



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Nurturing of Peace and Harmony

This year is the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II including the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. There are a host of commemorations and events which will be held in August and many similar events in September for Peace Day in Hawaii.

I hope that you will consider participating in them to support, promote and nurture peace not only here in Hawaii, but all around the world including all people's hearts and minds.

As we know, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii adopted a resolution proposed by the Federation of Jr. YBAs calling for the establishment of "Peace Day" in Hawaii. In part it read: *"there is a need to encourage peace throughout the world and mankind has struggled with conflict through the ages; ...there is escalating terrorism and a disregard for human life and a need to understand cultural differences with compassion and tolerance; ...it is the responsibility of every nation and every individual to be an active link in promoting wisdom and compassion; ...world religions have no one significant date that allows all people to come together to honor what they believe in; ...promoting a "Peace Day" designates a day that all world religions and cultures can join together in mutual respect; ...the United Nations has already chosen September 21st as the World Peace Day; ...Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that a "Peace Day" in Hawai'i coincide with the United Nations and be observed to promote worldwide peace for all people..."* The Jr. YBA with the cooperation of other community organizations were successful in convincing our Hawaii State Legislators to permanently establish "Peace Day" in Hawaii in 2007 as an official observance by the State of Hawaii.

As we reflect, we are so quick to resort to violence, weapons, and war to solve our problems and differences, but especially in this age and time, we need a new perspective and a new alternative. We cannot continue as we have before. Here lies the role and function of Buddha's Great Wisdom and Compassion. We need to be guided by Great Wisdom and touched by Universal Compassion that does not exclude anyone or anything. A Great Wisdom that is aspiring for the peace and happiness of all based on equality and a Great Compassion that does not create a barrier or divide people but brings everyone and everything together into its fold. Wisdom guides Compassion and Compassion fulfills Wisdom. We, as people, have



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our differences and our uniqueness, but we are all included in Wisdom and Compassion. True Compassion goes beyond the relative, the relativity of our samsaric world, and bases itself on the absolute, the ultimate, the world of Sunyata, or Wisdom of Enlightenment. Amida Buddha's Compassion is based on this Wisdom and thus it does not limit itself but includes within its embrace even the foolish being trapped in samsara making all kinds of mistakes and errors, but instead of rejecting us it embraces and eventually brings about a transformation.

In the Larger Sutra, it speaks of those who come into contact with Amida Buddha's Lights of Wisdom and Compassion, that people become "gentle in body and mind" and "feel peace and happiness in both body and mind." In Shinran Shonin's writings, we hear him say "In people who have long heard the Buddha's Name and said the nembutsu, surely there are signs of rejecting the evil of this world and signs of their desire to cast off evil in themselves." "Rejecting the world" does not mean to ignore issues and challenges and escape to the Pure Land. To me, it means to embrace this imperfect world including this imperfect I and try one's best to make a positive difference by living with the Dharma as one's guide. As I have often said, the life of a Shin Buddhist is a life of responding to the Great Wisdom and Compassion of the Buddha by trying to live the best life I can guided by the Teachings or Dharma. It does not mean that I will be able to perfectly manifest the Dharma or live peace but having encountered Amida Buddha's Great Wisdom and Compassion there is a deep-rooted aspiration for peace in our lives and world, a peace and happiness that is not limited to only oneself, but also includes others even those who are very different and may be even opposed to us. The final Great Peace and Happiness, of course, is attained with our birth in the Pure Land, but the aspiration for peace and happiness (for all) blossoms in the present now.

The establishment of Peace Day in Hawaii was just the beginning. We need to continue nurturing peace in our hearts and minds and our local and world community. Let us harmoniously join together to promote peace in our world. This year as we observe the 80th anniversary of the end of WW II, please consider nurturing peace and harmony in the world and ourselves, by attending functions and events which promote it.

