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Monthly Newsletter of  
The Aiea Hongwanji Mission

Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments



## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

### From Rags to Riches, a transformation!

As you read this January Issue of the JIKO Newsletter, you are probably either waiting to greet the New Year or have already greeted the New Year. Let me wish you and your loved ones a very "Happy New Year!" I, also, express my deepest hope that 2025 will be a most significant and meaningful year for you.

Beginning in 2025, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii has a new series of Theme and Slogans for the next five years.

They are:

- 2025: Nurturing Nembutsu: Cultivating Awareness
- 2026: Nurturing Nembutsu: Sharing Gratitude
- 2027: Nurturing Nembutsu: Living Aloha
- 2028: Nurturing Nembutsu: Embracing Everyone
- 2029: Nurturing Nembutsu: Expanding Community



In 2024, there was a poster contest by the Hawaii Kyodan on the 2025 Theme and Slogan of "Nurturing Nembutsu: Cultivating Awareness." Aiea Hongwanji with the help of some of our young children who come to Sunday Service and adults created a poster to submit under the direction of Claire Tamamoto, Tamayo Matsumoto and Chika Matsumoto. It became the winning entry! Please be prepared to see it at the temple and let's bring our poster to life.

So much depends on awareness. Awareness is what makes the difference. Without awareness, each day is just another day, but when filled with awareness, even a mundane day becomes a special day. For us, Jodo Shinshu, it is Namu Amida Butsu which transforms our life.

Please allow me to share some poems written by Okaru (1801-1856) from "Myokonin Okaru and Her Poems of Shinjin" by Hoyu Ichida. She wrote

*From the hilltop,/A temple far below;/Amida's benevolence,/Oh, so great,/It is a treasure mountain/Unsurpassed.*

*I hurry to the treasure mountain/With open arms/And hurrying feet;/I must not return/Empty handed.*

*Thanks to Amida's repeated vows/In order to save me assuredly;/Amida's six-character Name (Namu Amida Butsu)/I bow and receive./I bow and receive.*

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## FOR ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER

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*The Compassionate Amida and I/Are joined together/Like a two-fold screen:/We cannot be separated/  
Because of the hinge.*

*Ayu fish live in a shoal,/And birds in the woods./I dwell within/The six-characters of/Na-mo-a-mi-da-butsu.*

*Though my body/Is clothed in rags,/My heart is adorned/With wadded silk garment  
/When I hear (Amida's Teaching)!*

*Amida's compassion/Tenderly permeates/Every nook and corner,/Particularly me!*

I invite you to the temple as we, together, delve into the experience of Okaru and so many others who encountered All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion (Amida Buddha) so that we are able to live in a life transforming deep awareness as they did.

I conclude my message today by quoting a saying originally by Tz'u-min (of China) which Shinran Shonin quoted in his "Notes on Essentials of Faith Alone" in praise of Amida Buddha's dynamic workings of Great Wisdom and Compassion which transforms our life.

*That (Amida) Buddha, in the causal stage (as Bodhisattva Dharmakara), made the universal Vow:  
When beings (people) hear my Name (Namo Amida Butsu) and think on me, I will come to welcome  
them. Not discriminating...Solely making beings (people) turn about and abundantly say the nem-  
butsu, I can make bits of rubble change into gold.*

Thank you and see you in the New Year!

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

In gassho, Eric Matsumoto

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### **New Year's Greeting \*\*\*\*\* January 1, 2025**

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

As in previous years, many people throughout the world have been affected by natural disasters, including earthquakes, floods, and forest fires. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to all who have perished in those calamities. I would also like to express my sympathies to those who are still coping with the dire situations. It is my sincere hope that all who have been affected will soon be able to return to normalcy.

In addition to the continuing Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022, armed conflict in the Middle East since October 2023 has intensified, putting a toll on civilians. As Buddhists, let us embrace the words of Sakyamuni Buddha that "Everyone fears violence and is scared of death. In consideration of all life, do not kill and do not make others kill."

We, as human beings who have received life in this world, shall have our human rights equally guaranteed regardless of reason, and must never have our lives threatened. However in reality, conflicts and terrorist attacks have occurred everywhere in the world and for many people, their right to live and exist has been threatened. As Buddhists as well as Nembutsu followers who aspire to achieve peace, we must keep seriously in our hearts the words of Sakyamuni Buddha as well as Shinran Shonin who aspired for a peaceful world in pursuing our endeavor of contributing toward world peace and security.

