



## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

### Come honor your father!



Last month, we observed Mother's Day by remembering and honoring our mothers. Thank you to so many of you who came to Mother's Day Service. Further, wasn't that Mother's Day lunch so delicious?!

This month is Father's Day. Please join us to honor your father on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at our Father's Day Service. In advance of Father's Day, let me share with you a story from the episode of the life of Genza (full name is Saburo Ashikaga). Genza is well-known as a *myokonin*, one of the wondrously devout people of Jodo Shinshu or the Nembutsu.

However, as a preface, let me share an Dharma article written by the late Rev. Gyomay Kubose found in his book "The Center Within."

Sensei shared *"When we consider our lives today, our lives are very comfortable, even more than that, luxurious. We appreciate some things, but our sense of appreciation is so shallow today. Unless we go through trouble and hardships, we really do not experience real appreciation."*

*In a similar fashion, Enlightenment is difficult to realize when everything is going well. In other words, fortunate people can be very unfortunate as far as religion is concerned. (omit) ...because of...good fortune, there could be less motivation to deepen your awareness and appreciation of life.*

*When everything is going well-health is good, plenty to eat, enough money-perhaps we feel we do not need Enlightenment. However, we need Enlightenment because inevitably we will encounter trouble in life. We will have many problems-be they personal or social, physical or psychological. Having so many problems means that we have many occasions to become enlightened.*

*Many times it is only through unfortunate conditions or situations that we realize the value of friendship, kindness, or love. It is ironic that through unfortunate events, we attain a fortunate life. Life is full of such ironic contradictions. It is important to take the time to think about the reality of life. We should take the time for self-reflection and re-evaluate our lives."*

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## FOR ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER

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**Reverend**

**Eric Matsumoto**

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Such, we can say, was the life of Genza. In a book about Genza's life by Terumi Fujiki, it shares the following episode of Genza's life. Genza was a hard worker, but he was an avid pursuer of the Dharma and spent a lot of his time in religious pursuits. Genza's younger brother, at that time in his life, did not appreciate his brother Genza's enthusiasm for the Buddha-Dharma or Nembutsu. He probably said, "...Genza, you went to Kyoto leaving all the work to us. What did you gain? You can't buy rice fields with Nammandabutsu!! I don't care about Shinjin at all!!" The author surmises that "Genza himself was probably unable to find a word to express his struggle and suffering."

In the meantime, at age 24 (in 1866) Genza became a father when a daughter was born. Then, in 1869, a son was born to Genza and his wife Kuni. She was a hard worker too. They were so happy, but unexpectedly the son died even before they could name him. There is poignant scene in the comic book in which, soon after the baby's 49 Day Service in late January, one day when Genza was outside and had his hand open "Slowly and softly, a single snowflake fell gently on Genza's palm and suddenly disappeared. Twinkle, twinkle! Nammandabu, Nammandabu."

Genza could not forget about his son's passing away. Genza decided that he needed to visit Honzan, Nishi Hongwanji, once again, which by the way was 125 miles away, to listen to the Dharma. In Kyoto, he heard that *"The Pure Land is the world filled with the Light of Wisdom. Your deceased baby is a Buddha who takes a vow asking you to be awakened to that world! Namuamidabu, Namuamidabu."* However, Genza still lamented *"Regardless of how much I listen, ...my understanding is paper-thin. What can I do-o?"* It seems "Genza, again, returned sadly to his village" in Tottori prefecture.

Genza continued to diligently work his fields. Then, it happened! The event that would change his life forever. To find out what happened, please join us on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, our Father's Day Service at 9AM, to find out what happened to Genza.

