



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

As Buddha Day Approaches



Shinran Shonin wrote,
 AMIDA-full of compassion for those lost in the great night
 of ignorance-
 The wheel of light of dharma-body being boundless-
 Took the form of the Buddha of Unhindered Light
 And appeared in the land of peace.

Amida, who attained Buddhahood in the infinite past,
 Full of compassion for foolish beings of the five defilements,
 Took the form of Sakyamuni Buddha and appeared in Gaya.

Gaya: Gaya castle was where the great King Siddhodana reigned.
 [NOTE: In Shinran's day, Gaya-the place where Sakyamuni at-
 tained enlightenment-was sometimes confused with Kapilavastu,
 his birthplace.]

As Buddha Day approaches we celebrate the birth of a very spe-
 cial person Prince Siddhartha Gautama who later becomes Sakyamuni
 Buddha, the Historic Buddha and to emphasize this auspicious occa-
 sion, there is a special term that is used to refer to Prince Siddhartha
 birth. The celebration of the birth of Prince Siddhartha is commonly
 known as *Hanamatsuri* or "Flower Festival" in Japanese and "Buddha
 Day" in Hawaii. However, there is another word "*Gotan-E*" (or some-
 times "*Kotan-E*") which is used to refer to this service or celebration. An
 ordinary person's birthday is called "*tanjobi*" in Japanese, but in the case
 of Prince Siddhartha Gautama and in our Shin Buddhist Tradition the
 birth of Shinran Shonin (1173-1263) the service held to commemorate
 their birthdays is referred to as *Gotan-E*. In the case of the Sakyamuni
 Buddha another term "*Kanbutsu-E*" is also used which can be translated
 "Pouring of Sweet Tea Gathering." Both individuals are revered as hav-
 ing "descended from the realm of Enlightenment" to share the Dharma
 with us.

In our Jodo Shinshu/Shin Buddhist Tradition, Sakyamuni Buddha

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FOR ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER

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is considered a human manifestation of Amida Buddha. Amida Buddha, a universal, cosmic Buddha made very special vows and in order to share the Nembutsu Dharma, Amida Buddha more concretely manifested itself as the Historic Buddha, Sakyamuni and was born in India (present day Nepal).

In our Mahayana Buddhist Tradition that faithful day falls on April 8th according to a Chinese calendar used by Japanese Buddhists. The day is described as follows “The trees were abloom with beautiful flowers that gave off pleasant fragrances; the deep green grasses were like the tail feathers of a peacock and swayed like soft fine silk blown by the wind. The queen took a pleasant stroll; she leaned on the limb of an asoka tree which drooped down because of the weight of its flowers. At that moment, the Bodhisattva was born, suddenly and yet peacefully. Immediately after birth, he took seven steps in each of the four directions and proclaimed, ‘In heaven above and on earth below, I am the most honored one.’ ...The Naga King rained down cold and warm water and bathed the body of the Bodhisattva. The great earth trembled and shook with joy. Shortly, thereafter, the infant was received by the queen...the prince was named “Siddhattha (or Siddhartha).”

The custom of pouring sweet tea over an image of the Baby Buddha re-enacts the birth scene or nativity scene when a light rain fell to bathe the Prince. There may be a cultural link with India in that even here in Hawaii we similarly acknowledge that a light rain is a blessing. The other auspicious occurrence, the Prince's taking seven steps is something we do not have to take literally. However, there is an important message in its symbolism. In the case of Prince Siddhartha, he has already matured/evolved to the point that in this life he would attain enlightenment. You wonder “Why seven?” It seems the number seven is much like the number 10 (or 100) in our culture. Traditionally, in Buddhism, we also say that we transmigrate in the six realms/states of samara namely 1) existence of extreme pain (hell), 2) presence of insatiable desires (hungry ghosts), 3) existing like wild animals (beasts), 4) presence of extreme rage and anger (fighting spirits or asura), 5) existence as human beings with all its possibilities (the human realm), and 6) a heavenly existence with its many pleasures except one eventual suffering which is death as even gods don't live forever (heaven). However, beyond these six, we find the world of enlightenment, nirvana, the world of the Buddhas. And so, the significance of the Prince's taking seven steps is indicative of his attaining this nobility, his going beyond suffering and sorrow with the attainment of Enlightenment. Hence, his words “In heaven above and earth below, I am the most honored one.” The Prince with these words is not being arrogant. Please know that in a person who has attained higher levels of enlightenment there is no arrogance. A sense of inter-relatedness, responsibility, empathy, compassion and a deep aspiration for others to also be at peace and experience great joy exists, but there is no egotistical importance attached to the self. Again, those famous words of the Buddha at his birth is proclaiming the nobility of the enlightened life and thanks to Sakyamuni Buddha we are able to hear the Nembutsu Teachings centered on Amida Buddha. The birth of Prince Siddhartha is the beginning of the end of my suffering too. How joyous! How grateful!