As a closing reflection, I quote another of Shinran Shonin's sayings ***"...it would be splendid if all people who say the nembutsu, not just yourself, do so not with thoughts of (only) themselves... Those who feel uncertain of birth (in the Pure Land of Enlightenment) should say the nembutsu aspiring first for their own birth. Those who feel that their own birth (in the Pure Land of Enlightenment) is completely settled should, mindful of the Buddha's benevolence, hold the nembutsu in their hearts and say it to respond in gratitude to that benevolence, with the wish, "May there be peace in the world, and may the Buddha's teaching spread!"***

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

Reverend Eric Matsumoto

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



To Our Sangha:

Thank you to all the volunteers who made our E-Waste/Recyclable collections/Food Drive on June 28th an exceptionally successful event. In just 2 hours we collected a truckload of E-waste items, numerous bags of HI-5 cans and bottles, towels, blankets, and clothing, a truckload of metals, and boxes of containers of food items. I am sure that Rev. Eric Matsumoto's and Rene Mansho's appearance on Hawaii News Now with Bill V had a lot to do with the tremendous turn-out by the community. See page 7 for photos.

Thank you to all the volunteers who contributed their time and effort in making our 2025 Bon Dance a success. The AHM BWA with Mark Funasaki as the organizer worked months in advance to prepare for this event. Volunteers from the Judo Club, Preschool parents, students from Aiea and Moanalua High Schools, AHM members, and various organizations were instrumental in providing the workforce to put on this event. Also, much appreciation and gratitude to all who made donations in support of this event. See page 7 for photos.

In Gassho, Boyd Marumoto

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii - HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP TOSHIYUKI UMITANI

As we have announced, we are bidding farewell to Rev. Sol Kalu and Rev. Shindo Nishiyama as they prepare to retire from active ministry with the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii this summer. As Bishop, and also as a fellow minister serving within the Hawaii Kyodan, I would like to express my heartfelt respect and deep appreciation for both ministers.



Rev. Shindo Nishiyama joined HHMH in 1991. He has served at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, Waimea Hongwanji Mission, Hanapepe Hongwanji Mission, Koloa Hongwanji Mission, and Executive Secretary (Currently, Executive Assistant to the Bishop) at the Headquarters. Since 2005, he has been with Jikoen Hongwanji Mission. In addition to being the Resident Minister of Jikoen, Rev. Nishiyama has also overseen the Kailua Hongwanji Mission (Windward Buddhist Temple) and later served as Acting Rimban at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin.

Rev. Sol Kalu joined HHMH in 2010 initially as a kaikyoshi-ho. He served at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, and during that period, he received his Kyoshi Certification and became a kaikyoshi. He then served at Makawao Hongwanji Mission from 2012 to 2015. After leaving active ministry due to certain circumstances, he returned to HHMH in 2018. Since then, he has served at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, the Office of Buddhist Education at Headquarters, Mililani Hongwanji Mission, and most recently, the Windward Buddhist Temple.

Throughout their years of dedicated service, Rev. Kalu and Rev. Nishiyama have tirelessly supported our temples and nurtured our Sangha with sincerity, humility, and compassion. They have shared the teachings of the Nembutsu not only through words, but through their actions, embodying the warmth, wisdom, and joy of the Dharma in their daily lives and in their interactions with others.

Their commitment to the Nembutsu path and their service as Kaikyoshi Ministers have left a profound and enduring impact on our community. The seeds they have planted—through their leadership, their Dharma guidance, and their heartfelt presence—will continue to grow and flourish within the lives they have touched. We are truly grateful for the legacy they leave behind and we wish them peace and fulfillment in the next chapter of their journey.

Following their departure, I have made the ministerial assignments for Windward Buddhist Temple, Jikoen Hongwanji Mission, Pearl City Hongwanji Mission, and Waipahu Hongwanji Mission. More detailed announcements can be found below this message.

I would like to express my appreciation to all the ministers and members of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for your dedication and contribution at your respective temples and districts. Let us continue to walk the path of the Nembutsu together, illuminated by the Compassionate Light of Amida Buddha.

Namo Amida Butsu.

MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS (JINJI)

Rev. Mariko Nishiyama, the Resident Minister of the Pearl City Hongwanji Mission, will serve as the Oversee Minister of the Jikoen Hongwanji Mission during the month of September 2025. She will then be transferred to serve as the Resident Minister of Jikoen Hongwanji Mission, effective October 1, 2025.