To summarize this newsletter message, I would to quote Rev. Gyomay Kubose again. He said, *"We need to look into our lives and realize that we are really fortunate, not only in times of good health and plenty, but we are fortunate in every way. All our misfortunes enable us to really appreciate life."* (omit) *We take things for granted and never appreciate things when they are going well. When things go wrong, we become serious and look within. We look deeper into the reality of life and discover real appreciation in life.* (omit) *Religion is nothing but this way of appreciation."*

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

Reverend Eric Matsumoto

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## **Special Invitation to you, Aiea Hongwanji Members and Friends of Aiea Hongwanji**

**On Sunday, June 8 from 4PM-6:30PM Aiea Hongwanji is planning and hosting Oahu District's English Seminar #1 with a Movie Nite and Potluck dinner. It will be an evening of memorable learning and fellowship as we delve in the world of Buddha, Dharma and Sangha to become aware of a different perspective based on Buddhist Teachings through watching a short film entitled "Buddhism, Bhutan and Me" by an 18 year old Bhutanese Buddhist monk Rinzin Jurmey, some touching commercials from Thailand which are supported by Buddhist Teachings and listen to Project Dana from Moiliili Hongwanji about what kind assistance and services they provide for the elderly, Kupunua, including caregivers who are providing care for loved ones. Please join us, again, on Sunday, June 8, 2025 from 4PM-6:30PM by bringing yourself, a family member and/or friend and a simple potluck dish to share with others. See you there!**

**In gassho, Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Minister**

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

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### MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

*Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani delivered the following Closing Remarks at the Pacific Buddhist Academy Commencement Exercise, which took place on Sunday, May 18, 2025, at the Moanalua Performing Arts Center. Nineteen students graduated from PBA this year.*

### PBA Commencement Exercise

#### Closing Remarks

First of all, on behalf of the ministers and members of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, I would like to express my heartfelt congratulations to the Class of 2025.



We are gathered here today as one community to honor the Pacific Buddhist Academy Class of 2025. This is a day of profound transition and celebration, marking not only the culmination of years of learning but also the beginning of new journeys yet to unfold.

Over their time at PBA, these extraordinary graduates have been nurtured within a spiritual environment grounded in the timeless values of Wisdom and Compassion. They have grown not only in intellect but also in heart. They have learned not only to solve problems but also to understand and empathize with others. They have discovered not only what they are capable of but who they truly are.

This day is a celebration of their dedication, perseverance, and transformation. Yet it also reminds us of the deep interconnection of all things—that no one walks this path alone. Each achievement has been made possible by the workings of countless others: the steadfast support of family, the tireless dedication of teachers, the shared journey of friendship, and countless others, many of which we may not fully be aware.

The Buddha's teachings guide us to live with Wisdom—to see clearly that life is a tapestry intertwined with infinite causes and conditions—and to live with Compassion—to respond with gratitude, humility, and loving-kindness in all that we do.

Wisdom invites us to look beyond ourselves and honor the larger whole of which we are a part. Compassion calls us to live with open hearts, embrace diversity, and be a person who can relieve suffering and bring joy to the lives of others.

As our graduates step forward into the future, may they carry with them the light of these teachings. May they walk their path with clarity and confidence, think critically, speak with honesty and kindness, and serve with purpose and humility. May they become beacons of hope and healing in a world that longs for understanding and peace.

As this commencement nears its close, let us place our hands together in Gassho, and join our voices and hearts in gratitude, reciting the Buddha's Name in reverence for the immeasurable Wisdom and Compassion that embraces us, now and always.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Toshiyuki Umitani, Bishop

### MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Rev. Shawn Yagi, currently serving at Lihue Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister, will be assigned to Kapaa Hongwanji Mission as its Oversee Minister as of June 1, 2025. Rev. Yagi will continue his assignment to Lihue Hongwanji Mission as its resident minister.

Rev. Shingo Furusawa, currently serving at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as its Associate Minister, will serve as the Liaison Minister of the Windward Buddhist Temple as of August 1, 2025. Rev. Furusawa and the Honolulu District Ministers will provide the WBT with religious support. Rev. Furusawa will continue his assignment to Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as its associate minister.

