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The Aiea Hongwanji Mission

Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments

AIEA HONGWANJI
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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Let's mutually respect each other!

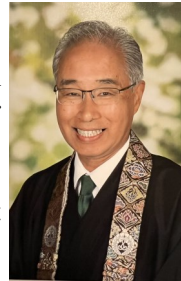
Opening Reflection:

If one wishes to follow the Buddha's teaching one must not be egoistic or self-willed but should cherish feelings of good-will toward all alike; one should respect those worthy of respect; one should serve those worthy of service and treat everyone with uniform kindness.

Namo Amida Butsu.

An important teaching of the Buddha is to show respect. However, in the Buddhist Tradition, showing respect is not a commandment and a blanket statement. To be sure, we should be polite, courteous and kind to everyone (as the above quotation shares,) but respect (to me) is different. Respect is shown or expressed to someone who deserves it. Just because someone is old does not make them, necessarily, worthy of respect. Likewise, just because someone is young does not mean that they do not deserve our respect. It is not only age that determines respect as is a common belief especially in many Asian influenced cultures, but what is emphasized in Buddhism is the actions of the individual. I would like to briefly share two stories from the time of Sakya-muni Buddha to illustrate this point.

First, there is the story of an ancient region in which people abandoned their elderly in the mountains. However, a certain government official could not bring himself to abandon his aged father. So, he secretly cared for his father. One day at the court, a strange occurrence happened. The King was presented with several puzzling questions and the threat that if the King could not find the correct answers the Kingdom would be destroyed. The King inquired with all his advisors and government officials, but no one could answer the questions. The government official who was secretly hiding his father asked his father if he knew the answers to these puzzling questions. For example, what is the meaning of the saying "A cupful of water is more than the water of the entire ocean." The answer is that "A cupful of water given in sincerity and with compassion to a sick person or one's parent has eternal merit, but the water of the ocean though immense will one day run out." Each time, the aged father's reply was correct. The Kingdom was saved from destruction due to the wisdom of the aged father of the government official. When the King inquired how did he know the answers to all those



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
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questions, he confessed that it was not he who knew the answers, but his aged father. The King, in gratitude, repealed the law or ancient custom of abandoning the elderly in the mountains and declared that the wise elderly should be cared for and respected for their wisdom and insight.

The second story is about a boy named Upali. Upali was a young barber boy who wanted to become a disciple of the Buddha, but he was unsure of himself primarily due to what others were telling him that he was unworthy of being a disciple of the Buddha because he came from a lower caste. So, he hesitated in asking Sakyamuni Buddha for ordination. In the meantime, some aged aristocrats from the Sakya Clan decided that they would ask for ordination. They thought they would be able to help the Buddha by gaining some prestige for the Sangha with their joining the Sangha as they were well-established people in society. Upali desperately wanting to become a disciple of the Buddha finally mustered enough courage to ask the Buddha for ordination. The Buddha accepted him and Upali was ordained. A little later the aristocratic elders came to the Buddha and asked for ordination. The Buddha consented, but he was aware of their ulterior motives and erroneous views. The Buddha requested that they bow to all those who had become a monk before them. They consented. But, when they noticed Upali, the former barber boy, they refused to bow to him. Through the wisdom and guidance of Sakyamuni Buddha, the aristocratic elders became awakened to their egocentric attitudes and discriminatory behavior.

In Buddhism and thus the Sangha, respect is not reserved for people of only a certain age or category of people. Age is not the primary factor in showing respect and being respected. It is the individuals' actions and their virtue and wisdom which are more important. In our first story, the aged father was respected for his wisdom which aided the King and helped the country. The second story of Upali, the barber boy, emphasized the purity and noble aspiration of Upali to become a follower of the Buddha and his aspiration for Enlightenment.

The month of November is when we observe Eitaikyo. Eitaikyo is one of the six Major Services of Jodo Shinshu. We gather in appreciation and gratitude to all past Sangha members who have supported the temple so that we have a temple today. It is a time for us, out of gratitude to the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha, to make efforts to pass on the Buddhist Teachings including the Temple to future generations. Thus, I would like to encourage every member and all those who have urns in the Aiea Hongwanji Nokotsudo/ Columbarium to attend our special Eitaikyo Service on Sunday, November 10th at 9AM with other members of your family especially younger folks so we can share the Buddha-Dharma with them and make sure that Aiea Hongwanji Buddhist Temple has a solid and bright future!