Rev. Jeffrey Soga, the Resident Minister of Waipahu Hongwanji Mission, will be appointed as the Oversee Minister of Pearl City Hongwanji Mission, effective October 1, 2025. He will continue his role as Resident Minister of Waipahu Hongwanji Mission and oversee the Waianae Hongwanji Mission until it officially closes on December 31, 2025.

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CONDOLENCE

Mr. Setsuo Ushio, the former President of the Lihue Hongwanji Mission (1976-1978), passed away on April 29, 2025. The Posthumous Title (INGO) of Ko-Yo-In (光耀院), meaning “the one who reflects brilliance,” was conferred upon Mr. Setsuo Ushio by Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani in recognition of his dedication and service to the Lihue Hongwanji Mission and the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

IN REMEMBRANCE AND REFLECTION: Commemorating 80 Years Since the End of World War II

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's Office of the Bishop and Peace Day Committee, in collaboration with the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin and the Honolulu District Ministers Association, will hold an event, **“In Remembrance and Reflection: Commemorating 80 Years Since the End of World War II,”** on **Thursday, August 14, 2025, at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin.**

On the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, we gather in solemn remembrance of all those whose lives were profoundly affected by the consequences of war. We reflect on the immense human cost of conflict, and through the preservation of historical memory, we seek to deepen our understanding and commitment to peace.

Guided by the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha, we rededicate ourselves to building a community—and a world—where every life is equally valued and embraced. May this gathering inspire us to walk together on the path toward a more peaceful and harmonious society.

A Commemoration Service will take place at 5:00 pm at the Hawaii Betsuin Hondo, featuring guest speaker Ms. Sadae Kasaoka from Hiroshima, Japan. Ms. Kasaoka was exposed to the atomic bomb when she was 12 years old, in her first year of girls' high school. At the moment of the explosion, she was at home, located 3.5 km (2.2 miles) from the hypocenter.

An Atomic Bomb Photo Posters Exhibition will also be held in the Hawaii Betsuin Social Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Update:

***Registration is encouraged but not required. (Exception: To attend the service via Zoom, registration is required so that we may send you the Zoom link).** Please register regardless of how you plan to attend so we may send you event updates — for example, a message regarding viewing difficult images.

REGISTRATION: <https://forms.gle/wMHp7HTYuEfMGsGK8>

The event flyer is attached. More information is available on the HMMH website here:

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/2025/07/07/end-of-ww2-commemoration-081425/>

2026 HMMH THEME/SLOGAN POSTER CONTEST

It's poster contest time again! Calling all artists and photographers! The Commission on Buddhist Education is sponsoring a poster contest to visually express the **2026** Hongwanji theme/slogan **"Nurturing Nembutsu: Sharing Gratitude."** The focus will be on "How do we express gratitude in our daily lives? How does saying Namo Amida Butsu help us recognize the kindness we receive? What do we receive by sharing gratitude?" Through art, entrants are asked to reflect on what it means to share gratitude with their family, friends, and the world around them.

Posters can be created using any medium (e.g., painting, drawing, digital art, photography) but must be submitted as a high-resolution digital file (JPEG, PNG, or PDF). Poster dimensions: Standard poster size (24" x 36" or equivalent in digital format). See attached flyer for details or visit <http://honpahi.link/poster26> for the submission form (which includes a link to the contest guidelines).

The winning poster will be selected as a statewide poster promoting the 2026 Theme and Slogan. Rev. Shawn Yagi (Kauai Commissioner) and Debbie Kubota (Honolulu Commissioner) are the chairs of this project. Please contact Debbie Kubota at dekub88@gmail.com if any questions arise.

The deadline for poster submission is October 31, 2025.

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YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

The Young Adults Retreat (YAR) will be held on Sunday, August 31 and Monday, September 1 (Labor Day), 2025 at the Buddhist Study Center. YAR is a retreat weekend for young adults (18-32) to connect with new friends, new experiences, and new lessons from the Dharma. Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata will be the guest speaker, and he has bravely volunteered to "ask me anything" during the weekend. We hope that YAR will be an opportunity for curious young adults to openly share their questions, concerns, and general wonderings about today's world with others. We will also have activities such as a "campfire" BBQ, hiking, community service, learning workshop, and joining in with Moiliili Hongwanji's Sunday service. **Please see the attached flyer** and fill out the registration form at tinyurl.com/youngadults2025 by August 15 (extended deadline) for those who are interested in joining.

