



## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

### A Thought as the Holiday Season Approaches

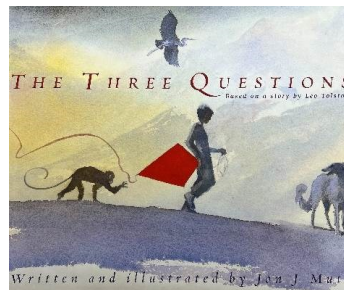


Wow, it's already December! "Where did the year go?" is probably a thought that you have too. By the time you get this Jiko Newsletter, you probably just finished Thanksgiving and are, now, anticipating Bodhi Day on December 8<sup>th</sup> and Christmas and New Years. This time of the year is truly a season with so many special days. Look at your calendar, there are a host of occasions, events, holidays and observances (in addition to the most popular ones that come to mind).

While, no doubt, we do look forward to these "special" days of the year, from a Buddhist perspective (actually) every day is a special day! To be sure, we may observe "something" on a certain day, but even a day without a world recognized holiday or observance is very special and not any less precious. Each day is irreplaceable would be the Buddhist understanding regardless of whether we are observing something or not. This would be true living, appreciation according to Buddhism.

Now, you may wonder, then, "How do I live each day?" Please allow me to introduce to you a book which can help us understand something very meaningful. The book is titled "The Three Questions." It is a story written and illustrated by Jon J. Muth based on a story by Leo Tolstoy. "Leo Tolstoy! It must be hard reading." No, don't worry it is not. Jon Muth has done a beautiful job in writing it in a way that even young audiences can understand and hopefully appreciate which will lead to greater joy and understanding of life. I would say, this book is a great gift to give (to anyone) this Holiday Season.

To give you the gist of the book, it centers around a boy named Nikolai and his friends Gogol, a monkey, Pushkin, a dog, Sonya, a heron, a



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wise turtle named Leo and features a mother and baby panda. Nikolai was a very thoughtful person, but he was uncertain about what was the right thing to do. He had 3 questions in mind and his friends Gogol, Pushkin and Sonya wanted to help him find the answers and thus shared their thoughts with him. But somehow, Nikolai though he appreciated his friends' responses was still uncertain. That is when Nikolai thought of Leo, the turtle. Leo, as turtles do, had lived a long life and Nikolai was certain that Leo would be able to help him find the answers to the 3 questions that he had. Namely, "When is the best time to do things?" "Who is the most important one?" and "What is the right thing to do?"

When Nikolai found Leo, Leo was digging a garden. Leo smiled as he listened to Nikolai. Nikolai could see that Leo was struggling to do the gardening and so Nikolai said, "Let me help you." Just as Nikolai finished gardening, it began to rain and wind began to fiercely blow. Nikolai heard a cry for help coming from the nearby forest. He rushed over to find a panda that was hurt from a fallen tree. Nikolai nursed the Mother Panda at Leo's house. However, as soon as she awoke the Mother Panda asked for her Baby Panda. Nikolai dashed out into the forest and soon found the baby panda. The Baby Panda was scared and frightened but alive. The Baby Panda was now safe in Mother Panda's arms thanks to Nikolai. Leo smiled at Nikolai.

The next morning, the sun came out and it was safe for the Pandas to return to their home, the forest. Nikolai's 3 friends came to see him and Nikolai was grateful to have good friends and happy that he was able to help the family of pandas. However, he was still a bit sad and disappointed as he had not found the answers to his 3 questions.

It was then that Leo, the wise turtle, looked at Nikolai and told him "But your questions have been answered!" "They have?" remarked Nikolai in surprise. Leo continued, yesterday you helped me by digging my garden and that is when you heard the Mother Panda's cry for help.

So, the important time at that moment was that you were there digging my garden and able to hear the cry of Mother Panda. Later, you found out about the Mother Panda who was hurt and rushed to her side to help her and her baby panda. The most important thing was for you to help them.

