



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

HIGAN OBSERVANCE AT THE AUTUMN EQUINOX



Did you know that our Higan Services in Spring and Autumn are a uniquely Japanese Buddhist Observance/Service?

“Higan, which means the ‘other shore’ of Nirvana or Enlightenment as opposed to ‘this shore’ of Samsara or Delusion, is observed by Japanese Buddhists during the spring and autumn equinox of each year. In Jodo Shinshu, the Higan observance is also called Sanbutsu-e or Gathering in Praise of the Buddha which is one of the two purposes of ritual gatherings—the other being to listen to the teachings. During these two times of the year in Japan, the days and nights are equal in length and the weather is neither too hot nor too cold. It was a time for Buddhists to meditate on the harmony of nature that pervades the universe and to devote oneself to the realization of this harmony in one’s own inner life.

The Higan observance is not mentioned in Indian or Chinese records and is believed to have originated in Japan in the time of Shotoku Taishi. The two times of the year are described in the Mediation Sutra as appropriate to the first meditation of facing the setting sun in the West, the symbolic direction of the Pure Land of Amida. Traditionally Higan is a week-long observance from March 18th-24th and September 20th-26th with the 4th day (March 21st and September 23rd) as the main day of observance. During the week-long observance of study and meditation, emphasis is placed on the observance of the Six Paramitas which bring us to “the other shore.” Paramita is the Sanskrit for “other shore.”

1. The Path of Giving-Dana
2. The Path of Right Behavior-Sila
3. The Path of Endurance and Patience-Ksanti
4. The Path of Endeavor or Effort-Virya
5. The Path of Meditation-Dhyana
6. The Path of Wisdom-Prajna

The Jodo Shinshu emphasis is upon the basic harmony of all elements of the universe as represented by the virtues of Amida Buddha. The o-naijin or the altar is a symbolic representation of Amida Buddha and the Pure Land of Enlightenment. Amida Buddha and the Pure Land is Higan or the “other shore” in a shape or form actively sharing itself with all of us so we may achieve ultimate peace and harmony.”

FOR ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER

Please call:

Reverend

Eric Matsumoto

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If he is not available, leave a message on the answering machine.

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(Quote taken from "Traditions of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha" by Masao Kodani and Russell Hamada.)

Bodhisattva Dharmakara completed the above mentioned Six Paramitas to become Amida Buddha, the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light. For an ordinary person such as myself, it is impossible (for me) to perfect Six Paramitas to become enlightened. Amida Buddha had the foresight to see that not everyone (especially Eric Matsumoto) would be able to attain enlightenment, perfect peace, happiness and tranquility of Supreme Nirvana, by completing the Six Paramitas and thus instead shares the path to enlightenment through hearing the Buddha's Name, Namo Amida Butsu thereby attaining the Awakened True Entrusting which enables one to attain enlightenment with birth in the Pure Land of Enlightenment. "Although its (the Pure Land's) glorious splendour is described in physical terms in the sutras, this land is above all forms and concepts. It is the sphere of pure spiritual activity; those born there are awakened to the ultimate reality, and compassion spontaneously arises in them. In other words, having become bodhisattvas, they participate in Amida Buddha's endless work of delivering beings from delusion and suffering." (Quote taken from "The Three Pure Land Sutra" by Hisao Inagaki.)

On Sunday, September 14, 2025, 9AM, please join me for our Autumn Higan and Remembering the Seven Great Masters of Jodo Shinshu Service to find out why Shinran Shonin of the Hongwanji selected these seven individuals as our Great Masters. It was these Seven Masters from India, China and Japan that lead Shinran Shonin to the Teaching of Jodo Shinshu which he shares with us. May we experience peace and harmony in our life and world. Thank you and see you on September 14th!

In gassho,
Eric Matsumoto

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



To Our Sangha:

Let me begin by thanking the members of the Windward Buddhist Temple for attending our August 10th Sunday service and engaging in fellowship in the community hall. Your presence and participation made it an exciting and eventful day. See bottom of page 8 of this newsletter for photos taken during the fellowship session in the community hall.