What is YAR? It's like YESS Camp for young adults! It's a similar retreat experience but with less "restrictions" on discussion, activities, etc.



ASK ME ANYTHING
W/REV. BLAYNE

Register by 8/15 at:
tinyurl.com/youngadults2025

REGISTER NOW



YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT 2025

Tentative Schedule - Sunday 8/31

8:00 - 8:30 am Check-in and meet at BSC
9:00 am Sunday Service @ Moiliili Hongwanji
10:15 am Mixers and Opener
11:00 am Dana Service Project
12:30 pm Lunch
1:30 pm Workshop
3:00 pm Dharma Discussion 1
4:15 pm Field games & free time
6:30 pm BBQ dinner & games
9:00 pm Bonding
10:15 pm Set up cots & free time
1:00 am Lights Out
Monday 9/1
7:00 am Wake up
7:30 am Light Breakfast
8:30 am Morning Service @ Manoa Falls
8:45 am Manoa Falls Hike
11:00 am Mixers
11:45 am Lunch
12:30 pm Dharma Discussion 2
1:45 pm Closing Service
2:30 pm Happy Hour & disperse

When: Sunday, August 31 & Monday, September 1, 2025 (Labor Day)

Who: Young adults 18-32ish

Why: Connect with new friends, unwind from adult life, and learn something new!

How Much: \$40 Registration fee* by August 15

*free registration for neighbor island participants (flights on own); fundraising opportunities for free registration for Oahu participants also available

68th JR. YBA STATE CONVENTION

The Jr. YBA held their annual state convention on June 20-22, 2025, hosted by the United of Honolulu. The theme of "Hello Kitty & Friends" was used to symbolize friendship, openness, and kindness. There were 43 participants from 4 districts: Honolulu, Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii. The guest speaker was Stacey Hayashi, filmmaker and author famous for her work with telling the stories of the 100th Infantry battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat team. For many of the Jr. YBA members, the youngest of whom were born in the year 2013, this was their first exposure to the story of the Japanese American Nisei veterans. The Jr. YBA members gained a new reverence and appreciation for the veterans. Convention attendees also had workshops like Hello Kitty character pizza-making and a friendship onenju bracelet exchange. Of course, they conducted business meetings, passed a budget to be requested at Giseikai, and elected new Federation officers. And they even raised \$600 with their auction of snacks and treats from each United, which will be donated to the HHMH Social Concerns fund. A big thank you to the United of Honolulu for hosting and everyone who donated and supported to make this a wonderful experience for the youth and youth leaders.

Federation Officers (2025-2026)

President - Maslyn Kaneshiro Takeuchi
Vice-President - Diandra Thomson
Secretary - Taylor Kunimitsu
Treasure - Riann Shiro

Contest Winners

Jr. YBA of the Year - Kaya Blum
Oratorical Contest - Yuma Kamuro
Essay Contest - Yuma Kamuro
Art Contest - Maslyn Kaneshiro Takeuchi & Miyaka Nishihira



MANOAPHOBIA BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT ON AUGUST 28

The Buddhist Study Center Fellowship Club welcomes new members to their annual Manoaphobia back-to-school event. The BSCFC is open to college and university students in Hawaii, and coordinates social, service, learning, and professional development activities centered around Buddhist values like mindfulness, togetherness, and mutual respect.

Manoaphobia will be held on Thursday, August 28 at 5:00 pm at the Buddhist Study Center. It's a casual event to celebrate the start of the new school year and make new friends and connections. Dinner and games will be provided. Please spread the word to any interested college students. Contact ehashi@honpahi.org by August 27 to RSVP.

BUDDHIST STUDY CENTER FELLOWSHIP CLUB

MANOAPHOBIA

BACK-TO-SCHOOL WELCOME EVENT FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

THURSDAY | 5:00 - 8:00 PM
AUGUST 28, 2025

BUDDHIST STUDY CENTER
1436 UNIVERSITY AVE.
HONOLULU, HI 96822

RSVP TO EHASHI@HONPAHI.ORG BY AUGUST 27

BINGO, BITES & BONDING

HOSTED BY JR. YBA OF OAHU

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23
5:30PM-8:30PM @MILILANI HONGWANJII

Free Pizza!

