



MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Finding Beauty in the Fall

It's hard to believe, but it's already November with the autumn season in full swing. In many parts of the world, the colors of autumn take the breath away with their amazing colors of red, yellow, brown and orange. One of my favorite photos of autumn foliage is this picture I took of a *momiji* or autumn maple leaves at the Chusonji Temple in Hirazumi, Sendai, Japan in 2017. Chusonji is one of my favorite temples. It has a beautiful temple including altar totally enclosed



in glass. Another favorite is this photo of maple leaves on the ground taken at Pacific University in Oregon back in 2024. The maple leaves, seemingly afloat, on a bed of green grass was such a beautiful sight to behold that I couldn't help but stop to take a picture while my family is shouting

to me "Hurry up. What are you doing?" There is something peaceful and serene about autumn which brings about a certain calmness despite the transitory nature of the season.

When I think of the fall season with leaves turning color, I recall Leo Buscaglia's book, "The Fall of Freddie the Leaf." It's a wonderful book with a significant and important message for all of us. If you ask me, it's very Buddhist and a highly recommended reading for any age especially worthy reading for young people. "Why?" you may ask. So, it can bring awareness into our life about a subject that is often not talked about. The book is about a leaf named Freddie who lives on a tree with many other leaves including a very wise leaf named Daniel who shares with Freddie and the others wisdom and insight which enables them to understand the cycle of life and find



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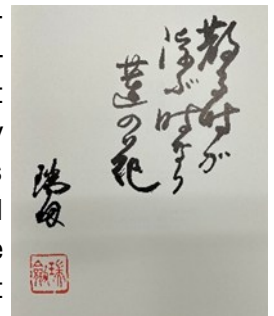
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purpose and meaning in all of it including the biggest change, which is most of the time dreaded by many, that takes place in the fall of one's life. The story encourages us to embrace both life-and-death or living-and-dying which according to Buddhist Teachings is like the two sides of the same coin. You can't separate the two. Yes, there is a difference between the two, but they are a pair, inseparable and always found together. Living and dying are both a part of life. It is very natural; however, we tend to fear that which we don't understand, and this is the value of the book and also the Dharma (the Buddha's Teaching). It shares with us an understanding, an awareness about life within Life which can bring about calm, a peacefulness for and about our latter years of life. Growing old, aging, and dying is not all negative. It is not only sad or lamentable. This is not to say that it does not have its challenges, but even when we were young life had its challenges too. In Buddhism, it's less about something being good or bad and more about how we embrace and engage with it that is most important and makes a big difference. As the Historic Buddha said, "Even death is not feared by one who has lived wisely."

For we of the Jodo Shinshu Pure Land Tradition to live wisely is to Entrust ourselves to the Great Compassion of Amida Buddha realizing the impermanent nature of samsaric life. In relation to today's message, two of my favorite sayings by the late Rev. Zuiken Inagaki are the following two poems that he wrote. "No Tathagata [Amida Buddha] apart from me, No me apart from the Tathagata [Amida Buddha]." and "Time to fall is time to float for a lotus-blossom." (See calligraphy of later poem taken from "Anjin, Zuiken's Sayings.") It speaks of our relationship with Amida Buddha, the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light and how it brings great meaning and depth with a sense of peaceful calm and joy to the twilight of our life as we discard our physical body likened to falling lotus flower petals afloat on the surface of a pond after the flower has blossomed and our attaining birth in the Buddha's Pure Land of Enlightenment, a Realm of Peace and Serenity. Of course, we never know when twilight will come, for some it comes sooner than for others, but in the end it does not matter for our age in years is inconsequential when we speak of Shinjin or the Endowed True Entrusting. Great Compassion embraces regardless of our age. Thus, in the final analysis, it does not really matter if we are in the spring of our youth, the fruitful years of summer, the maturing years of fall or the dead of winter, True Compassion-Namo Amida Butsu- is always with us!



This is the wonderful, beautiful teaching of Namo Amida Butsu or Jodo Shinshu which our predecessors have passed down to us, please come to remember and honor them as we observe Eitaikyo this coming November 16, 2025 at our 9:00 AM Sunday Service with our guest speaker Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki. Hope to see you at the Service!