As previously mentioned Amida Buddha made very special vows. Amida Buddha is the only Buddha who will save a bonbu or ordinary person as an ordinary person. Namo Amida Butsu as experienced by Shinran Shonin is the path to enlightenment that is open to all people of all walks of life—monastic and lay, men and women, young and old, morally good and evil, the beginner and the advanced, all equally, but especially concerned about the bonbu. It is the path that does not exclude anyone from its reach and opens the door to enlightenment promising to all the attainment of supreme enlightenment. As Shinran Shonin exclaimed, “Sakyamuni and Amida are our father and our mother, Full of love and compassion for us; Guiding us through various skillful means, they bring us to awaken shinjin (Endowed Awakened Mind of True Entrusting).”

“It is by the power of Dharmakara’s (Amida Buddha’s) vow that we realize the nembutsu that is wisdom; Were it not for the wisdom of shinjin, How could we attain nirvana?”

To conclude, please come and join us at the Temple on Sunday, April 13th at 9AM for Hanamatsuri to joyously and gratefully celebrate the enlightened human manifestation of Amida Buddha, Sakyamuni Buddha’s birthday. Come and pour sweet tea over the Baby Buddha!

Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light.

Reverend Eric Matsumoto

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii - HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Spring is a season of transition, a time when nature reminds us of life’s ever-changing flow. The blooming of the sakura trees signals the arrival of spring, offering beauty and renewal after the long winter. As the seasons shift, we are given the opportunity to reflect on where we have been, where we are now, and the path that lies ahead.

In my own family, this season of change feels especially close. As my second daughter prepares to graduate from Pacific Buddhist Academy in May, she continues to contemplate her path forward, considering which college she will attend this summer. This time of transition is filled with reflection—on past efforts, present opportunities, and future possibilities.

Similarly, many temples observe the Spring Higan Service, a moment to pause and reflect on our lives. Higan, meaning “the Other Shore,” reminds us to walk the path of the Nembutsu, illuminated by the Buddha’s Vow. In the midst of impermanence and uncertainty, we find joy and assurance within the boundless compassion of Amida Buddha, who embraces us just as we are. - Namo Amida Butsu.



BCA National Council Meeting

The Buddhist Churches of America (BCA), our sister organization on the U.S. mainland, held its annual National Council Meeting on February 28 and March 1. Representing HHMH, Michael Munekiyo and Wayne Yoshioka attended the meeting, while I also participated on the first day via Zoom.

The theme of the National Council Meeting was “A Promise Shared.” In his opening Dharma message, Bishop Marvin Harada spoke about the Promise, or Vow, of Amida Buddha, emphasizing that it is now “being shared” through our collective efforts in propagation. He expressed deep appreciation for the dedication of ministers and temples and encouraged everyone to continue working together in sharing the Vow of Amida Buddha.

HHMH: Moving Forward

Like the BCA’s National Council Meeting, the HHMH held the Giseikai Legislative Assembly in February. The messages and reports are available in the previous HQ Update.