Through the Jodo Shinshu teaching, we are guided to appreciate Amida Buddha's working that enables us to become aware of our true self. Being caught up in our self-centered thinking and desires, we are unable to accept the Universal Truth of dependent origination and impermanence, and that is why we constantly suffer from our human desires.

Unable to leave us in such a state, Amida Buddha continuously works to lead us to the Dharma. By regarding each individual as a fellow traveler following the same path being guided and embraced by Amida Buddha, we are enabled to respect and help each other while courageously coping with difficult social issues. Let us continue listening and appreciating Amida Buddha's working as Buddhist followers while cherishing each and every day.

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



## 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 December 7, 2024.*

Good morning. As this is the final Board of Directors Meeting for the year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation to the ministers and lay leaders of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for your unwavering leadership and dedication. Your commitment is deeply valued, and I sincerely thank you for your continued efforts in achieving our shared mission.

I have submitted my written report, which also includes updates from my role as the Buddhist Study Center (BSC) Interim Director. If you have any questions or would like to know more details, please contact me.

As I shared in the most recent HQ Update, we hosted the Temple Presidents Retreat at the BSC on November 16. This retreat welcomed 26 temple presidents or their representatives and was designed to create a peaceful and engaging environment for networking, interaction, and mutual support.

The retreat was very well-received, and I would like to share some of the participants' comments:

- *“It was good to talk to others in the same position.”*
- *“Now I know that I have a network of resources if I need any help.”*
- *“We are not alone.”*
- *“Very engaging and meaningful.”*
- *“This was so helpful as a new president coming in.”*
- *”It was wonderful to network with everyone.”*



As the retreat concluded, presidents expressed a renewed sense of purpose and reassurance. They returned to their temples with fresh ideas and the confidence that they are supported by a strong network of fellow presidents and the Headquarters.

While there is no simple solution to the challenges facing our temples, districts, and state organization, retreats like this remind us that we can navigate these challenges together. Each of you plays an indispensable role in HHMH, and your participation is vital to our collective efforts.

In many ways, our work is like playing a soccer match. Imagine a soccer field where the goal represents our shared mission in the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii—to spread the Dharma and nurture our communities.

In soccer, no single player can control the entire game, no matter how skilled they are. Each player has a role, and success depends on everyone working together, understanding their responsibilities, and trusting their teammates.

Sometimes, the ball moves smoothly down the field, just as our projects and goals progress seamlessly. Other times, obstacles arise—like opposing players blocking our path. When the ball is intercepted, it’s easy to feel frustrated. But in soccer, no single player is blamed. Instead, the team regroups, adjusts its strategy, and works together to recover and move forward.

There are moments of joy when we score a goal—celebrating a successful event, reaching a milestone, or welcoming more people to the temple. These achievements are the result of shared effort and determination. Every pass, every attempt, and every step forward contributes to the greater game.

Our journey in HHMH is a collaborative one. Ministers, Kyodan Board Members, Temple Presidents, Temple members ... each of us plays a vital role, and by working together, we will overcome challenges, celebrate successes, and continue toward our shared goal of spreading the Nembutsu teachings and serving our communities.

Thank you for your leadership, dedication, and commitment to the growth of HHMH. Let us continue to move forward together.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

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### CHANGE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF JODO SHINSHU HONGWANJI-HA

Honzan has announced the members of the new Governing Board of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha effective on December 20, 2024, at the Special Session of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha diet.

- 総長 池田 行信 Governor General IKEDA Gyoshin
- 総務 荻野 昭裕 Governor OGINO Shoyu
- 総務 藤山 憲照 Governor FUJIYAMA Kensho - in charge of International Department
- 総務 仲尾 史峰 Governor NAKAO Shiho
- 副総務 河原 善雄 Vice Governor KAWAHARA Zenyu

### PROPAGATION PROGRAM GRANT

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii’s Propagation Program Grant Committee would like to announce to all of you that propagation program grants are available for “New and wonderful ideas for propagating Nembutsu teachings into our community.” Would you like to share your wonderful and creative Dharma projects with our community? If so, take action right away! We all are looking forward to seeing your innovative ideas!