On behalf of the Aiea Hongwanji Kyodan, I extend our congratulations and recognition to the Aiea Hongwanji Judo Club for their accomplishments in the recent Hawaii 2025 United States Judo Federation Summer Nationals Tournament hosted by the 50th State Judo Association at the Hawaii Convention Center. See the results on page 7 of this newsletter.

Once again, the United Jr. YBA of Oahu is fundraising for their Hawaii Buddhist Youth (HBY) Month by baking and selling manju filled with Koshian (red bean paste). The funds will go to support the Coral Reef Alliance. The order form is included as one of the inserts in this newsletter. Be sure to turn your order in by September 21, 2025.

On page 6 is a flyer inviting you to spend a day at the Wahiawa Freshwater Park, sponsored by the State Department of Land and Natural Resources in partnership with Wahiawa Fresh and other community groups. It's on a first come first served basis so please submit your application and waiver form online by visiting the website dayatthelake.org or contacting info@dayatthelake.org for more information.

There are many more events and activities planned for the upcoming months, the details of which are in this newsletter. I hope you will find something that will perk your interest.

In gassho,
Boyd Marumoto

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii - HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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MESSAGE FROM BISHOP TOSHIYUKI UMITANI

On August 14, 2025, to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, members of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and community members gathered at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin for a special Commemoration Service titled “In Remembrance and Reflection: Commemorating 80 Years Since the End of World War II.” During the Commemoration Service, Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani delivered the following aspiration.

In Remembrance and Reflection Commemorating 80 Years Since the End of World War II August 14, 2025

Aspiration

The Amida Tathagata, out of boundless compassion for beings lost in the defilements of this world, stood up and raised inconceivable vows, fulfilled the sacred practice of embracing and never abandoning a single being, and established the Pure Land of peace and bliss.

This compassionate calling of the Buddha, as the sacred Name, Namo Amida Butsu, resounds throughout the ten directions. The Buddha continues to call out to us, guiding all who wander in the darkness of ignorance.

And yet, this world of the three realms is like a burning house, ever impermanent. Our human ignorance and foolishness are deeply rooted. Consumed by desires for fame, gain, and pleasure, we ignite flames of anger and fall into endless conflict. We harm ourselves, we harm others, and the cycle does not cease.

Eighty years ago, the Second World War, a conflict that affected countries across the globe, came to an end. Countless precious lives were lost. Many cities were reduced to ruins. Many people lost their families, friends, homes, and endured unimaginable pain. How deep, how unbearable, their sorrow must have been.

The cries born from that suffering and the tears shed in that grief reach us today as a silent yet powerful plea for peace.

Shakyamuni Buddha taught: “Hatreds never cease by hatreds in this world. By love alone do they cease. This is an ancient Law.” He taught us that all living beings are interconnected, sharing in the great web of life. The path that destroys others is the path that ultimately destroys oneself. The path that allows others to live is the path on which we, too, are truly brought to life.

These timeless truths we must now, more than ever, take deeply into our hearts. In this time of division and conflict, may each of us gathered here today listen closely to these voices and embrace the aspirations of our predecessors who longed for a world of tranquility and harmony. May we uphold human dignity, nurture a mind of compassion, and ensure the tragedies of the past are never repeated.

Let us walk forward together—to carry forward the message of peace from our predecessors, to ease the suffering of those who live among us today, and to protect the smiles of those who are yet to be born.

With humble hearts, I offer this aspiration. Namo Amida Butsu.

Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

RING YOUR BELL FOR PEACE DAY 2025

The public is invited to join the virtual “6th Annual Ring Your Bell for Peace Day,” which is an interfaith, multi-cultural, and international gathering of individuals and organizations who are enjoying a program with esteemed speakers, entertainers, and participants to share the common interest of promoting peace, mutual respect, and unity. Hosted by Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

Everyone logs on September 22nd at 8:15 AM, and the program goes live on Zoom and Facebook Live at 8:30 AM with messages and music of peace. At 9:00 AM, there is a minute of silence to honor all who sacrificed for peace. At 9:01, Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Mission will ask everyone to ring their bells for 5 minutes. Participants’ screens will be spotlighted, and you will see children in their classes ringing bells, temple bells being rung by ministers and friends, senior centers, and families in their living rooms ringing their bells for peace! What a great feeling!