I felt inspired and uplifted by the presentations from the temples and committees as they shared their initiatives. Their efforts demonstrate how HHMH embodies and spreads the joy of Nembutsu through action, enriching the lives of others and contributing to the welfare of all beings. Despite the challenges we face, I appreciate our collective efforts in transforming obstacles into opportunities for

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growth and deepening our appreciation of the Dharma.

The path we walk today has been shaped by the dedication and compassion of those who came before us. Similarly, our efforts today will help guide and inspire future generations. Every action—no matter how small—has the power to nurture the seeds of the Nembutsu, creating the conditions for others to encounter the boundless wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha.

With gratitude and determination, let us continue to share the Dharma and illuminate the world with the light of the Buddha's Vow. - Namo Amida Butsu.

Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

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 March 10, 2025.

総 長	園 城 義 孝	Governor General SONOKI Giko
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MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENT

[Rev. Sol Kalu](#), the Resident Minister of Windward Buddhist Temple, will be retiring from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii as of July 31, 2025. Rev. Kalu served Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for 12 years. Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii expresses our deepest appreciation and gratitude to Rev. Sol Kalu for his dedication and effort of spreading the Nembutsu Dharma to our members and community.

LARRY MIWA BOOK SIGNING EVENT SUPPORTING PEACE ON YOUR WINGS

I am excited to invite you to the Larry Miwa Book Signing Event to support Peace on Your Wings on April 27, 4PM-5:30PM at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Social Hall.

As "Peace On Your Wings" once again draws nearer in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombing, we are gearing up for a series of events to help raise awareness. A wonderful gentleman named Steven Miwa has been on a book tour in memory of his father Larry Miwa who as a child, wrote a diary just after the atomic bomb explosion. Larry Miwa established a peace foundation and has also turned his diary into a book which his son now sells, giving all proceeds to various peace organizations. All proceeds from this event will go to Ohana Arts for our "Peace On Your Wings" three-city tour.

As Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is the father organization of this show, your presence and support are greatly appreciated. Please share this information with your temple sangha and community.

YBICSE – YOUNG BUDDHIST INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL STUDY EXCHANGE

HQ distributed YBICSE applications to ministers, presidents and youth leaders on March 13, 2025. YBICSE is an educational trip to Japan, sponsored by the Jodo Shinshu International Office, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, and Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Participants will join other young Buddhists from the continental U.S., Canada, and South America to learn and experience Japanese culture. The program will be held on July 1-9, 2025. During the program, participants visit Kyoto, Hiroshima, Nara and Tokyo. This time, high school students are eligible to participate, and five delegates will be selected. The chaperone is Rev. Tomioka of Puna,

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Pahala and Naalehu Hongwanji. The registration fee for the 2025 YBICSE is \$1,200. This includes lodging, meals, and travel from Honolulu International Airport to Japan but does not include inter-island travel to HNL.

In addition to the online application form (<https://forms.gle/1D2vqMrSMjRHqbES8>), each applicant needs to submit a profile and reference letters from their resident minister and a fellow temple member to HMMH Headquarters, hqs@honpahi.org. All application materials must be received by April 25, 2025.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rev. Baba, hqs@honpahi.org.

YBICSE Application and Selection Process

1. Submit the following documents by **April 25, 2025**:

Documents	How to submit?
Application Form	Go to https://forms.gle/1D2vqMrSMjRHqbES8 and submit the application online
Profile	Email to hqs@honpahi.org
Reference from your resident minister	
Reference from your temple member	

- Profile:** Please tell us a bit about who you are. One page total is recommended, but please do not write more than 2 pages. It should include:
- Mention your current involvement in Buddhist movement within/beyond your local temple (temple activities and district/statewide program such as Dharma School, YESS Camp, and YBA, Buddhist-related school work, personal study on Buddhism, discussion on Buddhism with non-Buddhists, etc.) Briefly list the activity, position, length of time involved, responsibilities and other pertinent information for us to know you better.
 - Why would you like to participate in YBICSE?
 - What do you like about Buddhism?

References: Ask **two** adults (one minister and one member in your temple) to submit a letter of recommendation.

