



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Everything Changes!



Every month, about 100 very young people gather at Aiea Hongwanji's Main Sanctuary for a moment of reflection. They gather to reflect on themselves and life. At Preschool Temple Service, I share with the children that the Buddha is someone who is "Perfectly Wise and Kind." The Dharma is the "Wise and Kind Words" of the Buddha and the Sangha is "People who (understand and) try to follow the Wise and Kind Words of the Buddha." The Buddha wants all of us to be aware, happy and at peace.

Did you know that Amida Buddha's hands share a message. To make it easy to understand for the children I say that the Buddha's left hand shows how KIND the Buddha is. It represents Compassion. It is Buddha's reaching out to us, extending a helping hand to each one of us. The Buddha's right hand shows how WISE Buddha is. It represents Wisdom. I explain, it can mean to "Stop, Think and Do." Just like a circle is perfectly round and never ends, the circles formed by Buddha's fingers show how Perfectly Wise and Kind the Buddha is.

But why do you think Buddha shares the Dharma or Teachings which are the Wise and Kind Words of the Buddha with us? It's because the Buddha including Sakyamuni Buddha wants us to understand. When we know or understand then we are not afraid or confused. It's only when we don't know or don't understand that we become confused, afraid or keep doing unwholesome things. Buddha wants us to know, to understand, so we know what the wholesome things are so we can try to do what is proper so as not to cause suffering. Let's try to always "Stop, think and do" and try to do what is best for everybody. We can't do this perfectly, but let's try very hard in gratitude to Amida Buddha for accepting me just as I am.

In February of each year, we observe Nirvana Day. It commemorates the passing of the Historic Buddha, Sakyamuni, into Parinirvana, the final and great Nirvana. As Sakyamuni Buddha was about to pass away, one of his last messages was that all things are always changing! Everything changes! In fact, it can be said that the one thing that doesn't change is that

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MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII 113TH GISEIKAI LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

BISHOP TOSHIYUKI UMITANI'S WELCOME MESSAGE



Good morning, Dharma friends! Welcome to the 113th Giseikai, the Legislative Assembly of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. I am truly grateful for your participation. Whether you are joining us in person or virtually, your presence is a testament to your dedication to the HHMH. It's wonderful to see all of you gathered here today, united in our joy of living the Nembutsu and our commitment to the future of Hongwanji.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our special guests from our sister organizations: Mr. Steven Terusaki and Mrs. Kathy Terusaki from the Buddhist Churches of America; Bishop Tatsuya Aoki from the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada; and Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara from the Jodo Shinshu International Office. I know this is not your first time joining Giseikai, so welcome back to Hawaii! I sincerely appreciate your continued support and collaboration. I hope you enjoy your visit and look forward to exchanging ideas and experiences with you.

I would also like to express my deep appreciation to our ministers, temple leaders, and Headquarters staff, who tirelessly share their knowledge, experience, and skills in service to their temples, districts, and the larger community. Your dedication and commitment are the foundation of our Hongwanji. As we often say, "Teamwork makes the dream work," it is through our collective efforts that the Hawaii Kyodan and our temples can continue to thrive, sharing the living teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in a world that so desperately needs its message of wisdom and compassion.

Last year, HHMH observed the Triple Celebration, marking the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth, the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching, and the 135th Anniversary of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. It was a joyous occasion where the voices of the Nembutsu resounded in the banquet room. I was deeply moved and grateful to recite the Nembutsu together with so many ministers and members. That moment reminded me of the countless causes and conditions—especially the sacrifices of those who lived before us—who dedicated their lives to building and strengthening our organization.

As we enter the 136th year, let us carry forward the same joy and sense of oneness we experienced at the Triple Celebration. Let us continue to listen to the Compassionate Call of Amida Buddha and embody it in our daily lives—at home, in the temple, and in the community.

Now, I want to take a moment to reflect on the current state of our Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and the challenges we face. Based on the latest statistics, our membership has decreased to approximately 3,500, with two temples yet to submit their reports.