Past participants have registered from Canada, the continental United States, Hawaii, Germany, and Japan, totaling nearly 1800.

DATE: Monday, September 22, 2025
TIME: 8:30AM - 9:30 AM
PLACE: Zoom link will be sent to all who register by Thursday, Sept. 19, 2025
REGISTER: bit.ly/PeaceDay2025
or send email request to renemansho@hawaii.rr.com

While Peace Day becomes more important each year, this creative approach allows people worldwide to personally connect and promote peace. It has uplifted our spirits and adds a little sunshine to our lives for a memorable occasion. In the past, participants included women from Ukraine sharing their stories, Lahaina Jodo Mission sharing the moments of the 2023 Maui Wildfire, and guest speaker Ramona Okumura, a humanitarian working in Gaza with the Palestine Children’s Relief Fund to help fit prosthetics for young people.

Sharing Hawaii’s peace message, culture, and music is Hawaii’s Ambassador for Peace and ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro, who always makes this an event to remember!

SHINING SPIRIT AWARD

Name of Award: Shining Spirit Award

Deadline: November 15

PURPOSE:

To recognize youth in Hawaii for their outstanding community service and embodying the spirit of selfless giving. Our aim is to inspire the next generation to understand and embrace the importance of serving and contributing to the greater good of society. With this honor, we believe these young individuals will continue to grow into Living Treasures in our community.

ELIGIBILITY:

- 10-20 years old
- Legal resident of Hawaii
- Engaged in activity for at least 12 months prior to date of application

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

Impact on Community: Evidence of meaningful change, whether through addressing a community need, improving quality of life, or inspiring others.

Initiative: How does the individual demonstrate leadership, show creativity in problem-solving or develop new ways to address issues?

Effort: How does the individual exemplify dedication and resilience, demonstrate consistent, sustained effort in their projects or causes, even under challenging circumstances?

Personal Growth: Describe how the individual gained new skills, built confidence, or learned valuable lessons that have contributed to their personal development.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE:

An organization or person from the community (teacher, advisor, counselor, mentor, clergy, coach, etc.) may nominate a young person for this recognition by submitting the following:

- Nomination form with information on the nominee (attached)
- Recommendation letters (maximum of three)

You may submit completed nomination forms and recommendation letters:

By mail to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
 Attn: Youth Award
 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813

By Email - admin@honpahi.org

By dropping off a form at Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii during office hours

The completed nomination form and letters of recommendation must be received by the Living Treasures of Hawaii™ Committee no later than November 15, 2025. Any nomination received after December 1 will be considered for the following year. If selected, parental consent will be required if the nominee is under 18 years of age. The selection committee reserves the right to not select an honoree and the decision of the committee is final. For more information, please call the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii main office at (808) 522-9200.

COMMISSION ON BUDDHIST EDUCATION

Please save the dates for the following events in October:

Saturday, October 4: 1-3 PM (Hawaii Betsuin Social Hall)

Okaeri’s Letters to Home Book Tour

featuring panelists Aiden Aizumi, Keith Nishida, Jill Guillermo-Tagawa and Jessica Kawamura (all contributors to the book) and moderator, Camaron Miyamoto. “Letters to Home” is an anthology of essays, poetry and art by LGBTQ+ individuals and allies. Through sharing lived experiences, both positive and negative, contributors explore themes of identity, community, acceptance and “home.” Here is the link to register: <https://forms.gle/9nyxNpfGQKvM9WpC9>.

PRE-WAR HONGWANJI NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Early last year, Rev. Daido Baba discovered a treasure in an unassuming cardboard box in storage at Headquarters: a near-complete set of the *Kyodan Jihō*, a Hongwanji Hawaii newsletter with issues spanning from 1921-1941. The content is mostly in Japanese, with some English-language content beginning October 1926 under the name *Pacific Buddhist* and later *Buddhist Child*.