****To the references:**
Please provide your comments regarding the applicant. Briefly address the length of time and how you have been associated with the applicant. Most importantly, comment on why you feel the applicant should be selected to participate in the YBICSE Program. Please submit your letter directly to hqs@honpahi.org by email.

2. **Announcement**

- *Five (5) delegates will be selected and announced on or before **May 1, 2025**.
- *Announcement will be made through email.
- *Passports will be needed to book travel,
- *The minister chaperone will be Rev. Satoshi Tomioka of Puna Hongwanji.

3. **Payment and Official Registration**

- *Selected delegates will be requested to submit necessary documents along with registration fee of \$1,200 by **May 15, 2025**.

4. **Pack your luggage & YBICSE trip to JAPAN!**

Young Buddhist International **CULTURAL STUDY EXCHANGE**

July 1-9, 2025

YBICSE is an educational **TRIP TO JAPAN** which offers young Buddhists from North America, Hawaii, Canada, and South America the unique opportunity to experience Japanese culture while cultivating awareness. You will visit our mother temple and other historic sites in Kyoto, engage in peace programs in Hiroshima, and connect with Dharma friends from around the world. Join this once-in-a-lifetime adventure of discovery and connection!

- ✓ High School Students
- ✓ Interested in learning about Jodo Shinshu Buddhism
- ✓ Able to travel internationally/ participate in program activities
- ✓ \$1,200 cost (includes lodging, international airfare, and meals)

Apply Now to April 25, 2025

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LARRY MIWA BOOK SIGNING EVENT

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Emcee: Jose Barzola, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Book reading & Signing

Stephen Miwa will read excerpts from the book he co-produced with his late father Larry Miwa, "Gambare Hiroshima- Don't Give Up!"

*All proceeds from book sales at this event will go towards the current production of "Peace on Your Wings", thanks to the Larry Miwa Peace Foundation.



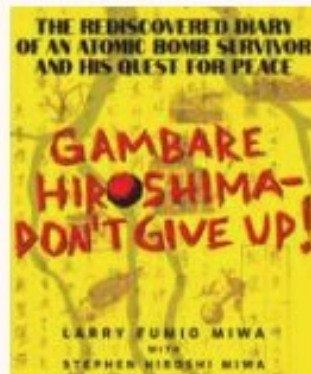
Please enjoy some light refreshments

Questions? Contact event organizer Laurie Rubin



(818) 424-3919; laurie@ohanaarts.org

Honpa Hongwanji Betsuin Social Hall
1727 Pali Hwy, Honolulu HI



Larry Miwa's diary is an important call to action, an important appeal to everyone to rise and do everything possible to ensure that there is no other Hiroshima.

- Beatrice Finn, executive director, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons

Performance by the Cast of "Peace on Your Wings"

In preparation for their summer performances at Kennedy theater and tour to Japan, the cast will perform a few songs from the musical "Peace on Your Wings".



4-5:30 P.M.

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CHORAL FEST 2025

WHEN
September 20 - 21, 2025

WHERE
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin
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MUSIC SELECTIONS TO INCLUDE:
TO MY DAUGHTERS—SURELY, WE WILL MEET AGAIN SOMEDAY— WHERE, OH WHERE—UPON CLOUDS—TO ALL WE OWE

PLEASE REGISTER FOR CHORALFEST WITH YOUR RESPECTIVE TEMPLES
LINKS FOR PRACTICE MATERIALS VIA GOOGLE DRIVE WILL BE PROVIDED

ALL ARE WELCOME!

CONDUCTOR:
Nola Nahulu

PIANIST:
Francis Okano

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:
9/20:
PM Practice
Dinner Program
09/21:
AM Practice
Music Service
Fellowship

DEADLINE TO REGISTER:
April 30, 2025

REGISTRATION FEE:
\$35



Hawaii Buddhist Council

Buddha Day Service 2025

Hosted by the Soto Mission of Hawaii
1708 Nuuanu Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

April 6th
SUN 9:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker
Jay Sakashita, PhD
Religion Professor,
Leeward Community College

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Honpa Hongwanji Mission School

For more information,
please call 808-537-9409

BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

Dear Sangha,

The Aiea Buddhist Women's Association will hold a two day Spring & White Elephant Sale on Friday, April 25th from 5pm-8pm and Saturday, April 26th from 8am-12noon.