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June, 2025 JIKO



## YESS CAMP 41

YESS Camp 41 was held on April 18-20, 2025, at Camp Erdman on Oahu. There were 34 participants (15 campers, 9 counselors, and 10 staff). The theme was Mālama Amida with four guest speakers; Rev. David Fujimoto spoke about self-care, Christopher Wong spoke about conservation and taking care of the land, Emi Hashi spoke about taking care of friendships, and Bishop Umitani spoke about how Amida takes care of us. Throughout the camp, campers and counselors played games and mixers, performed skits, had a campfire, engaged in deep conversation, had intimate counselor-led services, did morning stretches, removed invasive species/planted native plants around the campgrounds, had an energetic Wicked-themed dance, shared feelings at the candlelight ceremony, ate good food, and discussed the Dharma. It was a busy yet fun and enjoyable weekend, with many new friendship connections formed. We hope to continue on the tradition of YESS Camp, and provide young people aged 13-23 the chance to connect with the Dharma in their lives, for many more years to come.

## LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAII™ NOMINATION FOR 2026

Living Treasures of Hawai'i recognizes and honors individuals who have demonstrated excellence and high achievement in their field of endeavor and the larger community, who through continuous growth and selfless giving have made a significant positive impact on our local society.

The program was inspired by the Living National Treasures (Ningen Kokuho) of Japan. In 1976, Bishop Yoshiaki Fujitani instituted the program within the Hongwanji at the suggestion of Paul Yamanaka, a local business executive. Initially established to honor those committed to perpetuating our islands' distinctive cultural and artistic heritage, the recognition was expanded to consider persons across sectors and communities who are making Hawai'i a better place.

A [complete list of honorees](#) since Living Treasures was established in 1976 is available.

The Living Treasures of Hawai'i™ Committee has updated the nomination form and process and is ready to accept submissions for 2026. Information and the nomination form is available at the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Headquarters Office located at 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 or on our website <https://hongwanjihawaii.com/living-treasures/>.

The completed nomination (nomination form with any letters of recommendation) must be received by the Living Treasures Committee no later than the close of business on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The presentation will be made in February of the following year. For additional information, please call our office at (808) 522-9200.

## THE 51<sup>ST</sup> BUDDHIST STUDY CENTER SUMMER SESSION

The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Buddhist Study Center Summer Session features **Rev. Dr. Enrique Galvan-Alvarez** in an interactive learning series entitled:

### **“The Path Comes to Meet Me” Awakening to Namō Amida Butsu**

Professor Galvan-Alvarez is a Hongwanji Kyoshi minister and leader in the United Kingdom and Spanish Shin Buddhist European community.

Come learn how to bring joy into the flow of ordinary life. For more information and registration, visit <https://bschawaii.org/summer-session/> or contact the Buddhist Study Center.

Rev. Dr. Enrique will also offer lectures at each district.

July 30 (Wednesday) - Kauai online from the BSC at 6:30-8:00 pm. Theme: "Buddha, Dharma, Sangha" and "The European Sangha"

July 31 (Thursday) - Maui at Kahului Hongwanji at 10:00 am. Theme: "Buddha, Dharma, Sangha" and "The European Sangha"

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August 1 (Friday) - Oahu at Mililani Hongwanji at 6:30-8:00 pm. Theme: "The Past, Present, Future of Jodo Shinshu in Europe"

August 2 (Saturday) - Hawaii Island at Hilo Betsuin with Session I from 10:00-12:00 pm. Theme: "Encountering the Buddha, Dharma, Sangha: My Journey into Buddhism" and Session II from 1:00-3:00 pm. Theme: "Namo Amida Butsu: Where the Three Treasures Come to Meet Me"

August 3 (Sunday) - Holualoa Hongwanji service at 10:00 am. Kona Hongwanji at 4:00 pm. Theme: "Walking the White Path: Living the Jodo Shinshu Path in Difficult Times"

### ***Pacific Buddhist Academy Class of 2025***



### ***YESS Camp 41 Participants***



### **KAHUKU HONGWANJI SCHOLARSHIP**

The Kahuku Hongwanji Mission closed its doors in February 2013 after serving its membership for 111 years. To maintain the legacy of the Kahuku Hongwanji Mission and to develop the future generations of the Hongwanji, Kahuku Hongwanji Mission established a scholarship to support students at the college level.