Leo summarized by saying that "Remember then that there is only one important time, and that is now (the moment). The most important one is always the one you are with (at any given time). And the most important thing is to do good for the one who is standing at your side. For these, my dear boy, are the answers to what is most important in the world." "That is why we are here."

To conclude, this story by Jon Muth is so simple and yet touches the heart bringing home the message of what is most precious and important in a way that any person, regardless of age, can understand. To me, it has such a Buddhistic attitude and perspective (without mentioning Buddhism). A recommended reading for anyone and everyone!

Finally, as we approach the end of 2025 and the beginning of the new year 2026, "Happy Holidays!" and I would like to encourage you and your family including friends to join me at the temple especially on Sunday mornings at 9AM so we can avail ourselves to the Wisdom and Compassion of Supreme Enlightenment especially the Great Compassion of Namo Amida Butsu for a meaningful and fulfilled life. Hope to see you at the Temple!

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

Reverend Eric Matsumoto



## Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii - HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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### MESSAGE FROM BISHOP TOSHIYUKI UMITANI

***\*Waianae Hongwanji Mission held its final service on Sunday, November 9, 2025, with ministers, lay leaders, temple members, and friends in attendance. Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani delivered the following Dharma Message.***



*“How joyous I am, my heart and mind being rooted in the Buddha-ground of the universal Vow, and my thoughts and feelings flowing within the dharma-ocean, which is beyond comprehension! I am deeply aware of the Tathagata’s immense compassion, and I sincerely revere the benevolent care behind the master’s teaching activity. My joy grows ever fuller, my gratitude and indebtedness ever more compelling.” (Shinran Shonin)*

Good morning, everyone. Today, with the presence of ministers, members, and friends of the Waianae Hongwanji Mission, we gather to observe the final service of this temple as we prepare for its permanent closing at the end of this year. As I stand before you, my heart is filled with mixed emotions — gratitude, sadness, and deep reflection — as we mark the conclusion of a long and meaningful chapter in the history of Waianae Hongwanji.

The story of this temple began even before its official founding. Records tell us that Bishop Yemyo Imamura visited this area monthly to share the Buddha-Dharma with the early Japanese immigrants who had settled here. In 1901, Rev. Josho Yempuku of Waipahu Hongwanji continued Bishop Imamura’s efforts, reaching out to the residents of Waianae and planning for the construction of a temple. His successor, Rev. Eun Miyamoto, led the groundbreaking and completion of the temple, which was formally dedicated in July 1904 by Rev. Shojitsu Asaeda. These are the beginnings of the long and rich history of Waianae Hongwanji Mission.

When I think of those pioneer ministers and the devoted members who established the foundation of this temple, I am moved by their commitment, vision, and perseverance. Behind these historical facts are countless personal stories — stories of laughter, fellowship, hardship, hope, and unshakable dedication to share the light of the Buddha-Dharma in this community.

In those days, ministers’ duty extended far beyond temple walls. Many ministers traveled 20 or 30 miles from their homes, sometimes on horseback, sometimes by slow-moving train, and often on foot. They faced the sun, rain, and wind, lost their way in the mountains and fields, fell into ditches, and received unwelcoming messages and criticism. However, they kept going. Guided by the Nembutsu and sustained by the support of devoted members, they continued to move forward, sharing the Dharma. Together, they built this temple here in Waianae.

For more than a century since then, Waianae Hongwanji has been a place of refuge, learning, and fellowship. It has been a true spiritual home for generations of families — a place where they came to share joy and sorrow, to express gratitude, and to find comfort in the Nembutsu.

The light of the Dharma first illuminated by our pioneers continued to shine through the dedication of successive ministers, leaders, and members. Each person — including your parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends — played an integral part in shaping this temple’s story. There are no words sufficient to express our gratitude for their compassion and devotion. I am simply humbled and thankful to all who kept the light of the Nembutsu shining brightly over the decades.