The committee reviews all grant applications which meet the following criteria:

1. New, innovative, creative ideas or activities focusing on Buddhist Education and the propagation of the Dharma.
2. Each project may be funded only once within 5 years.
3. The maximum amount of the grant must not exceed \$10,000.00
4. The project would have statewide implications/potential.

For more information regarding this program or to apply, please check with your resident minister or HQ.

### COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS UPDATE

The Committee on Social Concerns made the following donations from our Social Welfare Fund in the final quarter of 2024. We renewed our commitment to supporting worthy organizations and programs making a positive impact in our community addressing food insecurity, mental health, homelessness, community resiliency, and LGBTQIA+ support among other important community concerns. Mahalo for your continued support of our mission to share the living Dharma through compassionate action.

\$1,000	Hawaii Red Cross
\$2,000	A Cup of Cold Water (Maui)
\$2,000	Maui Farm
\$2,000	Hawaii Food Bank
\$2,000	Maui Food Bank
\$1,000	The Food Basket (Hawaii Island Food Bank)
\$500	Kauai Food Bank
\$500	Kauai Independent Food Bank
\$1,000	Honokaa Hongwanji Feed the Keiki and Kupuna Program
\$2,500	Family Promise of Hawaii
\$1,000	Lanakila Pacific
\$2,000	Ma’o Farms
\$2,500	The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii
\$2,500	Pacific Health Ministry
\$1,000	Kokua Mau
\$1,000	Hawaii People’s Fund
\$1,000	Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center
\$1,000	Spill the Tea Café
\$2,000	Hawaii Community Foundation Maui Strong Fund
\$2,000	World Central Kitchen
\$1,000	Salvation Army
<b>\$31,500</b>	<b>Total</b>

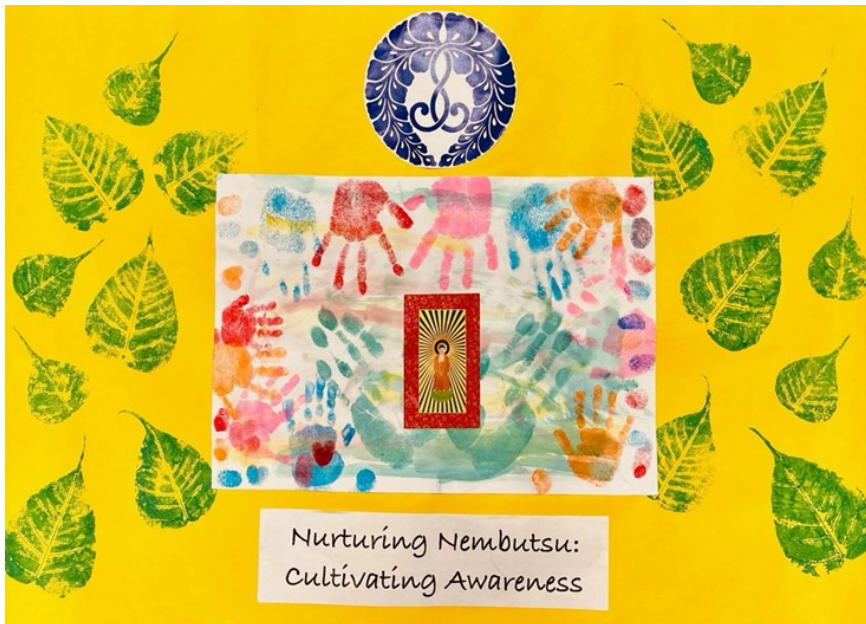
Please consider your own contribution to any of these or other worthy organizations making a difference in our community. Non-profits are a vital part of our social safety net that helps keep our community strong.

A friendly reminder about the **Dana Matching Grant Program** which was created to encourage the practice of Dana and to amplify the power of giving. The grant enables temples and organizations affiliated with Hawaii Kyodan with the ability to double the impact of their charitable giving to non-profit organizations. The Dana Matching Grant will match your temple or affiliated organization's donation amount—dollar-for-dollar up to \$1,500 per grant—to double the impact your Dana in the community. For more information contact Committee Chair, Rev. Blayne Higa at [bhiga@honpahi.org](mailto:bhiga@honpahi.org).