The effects of this decline are becoming more apparent in our temples: challenges in leadership succession, reduced income, obstacles in hosting events at previous levels, a drop in attendance at Sunday Services and Memorial Services, and fewer individuals reciting the Nembutsu during our services. These difficulties cannot be resolved overnight, and at times, they may seem discouraging. Some may even wonder if there is a bright future for HHMH.

However, as we confront these difficulties, let us cultivate the ability to see opportunities for growth hidden behind these difficulties. Just as cherry blossom flowers bloom after a harsh winter, we, too, can transform these challenges into opportunities that strengthen our Sangha and ensure that the fruits of the Dharma continue to flourish. We must do our part so that more people—our family, neighbors, members of the

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community, and even people across the country—will encounter the dharma. (By the way, thank you, Mr. David Oshiro and the Kamuela Hongwanji Mission, for bringing the cherry blossoms from the Big Island. They are so beautiful!)

Even amidst our difficulties, let us not forget to see the moments of joy and gratitude that abound in our temples:

- A heartfelt conversation with our ministers and members
- The joy of placing our hands together in the Hondo with fellow Dharma friends
- A warm and meaningful talk story over delicious meals and refreshments
- The sense of accomplishment after completing a temple project together

To me, these moments of joy and gratitude are the very force that motivates us to transform difficulties into opportunities—opportunities for even more joyful and meaningful experiences to share with others.

Today, more than ever, people are in search of meaning, guidance, and reassurance. Many people experience feelings of disconnect, being lost, or becoming overwhelmed by life's complexities. They are seeking messages that uplift their lives or someone who will listen to them with empathy and care. We need to be aware of the people around us—what they are feeling, the burdens they carry, and how we can assist them in finding deeper meaning and fulfillment in their lives. I firmly believe that the Buddha-Dharma remains significant regardless of time or place and possesses a profound ability to bring joy and gratitude into people's lives. The presence of Jodo Shinshu is crucial for fostering a more compassionate and caring society.

I would like to express my gratitude to the ministers, temples, committees, and HQ staff for their proactive efforts in tackling the challenges that individuals, both inside and outside our organization, encounter in their daily lives. I encourage you to review the Annual Reports from the committees, which highlight the programs and services we introduced last year. If anything catches your interest, I invite you to join us and lend a hand.

Our journey in HHMH is a collaborative one. Ministers, Kyodan Board Members, Temple Presidents, and Temple Members—each of us plays a vital role. By working together, sharing our collective wisdom and experiences, I believe we can overcome difficulties one at a time and smile. Let us cherish every encounter and every opportunity at our temples, and move forward with courage, gratitude, and the joyful heart of Nembutsu. May our temples remain places of warmth, connection, and spiritual refuge. May we continue to support one another and embody the teachings of Shinran Shonin. I humbly ask for your continued support and cooperation in making our Hongwanji truly "Hongwanji"—a place where Amida Buddha's profound aspiration and compassion prevail.

Once again, welcome to the 113th Giseikai. Let us have a meaningful and fruitful meeting. Namo Amida Butsu.

Toshiyuki Umitani

MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Rev. Blayne Higa, currently serving at Kona Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister, will be assigned to the Headquarters as the Part-Time Director of the Buddhist Study Center and the Office of Buddhist Education as of July 1, 2025. Rev. Higa will retain his role as the Resident Minister of the Kona Hongwanji Mission while taking on the new responsibilities as the Part-Time BSC/OBE Director.

Rev. Daido Baba, currently serving as the Executive Assistant to the Bishop at the Headquarters, will be assigned to Kamuela Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister as well as to Honokaa Hongwanji Mission, Kohala Hongwanji Mission, and Paauilo Hongwanji Mission as their Oversee Minister as of July 1, 2025. Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani will cover the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Assistant to the Bishop until the new minister is assigned to this position.