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I often wonder how many people have entered this temple — how many have stood before this Amida Buddha, offered incense, placed their hands together, and said *Namo Amida Butsu*. Some people recited the Nembutsu with joy and gratitude; others recited in sadness, burdened by loss or hardship in life. And this Amida Buddha gently and tirelessly stood by each of them— always listening, embracing, and illuminating their lives with Wisdom and Compassion.

For more than one hundred years, this Buddha has silently witnessed the lives of the Waianae community — its celebrations and its sorrows — gently embracing all beings with its warm presence. Today, as we say farewell to this sacred space, I recite the Nembutsu in deep gratitude to Amida Buddha for having stood here all these years, shining the light of Compassion upon all who entered.

Thank you, Amida Buddha, for guiding and embracing us. Thank you, Waianae Hongwanji temple, for protecting this sacred space and nurturing a community of Dharma and friendship.

As Buddhists, we are always reminded of the impermanence of all things. Everything that takes form will one day change; everything that comes together will one day part. Yet the teaching of impermanence is not only about endings — it is also about beginnings. When the leaves fall from the tree, they become part of the earth, nurturing new life.

Throughout Buddhist history, temples have risen, declined, and transformed — yet the Dharma has never ceased to flow. We must ensure that the legacy of Waianae Hongwanji continues to live on in new forms, and that its stories remain part of the great tapestry of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Although the temple building will close its doors soon, the light of the Buddha-Dharma does not end here.

There are two poems that I would like to share with you today.

「恋しくば 南無阿弥陀仏を 称うべし 我も六字の うちにこそ住め」

*“If you miss me, just say Namō Amida Butsu. I shall live within those six characters.”*

「我となえ 我聞くなれど 南無阿弥陀 連れて行くぞの 親の呼び声」

*“Though it is I who recite and I who hear Namō Amida Butsu, it is truly the voice of my loving parent, Amida Buddha, gently calling — ‘I will take you without fail.’”*

These poems express the very heart of our tradition. It reminds us that the true temple and the true refuge are not found outside ourselves, but within our voice of the Nembutsu. The Nembutsu is the living presence of the Buddha — the call of Amida’s boundless Compassion reaching out to each of us, assuring us, “I am with you always.”

Even though this physical temple will close, the essence of Waianae Hongwanji — the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha — will continue to live on in our voice of *Namō Amida Butsu*. The spirit of this sangha, the friendships, the memories, and the joy of the Nembutsu that we shared here at Waianae will continue to live on in all of us. Any place where people recite the Nembutsu is the Waianae Hongwanji Mission.

Today marks the closing of one chapter, but also the beginning of a new one in the unfolding history of Jodo Shinshu in Hawaii. The question before us is: What kind of history shall we write next? That is in our hands. May we carry forward the light and spirit of this temple to our respective sanghas and communities, so that the flame of the Dharma first lit by our pioneers will continue to shine brightly for generations to come.

On behalf of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, and as the present Bishop, I express my deepest gratitude to all people, past and present, who have supported and sustained Waianae

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Hongwanji through the years — its ministers, leaders, members, and friends.

Honto ni Arigato Gozaimashita. Thank you! Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Though we may no longer gather in this physical place, please remember that we remain connected through the Nembutsu. Please continue to live your lives as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists. The legacy and the history of Waianae Hongwanji will continue in each of our hearts.

Namo Amida Butsu.

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## CONDOLENCE

**Mr. Kazumasa Okamoto**, a former President of the Puna Hongwanji Mission and a former board member of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, received the Ingo, Posthumous Title, of **GATSU-AI-IN 月愛院**, meaning “**The one who possessed compassion as radiant as moonlight.**” Bishop Umitani presented the Ingo at the funeral service held on October 28, 2025, at Puna Hongwanji Mission.