The physical quality of the issues varied, but on the whole was good and suitable for professional scanning. We contracted AMI Systems to perform the scanning. They returned the originals to us along with electronic PDF files and high-resolution graphics (TIFFs).

We contacted Kaoru (Kay) Ueda, research fellow and the curator of the Japanese Diaspora Collections at the Hoover Institution Library & Archives at Stanford, about our find. Under a partnership agreement approved by the HMMH board of directors, we provided the electronic files to Kay to add to the few issues of the *Kyodan Jihō* they already had.

The collection is available online at <https://hojishinbun.hoover.org/en/newspapers/kjh>, allowing you to explore 20 years’ worth of monthly issues. (A high-speed Internet connection is helpful.) As you explore and discover, please share your finds with archiveschair@honpahi.org.

– David Atcheson, Archives Committee Chair



Saturday *Free Admission*
September 27, 2025
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Wahiawa Freshwater Park
380 Walker Ave., Wahiawa



DayattheLake.org

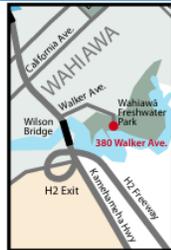
Come out for a great day at Lake Wilson, one of the largest freshwater reservoirs in Hawaii! DLNR and the Wahiawā Community welcome you to the State Freshwater Park to learn and explore this great natural resource in historic Wahiawā. Join us and celebrate Lake Wilson with all kinds of fun activities, while we learn how to be good stewards of our precious island resources.



FOOD ENTERTAINMENT CRAFTS & VENDORS

Lots of Activities for the Family!

- FREE BOAT TOURS
- PLANT SEEDLING GIVEAWAYS
- CONSERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION
- MAKE & TAKE PROJECTS
- GAMES & CONTESTS



FREE PARKING!
 at the park in designated areas

Free boat tours of the lake are on a first come, first served basis. Tours are approximately 30 minutes. Guests must wear a life jacket and sign a waiver. Every effort will be made, but there may be certain circumstances where we cannot accommodate riders. Boat captains have the final discretion. Minors must be accompanied by adults.

Go to DayAtTheLake.org for more info!

Honolulu and Oahu Districts Nembutsu Seminar

**NURTURING NEMBUTSU:
 CULTIVATING AWARENESS**

Saturday, October 11 from 9:00 - 11:00 am

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Social Hall
 1727 Pali Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96813

Buddhist teacher and best-selling author of "No-Nonsense Buddhism for Beginners," Noah Rasheta hosts the Secular Buddhism podcast, which has reached millions with its accessible, practical take on Buddhist philosophy. Known for saying, "Don't use what you learn from Buddhism to be a Buddhist; use it to be a better whatever-you-already-are," he helps people embrace mindfulness as a way to befriend who they already are. He's shared his teachings with global audiences—including Apple*, PWC, and YPO—bringing humor, humility, and practical wisdom to every talk. He lives in Kamas, Utah, with his wife and three children.



NOAH RASHETA

PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Re-imagining the Nembutsu: Transform the Nembutsu practice from chant to a way of seeing the world with new eyes and a grateful heart.
- Everyday Nembutsu: Simple techniques for moments of peace and insight into a modern everyday life.
- The Mind as a Garden: Cultivating the seed of gratitude within.
- Finding Gratitude in Unexpected Places: Discovering profound lessons in everyday objects and events.

?? QUESTIONS??

Contact Debbie Kubota, Chair
 Commission on Buddhist Education
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REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT

- Click on QR Code to register
- Or click on this [LINK TO REGISTER](#)



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**SAVE THE DATE:
 SAT. OCT 4TH, 1PM HT**

**LETTERS TO HOME
 2025 BOOK TOUR: HAWAII LGBTQ+**

Join us for the last stop of our 2025 book tour, which also coincides with Honolulu Pride!

Letters to Home is an anthology of essays, poetry, and art by LGBTQ+ Japanese Americans and allies. Through sharing lived experiences both positive and negative, contributors explore themes of identity, community, acceptance, and "home."