Namo Amida Butsu /Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion.
Reverend Eric Matsumoto

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



To Our Sangha:

For our Sunday service on October 12th, we hosted the renowned podcaster Noah Rasheta who shared with us how Buddhism can help us in difficult times by using 4 tools for skillful living. He used the metaphor of a farmer tending to the garden of our mind to illustrate how we can focus our efforts on things that we can control such as building fences to prevent unwanted critters from entering our garden as opposed to complaining about the weather which we have no control over. He goes on to explain that similar to the farmer's

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Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii – HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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MESSAGE FROM BISHOP TOSHIYUKI UMITANI

**** Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani wrote the following message for the convention booklet of the Hawaii State Lay Association's 62nd Annual Convention, which was held on September 12-13, 2025.***



On behalf of the Ministers and Members of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending the Hawaii State Lay Association's 62nd Annual Convention. I would also like to acknowledge the HSLA President, Mr. Russell Nonaka, for his leadership, and the Convention Co-Chairs, Ms. Rene Mansho and Mr. Rick Tabor, for organizing this year's convention.

The theme of this year's convention, ***"Let's be the authors of our future!"*** brings to mind the famous analogy of a man pointing at the moon. When he appreciates the moon's beauty and wishes others to see it too, he lifts his finger to direct their gaze, helping them recognize the brilliance of the moon shining in the night sky. Although his finger does not shine like the moon, it serves as a guide, enabling others to discover comfort and joy in its light.

All of us, at some point in our lives, were guided by someone who pointed us toward the light of the Dharma. It may have been a minister, a parent, a grandparent, or a fellow temple member. Because of their gentle guidance, we were able to encounter the Nembutsu teaching and experience the joy and comfort that it brings. Now, as we think about being the "authors of our future," we are also invited to take on that role ourselves — to be the ones who point out the moon for others. Whether through our words, our actions, or simply our presence, we can help those around us turn their attention toward Amida Buddha's Boundless Compassion.

The history of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is a collection of life stories from individuals who have experienced the warmth of Amida Buddha's Compassion and have lived with joy and gratitude in the Dharma. As the "authors," we all have wonderful life stories to share with others — especially the memorable experiences you have had at your respective temples. By sharing those stories, I encourage you to spread the joy and richness of life that the Buddha-Dharma provides, so that future generations, too, may be guided to look up and see the radiant Light of Amida Buddha's Compassion.

In closing, I would like to express my deep appreciation to each of you for being an integral part of the Honpa Hongwanji Sangha. Please enjoy the Lay Convention!

Namo Amida Butsu

****Bishop Umitani also delivered a message at the convention, and his full message is available on the HHMH website.***

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/messages/bishop-message-2025-lay-convention/>

LIVING GRATITUDE GRANT

The Living Gratitude Grant application is now available to support original and imaginative projects. Read the Instructions and Guidelines carefully when completing the application forms. Submit the application to HHMH office, Attn: Living Gratitude. The deadline for the application will be April 30 and October 31 of each calendar year. We look forward to receiving projects that invigorate Jodo Shinshu Buddhism into the future!

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COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS

November is a special time to reflect on gratitude. Our Eitaikyo observance and Thanksgiving holiday offer opportunities to acknowledge the many causes and conditions supporting our lives and how deeply connected we are to the world around us. In this spirit of thankfulness, we launch our **2025-2026 Social Concerns Fund Drive**.

Your generosity allows the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii to support deserving organizations and programs that foster positive change in our community. Your selfless giving also helps us provide compassionate aid during disasters and respond effectively to issues affecting our local and global communities.

In response to federal funding cuts, we increased our support for local food banks that fight food insecurity in our community, donated to Hawaii Public Radio and PBS Hawaii to ensure access to quality public media, and supported Spill the Tea Café and The Trevor Project, which provide services for LGBTQIA+ youth. We also supported relief efforts after the devastating wildfires in Southern California and the earthquake in Myanmar and Thailand.

We continue to award Golden Chain Grants to support Sangha-based compassionate actions and Dana Matching Grants to boost the impact of charitable giving by organizations in the Hawaii Kyodan Ohana. We hope you will take advantage of these innovative programs that help share our values with the wider community.