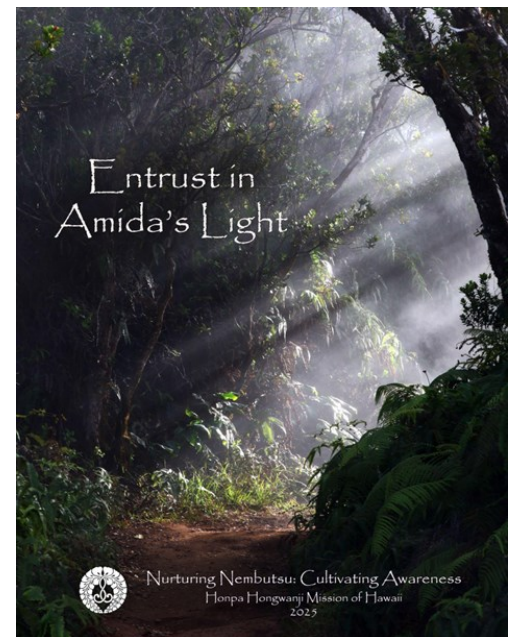
### HHMH 2025 THEME/SLOGAN POSTER CONTEST

Our first annual HHMH Theme/Slogan Poster Contest has concluded. The chairpersons were Reverend Shawn Yagi and Debbie Kubota. The judges were Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani, Rimban Yuika Hasebe, and Ms. Yumi Suzuki (HHMH Calendar Committee Chair). Every submission was outstanding. We are thrilled to announce the winners who stood out for their exceptional creativity and connection to our theme:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Aiea Hongwanji Mission Sangha and Dharma School – *"Global Awareness of Interdependence Brings Peace"* Note: "Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii" and the year "2025" will be added to the artwork before poster printing.



- **2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Alan Kubota, Hawaii Betsuin – *"Revealing the Truth"*



- **3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Masako Sakata, Na'alehu Hongwanji – *"Nurturing Nembutsu: Cultivating Awareness"*
- **4<sup>th</sup> Place:** Dave Atcheson, Hawaii Betsuin – *"Going Deep"*
- **5<sup>th</sup> Place:** Masako Sakata, Na'alehu Hongwanji – *"In Gratitude We Call Out Namo Amida Butsu"*

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winning artworks will be turned into posters and distributed to all temples across the state. Please be on the lookout for the posters at your temples in early 2025 and all submissions online on the HHMH website.

## Junior YBA Happenings



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** We hope you had a relaxing holiday and New Year's celebration with your family and friends.

**ICYMI,** we had a roller skating activity which was supposed to be a membership drive but our turnout was low. We will be planning another activity in the near future so juniors can bring their friends to experience being part of our group!

We have been busy planning the Winter Federation Meeting which will be held on January 19-20 at Aiea Hongwanji. We are planning to go on a tour of the Hōkūle'a which is currently moored at Pearl Harbor and bowling for some fun outside of our meeting.



We'd like to also thank all of you for your very generous gift donations for Toys For Tots. We collected many gifts from our district temples, including a couple of bicycles!



### Upcoming Important Dates:

**Next Meeting: Sunday, January 12, at Aiea Hongwanji at 12:30pm.** We will be finalizing details for the Winter Federation Meeting.

**Sunday, January 19 – Monday, January 20: Winter Federation Meeting at Aiea Hongwanji**

**\*Parents of Juniors\*** We are looking for some help with transportation so if you are available on either of these days, please contact Aryn or Gay.

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 Aryn Ishikawa (advisor) at [arynn.m.ishikawa@gmail.com](mailto:arynn.m.ishikawa@gmail.com) or [jrybafoahu@gmail.com](mailto:jrybafoahu@gmail.com) if you have questions or for more information.

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## INTRODUCING REVEREND TATSUO MUNETO — OUR GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE JANUARY 19, 2025, HO'ONKO (SHINRAN SHONIN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE)

Rev. Tatsuo Muneto was born in 1941 and grew up in Hiroshima, Japan.

In 1964, he graduated from Ryukoku University with a B.A. in Buddhist Studies.

Later in 1965, he was assigned the position of Assistant Director of Hawaii Kyodan Department of Sunday School.

He was the recipient of the Hawaii Kyodan Scholarship in 1967 and enrolled at Claremont University in California where he finished his Master of Arts program in Religion and Asian Studies.

Upon his return to Hawaii Kyodan in 1970, he was assigned to various temples in Honolulu, the Big Island and Kauai. While on Kauai, he furthered his studies and received one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education in 1987.