Namo Amida Butsu/ Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom & All-Embracing Compassion.
Reverend Eric Matsumoto

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To Our Sangha:



In conjunction with Reverend Eric's encouragement to attend the upcoming Eitaikyo Service, we have sent letters out to the columbarium contact persons for the respective niches. Refreshments will be served following the service, so please let us know how many in your party will be joining us by emailing an RSVP to AieaJiko@gmail.com, or by leaving a message on the office phone: (808) 487-2626.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a separate insert of the ballot to elect the AHM Board of Directors for the 2025 through 2026 two-year term. Please follow the instructions on the ballot on mailing or dropping off your ballot to AHM. For members who receive the digital version of the newsletter, you may email your digital copy of your filled in ballot to AieaJiko@gmail.com.

The Aiea Hongwanji Mission's New Years Party and Annual General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025.

Now is a good time to check if you are current with your membership dues. If you lost track of what is due, please let us know by email or a voicemail and we will gladly provide that information.

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Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii - HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

**On Sunday, October 20, 2024, the Wailuku Hongwanji Mission, led by Resident Minister Rev. Shinkai Murakami, President Mr. Michael Munekiyo, and Chair of the 125th Anniversary Committee Mr. Danny Topp, celebrated its 125th Anniversary. Temple members, friends, and community members gathered to witness this significant occasion. The commemorative service, officiated by Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani, featured the ministers of the Maui District and the chanting of the newly established Shoshinge. Representatives from various temple organizations offered incense, followed by Bishop Umitani's dharma message, recognition of Keirokai (honoree members), and congratulatory messages from State Senator Troy Hashimoto, a representative of Maui Mayor Richard Bissen, and Maui County Councilwoman Yuki Lei Sugimura. Rev. Shinkai Murakami expressed gratitude in his message concluding the service. Below is the Aspiration shared by Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani at the service's start.*

“ASPIRATION”

I humbly declare to Amida Tathagata, the master in the West who made the Vow, to Shakyamuni Buddha, the master of this world, and to all the Buddhas of the past, present, and future in the ten quarters.

Here today, with reverence, we adorn the altar and earnestly recite the sutras in observance of the 125th Anniversary of the Wailuku Hongwanji Mission.

In carefully reflecting, the history of Wailuku Hongwanji Mission began in 1898 when Reverend Hojun Kunisaki arrived on Maui as the first Hongwanji minister officially dispatched by Honzan. Rev. Kunisaki dedicated his life to spreading the Buddha-Dharma here on the island of Maui, and his spirit was carried forward by successive ministers and lay members. Through their tireless efforts, the teachings of Amida Buddha have touched the hearts of countless individuals, guiding them through life's challenges with wisdom and compassion.

From the time the first temple building was erected at the corner of Wells and Market Streets in 1902, Wailuku Hongwanji Mission has served as a spiritual home for those who seek a place of refuge. This temple has been a beacon of light, offering a space where people from all walks of life have found solace, comfort, and inspiration in the Dharma. For 125 years, Wailuku Hongwanji has fostered a sense of belonging, nurturing deep spiritual connections and lasting friendships.

Over the years, this temple has been a gathering place for both members and non-members to share moments of joy, laughter, solace, and comfort. It has been a sanctuary where tears of sorrow and grief have been met with the gentle embrace of Amida's compassion, and where celebrations of life's milestones have been marked with heartfelt gratitude. This sacred space has witnessed the unfolding of countless life stories, each woven into the rich tapestry of the temple's history.

Today, we express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all the ministers and members who have dedicated themselves to this temple. We honor the vision and hard work of those who laid the foundation, as well as those who continue to sustain and nurture this community today. Through their efforts, the invaluable torch of the Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion has been kept alight, illuminating the path for future generations.

As we commemorate this significant milestone, let us renew our commitment to the teachings and spirit of our predecessors. We will inherit their spirit and devote ourselves to listening to the Buddha-Dharma. We will share the joy of Nembutsu and strive to realize a society where all lives are equally embraced, affirmed, and appreciated. Beyond time and space, the Light of Amida Buddha continues to shine upon us, illuminating our path even more brightly than ever.