The fundraising campaign will run from November 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026. We ask that temples submit their collected donations by the end of September 2026. **Please make all checks payable to [YOUR TEMPLE]**. Your temple will then send a single combined check to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

Your support for our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive is greatly appreciated. Mahalo!

GISEIKAI 2026

The 114th Legislative Assembly (hybrid – online & in-person) is scheduled for **February 20-21, 2026**. This notice is to inform you of the planning and coordination you should be doing within your temple, district, committee, or organization. The table below lists the various items which will be requested from you in the coming months. This notice and other documents will be posted on the HMMH Intranet:

Item	Deadline	Comments
Giseikai Resolutions	Nov 15, 2025	Resolutions must be approved by your respective district council, committee or organization and submitted to HQ. (The Board of Directors must approve the forwarding to the Giseikai at its meeting on December 13, 2025). Submit in Microsoft Word format.
Committee Reports	Dec 15, 2025	Reports should be submitted in Word format.
Vital Statistics	Oct 31, 2025	Form mailed/emailed to temple presidents o/a Oct 6, 2025.
HMMH Directors Nomination	Dec 31, 2025	Nomination of HMMH directors, advisors and honorary advisors. Also indicate who will be the VP on the HMMH Board. Forms will be provided o/a Nov 1 st .
Giseikai Registration	Dec 31, 2025	Registration form will be provided o/a Nov. 1 st . (Per HMMH bylaws, the number of delegates is assigned by districts.)
Rap Session Sign-up	Dec 31, 2025	Will be part of the Giseikai registration. All delegates and observers are invited.
Directory Information	Jan 31, 2026	Form will be provided o/a Nov 1 st .

Junior YBA Happenings



Thank you to all of you who made orders for our Manju Fundraiser for Hawaii Buddhist Youth (HBY) Month! Our Juniors handmade and baked over 1600 pieces of manju to fulfill over 300 orders and we know many of you really enjoy this treat. A portion of the proceeds will be going to the charity that was chosen at our summer convention, Coral Reef Alliance, which works locally, regionally, and globally to save coral reefs and keep them healthy. We wanted to support their work especially since we are surrounded by coral reefs.



We had a really great time at our Fall Federation meeting on October 18th. We were able to discuss some important upcoming dates for 2026 and spend some time with our Jr. YBA friends from neighbor islands and Honolulu. We had an afternoon ride on the Historic



Train from Ewa Beach to Kahe Point with a stop in Ko Olina where we were able to disembark. Some people got treats from Starbucks and others got ice cream from Black Sheep Creamery. We ended the day with a little shopping at Ka Makana Ali'i before our friends went back to the Big Island and Maui.



After last year's successful Toys for Tots drive, we have decided to do it again this year! Please see the flyer in the newsletter. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys throughout the month of November. We will not be accepting any large donations such as bicycles or instruments.

Upcoming Events:

Wahiawa Veteran's Day Parade: Tuesday, November 11 – more information will be given at the next meeting.

Upcoming Important Dates:

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 2, at Mililani Hongwanji at 1:00pm

SAVE THE DATE!

Winter Federation Meeting: Saturday, January 24, 2026 – Sunday, January 25, 2026.

Young Enthusiastic Shinshu Seekers (YESS) Camp: Friday, April 3-5, 2026 in Kona. Theme: Star Wars

Scan QR Code for Serendipity Federation Newsletter or [CLICK HERE](#)

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 Aryn 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 @hawaiiifdjryba



Ikuo Nakata: The Dedicated Heart and Hands of Aiea Hongwanji Mission

The Aiea Hongwanji Mission community is mourning the loss and celebrating the enduring legacy of Ikuo Nakata, whose Dharma Name is Shaku Zenshou or Disciple of the Buddha Virtuously Outshining, a man whose dedication, skill, and tireless work ethic were the bedrock of the temple's physical and operational life for decades. As summed up by Reverend Eric Matsumoto and others, Mr. Nakata was a truly significant and integral member of the Mission.