He held the Rimbans' position at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin until his retirement on December 15, 2015 at the age of 75.

During his tenure at the local temples, he took time off to visit India twice, and also to visit the Silk Road in China for pilgrimage tours.

In 1995, he published a book titled, "Dharma Treasures, Spiritual Insights from Hawaii's Shin Buddhist Pioneers."

Since his retirement, he has been serving as a hospice volunteer at Navian Hawaii.



## *New Year's Party (shin'nenkai) and Annual Membership Meeting*

*Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 5:00pm in the Aiea Hongwanji Mission's Social Hall*

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

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

*Children ages 7 through 12: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5/each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*(No charge for children under age 7- indicate Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ each, and*

*Keirokai Honorees & those greater than age 79 - Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ each)*

*TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Name (s) of NEW Keirokai Honoree age 80 and above: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Names of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_*



*Drop off or Mail this form by 01/09/2025 to: Aiea Hongwanji Mission, Attention: Claire Tamamoto  
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Aiea HI, 96701 Or email to: AieaJiko@gmail.com*

*Donations of desserts, door prizes such as gift cards, and unwanted Christmas gifts for the New Year's Party can be dropped off at the Social Hall on Sunday mornings 8:00 am to noon. Thank you very much.*

### Aiea Hongwanji Annual Membership Meeting-Agenda January 25, 2025

1. Call to Order: President - Boyd Marumoto
2. Aspiration: Rev. Eric Matsumoto
3. Proxy, Attendance, & Quorum: Assistant Secretary - Audrey Marumoto
4. Secretary's minutes for 2024 annual meeting & motion to accept minutes: Assistant Secretary - Audrey Marumoto
5. Treasurer's Annual report: Assistant Treasurer - Russell Nonaka
6. Report of election of AHM Officers and Board of Directors for 2025-2026
7. President's Report of major projects & events held in 2024
8. Announcements
  - a. Next Board meeting: Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 7:00 pm via Zoom
  - b. Next Annual meeting: To Be Announced later.
9. Adjournment

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



To Our Sangha: Thank you to all the people who turned out to help make our Mochitsuki (Mochi-making) event a wonderful experience for everyone! Also, thank you to those who turned out the following day 12/29/2024 for our Temple Beautification Day. This was a last-minute schedule change that required us to cancel our regular Sunday service (my apologies to those who arrived for the service.) The 2025 HHMH calendars will soon be mailed out to our active members. Please check to be sure your dues are current to ensure you are on the mailing list. We have a lot of upcoming activities as you will notice throughout this newsletter. We look forward to your participation. Most importantly, I wish to extend my best wishes to all of you and hope that 2025 will be a year of fulfillment and happiness. Namo Amida Butsu. — Boyd Marumoto —



**Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 10:00 am to 11:30 am**

Topic: Understanding Medicare Enrollment Periods

Speaker: Elliott Khlopin, Thanh Tran, and Martha Khlopin - Get2insurance.com

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

**Saturday, January 11, 2025, 10:00 am to 11:30 am**

Topic: The Truth About Long-Term Care: Why it's the Most Critical Decision You'll Ever Make

Speaker: Roger Higa, Hawai'i Long-Term Care Solutions President/CEO

Location: Zoom and Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (94-821 Kuhaulua Street, Waipahu, HI 96797)

Please call or email if you are interested in attending or need more information:

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*2025 Legislative Assembly Aloha Luncheon  
and  
50<sup>th</sup> Annual Living Treasures of Hawai'i™ Recognition*

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will honor the following individuals as the 2025 Living Treasures of Hawai'i™ in recognition of their personal and professional achievements and their contributions to the community. We welcome you to celebrate this honor with them.