With reverence, let us recite the Nembutsu, feeling Amida Buddha's gentle call to us, expressing our gratitude for living within the Buddha's Vow.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Toshiyuki Umitani, Bishop



TRIPLE CELEBRATION

We are thrilled to share the excitement of the Triple Celebration held on September 7 and 8, 2024.

We are pleased to announce two new Triple Celebration multimedia resources! One is a set of photo carousels available on the Hongwanji Hawaii website with images captured by Alan Kubota, Lenscapes Photography. Six carousels capture highlights from all parts of the big event. A shortcut link will take you there: <http://honpahi.link/3cphotos>

Another resource is a Triple Celebration playlist on the Hongwanji Hawaii YouTube channel. You'll find a 12-minute video produced by Project Local with event highlights and interview clips (not to be missed!). You can also see Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji's keynote address with slides, Yamaguchi Gagakukai's amazing performance of "Hawai'i Aloha," and the prelude by the Triple Celebration Choir. Find the playlist here: <http://honpahi.link/3cvideos>

These resources supplement the one previously shared for the Triple Celebration Online Buddhist Education Series, a separate YouTube playlist now accessible using the shortcut <http://honpahi.link/3clectures>.

And if you'd like to check out the electronic booklet created by Jean Heselden and used by attendees at the event, see: <http://honpahi.link/3cbooklet>.

In it are some archival photos that Rev. Miyaji remarked upon in his keynote address.

We also wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the Triple Celebration's success. Whether behind the scenes or on the frontlines, every individual's effort played an important role. This event was a true reflection of the collective spirit of our community.

Rev. Ai Hironaka and Rev. Tomo Hojo
Triple Celebration Steering Committee Co-Chair

2024-2025 SOCIAL CONCERNS FUND DRIVE

The Committee on Social Concerns is excited to announce the launch of the 2024-2025 Social Concerns Fund Drive which will begin on November 1, 2024, and run till August 31, 2025. Please refer to the letter on page 9 for more details.



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On pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter you will find the flyers for the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's LIVING GRATITUDE PROGRAM which aims to sustain its mission in the years to come with the help of charitable contributions from its supporters. The donation form is included as a separate insert to this newsletter.

I would like to extend my appreciation for those who took time away from their Sunday activities and volunteered to help with our temple beautification and clean up on September 29th. My sincere gratitude also goes out to George Kawaguchi and Mark Funasaki who regularly volunteer to maintain our landscaping and facilities, and to Elaine Kutaka, Helen Takenouchi, and Mavis Niino who prepare the altar flower arrangements on a weekly basis.

Through the efforts of Chika Matsumoto and Reverend Eric, we now have a Dharma Fun Service which is held on the on the third Sunday of each month unless preempted by a special event (see bottom of page 7 for photos). Please bring your keikis to these services which are programmed for children and entertaining for adults.

In Gassho,
Boyd Marumoto

Junior YBA Happenings

We've been a little busy!

We'd like to say a huge **THANK YOU!** to all of you who ordered manju for our HBY Month Fundraiser. We had over 350 orders from our temples across the district! As mentioned previously, we will be donating a portion of our proceeds to the Oahu SPCA. We hope that you enjoyed the manju we baked because we enjoyed making it for you!

We wanted to share some comments that we got from people who ordered manju.

"Your Manju is way better than the ones we've purchased commercially."

"It is better than store bought kine."

"I buy it for all my family because it's so good."

"They are all the same size" - We do try to make them as uniform as we can!

We truly appreciate your kind words, all your support and generous donations!

We were able to attend the Mililani High School Fall Pops to see Yuma perform in his first concert with the MHS orchestra. He and Taylor Rogers both play in the String Ensemble. The songs they performed were beautiful and we were treated to a very nice concert!



A couple of us participated in the Pride Parade in Waikiki before heading to the Hawaii Plantation Village for Haunted Plantation! The parade brought out so many groups and representatives who all walked together to promote inclusion and diversity. Then, once it got dark, for many of us, it was our first time going to the Haunted Plantation and it was a very spooky experience! We had fun amongst the screams and jumps and hiding behind each other. Definitely a nembutsu moment for us that night!



For the next couple of months, we are excited to collect donations for Toys for Tots! This is a new event for

us so please see the attached flyer for the details. We will have a collection box at select district temples: Aiea, Pearl City, Mililani, and Wai-pahu. If you have anything you wish to donate, please contact us to help make arrangements. The donation boxes will be at the temples until December 15 at which time we will be taking them all to Aiea to be picked up by the Marines.