Hand-crafted items (quilts, rugs, bracelets, earrings, Japanese Hairpins, etc.) and homemade grab-and-go food items (spam musubis, pickled vegetables, baked goods, party mixes, etc.) will be on Sale!

Your White Elephant donations of gently used or new items are appreciated and may be dropped off and left on the stage beginning the week of April 20th.

All perishable donations may be dropped off beginning Thursday, April 24th through the morning of April 26th in the Social Hall kitchen. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

A portion of our proceeds from this craft fair will be used to support designated youth initiatives.

With gratitude,
Diane Okawa

PICKLEBALL EVENT AT THE AIEA BUDDHIST TEMPLE COMMUNITY HALL.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US ON FRIDAY , MAY 2ND FROM 6:30PM TO 8:00PM.

PLEASE REFER TO THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FUTURE DATES.



Junior YBA Happenings

We hope your spring break went well! Our United came together during spring break and delivered all your donations to the Oahu SPCA. They really appreciated all the donations and we want to thank everyone again for your generosity. Also, thank you to everyone who came to Mililani Hongwanji's Spring Fling! Our manju was a sell out and we appreciate that you all enjoy it!



It's not too late to sign up for YESS (Young Enthusiastic Shinshu Seekers) Camp! Former Oahu United members, Kenji and Koji Suzuki are the co-chairs for this year's YESS Camp and several other former Oahu members will be counselors and are on staff. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet other young adults and have fun while learning about Buddhism. We encourage anyone who is a youth ages 13-23 join us for YESS Camp 41, being held April 18-April 20. **Final Registration is by April 8 and costs \$90.** There is a referral discount if you have attended before and refer a first-time attendee. For information and to register, visit: <https://www.yesscamp.com/>

Jr. YBA State Convention registration is coming up on March 31. Convention will be held in Honolulu June 20-June 22, 2025. For information and registration, go to the convention website: <http://bit.ly/jrybaconvention2025>

Mark Your Calendar! Sunday April 6, We will be having an outing to Coral Crater Adventure Park to go ziplining. We will meet at the park (91-1780 Midway Street, Kapolei, 96707) and will be taking the 4:00pm tour so be there at 3:45pm so we can check in together. It is \$10 per person with the remaining amount subsidized by the United. Please RSVP with Taylor or Kim and let Aunty Claire know you will be going.

Upcoming Important Dates:

Jr. YBA hosted service at Mililani Hongwanji: Sunday March 30, 9:00am service

Jr. YBA Federation Meeting: Saturday, April 5 – Virtual Meeting, Time TBD

United Jr. YBA Activity – Zip lining at Coral Crater Adventure Park, Sunday, April 4. Meet at location for the 4:00pm tour. 91-1780 Midway Street, Kapolei, HI 96707.

Jr. YBA hosted service at Aiea Hongwanji: Sunday April 13, 9:00am service

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 13, at Aiea Hongwanji at 11:00 am.

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 Aunty Arynn Ishikawa (advisor) at arynn.m.ishikawa@gmail.com or jrybafoahu@gmail.com if you have questions or for more information.



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Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 10:00 am to 11:30 am:

- **Topic: Cyber Awareness & Online Safety** – This presentation is designed to educate individuals on the importance of digital security and scam prevention. The session covers key topics such as recognizing phishing emails, using strong passwords, enabling multi-factor authentication, and keeping software updated. It also highlights common scams, including tech support fraud, gift card scams, and QR code scams, while providing actionable steps to stay safe online. Attendees gain insights from real-world examples, trusted cybersecurity resources, and the latest FTC reports on fraud trends. The presentation empowers participants with practical knowledge to protect themselves and their communities from cyber threats.
- Speaker: Troy Villar, Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)
- Location: Zoom and Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813)