The Ultimate Facilities Coordinator and Fixer

For years, Ikuo Nakata served as the facilities coordinator of the temple grounds and buildings, a role he held meticulously from around 2000, and likely before. Claire Tamamoto noted that he oversaw all repairs, maintenance, and new projects with an exceptional level of detail. He was the one who prioritized projects, assigned lead people, and kept everyone updated on their status. He even had a dedicated Task list for the Temple Beautification Days.



George Zakahi fondly remembered Mr. Nakata's readiness. He'd arrive each week in his tiny Toyota truck, which was packed with a wide assortment of tools—from the passenger seat and floor to the truck bed. "Electrical, plumbing, P.A. system... you name it," Zakahi recalled, "Ikuo always found a way to get it done."

Wade Yamamoto shared a sentiment echoed by many: from the early 2000s, Mr. Nakata was one of the dedicated regulars. "If he wasn't at home, he was at the temple doing work around the grounds." His dedication set a powerful precedent, as others continue the hard work today, following in his footsteps.



Leading the Way: From Obon to New Projects

Mr. Nakata's impact was evident in some of the temple's most cherished annual traditions and significant development projects.

He was the leader setting up the annual Obon Dance event. He ensured the yagura (tower) and food booths were constructed correctly, handled all the electrical wiring for lights, and hung the chochins (lanterns). After the festival, he would lead the team in disassembling and storing the yagura beneath the classroom storage room. He also handled the setup and testing of the P.A. system for all Social Hall usage.

His oversight extended to large-scale initiatives, including reinstating the New Year's Mochi pounding for the temple's 100th anniversary in 2001 and the major project of transitioning the old preschool into an Adult Day Care Center. For this significant undertaking, he was instrumental, overseeing contractor bids, a process that required strict adherence to guidelines due to Federal monies being involved. He also shrewdly determined which parts of the work the membership could accomplish to save costs. Furthermore, prior to 1996, and before his illness, he handled all the music, PA system, and parking for all social hall activities.

A Quiet Leader and Dedicated Volunteer

Beyond his facilities role, Mr. Nakata was also the respected leader of the temple's **Hosha volunteer group**. His organizational skills were legendary; he always carried a **note pad**, diligently writing down everything that needed to be done.

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Ikuo and his wife, Joyce, were also active members of Aiea Hongwanji's Senior YBA (Young Buddhist Association). In more formal temple leadership, he served as the Aiea Kyodan Board's Auditor from approximately 1995 to 1998, and later as Secretary from 2009 to January 2011.

His commitment to others also extended to his family. Doreen Takata recalled that Mr. Nakata was his wife's primary caregiver, noting that the Hosha ladies would always make sure he took food home for both of them. This quiet act of devotion underscores the deep sense of care he brought to every facet of his life.

A Grateful Community

To Lance and Lori, the Aiea Hongwanji Buddhist temple community offers a heartfelt "Thank you" for sharing their dad with the temple and its hardworking volunteers.


Ikuo Nakata's memory lives on in the functional buildings, the shining lights of the Obon yagura, and the countless projects that stand as a testament to his expertise and devotion. The Temple Board of Directors honored his profound contributions with a Local Temple Sponsored Funeral Service (Kyodan-so), held on October 10, 2025, and the Posthumous Title of **Zui-Gan-In** 随願院, meaning "The one who lived in accordance with the Buddha's Aspiration," was conferred by Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani.

May the community continue the work he started, grounded in the meticulous care and humble leadership he demonstrated every day.

Namo Amida Butsu.




United Jr. YBA of O'ahu



TOYS FOR TOTS

THE JUNIOR YOUNG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION OF O'AHU IS COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON!



- Toys must be new and unwrapped
- Refrain from large items (bicycles, musical instruments, etc.)
- Age range from Pre-school to High School



Drop-off Locations:
Oahu District Buddhist Temples:
Aiea, Ewa, Pearl City, Mililani, Wahiawa, Waipahu

Questions? email jrybafoahu@gmail.com

Accepting Donations through November 30





15th BWA State Membership Conference Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations

"NURTURING NEMBUTSU: SHARING GRATITUDE"