Speakers: Jill Guillermo-Togawa, Jessica Kawamura, Keith Nishida, & Aiden Aizumi



Honolulu Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin social hall
 1:00PM-3:00PM HT

This event is co-sponsored by Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, & Honolulu Hongwanji Council



Okaeri is fiscally sponsored by LTSC



**7th Virtual Dharma School Gathering
 NURTURING NEMBUTSU:
 CULTIVATING AWARENESS**

Sunday, October 19, 2025 via Zoom

- 8:45 am Dharma Educators Session
- 10:00 am Intergenerational Service
- 10:40 am Dharma School & Adult Breakout Room Activities
- 11:30 Dharma School Group Sharing Session
- 12:00 End

All are welcome to this intergenerational event!!!



Service Dharma Message by
Reverend Tomo Hojo
 West Kauai Hongwanji, Kauai Dharma School Advisor

Adult Breakout Room Message by
Ms. Edythe Vassall
 Former Managing Editor of Ka Leo Kahea, Hilo Betsuin & BWA Member, Board of Spiritual Affairs



RSVP Deadline: Saturday, October 11
 Link to register (or use phone to scan code):
<https://forms.gle/gk8QJqJe6xbgz4AVA>
 Zoom link will be emailed by Friday, 10/17

Any questions?
 Contact Debbie Kubota dekub88@gmail.com

NEWS FROM THE AIEA HONGWANJI JUDO CLUB

In July the Aiea Hongwanji Judo Club (AHJC) entered 28 competitors in the Hawaii 2025 United States Judo Federation (USJF) Summer Nationals hosted by the 50th State Judo Association at the Hawaii Convention Center. The team scored a total of 84 team points which placed them in 4th place. Of the 780 entrants, AHJC produced 8 gold, 3 silver, and 4 bronze medalists who are listed as follows:

GOLD MEDALISTS:

Kaoli Chandler, Sensei Richard Perry, Molia Maumalanga (Yaya), Jericho Burchfield, TJ Roberts, Owen Mehio, Ty Marcello-Vina, and Tanner Marcelo-Vina.

SILVER MEDALISTS:

Kenzie Katayama, Taylor Eischen, and Kailani Chow.

BRONZE MEDALISTS:

Nicholas Mehio (twice), Sensei Adonis Rabago, and Sione Maumalanga.

Special congratulations go out to Kaoli Chandler for winning the best male technique of Day 1.



Kaori Chandler with Sensei Nick



The Aiea Hongwanji Judo Club



AHJC Gold Medalists and National Champions



2025 USJF Summer Nationals AHJC Judoka

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LIVING GRATITUDE DONATION ENVELOPES AND FLYERS COMING SOON

Temples will soon receive Living Gratitude donation envelopes and flyers to include in their September (or October) newsletters. Members and friends, please keep an eye out for this initial rollout to the whole Hongwanji Hawaii sangha. Living Gratitude will support Hongwanji Hawaii's efforts to EDUCATE members, youth, and the public about Jodo Shinshu, INNOVATE through the use of technology and target outreach, and SUSTAIN Hawaii Kyodan into the future. **Thank you for your consideration!** More information:

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



Junior YBA Happenings



Thank you to all who supported the United of Oahu by buying shave ice at Aiea Hongwanji's Bon Dance and by buying drinks at Mililani Hongwanji's Bon Dance! We worked very hard and made a lot of sales. Also, we'd like to thank all the past



Jr. YBA members who came out to help us as well as the scouts at Aiea and Mililani High School's Japanese Club. We wouldn't have been able to this without you!

The week after Mililani Hongwanji's obon weekend, on Saturday, August 23, the Juniors hosted "Bingo, Bites and Bonding". It was open to any families and youth. We'd like to thank everyone who attended and also thank you to the Mililani BWA members who donated their time and provided dinner enhancements to go with the pizza party. We had so much fun and are thinking about possibly making this an annual event.



Congratulations to the officers for next year! We had our installation service before our meeting on September 7 followed by an escape room activity. 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.

