**

3 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
6 Sun	9:30AM	Oahu District Ministers Association Meeting
7-8 Thu-Fri		Ministers Continuing Education Seminar at BSC
9 Sat	10:30AM-1:45PM	Dharma Centered Living 101 #3 with Trinidad Hunt
10 Sun	9:00AM	Eitaikyo Major Service followed by Columbarium Service and Children's Dharma Fun Activity.
13 Wed	9:00AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services
15 Fri	5:00PM	PBA Lighting Our Way Awards Dinner at Ala Moana Hotel
16 Sat		State-wide Temple Presidents Retreat at BSC

## A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE FOR OUR NEW YEAR'S PARTY ON JANUARY 25, 2025

Dear Members of the Aiea Hongwanji Sangha,

My name is Chad Okawa, and I am a member of Aiea Hongwanji. As we approach the New Year, I am excited to share a special project I am preparing for our upcoming Shinnenkai.

In Japan, the New Year is a time of renewal. It is also a time to reflect and show gratitude to our loved ones, family, and ancestors. To honor our temple's current and past members, I will put on a short performance on the Shinobue, the Japanese transverse flute. During the performance, I plan to feature a slideshow as a tribute filled with photos of our members, both present and those who have passed. This will be a moment for us all to reflect on our community and the people who have made an impact on our lives.

I kindly ask for your assistance in gathering these photos. If you have any pictures of current or past members you would like included, please send them to me (Instructions below). Please rest assured that these photos will only be used for this slideshow during the Shinnenkai event, not for public or distribution purposes. Additionally, please send me an email if you have any questions or concerns.

**\*\*ACTION REQUESTED\*\***

Send pictures (Preferably PNG) to [chad.okawa@gmail.com](mailto:chad.okawa@gmail.com) AND [aiejiko@gmail.com](mailto:aiejiko@gmail.com) OR

If you need assistance with sending pictures digitally, you are welcome to turn in printed photos to the Aiea Preschool office attn. Claire Tamamoto. We will digitally scan them for you. **Please ensure your physical photos are placed in a labeled envelope marked "Shinnenkai Project."**

**December 15th, 11:59 PM- NO LATE SUBMISSION ACCEPTED!**

Thank you for your support! We look forward to seeing you at our Shinnenkai on January 25th, 2025!

In Gassho,

Chad Okawa

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## O BON WINDCATCHERS: SHARING OUR GRATITUDE

Thank you to the many representatives from various organizations within the Aiea Hongwanji Sangha who assisted with hanging the windcatchers in our temple on Sunday, July 21st. A warm mahalo to the Aiea Jr. YBA, BWA, and Board of Directors for your continued support!

We would also like to acknowledge Dale Furukawa, who designed the windcatchers and assisted us from her home in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Thank you to all our members and families who donated by purchasing a windcatcher. This year, seventy-nine windcatchers adorned our temple for an entire month to celebrate our 2024 Obon. The names of our loved ones floated gently in the Hondo during services as a reminder to reflect, remember, and express our deepest gratitude to our loved ones.

お陰様で~どうもありがとうございました！

(If you wish to pick up your 2024 Windcatcher tags, they are available in the office.)

In Gassho,

Diane Okawa

Aiea Hongwanji BWA President

# BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

Thank you to all BWA members, friends, and family! Your generous donations and help were instrumental in making our 2024 Obon a resounding success. We could not have done it without you!

If you, unfortunately, missed the opportunity to shop our BWA food table, here are just a few things you missed: Sengiri daikon, namasu, kimchee cabbage, kamameshi, takuwan, pineapple upside down cake, chocolate dipped pretzels, Seasoned pretzels, party mix, chocolate chip cookies, almond bars, prune mui, Arrowhead cabbage salad, and Seasoned salt.

In addition to all the ono treats, our craft tables overflowed with homemade items. These included- braided rugs, quilts, crocheted kitchen towels, coin purses, washi pens and magnets, scrubbies, a wide assortment of handmade cards, and beautifully crafted hair ornaments (kanzashi).

Hope to see you all at our craft tables at next year's Obon!