March 28 - 29, 2026 • Ala Moana Hotel by Mantra

**Keynote speaker Ms. Michiko Miyaji Inanaga
Director of the Endowment Foundation (BCA)**

Conference Schedule

March 28, 2026

8:00 - 9:00 am Registration
9:00 - 9:20 am Opening Service
9:30 - 10:15 am Keynote Speaker - Michiko Inanaga
10:15 - 10:30 am Break
10:30 - 11:45 am General Membership Business Mtg 1
11:45 - 12:30 pm Lunch Break
1:00 - 4:30 pm Workshops- Attend three assigned sessions
(See attached)
4:45 - 5:00 pm Closing Announcements
6:00 - 8:00 pm Dinner and Entertainment

March 29, 2026

7:30 - 8:15 am Continental Breakfast
8:15 - 8:35 am Closing Service
8:35 - 9:20 am General Membership Business Mtg 2
9:30 - 11:45 am Panel Presentation
11:45 - 12:00 pm Closing Announcements
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Registration Deadline: December 1, 2025

Fee: \$200 (Does not include Hotel Fee)



2026 BWA State Conference Workshops



Workshop A: “Brave, Willing, and Awesome: A Throughline in the Hongwanji Archives”

Dave Atcheson

This workshop will share the process of archiving materials and provide practical tips for introducing or expanding archiving efforts at individual temples.

Workshop B: “Healing Through Gratitude: Living with Appreciation”

Edna Matsuoka

In times of difficulty, self-reflection and gratitude can be powerful tools for healing – not just physically, but emotionally and in our relationship with others.

Workshop C: “Sounding Joy Therapy” with Nina Guerrero

This interactive presentation of music therapy aids individuals with Parkinson’s and other neuromotor conditions through hands-on experiential demonstrations.

Workshop D: “Healthy Benefits of a Positive Lifestyle”

Pieper Toyama and Mavis Niino

Over the last decade, there has been a significant shift in the health consciousness of Americans, particularly in relation to the impact of gratitude. Participants will create a card and write a message of appreciation to someone significant.

Workshop E: “Capital Campaigns: Dharma Forward and Living Gratitude”

Michiko Inanaga and Irene Nakamoto

“Dharma Forward” and “Living Gratitude” are the names of the endowment programs in the Buddhist Churches of America and the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Michiko Inanaga and Irene Nakamoto will share their programs and how transformative it has been for BCA and hope to become for Hawaii Kyodan.

Workshop F: “18th World Convention Entertainment Rehearsal”

Hanakia Tui

Learn a hula, “Me Kealoha Nui” (Such an Overwhelming Love), to perform at the World Convention. No previous hula experience is needed. Video: [“Me Kealoha Nui” Music Video.](#)



Join Project Dana's Public Presentation Meetings!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, November 8, 2025 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am via Zoom & at Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, 94-821 Kuhaulua Street, Waipahu, HI 96797.

Topic: Assistive Technology 101: Tools to support aging at home. Getting the most out of Medicare and learning how the Hawaii State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) can help you.

Speaker: Jodi Asato, Executive Director, and **Jason Julian**, AT Specialist, Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawai'i

Monday, November 10, 2025 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm via Zoom & at the Moiliili Hongwanji Mission Hondo, 902 University Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96826.

Topic: Dementia by Day: Creative Communication & Care Approaches for People Living with Dementia. A workshop that emphasizes empathy, flexibility, and the art of "stepping into their world" helping caregivers nurture connection and reduce stress while supporting individuals living with dementia.

Speaker: Rachael Wonderlin, MS, Gerontologist and Founder of Dementia by Day.

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am via Zoom & at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813.

Topic: Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia (UAD) – Learn the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages, risk factors, research and FDA-approved treatments.

Speaker: Georgjeanna "Gina" Plummer, Program Manager, Alzheimer's Association.

Saturday, November 15, 2025 from 10:00 am to 11:15 am via Zoom & at Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission, 1067 California Avenue, Wahiawa, HI 96786.

Topic: Strengthening Caregiver Support through Connection & Innovation. Introduction to Project Dana's resources and tools, and ways to stay connected.

Speaker: Shelley Paet, Program Specialist for Caring for the Caregiver, & **Clara Wu**, Program Coordinator for Kupuna Services.

Wednesday, November 6, 2025 from 10:00 am to 11:15 am via Zoom & at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813.

Topic: Elder Law – Legal education for Caregivers.