Upcoming Important Dates:

Next Meeting: Sunday, September 7, at Mililani Hongwanji at 1:00pm

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 Auntie Arynn Ishikawa (advisor) at arynn.m.ishikawa@gmail.com or jrybafoahu@gmail.com if you have questions or for more information. Follow us on Instagram! @jrybafoahu and @hawaiifedjryba .



WINDWARD BUDDHIST TEMPLE MEMBERS ATTENDED SUNDAY SERVICE AT AIEA HONGWANJI TEMPLE AND ENJOYED FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS ON AUGUST 10, 2025





An Intermediate-level Introductory Course on
Shin Buddhism in the West and Beyond

Fireside Chat Sessions with 20 Laypersons and Teachers

Starts October 4, 2025

Description:	An intermediate-level introduction for those seeking a religious/spiritual understanding of Shin (or Jodo Shinshu) Buddhism, the largest Buddhist school in Japan today, with a history of 136 years in North America.
Dates:	10 classes on the <i>first</i> Saturday of the month (except in July)
For Details:	Please click here
Topics:	October 4: <i>Boarding the Ship — Starting Our Human Journey</i> November 1: <i>Falling off the Ship — Encountering Suffering</i> December 6: <i>Swimming by Striving — Practice</i> January 3: <i>Gasping for Air — Spiritual Impasse</i> February 7: <i>Letting go — Shinjin Realization and Entrusting</i> March 7: <i>Floating — Ocean that is Amida's Primal Vow</i> April 4: <i>Swimming with Ease — Assurance, Joy, and Clarity</i> May 2: <i>Thinking of Others — Engagement with Others</i> June 6: <i>Reaching the Island — Birth in the Pure Land</i> July 11: <i>Going out back into the Ocean — Returning to this Sahā Realm</i>
Instructor and Moderator:	Kenneth K. Tanaka , Professor Emeritus, Musashino University, Tokyo. Former Assoc. Prof. and Assist. Dean, the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley. Former Minister of Buddhist Churches of America.
Register for the Course:	Please apply here
Donation:	Suggested amount \$50–\$100 (In Japan, ¥6,000) (Less is accepted for students and anyone on fixed or low income.)
Textbook:	<i>Ocean Two: The Ten Phases of Shin Buddhism for the West and Beyond</i> (Draft of this book will be provided free of charge to all registrants.)
Video Recordings:	Available to registrants when they miss the class.
Contact email:	shinbuddhismcourse@gmail.com



Join Project Dana's Public Presentation Meetings!

Upcoming Events:

Meeting Date:	Wednesday, September 10, 2025
Time:	10:00 am to 11:30 am
Location:	Zoom and Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813)
Topic:	"How to Live a Happy Senior Life" – This presentation is designed to inform caregivers and their care recipients on how they can maintain both their physical and mental abilities.
Speaker:	Yuya Matsuoka, Sakura House Adult Daycare and Home Visit Care
Meeting Date:	Saturday, September 13, 2025
Time:	10:00 am to 11:30 am
Location:	Zoom and Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (94-821 Kuhaulua Street, Waipahu, HI 96797)
Topic:	"Aging in Place" – In this session, caregivers will learn about home care including: what it is, how it can help, how it's different from home health, and when the different home care options are appropriate.
Speaker:	Tanya Fernandes, CEO, Ho'okele Home 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:

**Shelley Paet, C4C Program Specialist
(808) 945-3736
cgsg@projectdana.org**

Aiea Hongwanji Mission extends its Deepest Condolences to the families of the Late George Hoshino, Fumie Maeda, Alice Tasaki, Victoria Mitsuoka, Maureen Fitch, Thelma Tarumoto, Ross Yoshioka, and Ikuo Nakata.

Namo Amida Butsu

Call for Submissions 2026 HONGWANJI CALENDAR

Five-Year Theme (2025-2029): NURTURING NEMBUTSU.

2026 Slogan: Sharing Gratitude

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH) Calendar Committee invites members, Dharma friends, and affiliates to provide photos for the 2026 Hongwanji Calendar that shows,

“NURTURING NEMBUTSU: SHARING GRATITUDE.”