All ages welcome - bring the whole Ohana!

Kids Movie Zone

Tabletop Games for All

Big Bingo Game with Prizes and Gift Cards!

*Does not have to be a temple member

RSVP NOW!!

\$8 / Person

FREE if you RSVP by August 20 and bring 2 or more family members or friends

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**E-Waste & Other Recyclable waste collection
in connection with the Food Bank Food Drive**



*Volunteers (Above)
A truckload of E-waste (Upper right)
Food Drive Collection (Right)
Other Recyclables (Below and below right)*



SCENES FROM AIEA HONGWANJI 2025 BON DANCE



Junior YBA Happenings

Big shout out to the United of Honolulu for successful Jr. YBA State Convention! We had a great time and were glad that they brought back some timeless favorite activities like the auction and Saturday evening banquet. The theme was Hello Kitty & Friends and we had engaging workshops. We made Hello Kitty themed pizza, or whatever you wanted to make. Everyone was so creative! We also made wrist onenju and made new friends exchanging onenju with someone



we met at convention. We also had a guest speaker, Stacey Hayashi, a local author and award winning filmmaker known for her expertise on Japanese American WWII veterans. Her film, Go For Broke: An Origin Story was about the true stories of Hawaii heroes who founded the 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and Military Intelligence Services. She talked to us about her latest book, The Story of Lucy, about the 442nd RCT medic's mascot puppy named Lucy. During the Q&A portion we found out that our very own United President, Yuma Kamuro was in the Go For Broke movie as one of the school children.

Congratulations are in order for our members! Yuma won the Essay and Oratoracle contests while Amane and Yuma were recognized by our Advisors for the Outstanding Jr. YBA Award. Diandra and Taylor were re-elected to the Federation Executive board as the Vice President and Secretary, respectively.

After a busy convention weekend, we took some time to celebrate Diandra Thomson's graduation and took her to dinner at Black Angus where we all got steak dinners and enjoyed each other's company. It was an enjoyable night getting to talk with one another and sharing all the appetizers and desserts!



We also chose United officers for next year. Our new officers are:

President – Yuma Kamuro, Mililani Hongwanji

Vice President – Diandra Thomson, Mililani Hongwanji

Secretary – Taylor Kunimitsu, Aiea Hongwanji

Treasurer – Amane Tomori, Aiea Hongwanji.

Our installation of officers will be before our next meeting on August 3rd. Congratulations on a year well done and we look forward to the year to come!

As our summer obon season starts winding down we still have a few more bon dances to go to! If you are looking to get service hours or would like to volunteer at any of our other district bon dances check your calendars for the dates remaining. 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! We've had such a fun time so far helping at Wahiawa and dancing at Ewa, Waipahu, and Waianae. The schedule for the remaining bon dances are as follows:

July 26 – Aiea Hongwanji (shave ice booth)

August 9 – Pearl City Hongwanji (helping the food concession)

August 15 and 16 – Mililani Hongwanji (Lantern Parade and beverage booths – 2 locations)

The week after Mililani Hongwanji's obon weekend, on Saturday, August 23, the Juniors would like to invite any youth and families to join us at the temple for a Movie, Games and Pizza night! Open to any families; you don't need to be a temple member to attend. See flyer for more information and RSVP QR Code. You can also RSVP via contact information at the end of newsletter article.

Upcoming Important Dates:

Next Meeting: Sunday, August 3, at Aiea Hongwanji at 1:00pm

**Family Movie, Games and Pizza Night! Saturday, August 23, 5:30pm-8:30pm
at Mililani Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, 95-257 Kāloapau St., Mililani, 96789**

Scan QR Code for Serendipity Federation Newsletter: <https://bit.ly/convention2425>

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 jrybaofohu@gmail.com if you have questions or for more information.