Saturday, April 12, 2025, 10:00 am to 11:30 am:

- **Topic: Caring for the Caregiver** – Caregivers will learn about the Furukawa Living Treasure program and services and how they specialize in caring patiently and kindly for seniors with Dementia and Alzheimer's. Some activities that members participate in are daily exercise (indoors & outdoors) for physical, mental, and social stimulation; music therapy, arts & crafts to focus on maintaining memory and cognitive function.
- Speaker: Allyson Furukawa, Furukawa Living Treasure
Location: Zoom and Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (94-821 Kuhaulua Street, Waipahu, HI 96797)

Saturday, April 26, 2025 10:00 am to 12:00 pm:

- **Topic: Personal Connections and Action Starters**
- Trainer: Dorothy Colby, Positive Approach to Care Certified Trainer
- Location: 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:

Maria Morales
Program Coordinator
(808) 945-3736

[**cgsg@projectdana.org**](mailto:cgsg@projectdana.org)

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.*)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



To Our Sangha:

This year's Sangha Day was successfully orchestrated by the members of Pearl City Hongwanji. The attendance overflowed the parking lot and street parking despite Mililani Hongwanji's bussing of their members in and out. Guest speaker, Roy Sakuma was especially captivating in his presentation of his life story of how he overcame adversities throughout his life. Thank you Pearl City Hongwanji for a great Sangha Day event!

On Sunday, April 6th, the Hawaii Buddhist Council (HBC) is hosting the annual Buddha Day Service at the Soto Mission of Hawaii. Refer to the flyer on page 8 of this newsletter for the details. There will be no service at AHM since all are welcome to attend the HBC service.

AHM will be holding its own Buddha Day service (Hanamatsuri) the following Sunday at 9:00am. All are also welcome to participate in the decorating of the Hanamido, which is a small altar of the Buddha adorned with flowers all around it, starting at 8:00 am.

The AHM BWA is having its annual Craft Fair and White Elephant Sale on April 25 and 26. See page 8 of this newsletter for full details.

In closing, I'd like to thank all the volunteers who gave their time and energy to help with the various chores at the March 30th Temple Beautification Day.

In Gassho, Boyd Marumoto.



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
13 th Clinton Munemitsu	Tokuda		

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Temple Calendar of Events for April 2025

6 Sun	9:30AM	Hawaii Buddhist Council/HBC Buddha Day Service at Soto Mission of Hawaii with Prof. Jay Sakashita as speaker (No Service at AHM)
9 Wed	9AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services
13 Sun	8:00AM	Aiea Hongwanji Buddha Day (Hanamatsuri) Hanamido Decoration
	9:00AM	Aiea Hongwanji Buddha Day Service & Dharma Fun Day for Youth
15 Tue	7:00PM	AHM Temple Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom
17 Thu	10:00AM	Lotus Adult Daycare Service and Visitation
18-20		41 st YESS Camp at Camp Erdman and Aiea Hongwanji
20 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
	10:30AM	AHM BWA Meeting
25 Fri	5:00PM – 8:00PM	AHM BWA Craft Fair and White Elephant Sale in Community Hall
26 Sat	8:00AM - Noon	AHM BWA Craft Fair and White Elephant Sale in Community Hall
27 Sun	9:00AM	BWA Eshinni Day and Kakushinni Day Service. Everyone invited.

Temple Partial Calendar of Events for May 2025

2 Fri	6:30PM-8:00PM	AHM Event Night- Pickleball Games
4 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service (Rev. Matsumoto at Pearl City Hongwanji)
9 Wed	9:00AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services
11 Sun	9:00AM-12:30PM	Vesak Celebration at Kapiolani Park
	9:00AM	AHM Mother's Day Service (TENTATIVE)
14 Wed	9AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services
15 Thu	10:00AM	Lotus Adult Daycare Service and Visitation
18 Sun	9:00AM	Shinran Shonin's Birthday Celebration, Gotan-E, & Youth Dharma Fun Day
	10:30AM	Preschool Committee Meeting followed by Lotus Adult Daycare Board of Directors Meeting