#### **Eligibility:**

The applicant must be a student attending or registered for enrollment in an accredited university, college, or a post-high school program in the State of Hawaii.

The applicant must show interest in Buddhism, and be active in a Hongwanji program, either at the Hawaii Kyodan level or at a branch temple.

The applicant must be a full-time student and registered for a minimum of 12 college credits per semester.

The applicant, at the time of the application, must have a required minimum high school, college, or university in Hawaii GPA of 2.5.

(\*Those who registered for enrollment and not yet received Hawaii college/university GPA must submit their GPA after the first semester.)

The applicant must submit the application form with an essay on "Dharma and My Life".

**Application Deadline:** July 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of application

**Scholarship Amount:** \$2,000.00 each / two recipients

For more information of this scholarship, please contact the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Headquarters at (808) 522-9200 or email at [hqs@honpahi.org](mailto:hqs@honpahi.org).



**YOU, YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS  
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**CULTIVATING  
AWARENESS  
MOVIE NITE**

Come to explore new possibilities with different perspectives supported by Buddhist Teachings, as we watch several presentations from Buddhist countries, a Dharma presentation including a display, and some tear-jerking videos which can change your life! Don't forget to bring your box of tissues! Also, a simple potluck dish for all to enjoy afterwards. Let's make it a Sangha night!

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025  
4PM-6:30PM

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PEACE DAY COMMITTEE  
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- MISSION**
- To promote Peace Day September 21st
  - Temple activities to promote peace and harmony in the world



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**HONPA HONGWANJI  
PEACE DAY COMMITTEE**



**Invites You to Join the  
"Pan Pacific Festival Parade"  
Celebrating Hawaii's Diverse Cultures!**

**DATE: Sunday, June 15, 2025**

**TIME: 5:00 PM**

**PLACE: Kalakaua Ave.**

**ATTIRE: Ethnic Clothing**



Please walk with us or ride our trolley wearing garments from your ethnic cultures or simply come as you are. We will carry signs "Walk for Peace" or your temple names, and walk Kalakaua Ave. ringing the Kansho Bell for Peace.

Meet at Ft. De Russy Park, start of parade 4:30 PM. At the end of the parade your car should be parked at Kapiolani Park, or our trolley can bring you back to Ft. De Russy for your car.

Or, park at Honpa Hongwanji, Pali Hwy. and ride the shuttle trolley to the Parade. First come, first serve for seat on the trolley but you may also be walking in the parade and have a ride home from Waikiki. Let us know.

**ALL TEMPLES, AFFILIATES, AND FRIENDS OF THE HONGWANJI ARE WANTED TO WALK OR RIDE IN THE PARADE. :)**

**TO SIGN UP- <http://honpahi.link/PPFPParade2025>  
or email: [renemansho@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:renemansho@hawaii.rr.com)  
or call/text: 808-291-6151**

**Mahalo! Rene Mansho, Peace Day Chairperson**

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OUR OHANA**

**TOP FIVE MOST NEEDED**



**MONETARY DONATIONS**  
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**CANNED PROTEINS**  
like tuna, chicken and other lean meats



**CANNED MEALS**  
like soup, stew, chili and pasta



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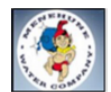
**AIEA HONGWANJI MISSION  
GOING GREEN DAY #300  
E-WASTE RECYCLING  
JUNE 28, 2025**

**9:00-11:00 AM - 99-186 Puakala St.**

**We Welcome Schools! Businesses!**

**Acceptable Items**

- Computers, printers, scanners – no limit
- TVs, cell phones, toners, no limit
- METAL (refrigerators, file cabinets, etc.)**
- HI-5 beverage containers
- ALL KINDS OF BATTERIES!!!**
- Canned goods for Hawaii Food Bank
- Gently used clothing ONLY
- Used eye glasses and hearing aids
- Diapers & wipes for kupuna & keiki
- For pets - towels, blankets, food
- Free towing of unwanted cars, call 291-6151