Speaker: Lenora "Lennie" Lee, University of Hawaii Elder Law Program (UHELP)

*Zoom links will be provided by inquiry.

Please call or email if you are interested on attending public presentations or need more information about the program:

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need to keep weeds out of his garden, so too we must strive to rid ourselves of unnecessary anxieties. A good example he used to illustrate how we often subject ourselves to continued suffering is the metaphor of the two arrows. In life, we often are hit by the first arrow that causes us pain in that instance, such as another driver on the road suddenly cutting in front of us. Instead of letting that moment of anxiety go and leaving it in the past, we often shoot ourselves with the second arrow by complaining to others of how rude that driver was and harboring that unpleasant thought throughout our day. How much brighter our day would be if we replaced our "second arrows" with thoughts of gratitude and happiness. There isn't enough space in this newsletter to cover all what he shared, so if you wish to view the recording of his talk, please email your request to me at aieajiko@gmail.com for the link and password.

If you wish to have copies of the Living Gratitude Grant forms mentioned at the bottom of page 3, please send in your request to my attention at aieajiko@gmail.com.

An envelope is enclosed with this newsletter for much needed donations to the Social Concerns fund. Whatever you can afford to donate will be very much appreciated.

In Gassho.
Boyd Marumoto

*Aiea Hongwanji Mission extends its Deepest Sympathy to the
families of the late Ernest Nobuo Nakagawa and
Amy Kikuno Nakagawa
Namo Amida Butsu*

Family Memorial Service

Buddhists consider the memorial service a significant occasion to remember the deceased with feelings of gratitude and love. The memorial service provides an opportunity to pay tribute and recall cherished memories of the departed, while listening to the Buddha Dharma. The service is not for appeasing the spirits of the deceased or for the sake of the deceased, but rather for the sake of the living. In remembering the deceased we acknowledge their influence on our lives as well as the importance of living the Buddha Dharma.

If your family would like to arrange a memorial service for your loved one, please call Reverend Eric Matsumoto at (808)-488-5685, or leave a message on the office phone: (808)-487-2626. You may schedule the service either before or after the memorial date.

NOVEMBER 2025

1 st Irene Fumie	Maeda	7 th Kikue "Beatrice"	Nakagawa
7 th Miles Masaru	Yonemoto	7 th Kanji	Akiyama
		17 th Masaru	Suzukawa

DECEMBER 2025

3 rd Shigeko	Sumida	17 th Noboru	Kawamura
7 th Hiroshi	Kono	25 th Raymond Tamotsu	Nomura
7 th Kevin Miyoji	Kihara	33 rd Stanley Teruo	Katayama
17 th Keane Sunao	Oka	50 th Roy Shigeru	Matsuoka

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Temple Calendar of Events for November 2025

2	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
		1:00PM	Oahu United Jr. YBA Meeting at Mililani Hongwanji
5	Wed	9:30AM	Oahu District Ministers Association Meeting
6-7	Thu-Fri		Ministers Continuing Education Seminar
9	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
		1:00PM	United Oahu Honpa Hongwanji BWA Meeting at AHM.
11	Tue		Veteran's Day Holiday. Preschool, Lotus Daycare & Temple Office Closed
12	Wed	9:00AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services
14	Fri	5:00PM-9:00PM	Pacific Buddhist Academy Lighting Our Way Dinner at Kahala Hilton
16	Sun	9:00AM	Eitaikyo Perpetual Remembrance including Columbarium Remembrance Service with Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki as guest speaker. Dharma Fun and Taiko for Youth
18	Tue	7:00PM	AHM Board of Directors Meeting
20	Thu	10:00AM	Lotus Adult Daycare Service and Visitation
23	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service (The after-service AHM BWA meeting is cancelled.)
27-28	Thu-Fri		Thanksgiving Holidays. Preschool, Lotus Daycare & Temple Office Closed.
30	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service

Partial Temple Calendar of Events for December 2025

2	Tue	7:00PM	Oahu District Buddhist Education Committee Meeting
3	Wed	9:30AM	Oahu District Minister Association Meeting
7	Sun	9:30AM	Hawaii Buddhist Council Bodhi Day Service
			Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony
		1:00PM	United Jr. YBA Meeting