Happy Clergy Month to our Reverends! Thank you for all that you do to support our youth! The United gave an appreciation card to Reverend Soga and paid for his admission to the Haunted plantation. Mililani Juniors also gave a token of appreciation to Reverend Kamuro at service.



Upcoming Important Dates:

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 3, at Aiea Hongwanji at 12:30pm.

Save the Date:

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

We welcome 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 Auntie Aryn Ishikawa (advisor) at arynn.m.ishikawa@gmail.com or jrybafoahu@gmail.com if you have questions or for more information.

Follow us on Instagram!

@jrybafoahu and @hawaiiifedjryba



JR YBA PRESENTS

TOYS FOR TOTS

DONATE TOYS FOR THOSE IN NEED

PUT A PRESENT UNDER A FAMILY'S TREE FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON!

TOYS:

- NEED TO BE UNUSED, SEALED IN ORIGINAL PACKAGING
- NOT TOO EXTRAVAGANT
- ITEMS FOR TODDLERS TO TEENAGERS

WHEN:

- TEMPLES WILL BE COLLECTING TOYS FROM NOW UNTIL DECEMBER 15

QUESTIONS? VISIT:
<https://www.toysfortots.org>





Living Gratitude Program

Living Gratitude:
Building the future of Buddhism in Hawaii

The Living Gratitude Program will support Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's efforts to **EDUCATE** members, youth, and the public about Jodo Shinshu, **INNOVATE** through the use of technology and targeted outreach, and **SUSTAIN** Hawaii Kyodan into the future.



EDUCATE

We **EDUCATE** our members and the general public about Shin Buddhism.

- Dharma centered programs for members, youth and the public.
- Ministerial education and lay assistant programs
- Technology based tools for education



INNOVATE

We **INNOVATE** by utilizing technology to expand our Dharma outreach.

- Digital ministry program
- Video production studio at the Buddhist Study Center
- Facilitate distance learning and online dharma
- Marketing and outreach team



SUSTAIN

We **SUSTAIN** the essence and maintain the heart of Shin Buddhism in Hawaii.

- Headquarters support with maintenance and upgrades
- Kyodan operations and ability to provide spiritual guidance throughout Hawaii
- Capital Fund investment





MOVING SHIN BUDDHISM INTO THE FUTURE



Jodo Shinshu Buddhism came to Hawaii in the 1880's when Japanese laborers came to work on the sugar plantations. These newcomers struggled to survive because of hard physical labor, poor living conditions, and minimal pay. By turning to the temple for guidance, they found the Buddhist teachings to be comforting. Ministers and lay members supported each other and built a thriving, gathering place of Nembutsu followers. They persevered and dealt with their hardships to succeed in their new home.

The roots of Jodo Shinshu planted by these early immigrants continue to grow and inspire many generations. For over 130 years, our temples have been vibrant, spiritual communities that have shared the Buddhist teachings through Dharma education, spiritual support, and community service. We welcome the inclusion of all people into our Sangha. We seek to share with others the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha.

The Dharma continues to be relevant, and even more necessary, in these turbulent and chaotic times. We believe the Nembutsu teaching has the power to transform lives and create a more humane world. We must continue to preserve and enhance our dharma-centered programs into the future so people may enjoy lives of harmony, peace, and gratitude. Please join us as we build a pathway to the future of Jodo Shinshu in Hawaii.

Living Gratitude Program:
The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
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instructions by
Chika Matsumoto
on the hand
motions to the
"Arigatai" Gatha.*



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TO: AIEA HONGWANJI MISSION MEMBERSHIP AND FRIENDS

2024-2025 Social Concerns Fund Drive

The month of November is a special time for reflecting on gratitude. Our Eitaikyo observance and Thanksgiving holiday are opportunities to appreciate the innumerable causes and conditions which sustain our lives and how we are deeply connected to the world around us. It is in this spirit of profound gratitude that we kick-off our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive.

Your generosity enables the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii with the ability to support worthy organizations and programs making positive impacts in our community. Your selfless giving also enables us to provide compassionate aid during times of disaster and the ability to skillfully respond to issues affecting our local and world communities.

Through an overwhelming outpouring of support, we raised almost \$1 million through our Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund and distributed over \$300,000 to support the members of Lahaina Hongwanji and the Maui community in the aftermath of the devastating wildfires of August 2023. We will continue to lend our support on their long road to recovery.