Follow us on Instagram! @jrybaofohu and @hawaii-fed-jryba

REFLECTIONS ON THE YBICSE PROGRAM IN JAPAN

Upon our arrival at Kansai Airport, we were immediately met with intense heat and humidity. Throughout the program, held from July 1 to 9, the demanding weather didn't diminish our enthusiasm or the significance of meeting fellow youth participants from diverse districts.

During the closing ceremony at Tsukiji Hongwanji in Tokyo, participants gathered in a circle to share reflections. I was pleasantly surprised by the overwhelmingly positive feedback. Participants expressed heartfelt gratitude for connections with peers from Canada, the mainland, South America, and students from Kyoto Women's University. They attended early morning services at Hongwanji in Kyoto and Tsukiji Hongwanji, and, due to a scheduling conflict that led to the cancellation of their meeting with Gomonsu-sama, were given the rare opportunity to access the area behind the altar at both temples. They also visited the Hiroshima Peace Museum—where they listened to the powerful testimony of an atomic bomb survivor—and toured historic sites including Mt. Hiei and Higashi Hongwanji and more.

The YBICSE experience is unique, offering not only cultural immersion but also profound religious enrichment beyond daily life. Participants were deeply touched by Namo Amida Butsu—the boundless compassion and guiding wisdom of Amida Buddha—through exposure to environments rooted in Buddhist values. Initially, participants stayed within their district groups; however, they soon forged new friendships and developed a greater understanding and respect for each person's unique perspective and life experiences. This growth reaffirmed the Dharma Message shared by Rev. Ryoei Nanjo: that Great Compassion is ever-present, and Great Wisdom continually guides us—even amid personal struggles.


Participants from Hawaii included David Yamamoto (Hilo), Yuya Fukutomi (Mililani), Maslyn Kaneshiro-Takeuchi (Hawaii Bet-suin), along with BWA exchange students Kana Suzuki (Pearl City) and Chihiro Okawa (Aiea), who briefly joined before starting their own program. The sentiment that "youth are our treasure" resonated deeply, as these young individuals, illuminated by Amida Buddha, continue to enrich the world through their actions. As a chaperone (despite a few misadventures with train navigation), I was reminded that each individual, myself included, is a treasure embraced by Amida Buddha's care and understanding. The YBICSE program reaffirms that such treasures exist worldwide and that mutual sharing benefits everyone, beyond all differences.

In conclusion, I express my heartfelt gratitude to Bishop Umitani for trusting me as a chaperone, to Rev. Daido Baba (former Executive Assistant) for his coordination efforts, to JSIO (Jodo Shinshu International Office) and committee members for their planning, and to everyone whose support—seen and unseen—made this program not only possible but also meaningful.

"LIGHTS FOR PEACE"

AT PEARL HARBOR NATIONAL MEMORIAL

JOIN US TO COMMEMORATE THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBINGS OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI. THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE: PAPER CRANE FOLDING, MUSIC, FELLOWSHIP, AND REFLECTION.



***WHEN?
AUGUST 8TH
5:00PM-8:00PM***

***WHERE?
PEARL HARBOR
NATIONAL
MEMORIAL***

***FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL DAN D'APICE AT
PERL_INFO@NPS.GOV ATTN: LIGHTS FOR PEACE***



(Rev. Satoshi Tomioka, 2025 YBICSE Chaperone)



Join Project Dana's Public Presentation Meetings!

Upcoming Events:

Meeting Date:	Saturday, August 9, 2025
Time:	10:00 am to 11:30 am
Location:	Zoom and Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (94-821 Kuhaulua Street, Waipahu, HI 96797)
Topic:	"Medicare and Durable Medical Equipment (DME)" – The goal of the session is for caregivers to learn about Medicare coverage of durable medical equipment, anticipated costs, what to do if your medical equipment is denied, and helpful resources. It is also an opportunity to learn about the Hawaii State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and the services they offer to Medicare beneficiaries.
Speaker:	Larry and Carol, Hawaii SHIP volunteers

Meeting Date:	Wednesday, August 13, 2025
Time:	10:00 am to 11:30 am
Location:	Zoom and Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813)
Topic:	"Home Health" – Caregivers will learn that home health services help client's recovery after an injury, illness, surgery, or hospitalization, or to manage a chronic condition. Other services offered are Personal Care and Companionship, Adult Private Duty Nursing, Pediatrics, Hospice, Habilitation, and ABA Services.
Speaker:	Cory Kataoka, Director, BAYADA Home Health Care

*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:

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AIEA HONGWANJI COMMUNITY HALL RENTALS FOR 2026

2026 is approaching, and we are receiving requests for hall rentals. The bookings for the summer graduation season are particularly in high demand. AHM offers its members the first opportunity to select an event date. If you are interested in renting the hall in 2026, please contact us at aieajiko@gmail.com before August 31, 2025. After this date, rental agreements will be open to the public.