THE 50TH LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAI'I™

The 50th annual Living Treasures of Hawai'i program honored five extraordinary individuals on February 8, 2025, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom before a capacity crowd of 673 people. Five remarkable leaders whose expertise and commitment in their fields of expertise were honored for having made a lasting impact in Hawai'i and beyond. They were:

Dennis Sueo Agena shaped the lives of thousands of young athletes for 59 years through his Kalakaua Basketball Clinic in Kalihi. Besides the fundamentals of basketball, Coach Agena instilled the values of discipline, teamwork, and humility, motivating his athletes to pursue higher education and become contributing members of society.

William "Bill" Char elevated the practice of lei making into a celebrated art form while preserving the traditions and techniques of his elders. A dedicated teacher, he has mentored countless students, passing on his ancestral knowledge while innovating techniques. His efforts to propagate native plants highlight the intersection of cultural preservation and environmental stewardship.

Neil Jacob Kaho'okele Hannahs profoundly changed the concept of land stewardship for generations in Hawai'i. A champion of leadership development, he founded First Nations Futures, an alliance nurturing 'ōiwi leaders grounded in cultural values. As director of Kamehameha Schools' Land Assets Division, he shifted the focus solely from maximizing profits to a holistic approach generating cultural, environmental, and educational benefits.

Victoria Holt Takamine preserved and perpetuated sacred traditions of hula for more than four decades, and spearheaded efforts to protect traditional Hawai'ian arts and culture. Through her PA'I Foundation, transformative projects affecting artists and fashion designers fostered partnerships, all imbued with integrity, courage, and a commitment to service.

Dr. George Tanabe, Jr. embraced the Buddhist principle that a nation's true treasure lies in its spiritual and moral integrity. An esteemed academic, he inspired students for decades, before championing the dissemination of Buddhist teachings as president of BDK Hawaii and chair of BDK America. He continues to organize interfaith seminars, advocate for community cohesion, and bridge the divide between religious and cultural communities.

In 2026, Living Treasures of Hawaii will celebrate its 51st anniversary. Since its inception in 1976, more than 250 have been honored by the program, inspired by the Living National Treasures (Ningen Kokuho) of Japan. Nominations may be submitted by mail, fax, or online by August 1. For more information about the award and nominations, please visit:

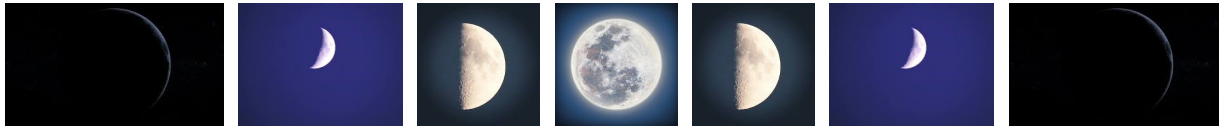
<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/living-treasures/>

HHMH CONCLUDES 113TH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (Giseikai)

Ministers, delegates and observers from Jodo Shinshu temples across the state gathered in person at the Hawaii Betsuin temple and via Zoom on February 7 & 8, 2025 for the 113th Legislative Assembly of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. At this annual event, ministers and temple leaders representing all of our district temples get together to review our accomplishments and make decisions that will help to sustain and grow our Jodo Shinshu Buddhist organization into the future. We were honored to be joined by representatives from our sister organizations: from the Buddhist Churches of America, President Steven Terusaki and his wife Kathy, from the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Bishop Tatsuya Aoki, and from the Jodo Shinshu International Office Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara. Each day begins with a service in the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Hondo. This is always an emotional and spiritual highlight of the Legislative Assembly as the temple is filled with beautiful organ music and many voices chanting and singing in harmony. The Friday morning service was led by Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani as officiant, MC Ms. Emi Hashi, and organist Mr. Francis Okano. Messages included a congratulatory

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all things are always changing! So, we shouldn't be too surprised when things change. We see change all around us. For example, please take a look at these pictures.