So far this year, we have continued our support for improving mental health care, building community resiliency, and humanitarian aid in Gaza as well as relief efforts in Japan in the aftermath of the Noto Peninsula Earthquake. We have made donations to organizations such as the Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii, Vibrant Hawaii, and World Central Kitchen.

We continue to award Golden Chain Grants to help nurture Sangha-based compassionate action and launched the Dana Matching Grant Program to multiply the impact of charitable giving by organizations in the Hawaii Kyodan Ohana. We hope you will take advantage of these innovative programs that help to share our values in the wider community.

The fund drive will begin November 1, 2024, and run till August 31, 2025. We request that temples submit their collected donations by the end of September 2025. Envelopes have been provided to temples wishing to use them. Extra envelopes are available in limited supply. Please make all checks payable to AIEA HONGWANJI MISSION. AHM will then remit one combined check to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

Your support of our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive is greatly appreciated. Mahalo!

In Gassho,

HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani
Bishop

Dr. Warren Tamamoto
President

Rev. Blayne Higa, Chair

Are you interested in buying cemetery plots?
A member of Waipahu Hongwanji consulted Rev. Jeffery Soga regarding eight plots for sale at Mililani Memorial Park.
For more details please contact Rev. Soga directly at (808) 987-1989.
Aiea Hongwanji has no interests in this matter other than posting this notice at the request of Rev. Soga.

Dear Members of the Aiea Hongwanji Sangha,

This is a friendly reminder about the upcoming **Shinnenkai Photo Project** that I am working on for our New Year's celebration (Shinnenkai) on **January 25th, 2025**. Thank you so much to those who have already submitted their photos—your contributions will make this tribute truly special!

For your convenience, I am attaching the original message with details. If you have any questions, please email chad.okawa@gmail.com

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 AND aieajiko@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

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

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

Temple Calendar of Events for December 2024

1 Sun	9:30AM	Hawaii Buddhist Council (HBC) Bodhi Day Service Details forthcoming.
4 Wed	9:30AM	Oahu District Ministers Association Meeting
6 Fri	1:00PM	HHMH Sanmu-Kanji Meeting
7 Sat	9:00AM	HHMH BOD Zoom Meeting
8 Sun	9:00AM	AHM Bodhi Day Service
11 Wed	9:00AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services
15 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service and Youth Dharma Fun Day Activity
	10:30AM	"Development of Jodo Shinshu in Japan and Hawaii" Part 2 video lecture by Prof. Mitsuya Dake
16 Mon	7:00PM	Oahu District Hongwanji Council Zoom meeting
19 Thu	10:00AM	Lotus Adult Day Care Service and Visitation
22 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
	10:30AM	AHM BWA Meeting
28 Sat	TBD	AHM Mochi-making
29 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
31 Tue	3:00PM	AHM New Year's Eve Service

*Rev. Matsumoto will be away on December 22-25, 2024, inclusive. Rev. Matsumoto will be back in the Office on the morning of December 26, 2024. Please call Rev. Mariko Nishiyama of Pearl City Hongwanji for religious emergencies.

Special Note: Wednesday, January 1, 2025, at 10:00AM will be our AHM New Year's Day Service

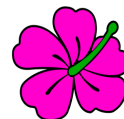
*Aiea Hongwanji Mission extends its Deepest Sympathy to the
family of the late Shinichi Suzuki and Edward Toshio Inamasu
Namo Amida Butsu*

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.

November 2024



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

December 2024

17 th Masae	Yamamoto	33 rd Ekiso	Jike
25 th Richard	Kamei	50 th Ryuma	Tokushige
7 th Shingo	Higuchi	17 th Shirley T.	Higuchi

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Temple Calendar of Events for November 2024