Caregiver Training Workshop

Date	Saturday, August 23, 2025
Time	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location	Mō'ili'ili Hongwanji Mission, Social Hall (downstairs) 902 University Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96826
Topic	Caring for the Caregiver This training offers caregivers the opportunity to learn about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper Body Mechanics for the Caregiver • Self-care Techniques
Featuring	Lourdes "Lou" Vergara Marcelo, RN, CDN, CM, CDP, CEO of Advanced Care Training, LLC

Free workshop for caregivers who meet the following criteria:

- Caregiver provides unpaid care to an individual at least 60 years old.
- Individual receiving care lives in the community and not in a nursing home or care home.

Seating is limited. Registration is required by Monday, August 18th.

Please call or email if you are interested in attending or need more information about the workshop: (808) 945-3736; cgs@projectdana.org

This training is funded under the Title III Older Americans Act, administered by the Executive Office on Aging, State of Hawaii through the Elderly Affairs Division, City and County of Honolulu.



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.

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1 st Shinichi	Suzuki	25 th Eleanor Chisato	Ohira
1 st Kenneth Kaoru	Kamada	25 th Joyce Toshino	Matsunaga
7 th Akiko	Nakanishi	33 rd Richard Isami	Okano
13 th Robert Tadashi	Araki	33 rd Kenso	Higuchi
17 th Larry Yoshio	Nakahara		

SEPTEMBER 2025

3 rd Helen	Nakagawa	25 th Clyde Takashi	Yamashita
7 th Iris Miyo	Okura	25 th Hisao	Mishima
7 th Kay Kazuko	Higuchi	25 th Kazuo	Kondo
17 th Tomie	Takai	25 th Norio	Furukawa
25 th Richard Tetsuo	Yokomichi	33 rd Nobuya	Tashima

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Temple Calendar of Events for August 2025

4-8	Mon-Fri	6PM-8PM	BSC Summer Session (online & in person) with Rev. Dr. Enrique Galvan-Alvarez of London, England
8	Fri	5:30PM	HAIB Directors Meeting
10	Sun	9:00AM	Special Sunday Service with visitation by Windward Buddhist Temple (Kailua Hongwanji) Members to Aiea Hongwanji
17	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service & Dharma Fun for children
18	Mon	7:00PM	Oahu District Buddhist Education (OBDE) meeting
19	Tue	7:00PM	AHM Temple BOD meeting
21	Thu	10:00AM	Lotus Adult Daycare Service & Visitation
22	Fri		Hawaii Federation of BWAs World Federation Representatives Meeting
24	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
		1:00PM	Oahu United BWA Board meeting #3 at Pearl City Hongwanji
31	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
8/31-9/1	Sun-Mon		Ministers' Spouses Association Seminar

* Rev. Matsumoto will be away on 7/28-8/6/25, inclusive. Rev. Matsumoto will return to the office in the morning of 8/7/25. Please call Rev. Mariko Nishiyama for emergencies.

Partial Temple Calendar of Events for September 2025

1	Mon		Labor Day Holiday (Preschool and Lotus Daycare closed)
3	Wed	9:30AM	Oahu District Ministers Association Meeting
5	Fri	1:00PM	HMH Sanmu-Kanji Meeting
	Sat	9:00AM	HMH BOD Meeting
7	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
10	Wed	9:00AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services (tentative)
12	Fri	5:30PM	HAIB BOD meeting
12-13	Fri-Sat		Hawaii State Lay Convention
14	Sun	9:00AM	Autumn Higan & Honoring the 7 Masters of Jodo Shinshu Service with guest speaker Rev. Bert Sumikawa. All Invited.