Please remember people change too. We are born, we grow old, we get sick and eventually one day we have to say “good-bye” to our physical body. Sakyamuni Buddha, the Historic Buddha’s last message was

My disciples, my last moment has come, but do not forget that death is only the end of the physical body. The body was born from parents and was nourished by food; just as inevitable are sickness and death. But the true Buddha is not a human body:-it is Enlightenment. A human body must die, but the Wisdom of Enlightenment will exist forever in the truth of the Dharma, and in the practice of the Dharma. The person who merely sees my body does not truly see me. Only those who accept my teachings truly see me. After my death, the Dharma shall be your teacher. Follow the Dharma and you will be true to me.

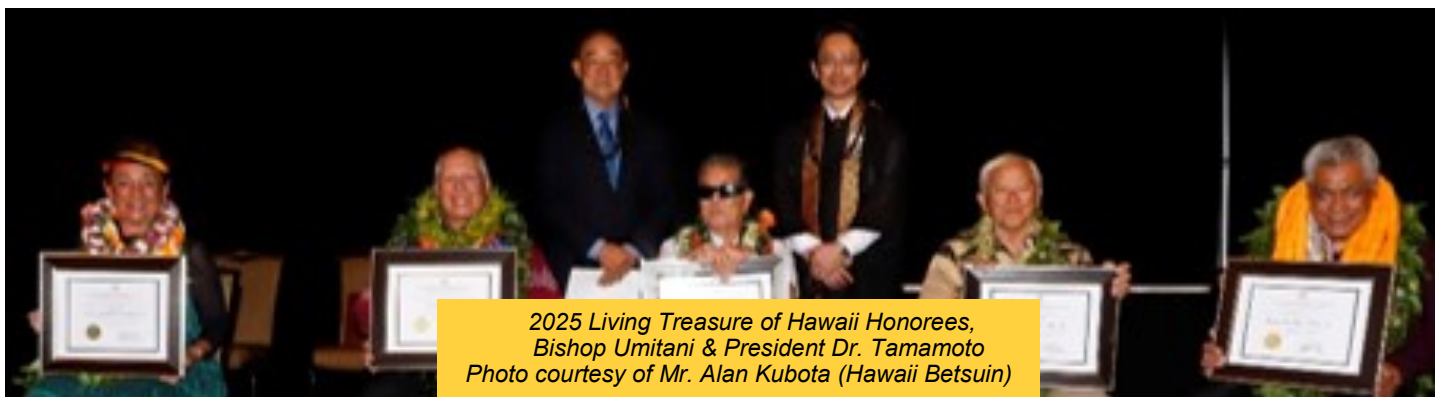
As Buddhist, we understand that death and dying is a natural part of life. So, when it happens we should not be too surprised. It can be sad, but, if we have carefully listened to the Dharma, it shouldn't shock us. Let us the Sangha always go to the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha for Guidance by remembering the Buddha's last words that everyone and everything is always changing and the never changing truth of the Dharma.

To conclude, the greatest change is the unenlightened becoming enlightened due to the great Compassion of Amida Buddha who made a vow that anyone who totally entrusted in Amida Buddha by receiving the Buddha Endowed Mind of True Entrusting reciting Namo Amida Butsu (the Buddha's Name) would at the moment of passing immediately attain Enlightenment with birth in the Pure Land of Enlightenment which is what Amida Buddha promised or vowed. How grateful that the Path to Nirvana is guaranteed to us by Amida Buddha.

Please join us for our Spring Higan & Remembering Rennyo Shonin Service on March 16th at 9AM to learn more about what the Pure Land of Enlightenment is as we express our gratitude to Rennyo Shonin, the 8th Spiritual Leader of the Hongwanji.

Thank you/Mahalo nui and Namo Amida Butsu (Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom & All-Embracing Compassion).