"Where there's a  
need, there's a Lion"



**SOARES TRUCK RENTAL**



**SORRY, WE CANNOT ACCEPT: TIRES, PAINT, COOKING OIL, MOTOR OIL, HAZARDOUS FLUIDS, CARDBOARD, PAPER, PLASTICS, WOOD, AND BULKY ITEMS, NO HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, ONLY CLOTHING.**

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**Mahalo for recycling from the AIEA HONGWANJI MISSION OHANA!**





*BWA Ladies and attendees with Rev. Eric Matsumoto at the Lady Eshinni and Lady Kakushinni Day Service above, and the informational poster below right*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



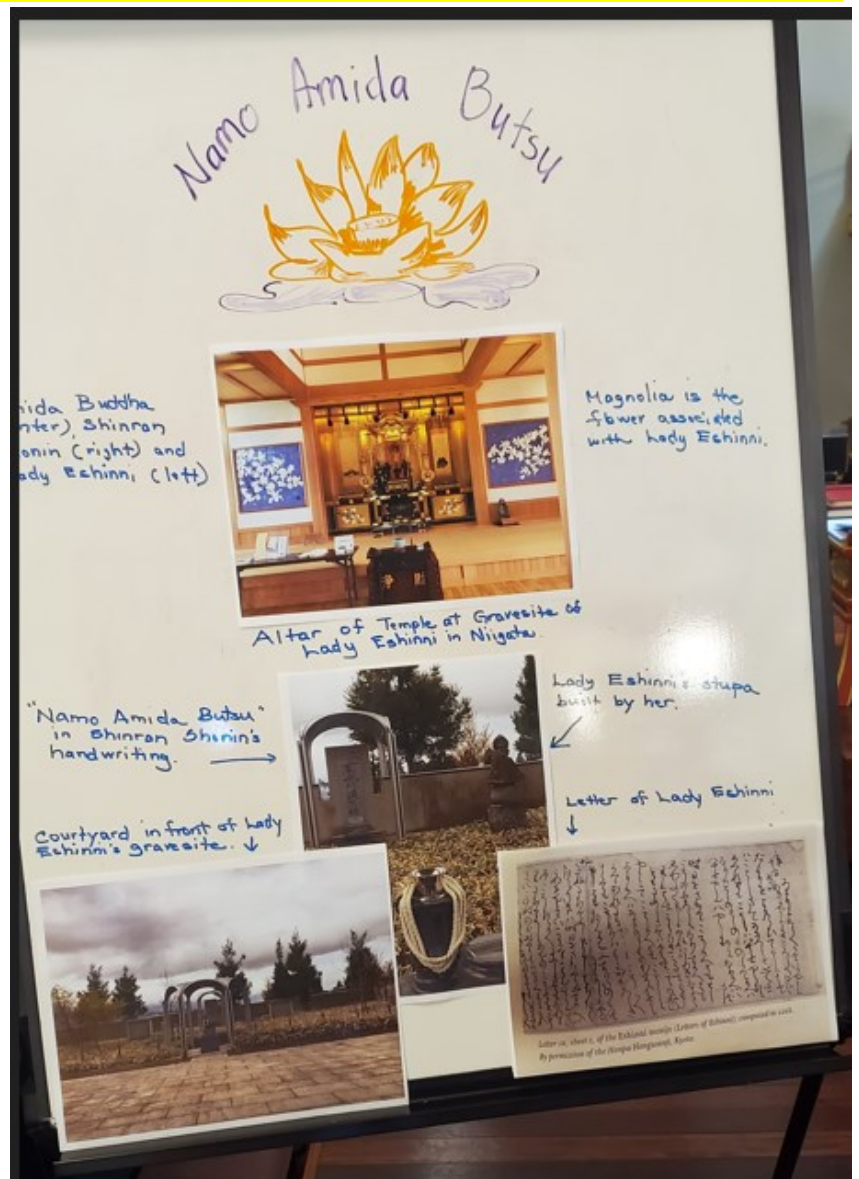
To Our Sangha,  
At the April 27th Lady  
Eshinni and Lady Kakushinni  
Day service, we paid tribute  
to Shinran Shonin's wife and

daughter who were instrumental in preserving and sharing his life's work and teachings. Concurrently, we celebrated and honored the ladies of the AHM Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) who are the cornerstone of Aiea Hongwanji Mission. Thank you for all that you do!