- You may submit several photos for consideration by the Calendar Committee for the 2026 Hongwanji Calendar.
- We do welcome cell phone photos. Photos will need to be able to be clearly enlarged.
- Preferably, please submit pictures in landscape format (horizontal), like this flyer.
- For **EACH photo, please include a brief caption expressing the 2026 slogan** and your name/temple for photo credit.
- If you have questions, please leave a message for Yumi Suzuki at the Hongwanji Headquarters Office at (808)522-9200 or email: hqs@honpahi.org.
- For photo submissions, please submit directly to Alan Kubota at lenscapeshawaii@gmail.com. He will respond directly to any technical questions. Thank you.



Deadline:
Monday, September 15, 2025.



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.

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

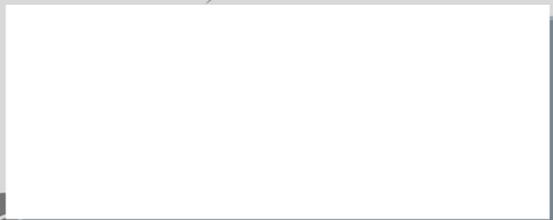
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7 th Kikue	Unten	25 th Doris Shizue	Kuromoto
7 th Wataru	Takita	25 th Deane Hajime	Kihara
17 th Morio	Nakatani	25 th Toshiko	Hayashi
17 th Masayoshi	Furukawa	33 rd Toshio	Tano
25 th Terukiyo	Takahashi	50 th Yoshi (Mrs)	Kamada

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Temple Calendar of Events for September 2025

8/31-9/1		Ministers' Spouses Seminar
1	Mon	Labor Day Holiday (Preschool and Lotus Adult Daycare closed)
2	Tue 7:00PM	Oahu District Buddhist Education Committee meeting
3	Wed 9:30AM	Oahu District Ministers Association Meeting
5	Fri 1:00PM	HHMH Sanmu-Kanji Meeting
6	Sat 9:00AM	HHMH BOD Meeting
7	Sun 9:00AM	Sunday Service
10	Wed 9:00AM-10:30AM	Preschool Services
12-13	Fri-Sat	Hawaii State Lay Convention
14	Sun 9:00AM	Fall Higan & Honoring the 7 Great Masters Service
16	Tue 7:00PM	AHM BOD Meeting
18	Thu 10:00AM	Lotus Adult Daycare Service and Visitation
20-21	Sat-Sun	Choralfest at Hawaii Betsuin
21	Sun 9:00AM	Sunday Peace Day Service with Dharma Fun Activity and Taiko for Youth
22	Mon 9:00AM	Ring your Bells for Peace Day Annual Online Event
	7:00PM	Oahu District Hongwanji Council Meeting
24-25	Wed-Thu	Ministers Ritual Workshop at Hawaii Betsuin
27	Sat 12:30PM-4:00PM	HAIB Dhammacakka Festival at Jodo Mission of Hawaii (Public Invited)
28	Sun 8:00AM	Temple Beautification Day (No Sunday Service)

Temple Calendar of Events for October 2025

1	Wed 9:30AM	Oahu District Ministers Meeting
5	Sun 9:00AM	Sunday Service with Dharma Fun Activity and Taiko for Youth
8	Wed 9:00AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services
10	Fri 4:00PM	Lecture by Podcaster Noah Rasheta at UH Queen Liliuokalani Center
12	Sun 9:00AM	Sunday Service & Talk Story with Noah Rasheta at Aiea Hongwanji (Public Invited)
13	Mon	Indigenous Peoples Day Holiday (Preschool & Lotus Adult Daycare closed)

United Jr. YBA of Oahu HBY Month Fundraiser



In October, the United Jr. YBA of Oahu will sell Baked Manju filled with Koshian (red bean paste) to fundraise for our HBY (Hawaii Buddhist Youth) Month. This year we are supporting the Coral Reef Alliance. Please see the information and order form below. Thank you for your continued support!