Reverend Eric Matsumoto



2025 Living Treasure of Hawaii Honorees,
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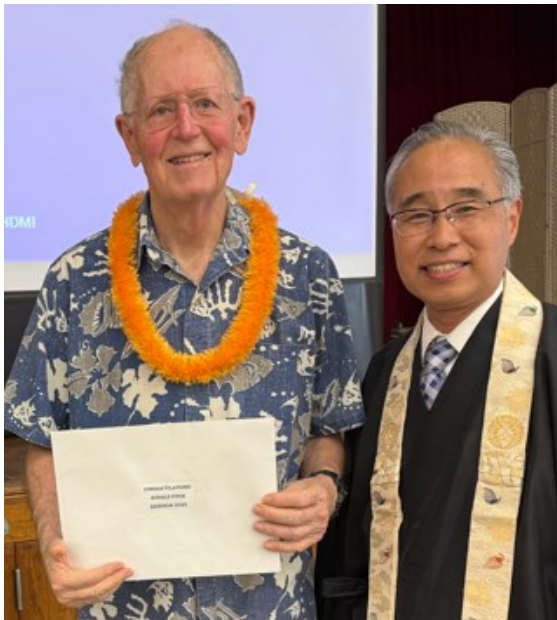


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2025 AHM Keirokai
Honorees:

Ronald Fitch (Left
with Reverend Eric)

Gerald Tokuno
(Right).

Missing from photos:
Henry Ginoza
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BWA Members Collating the Monthly Jiko Newsletters

*The newly
installed
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Installation Ceremony for AHM Board Directors and Officers



Saturday, March 8, 2025, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

- Topic: Senior Medicare Patrol updates on Medicare Fraud & Scamming
- Speaker: Susan Labow, SMP Hawaii volunteer
- Location: Zoom and Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (94-821 Kuhaulua Street, Waipahu, HI 96797)

Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

- Topic: Caring for the Caregiver: Supporting Those Who Support Others
- Speaker: Cecilia Fong, Griswold Home Care for Oahu
- Location: Zoom and Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813)

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

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message from the Governor General of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, Bishop Gyoshin Ikeda (delivered by Rev. Eric Matsumoto), a welcome message from Mr. Michael Munekiyo (Wailuku Hongwanji) and the Memorial Sermon by Rev. Kazunori Takahashi, Rimban of Hilo Hongwanji. A moment of silence was held for Ingo recipients for 2024 and all deceased Hawaii Kyodan ministers and members. Ingo recipients who were recognized for 2024:

Fusae Yamashita Kiyokawa (Hawaii Betsuin)
Florence Tomoe Sakae (Makawao Hongwanji)
Fujiko Dochin (Kamuela Hongwanji)
Rev. Charles Kenko Hasegawa (Buddhist Churches of America)
Kahu Sherman Thompson (Lahaina Hongwanji)
Bruce Yoshiyuki Shimada (Waialua Hongwanji)

The Saturday morning service was emceed by Jaimee Yokoyama of the Jr. YBA. Highlights of the Saturday morning service included the installation of 2025 Hawaii Kyodan Officers, Directors, and Advisors. Rev. Soshin Kie and Mrs. Akiko Kie, dedicated Jodo Shinshu followers, were recognized for their wonderful legacy gift to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. A resolution of appreciation on behalf of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii was presented to the Kie family members, Ms. Lily Masuda, Ms. Emma Kie and Ms. Ayumi Kie Weissbuch.

The Business Session included: 1) A Special Collection of Funds for the Living Gratitude Program (following a short presentation led by Ms. Irene Nakamoto) which received over \$6,000 dollars, 2) The election of the Hawaii Kyodan Officers and Advisors for 2025, and 3) passage of four resolutions: i) Bylaws Amendment Relating to Article XIII: Bishop and Relating to Article XIV: Internal Components, ii) Appreciation for Rev. Soshin Kie and Mrs. Akiko Kishi Kie, iii) Appreciation and Condolence for the Late Reverend Doctor Mary David, and iv) the 2025 HHMH Budget.

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March, 2025 JIKO

The resolution establishing the 2025 HHMH Budget is often a subject of discussion. It provides for operations at our Headquarters office, board and committee meetings, the Legislative Assembly, and other functions such as the Office of Buddhist Education, Jr. YBA, and the Living Treasures presentation. This year the budget included a donation of \$25,000 to the Pacific Buddhist Academy. The budget process requires careful thought and discussion with all components of our organization with review by our Treasurer John Toguchi, Finance Committee led by chair Ivan Nakano, and Business Manager Derrick Inouye. After review by the Legislative Assembly, the budget for 2025 was passed by unanimous consent.