In June, AHM is supporting the Foodbank's "Nourish Our 'Ohana" food drive. Please help by donating the 5 most needed items listed in the flyer on page 6 of this newsletter. A box for donations will be located near the stage in the community hall. We will be also collecting donations for the Hawaii Foodbank, among other things, at the AHM E-WASTE Recycling Event on June 28, 2025 per the flyer on Page 6.

This year's Obon schedule of events to be held by the various temples is included as an insert to this newsletter.

In Gassho,  
Boyd Marumoto



# Junior YBA Happenings



Congratulations Diandra Thomson! She graduated from Mililani High School on May 25. We celebrated her Baccalaureate Service and luncheon the previous Sunday and it was a beautiful day. Aunty Arynn was the MC for the service and Aunty Gay gave an inspiring baccalaureate message based on the Three Treasures. Diandra will be staying home where she will be attending UH West Oahu and studying toward a nursing degree.

Can you believe it's already summer? You know what that means. We are preparing for our end of year transition to next year. If you haven't already thought about being a United or Federation officer, now's the time. We will have United officer elections after Convention in July. Federation Officer forms will need to be filled out and signed before June 20. Please see the convention website for the proper forms and qualifications. The Jr. YBA State Convention will be held at the Ala Moana Hotel on June 20-June 22. This year's Convention is hosted by the United of Honolulu and the theme is Hello Kitty & Friends. We are looking forward to connecting with our friends from the neighbor islands and making new ones among the members across the state. It is sure to be a exciting convention with a dinner banquet and auction as well as workshops. We also encourage you to enter one of the contests: Art, Essay, Oratorical or Jr. YBA Member of the Year. Forms and instructions can also be found on the Convention Website. <https://sites.google.com/view/68th-jr-yba-state-convention/home>



Summer is also Bon Dance season! We were asked to help at some of the district bon dances so please be sure to check your calendars and come out to whatever bon dance you can help at! We also encourage you to bring your friends to experience bon dance. They are not obligated to work a shift but they can if they want!

June 13 & 14 – Wahiawa Hongwanji (fishing pond game for children)

June 21 – Ewa Hongwanji

July 5 – Waipahu Hongwanji

July 19 – Waianae Hongwanji

July 26 – Aiea Hongwanji (shave ice booth)

August 9 – Pearl City Hongwanji (food booth)

August 15 and 16 – Mililani Hongwanji (beverage booth – 2 locations)

## Upcoming Important Dates:

**Saturday, May 24, 8:00am: Graveyard Cleaning with Wahiawa Hongwanji.** We will meet at Wahiawa Hongwanji to carpool. Please wear shoes/ clothes you are ok to get dirty, bring yard cleaning tools, gloves, sunscreen and water.

**Next Meeting: Sunday, June 1, at Waipahu Hongwanji conference room at 12:00pm**

**DATE CHANGE! Sunday June 1, 4:00pm.** We have rescheduled our outing to Coral Crater Adventure Park for after our next meeting. We will meet at the park (91-1780 Midway Street, Kapolei, 96707). Cost will be \$10 per person with \$50 covered by the United.

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

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## Join Project Dana's Public Presentation Meetings!