**Dennis Sueo Agena  
William Wallace Char, Jr. (Bill Char)  
Neil Jacob Kaho'okele Hannahs  
Victoria Holt Takamine  
Dr. George Joji Tanabe, Jr.**

Date: Saturday, February 8, 2025

Place: Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom

Time: 11:00 AM – Registration

12:00 PM – Lunch and Program

2:15 PM – Program ends

Attire: Aloha

Cost: Early registration - \$100.00 for payments received by **January 18, 2025**

Late registration - \$150.00 for payments between **January 19 – January 25, 2025**

**(Reservations will NOT be accepted after January 25, 2025 or if maximum capacity is reached)**

**Additional fee for payments by credit card**

*Sponsor Tables are available: Gold - \$5,000; Silver - \$3,000; Bronze - \$2,000*

Deadline to purchase a Sponsor Table – January 11, 2025





**RESERVATION FORM (Please Print or Type)**

Name of the 2025 Honoree for whom you are attending \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person:		Email:	
Address:		Phone:	
Organization/Company:			
Names of Attendees: (Tables limited to 10)			circle (v) for vegetarian meal
Indicate if past Living Treasures Honoree with an * after the name			
1.	(V)	6.	(V)
2.	(V)	7.	(V)
3.	(V)	8.	(V)
4.	(V)	9.	(V)
5.	(V)	10.	(V)

Special Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

Check Payment (please make check payable to **HMMH**)

**Sponsor Table** (check one):  **Gold (\$5,000)**  **Silver (\$3,000)**  **Bronze (\$2,000)**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (sponsor table includes luncheon cost for 10 guests)

Individual seats (early registration)	# of guests _____	X \$ 100.00	=	\$ _____
Individual seats (late registration)	# of guests _____	X \$ 150.00	=	\$ _____
			Total enclosed:	\$ _____

Credit Card Payment

Individual seats (early registration)	# of guests _____	X \$ 105.00	=	\$ _____
Individual seats (late registration)	# of guests _____	X \$ 155.00	=	\$ _____
			Total due:	\$ _____

Credit Card Info

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3-Digit CVV: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Address Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I will not be able to attend but would like to donate      Donation amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**No refunds after January 27,2025**

Please return this form with your payment to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813. **Payment must accompany the reservation form.** For additional information, please call (808) 522-9200 or email [admin@honpahi.org](mailto:admin@honpahi.org).

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE AIEA HONGWANJI MISSION ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON JANUARY 25, 2025

### MAJOR PROJECTS AND EVENTS IN 2024:

The following is a list of the major projects and undertakings that the AHM Board of Directors worked on in 2024.

- WE Painting was hired to repair the spalls and cracks on the western side of the hall, and the cracks in the floor of the atrium area.
- Cyber Insurance Coverage with a \$2 million limit of liability was added to the insurance policies for the Aiea Hongwanji Mission.
- Guidelines for Aiea Kyodan-sponsored funerals (Kyodan-so) were established and adopted.
- The Preschool replaced its broken dishwasher with a new one on lease.
- The columbarium (Nokotsudo) updating of the contact list for the niches continued, but there are still some niches that have no contacts.
- The AHM BWA held its spring Craft Fair which was a huge success.
- The tent fumigation of the temple building and parsonage was completed by Aloha Termite & Pest Control.
- Roto Rooter replaced the fill valve and stopper assembly for the parsonage master bathroom toilet.
- Roto Rooter also replaced the leaking flush valves in the hall's men's & women's restrooms, as well as the aged valves for the hall kitchen faucets.
- The exterior men's & women's restroom of the Lotus Adult Day Care Center were renovated under contract with Construction R Us. Design and Construction administration services were provided pro bono by Gerald M. Tokuno, AIA.
- AHM held an E-Waste collection day in June which provided a venue for the community to recycle their old electronic devices.
- On 6/14/2024, AHM sponsored the showing of the "Carving the Divine" documentary film.
- The expired AED pads for the Lotus Adult Day Care Center and Preschool/Hall AEDs were replaced with new ones. Child-sized pads were added to the Preschool/Hall AED.
- The Fire Alarm Systems for the Preschool and Social Hall were upgraded to comply with current codes.
- AHM supported the Jr. YBA 67<sup>th</sup> State Convention with a donation of \$250 for a full-page ad in the convention booklet.
- AHM hosted a Dharma Learning and discussion session with Dr. Ret. Rev. Kenji Akahoshi in August.
- Hall Rentals: Added Ballroom Dancing on Wednesdays, 7:15pm to 9:15pm; The Judo Club expanded their Thursday practice time slot to 5:30pm to 9:00pm (previously 6:00pm to 8:30pm due to Kumon's reservation which ended in December 2023.)
- Various repairs and improvements were made throughout the temple and preschool grounds in July (refer to the August 2024 Jiko newsletter for details.)
- The Audio-Visual Company was hired to troubleshoot the cause of the malfunctioning hall audio system. They reported that the amplifier was not working but were not sure if replacing it would solve the problem. They submitted proposals to upgrade the entire system, which was rather expensive compared to just replacing the amplifier. A volunteer replaced the amplifier at no charge and the system is now in working condition.
- The Preschool earned its reaccreditation which is good through 2030. It also passed inspection for its license renewal.
- The temple Dharma school program was restarted and rebranded as Dharma Fun.
- The Project Dana program is active at AHM with volunteers providing meals for the elderly and transportation to those in need.
- The parsonage sliding glass doors were replaced by Akamai Glass.