Friday's program also included many interesting presentations. Mr. David Atcheson, Archives Committee Chair, shared his very useful "Archiving Top 10" suggestions for persons interested in archiving temple photos and documents. The Archives Committee is a valuable resource for anyone with questions on this topic.

Head of School Josh Hernandez Morse updated the Assembly on developments at Pacific Buddhist Academy by highlighting activities of the senior class as they progress through the year.

Michael Munekiyo and Derrick Inouye updated the Assembly on the work of the Lahaina Hongwanji Recovery and Rebuilding Committee as they work through a thoughtful process that includes bimonthly meetings with FEMA and rebuilding strategy sessions with the Lahaina Hongwanji Sangha. Related to the Lahaina wildfire, Mr. Ryne Masuda of Moiliili Hongwanji has led a multi-year effort to support the Lahaina Hongwanji Sangha with sales of "Aloha Maui" t-shirts. Mr. Masuda was able to present a check for \$28,281.48 to Rev. Ai Hironaka and the Lahaina Hongwanji Sangha.

Dennis Tashiro and Ryan Miyamoto of Windward Buddhist Temple shared their temple "rebranding" program with the Assembly, highlighting their efforts to enhance their exposure in the Windward community through participation in community-wide events, extensive use of social media and meaningful temple activities. Rev. Blayne Higa, Chair of the Social Concerns Committee briefed the Assembly with a slide presentation highlighting the numerous charitable causes supported by donations to the HHMH Social Concerns fund. Friday's presentations ended with a highlights video of the Triple Celebration held at the Ala Moana Hotel last September. Follow the link to recall warm memories of that event.

Following the Saturday morning service, a group picture of the entire Assembly was taken on the stairs of the Hawaii Betsuin Hondo. The group was thankful that photographer Alan Kubota was safe and sound after the photo session!

At Saturday's plenary session, the Federation of Jr. YBAs shared their activities with a lively slide presentation. The assembly then heard comments from the Buddhist Churches of America President Steven Terusaki, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Bishop Tatsuya Aoki, and Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara representing the Jodo Shinshu International Office. Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani delivered his closing remarks and announcements to bring the 113th Legislative Assembly to a close.

We then reassembled at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel Coral Ballroom for the Aloha Luncheon and the 50th Annual Living Treasures of Hawaii presentations (see separate article on page 4).

Warren Tamamoto MD
President, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



To Our Sangha:

February was a busy month filled with activities galore. It started with the 113th Legislative Assembly Meeting (Giseikai) and the Living Treasures of Hawaii Recognition Program, the details of which are shared in articles herein.

We held our inaugural Superbowl watch potluck party in the Lotus Room and our first pickleball play session in the Community Hall, both of which were well received by the attendees.

In March, we look forward to the Spring Higan and Remembering Ren-nyo Shonin Service on the 16th followed by Dharma Fun Youth activities. Also at 4:00pm the same day the PBA has its annual Taiko Festival (refer to the flyer on page 6).

In April, the AHM BWA is having their annual Craft Fair and White Elephant sale on the evening of Friday the 25th and morning of the 26th.

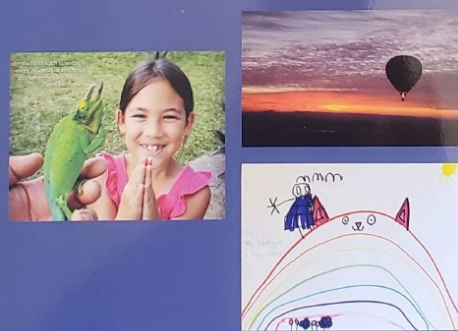
We will soon be receiving our order of Sharing Nembutsu Moments books. Please contact the office if you wish to purchase a copy at \$7 apiece. Thank you. In Gassho with our palms together,