In Gassho,

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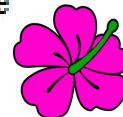
*Aiea Hongwanji Mission extends its Deepest Sympathy to  
the family of the late Kenneth Kaoru Kamada  
Namo Amida Butsu*

## 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

## October 2024



13 th Betty Chiyoko Nakata	
17 th Yoshi Oshiro	50 th Mitsuru Watanabe
33 rd Suminosuke Nanbara	50 th Shunichi Uyeunten

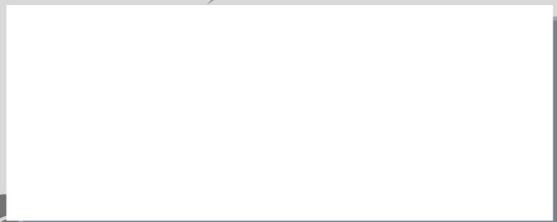
## November 2024

7 th Gerald Shiro Hayashi	
7 th Harriet Harue Zakahi	25 th Shizuko Kawamura
13 th Yayoe Kitashima	50 th Jinjiro Komikawa

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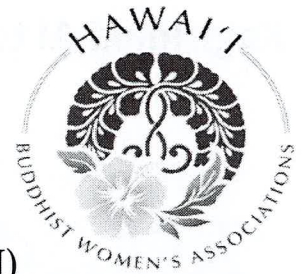


### Temple Calendar of Events for October 2024

2 Wed	9:30AM	Oahu District Ministers Association Meeting
6 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service (Oahu District Ohana Day canceled.)
	10:30AM-12:00PM	Buddhist Study Class: <b>"What is Mahayana Buddhism?"</b> Replay of video lecture by Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto at the AHM Main Sanctuary, followed by an in-person Q&A session with Rev. Eric Matsumoto
9 Mon	9AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services
12-13 Sat-Sun		HHMH Minister's Lay Assistant Program
13 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
14 Mon		Preschool & Lotus Adult Daycare closed for indigenous People's Day
15 Tue	7:00PM	AHM Temple Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom
17 Thu	10:00AM	Lotus Adult Daycare Service and Visitation
20 Sun	9:00AM	Children's (Dharma Fun) Service (Adults are welcomed too.)
	10:30AM	AHM BWA Meeting
25	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Special Seminar on LGBTQ+ with Marsha Aizumi at JCCH
26	8:30AM	United BWA of Oahu Annual Conference at Mililani Hongwanji
	8:30AM	Sunrise Foundation "Journey to Wellness XII Event
27 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
	10:30AM-12:00PM	Buddhist Study Class: <b>"What is Pure Land Buddhism?"</b> Replay of video lecture by Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto at the AHM Main Sanctuary followed by an in-person Q&A session with Rev. Eric Matsumoto

*\*Note: Rev. Matsumoto will on leave from Oct. 19 through 21, 2024, inclusive, & will return on Oct. 22, 2024. Please contact Rev. Mariko Nishiyama of Pearl City Hongwanji at (808) 953-0014 for ministerial emergencies.*

*Oahu United  
Honpa Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association  
Annual Conference*



Saturday, October 26, 2024\*\*\*\*\*8:00 am to 2:30 pm  
Mililani Hongwanji (95-257 Kaloapau St. next to Rec. III)

Members of the Oahu United BWA and Dharma friends are invited to attend this Special event. Registration includes bento lunch and handouts. **Registration closes Friday, Oct 11**

***Theme: Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments***

- ❖ 8:00 am--Registration and Fellowship
- ❖ 8:30 am--**Memorial Service** officiated by Rev. Joshin Kamuro of Mililani Hongwanji with **Keynote Dharma Talk by Rev. Kamuro**
- ❖ **Annual Meeting** to elect officers and other business. Installation.
- ❖ **Workshop: "The Evolution of Elder Abuse"**, a growing problem. By Scott Spallina, a prosecutor with the City and County of Honolulu.
- ❖ Bento lunch and Beverages. Bring your own mugs and cups.
- ❖ **Workshop "Wait - Don't Die Yet!"**. It sounds like a morbid topic but it is to help those who survive us or who assist us when we are unable to care for ourselves. Annette Kam began her book when she needed to take care of her in-laws and found that she did not know specifics of their lives. She will allow those who attend to download her book and the checklist for free. The hardcopy book will also be available for purchase.
- ❖ 2:00 pm--Closing and cleanup

For more information, contact **Susan Morishige** at [susanm@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:susanm@hawaiiintel.net) or [Dharma.connection@gmail.com](mailto:Dharma.connection@gmail.com) Attention BWA Conference

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Name of Attendee or Temple Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Temple: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

	How many?	Registration fee per person	Total due
OUHBBWA member Regular Bento		\$13	
OUHBBWA member Vegetarian Bento		\$13	
Non-member Regular Bento		\$15	
Non-member Vegetarian Bento		\$15	
		TOTAL	\$

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