### Upcoming Events:

Meeting Date:	Wednesday, June 11, 2025
Time:	10:00 am to 11:30 am
Location:	Zoom and Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813)
Topic:	"Learn about the benefits of an Adult Day Care & Day Health Center!" – The Arcadia Adult Day Care & Day Health Center (Center) is a part of the Arcadia Family of Companies (AFC) which offers a variety of service and care options for kupuna across the continuum of care. The AFC's vision is to be a transformative leader committed to the lifelong well-being of our kupuna providing communities where they thrive with purpose, living their best lives supported by valued and trusted caring teams. During this presentation, participants can expect to learn about the benefits of a program that offers both adult day care and day health services and the staff involved in supporting clients and families so that the client can have their best day, every day! We will share more about what to consider when looking for a program and/or care options for your loved one to determine the best fit. You will also learn more about what a day at the Center looks like and what other special activities and programming are available to clients.
Speaker:	Jerlene Kawasaki, Program Director, Arcadia Adult Day Care & Day Health Center at Central Union Church

Meeting Date:	Saturday, June 14, 2025
Time:	10:00 am to 11:30 am
Location:	Zoom and Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (94-821 Kuhaulua Street, Waipahu, HI 96797)
Topic:	"Lanakila Meals on Wheels" – Caregivers will learn about information about the services that could support caregivers and their loved ones such as eligibility, payment, delivery, and menu items of meal service to homebound individuals 60 years or older who are unable to shop or prepare their own meals. Other senior services available are: Fresh Produce Delivery, Digital Literacy Classes, Virtual Gathering Space, and SNAP Assistance.
Speaker:	Lori Lau, Director, Monika Majka-Helms, Lanakila Pacific Meals on Wheels

\*Zoom links will be provided by inquiry

**Please call or e-mail if you are interested on attending public presentations or need more information about the program:**

**Maria Morales, Executive Director**  
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**[cgsg@projectdana.org](mailto:cgsg@projectdana.org)**

Dear Aiea Hongwanji 'Ohana & Friends,

SAMPLE  
(Approximate size 9" x 3")

As the Obon season approaches, let us stop to reflect and remember our dearly departed. We are giving our families an opportunity to purchase a memorial windcatcher. These are tags with the names of loved ones hanging from lanterns. All memorial windcatchers will be on display in our temple for your viewing July 1<sup>st</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Cost is \$20 each, payable to Aiea Hongwanji Mission.

Windcatchers are available on a limited, first-come, first-served basis, so please turn in your requests and payments in a timely manner.

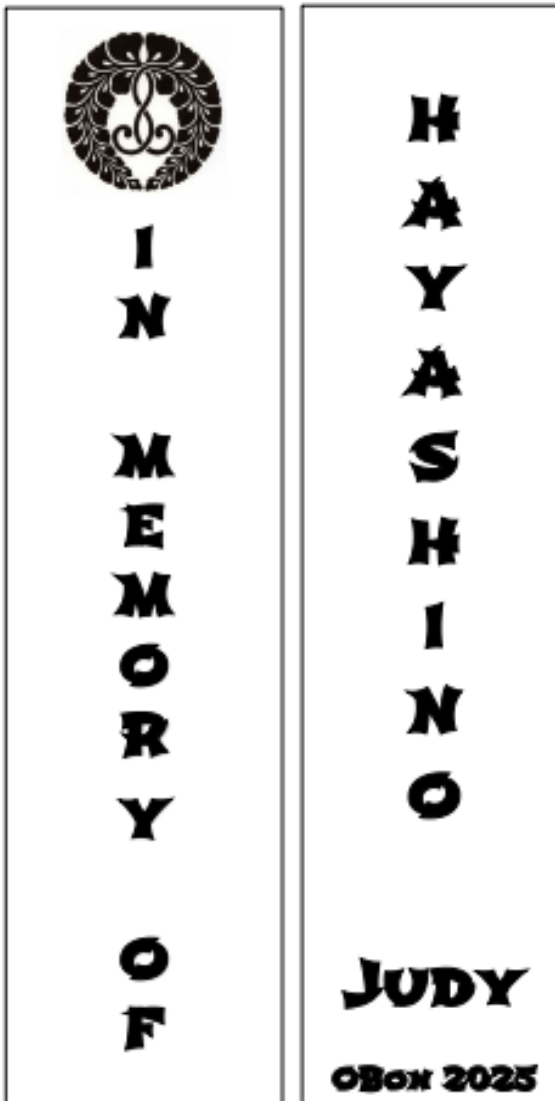
Deadline for ordering is **Friday, June 6, 2025**.