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- The annual Bon Dance was held on August 24, 2024, and was well-attended by the community.
- The parsonage clothes washer's stabilizer suspension rods were replaced.
- The noisy ceiling fan in the parsonage's dining area was fixed.
- A new model car that was parked along the street shoulder by the Lotus Adult Day Care Center was damaged from AHM's weed wacking work. An insurance claim was presented to Pyramid Insurance to reimburse AHM for the payments made to the car's owner.
- In December, AHM members elected its Board of directors to serve the 2025 through 2026 term. The installation of the directors and its officers will be held prior to the start of its annual meeting and New Year's party on January 25, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

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### 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.

### January 2025

7 th Kerry Iwao	Okumura	25 th Nancy Natsuko	Gould
17 th Wayne Tadashi	Ichishita	33 rd Hazel Hatsuko	Jike
25 th John Haruto	Oka	50 th Tsuu	Suzukawa
25 th Fujino	Nakata	50 th Mineyo	Okada
25 th Masayuki	Morikawa	50 th Takeo	Miyashiro
25 th Teruko	Miyoga		

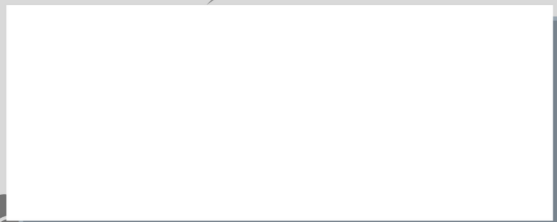
### February 2025

1 st Melvin Katsuyuki	Koizumi	13 th Yachiyo	Kojima
1 st Robert Yoshio	Yoshida	13 th Mitsuko	Kirihara
3 th Harry	Tomishima	17 th Hatsue	Zakahi
3 th Etsuko	Nakagawa	25 th Hidetoshi "Henr	Maeda
7 th Mitsuyo	Uyeunten	33 th Sueko	Nagai
13 th Mary Chieko	Masuda	33 th Doris Sumiko	Fujiwara
13 th William Tsuruo	Kuromoto		

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**Temple Calendar of Events for January 2025**

1 Wed	10:00AM	New Year's Day Service (Gantan-E). Preschool & Lotus Day Care closed.
5 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
6 Mon		Preschool resumes (after winter break)
8 Wed	9:00AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services
12 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
15 Wed	9:30AM	Oahu District Ministers Association and 2025 Seminar Planning Meeting
16 Thu	10:00AM	Lotus Adult Daycare Service and Visitation
19 Sun	9:00AM	AHM Shinran Shonin Memorial Service (Ho'onko) with Guest Speaker Rev. Tatsuo Muneto & Dharma Fun Activity for Youth
21 Tue	7:00PM	AHM Board of Directors Meeting
25 Sat	4:30PM	AHM Board of Directors Installation Ceremony (Main Sanctuary)
	5:00PM	AHM General Membership Meeting & Honoring Keirokai (Hall)
	6:00PM	AHM New Year's Party (Hall)
26 Sun	9:00AM	Turning of the Wheel of Dharma (Shotemporin) Day Service
	10:30AM	AHM BWA Meeting
27	7:00PM	Oahu District Hongwanji Council Pre-Giseikai Zoom Meeting

**Temple Partial Calendar of Events for February 2025**

2 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service-BWA Dana Day and Scout Sunday
5 Sun	9:30AM	Oahu District Ministers Association and 2025 Seminar Planning Meeting
6 Thu		HHMH BOD Meeting and Rap Session and State Ministers Association Meeting & Dinner.
7-8		HHMH 113 <sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) and Aloha Luncheon and Living Treasures of Hawaii Recognition Program including HHMH General Membership Meeting
9 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
16 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service: Nirvana Day and Dharma Fun Activity for Youth