Boyd Marumoto

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii creates a five-year theme to unify the organization around a common focus. The theme for 2020-2024 is "Building Healthy Sanghas." Each year, a slogan is chosen to point a way for temples and affiliated organizations to plan their programs. The slogans were:

- 2020: Embracing Generosity and Openness
- 2021: Nurturing Empathy and Respect
- 2022: Connecting with Others
- 2023: Sharing Joy Together
- 2024: Sharing Nembutsu Moments

This book, *Sharing Your Nembutsu Moments*, is our sangha's culminating reflections on the 2024 slogan. The collection contains stories and artwork from Dharma School students to young adults to the young at heart from throughout the state of Hawaii. There are many illustrations and photographs that will help you to visualize their shared personal moments. We hope you enjoy our wonderful collection of Nembutsu Moments!



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.

April 2025

1 st Stella Kazuyo	Nishikawa	13 th Grace Hiromoto	Uradomo
1 st Marcia	Shimabukuro	17 th Sadao	Nakata
1 st Itsue Shimazu	Masaki	25 th Kazuo	Yamamoto
3 rd Nancy	Sakima	25 th Ethel Sadako	Tokuyama
7 th Hisao	Shimabukuro	25 th Alan Mitsuyuki	Nozawa
7 th Sharon Reiko	Kubota	33 rd Toshio Charles	Okazaki
7 th Masayuki	Haramura	33 rd Yoshio	Iwane
13 th Howard Kiyouni	Ushijima	50 th Chikano	Shimazutsu

May 2025

1 st Michele Misako	Hough	17 th Jason Takao	Nomura
1 st Frank Kazuichi	Takenouchi	25 th Takeo	Shimabukuro
1 st Gayle	Ikehara	25 th Sadako	Morikawa
1 st Sandra Kazuko	Tsuchida	25 th Jay Jitsuo	Miyagawa
3 rd Itsuo	Harada	25 th Elaine Kimiyo	Hamada
7 th Russ Duncan	Woolsey	25 th Mitsue Itaki	Arita
7 th Eiko Sakaguchi	Togashi	33 rd David	Nakamura
7 th Leighton Kiyoshi	Nuibe	50 th Eiichi	Hasebe
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Temple Calendar of Events for March 2025

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2 Sun	8:30AM (Registration)	Oahu District Sangha Day at Pearl City Hongwanji. No Service at AHM.
5 Wed	9:30AM	Oahu District Ministers Association and 2025 Seminar Planning Meeting
6-7 Thu-Fri		BSC-Ryukoku University Ministers Spring Seminar at BSC
8 Sat	12:30PM	Hawaii Association of International Buddhists/HAIB Annual General Membership Meeting & Program at Aiea Hongwanji. Open to the Public.
9 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
12 Wed	9:00AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services
14 Fri	5:30PM	HAIB Meeting
16 Sun	9:00AM	Spring Higan & Remembering Rennyo Shonin Service & Dharma Fun Day for Youth
	4:00PM	Pac. Buddhist Academy Taiko Festival - Moanalua Performing Arts Center
17-21		Preschool Spring Break
17 Mon	7:00PM	Oahu District Hongwanji Council meeting
18 Tue	7:00PM	AHM Temple Board Meeting
20 Thu	10:00AM	Lotus Adult Daycare Service and Visitation
23 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
30 Sun	8:00AM	Temple Beautification Day. No service.

****Note:** Rev. Matsumoto will be away from the temple from March 24-31, 2025 inclusive. Please call Rev. Mariko Nishiyama of Pearl City Hongwanji for religious emergencies.

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2 Wed	9:30AM	Oahu District Ministers Association and 2025 Seminar Planning Meeting
6 Sun	9:30AM	Hawaii Buddhist Council/HBC Buddha Day
9 Wed	9:00AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services
13 Sun	8:00AM	AHM Buddha's Birthday Hanamido Decorating
	9:00AM	AHM Buddha's Birthday Hanamatsuri Service