ORDER DEADLINE: September 21, 2025

Please email orders to: jrybafoahu@gmail.com

(Include name, address, contact number, temple pickup location, and number of orders)

OR

Mail order form (bottom) to:

**Millilani Hongwanji Mission, attn: Jr. YBA
P.O. Box 893308, Millilani, HI 96789**

Pick-up/Delivery date: October 5, 2025

*****Must be postmarked by September 21, 2025*****

Pick-up locations: Aiea, Mililani, Wahiawa, or Waipahu Hongwanji

Payment: Cash (exact change) or checks payable to United Jr. YBA of Oahu

Please enclose payment or pay at the time of pick up/delivery.

For any questions regarding order or delivery, contact Yuma Kamuro at (808) 229-6706

Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Pick up temple location: _____

OR

Delivery Address: _____



Manju: one order is 5 pc for \$5

TOTAL: ___ orders x \$5 = \$ _____

Payment enclosed: Yes ___ No ___

Shining Spirit Youth Award Nomination Form

Please complete all sections of this form. Nomination deadline: November 15, 2025

Nominee Information

Full Name: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

School/Organization: _____

Nominator Information

Full Name: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Nomination Questions

1. Describe the nominee's community service activities and their impact:
2. How has the nominee demonstrated leadership, initiative, or creativity?
3. Share an example of the nominee's dedication and resilience in their service work:
4. Describe how the nominee has grown personally through their service experiences:

Recommendation Letters

Please attach 2–3 letters of recommendation in support of this nomination.

Submission Instructions

Submit completed nomination forms and recommendation letters by November 15 to:

By Mail: Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

Attn: Youth Award

1727 Pali Highway

Honolulu, HI 96813

By Email: admin@honpahi.org

In-person: Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Headquarters office during office hours

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Fall 2025

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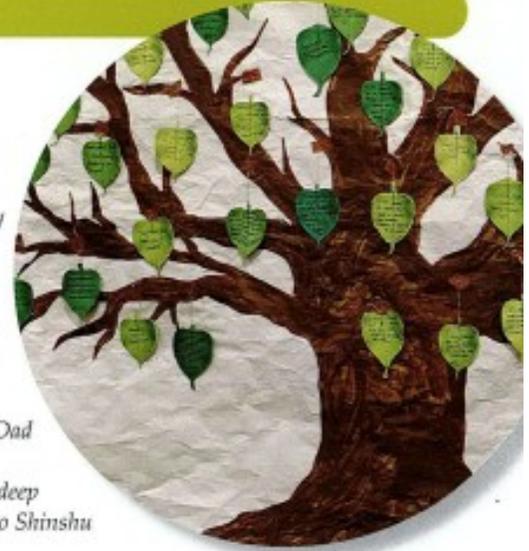
An investment for the future of Shin Buddhism in Hawaii.



The Jodo Shinshu teachings have enriched my life during happy times and brought peace and understanding during difficult times. I am forever thankful for the many unrepeatable nembutsu moments I shared with family and friends at my mother's 100th birthday celebration. On the other hand, the sudden passing of my father in a traffic accident before New Year was extremely challenging. But the Dharma helped me accept the fleeting, ever-changing nature of life and I remember Dad with gratitude.

I would like others to experience the Teachings that have the power to nurture deep gratitude during happy as well as difficult times. I want to ensure the future of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in Hawaii. I believe the Dharma is a treasure!

~Terry Jean Arakaki



The Issei immigrants planted the seeds of Jodo Shinshu in Hawaii, and through hardship and adversity, those teachings took root and blossomed – like a twisted trunk growing into a strong tree of Dharma, symbolized by the Bodhi leaves. Today, we carry forward their legacy by living each day in gratitude, guided by the Nembutsu.

Now more than ever, our temples have the potential to shine as beacons of wisdom and compassion – welcoming temples where people of all ages and walks of life can discover meaning, connection, and inner peace.

Let us walk this path together – deepening our awareness, nurturing our hearts, and helping to build a

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Namo Amida Butsu



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- Dharma centered programs for members, youth and the public
- Ministerial education and lay assistant programs
- Technology based tools for education



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- Digital ministry program
- Video production studio at the Buddhist Study Center
- Facilitate distance learning and online dharma
- Marketing and outreach team



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