Submit your name(s) to [aieajiko@gmail.com](mailto:aieajiko@gmail.com) or mail your completed form to Aiea Hongwanji. Send your payment to:

Aiea Hongwanji Mission  
99-186 Puakala Street  
Aiea, HI 96701  
Note: Obon Windcatcher

With Gassho,

Reverend Eric Matsumoto  
Resident Minister



WINDCATCHER ORDER FORM (\$20.00 per windcatcher)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) on Windcatcher: \_\_\_\_\_

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# BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

In honor of Eishinni Kakushinni observance, our white elephant and spring craft fair was held in April. Thank you for the many generous donations of goods, time, and expertise that made this event successful. The total team effort of the BWA members and the community made for an enjoyable experience as we embraced the sharing of aloha together.

On July 26th, the BWA will sell various craft and food items in the social hall from 5 to 9 p.m. Please visit our tables during the evening festivities and check out our handcrafted items and newly created kanzashi! We also accept donations of baked goods, pickled vegetables, and snacks. Our proceeds support our youth in attending various Buddhist seminars and conventions.

In Gassho,  
D. Okawa



## 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.

### June 2025

1 st Gerald	Nako	17 th Yukio	Hosokawa
3 rd Roy Takayuki	Kunimune	17 th Nobuo "Roy"	Fujitani
3 rd Ernest Haruo	Yamanoha	25 th Mervlyn Oshita Natsuko	Tsugawa
3 rd Shizue	Tanaka	25 th Dan	Nakamura
7 th Edward Seichi	Unten	25 th Chieno	Murakami
7 th Masami	Oda	25 th Misao	Inouye
		33 rd Ethel Fumiko	Morishige

### July 2025

1 st Edward Toshio	Inamasu	17 th Robert Yukio	Kojima
7 th Elsie Fusako	Unten	25 th Kenichi	Matsushige
7 th Ae Cha	Takaki		

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#### Temple Calendar of Events for June 2025

1	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
2	Mon		Preschool Summer Session starts
3-4	Tues & Wed		State Ministers Association Seminar hosted by Oahu District Ministers
8	Sun	8:00AM 4:00PM-6:30PM	Temple Beautification Day (No Morning Service) <b>Oahu District English Seminar "Cultivating Awareness" Movie Nite &amp; Potluck Dinner at AHM</b>
11	Wed	9:00AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services
12	Thu	10:00AM	Lotus Adult Daycare Service & Visitation
15	Sun	9:00AM	Father's Day Service & Dharma Fun Day for Children
16	Mon	7:00PM	Oahu District Hongwanji Council Zoom Meeting
17	Tue	7:00PM	AHM Temple Board of Directors Zoom Meeting
19	Thu		Juneteenth Holiday (Preschool and Lotus Daycare closed)
20-22	Fri-Sat-Sun		68 <sup>th</sup> State Jr. YBA Convention hosted by Honolulu Jr. YBA
22	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
28	Sat	9:00AM-11AM	E-waste Collection and Drop-off at Aiea Hongwanji Mission
29	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service followed by hanging of O-Bon Chochin & Windcatchers

#### Partial Temple Calendar of Events for July 2025

1-10			YBICSE Japan Trip (tentative)
2	Wed	9:30AM	Oahu District Ministers Association Meeting
4	Fri		Independence Day Holiday (Preschool & Lotus Daycare closed)
6	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
9	Wed	9:00AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services (tentative)
13	Sun	9:00AM 10:30AM	Major Bon Service *Hatsubon (First Bon) Service (*For the year 2025, the end date for observing Hatsubon this year is June 15, 2025.)