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October 25, 2025 – Minister's Lay Assistant Retreat



November 2, 2025 – Lihue Hongwanji Mission 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



November 9, 2025 – Waianae Hongwanji Mission Final Service



November 12, 2025 – Retired Ministers and Spouses Appreciation Gathering

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**Dec. 14-18, 2025**  
**Dinner @6 pm**



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- Monday, December 15**  
Chili & Hot Dogs
- Tuesday, December 16**  
Kalu Pig & Cabbage
- Wednesday, December 17**  
Beef Curry
- Thursday, December 18**  
Lasagna & Garlic Bread

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# FALL TETSUYA RSVP

**Dec. 14-18, 2025**  
**Dinner @6 pm**

## Packing List

- laptop & charger
- headphones (if listening to music)
- textbook & notes
- sleeping bag, pillow & blanket
- toothbrush & toothpaste
- shower supplies (shampoo, soap, wash cloth, bath towel)
- snacks & drinks

## RSVP by December 12

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- do you plan to stay overnight?
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**APRIL 18, 2026**  
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# Junior YBA Happenings



Happy Bodhi Day and Happy Holiday Season! We hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving!

We wanted to do a Haunted House again this year so Yuma, Ruby and Auntie Gay went to the Trial of Fears, which is an interactive haunted house that has an escape room feel to it. It was fun but wasn't as spooky as expected. Pretty sure if Auntie Arynn was there she would say otherwise.

Yuma represented the United of Oahu at Waianae Hongwanji's final service. It was a beautiful service and we are sad to see this temple close. Waianae Hongwanji has so much history to share and we hope that their members will continue to participate in activities that the other temples do throughout the year. We know many of our Jr. YBA alumni have so many good memories from this temple.

We also participated in this year's Wahiawa Veteran's Day Parade which was on Tuesday, November 11. Thank you to all the service members, especially our veterans for your service and dedication to maintaining the safety and freedom of our country. We appreciate all that you have done and are doing. Thank you all very much for your generous donations in November toward our emergency Food Drive and Toys for Tots collection! We really appreciate the generosity of our members and are happy that we can give back to those who need it.

## Upcoming Important Dates:

**Next Meeting: Sunday, December 7, at Pearl City 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**



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We welcome any youth who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 2 years after high school graduation are welcome to join Jr. YBA! You do not need to be a member of a temple so bring your friends! Please contact a Jr. YBA member or Auntie Arynn Ishikawa (advisor) at [arynn.m.ishikawa@gmail.com](mailto:arynn.m.ishikawa@gmail.com) or [jrybafoahu@gmail.com](mailto:jrybafoahu@gmail.com) if you have questions or for more information.

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## ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

The annual membership dues for Aiea Hongwanji Mission are \$125.00 for a **Family Unit** which consists of the Primary member, a spouse, and dependent children under 25 years of age. However, if the Primary member of a Family Unit is less than 40 years of age the annual dues is only \$50.00. Dues can be paid by checks made out to, "Aiea Hongwanji Mission" or simply "AHM", and mailed to 99-186 Puakala Street, Aiea, Hawaii 96701. (*Note that the online payment feature at the AieaBuddhistTemple.org website has been deleted.*)





## Join Project Dana's Public Presentation Meetings!

### Upcoming Events:

Meeting Date:	Wednesday, December 3, 2025
Time:	10:00 am to 11:30 am
Location:	Zoom and Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Betsuin (1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813)
Topic:	"Medicare 101/Medicare Basics" – In this session, caregivers will learn that they may often find themselves in a position to help a loved one make Medicare decisions, so it's important to be ready for either a loved one's Initial Enrollment Period or the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (October 15 to December 7).
Speaker:	Cheryl Stone, UnitedHealthcare Medicare Solutions
Meeting Date:	Saturday, December 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:	"Home Modification Solutions When Caring for Caregivers" – Caregivers will learn how improving accessibility and function in a home may make it safer for all by reducing the risks of tripping and falling. Some helpful information and numerous photos of completed projects may also be helpful for your plans to Aging-in-Place in your home, especially for those who currently are caregivers or planning to prepare for a possible future caregiving situation.
Speaker:	Curt Kiriū, CK Independent Living Builders

\*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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### NEWS from Lotus Adult Day Care Center

The Lotus Adult Day Care Center offers a safe environment where our kupunas can interact with other Seniors and enjoy activities.