3 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
6 Wed	9:30AM	Oahu District Ministers Association Meeting
7-8		Ministers Continuing Ed at BSC
9 Sat	10:30AM	Dharma-centered Living 101 #3 with Trinidad Hunt at Mililani Hongwanji as the zoom site for Oahu District participants
10 Sun	9:00AM	Eitaikyo Major Service including remembrance for family members who are in the columbarium, and Dharma Fun Day Youth Activity
13 Wed	9:00AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services
15 Fri	5:00PM Registration	PBA Lighting Our Way Dinner Awards
16 Sat		HHMH Temple President's Retreat at BSC
17 Sun	8:45AM-12:00Noon	State-wide Dharma School Zoom Gathering with Trinidad Hunt (No regular service)
	1:00PM	Oahu BWA is having their quarterly meeting at Waipahu Hongwanji
19 Tue	7:00PM	AHM Board Meeting
21 Thu	10:00AM	Lotus Adult Daycare Service and Visitation
24 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
	10:30AM-12:00Noon	"Development of Jodo Shinshu in Japan and Hawaii" Part 1 Video lecture with Prof. Mitsuya Dake
25 Mon	7:00PM	Oahu District Buddhist Education Zoom meeting
28-29 Thu-Fri		Preschool and Lotus Adult Daycare Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

**Rev. Matsumoto away November 2-3, 2024, for Kona Hongwanji's Eitaikyo Service as Guest Speaker*



Join Project Dana's Public Presentation Meetings!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Meeting Date: Saturday, November 9, 2024;

Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Location: Zoom & Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple at 94-821 Kuhaulua Street, Waipahu, HI 96797

Topic: **"Palliative Care vs. Hospice Care"** – Palliative care is specialized medical care for people living with a serious illness. This type of care is focused on providing relief from the symptoms and stress of the illness. The goal is to improve the quality of life for both the patient and the family. Palliative care is not the same as hospice care, and individuals using this benefit can continue to receive curative treatments as desired. Hospice is a special kind of care helping those with a prognosis of six months or less to live.

Speaker: Hope Young, Kokua Mau

Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Location: Zoom and Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813)

Topic: **"Protect Yourself and Your Money from Predatory Tactics"** – This presentation is by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA), Business Registration Division (BREG) – Investor Education Program. Caregivers will learn that Con artists will say or do anything to take your hard-earned money away from you. This presentation will cover examples of predatory tactics, how to recognize these tactics, and how the Investor Education Program can help you. This information is important for caregivers who have taken responsibility of managing their loved ones' finances and assets.

Speaker: Theresa Kong Kee, DCCA

Meeting Date: Saturday, November 30, 2024

Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Location: Zoom — **RSVP before training**

Topic: **"Caregiver Burnout and Self-Care"** - In this workshop, caregivers will learn about caregiver burnout, identify signs and symptoms of burnout, and how to create a self-care plan to recover from or prevent burnout.

Featuring: Maria Morales, MSW, Project Dana Program Coordinator

Free workshop for caregivers who meet the following criteria:

- Caregivers provide unpaid care to an individual at least 60 years old.
 - Individuals receiving care lives in the community and not in a nursing home or care home.
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Please call or email if you are interested in attending or need more information: Maria Morales, Program Coordinator
Phone: (808) 945-3736 Email: cgsg@projectdana.org

Nurturing Nembutsu: Cultivating Awareness

2025 HHMH THEME/SLOGAN **POSTER CONTEST**

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**Entries will be accepted between
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- Focus on how the Nembutsu nurtures a sense of gratitude, awareness of our true nature, and compassion for all beings.
- Reflect Shinran 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).
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In Gassho.

Bishop Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani

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Aiea Hongwanji Mission

Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temple, Est. 1902

Aiea Hongwanji Mission Ballot to elect Board of Directors for the 2025 through 2026 term

Vote by marking an "X" in the box to the left of the names. Add your name or another member's name in the blank spaces if you or your nominee wish to serve on the board.

- ☐ Earl Asato
- ☐ Mark Funasaki
- ☐ Mark Haimoto
- ☐ Audrey Marumoto
- ☐ Boyd Marumoto
- ☐ Susan Morishige
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- ☐ Gerald Tokuno
- ☐ Dean Yamaguchi
- ☐ Gayle Yamaguchi
- ☐ Carol S. K. Yamamoto,
- ☐ Wade Yamamoto
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- ☐ Allan Tomisato
- ☐ Elaine Kutaka
- ☐ Chad Okawa
- ☐ _____

There shall be no more than twenty-three (23) Directors elected to serve on the Board. Vote for no more than 23 Directors. Please mail this ballot to the temple in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope or drop it off at the temple office no later than December 14, 2024. Ballots will be tabulated on December 15, 2024.

Upon certification of the election results at the December 17, 2024 Board of Directors' meeting, the newly elected directors shall elect the officers of the Board for the January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026 term.

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