If you are interested in respite care for your loved ones, please contact us at (808) 486-5050.

## OTHER NEWS FROM HHMH HQ:

### RETIRED MINISTERS AND SPOUSES APPRECIATION GATHERING

On Wednesday, November 12, 2025, the Office of the Bishop held its Annual Appreciation Gathering to honor retired ministers and their spouses for their invaluable contributions to sharing the Jodo Shinshu teachings throughout Hawaii. Organized by Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani and Hawaii Kyodan President Dr. Warren Tamamoto, the event brought together retired ministers and their spouses for a meaningful day of remembrance, gratitude, and fellowship.

This year's participants were: Rev. Thomas and Mrs. Michiko Okano, Rev. Shigenori and Mrs. Sumi Makino, Rev. Tatsuo and Mrs. Edna Muneto, Rev. Ryoso Toshima, Rev. Kevin and Mrs. Dale Kuniyuki, Rev. Toyokazu and Mrs. Junko Hagio, Mrs. Hisako Igarashi, and Rev. Alan Urasaki. Also representing the HHMH were: Bishop Toshiyuki and Mrs. Yoshiko Umitani, Dr. Warren and Mrs. Claire Tamamoto, Rev. Kazunori Takahashi (Sanmucho), Rev. Yuika Hasebe (Betsuin Rimban), and Derrick Inouye.

The day began with an Opening Service at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Hondo. Following the chanting of *Sanbutsuge*, Bishop Umitani offered a message of gratitude, reflecting on the lifelong dedication and enduring legacy of the ministers and their families. He also reported on the recent Closing Service of the Waianae Hongwanji Mission and pledged that the HHMH will continue to honor and carry forward the legacy and spirit of the temple.

The gathering then moved to the Bishop's Residence for an appreciation luncheon. This relaxed and welcoming setting allowed the retired ministers and their spouses to reconnect, share stories, and enjoy moments of laughter and companionship. Warmth and joy filled the atmosphere as participants reflected on their years of service and celebrated their shared commitment to the Dharma.

Former Bishop Thomas Okano expressed gratitude to the HHMH on behalf of the Retired Ministers and Spouses, noting how meaningful gatherings like this are in helping them remain connected to the organization. Dr. Warren Tamamoto concluded the day by expressing his deep appreciation for the retirees' past contributions and their continued support. He emphasized the vital role they continue to play in enriching the mission of Hawaii Kyodan.

The Annual Appreciation Gathering remains a cherished tradition—one that highlights the enduring impact of retired ministers and their spouses in spreading the teachings of Shinran Shonin and strengthening the Hawaii Kyodan sangha.

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### Temple Calendar of Events for January 2026

1	Thu	10:00AM	New Year's Day Service and Refreshments
1-2	Thurs - Fri		New Year's Day Holiday, Temple Office, Preschool & Lotus Daycare closed
4	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
5	Mon		Preschool Resumes
7	Wed	9:30AM	Oahu District Ministers Association Meeting (Tentative)
11	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service and Dharma Fun & Taiko <a href="#">For Youth</a>
14	Wed	9:00AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services
15	Thu	10:00AM	Lotus Daycare Service and Visitation (Tentative)
18	Sun	9:00AM	Hoonko or Shinran Shonin's Memorial Service
19	Mon		Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - Preschool, Lotus & Temple Office closed
20	Tue	7:00PM	AHM Temple Board of Directors Meeting
25	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service followed by AHM BWA meeting



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To Our Sangha:

This year's Hawaii Buddhist Council's Bodhi Day service will not be live-streamed, so please plan to attend in person at the Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. As such, there will be no service held at Aiea Hongwanji Mission on Sunday, December 7th.

In 2026, our annual general membership meeting and New Year's party will be held in February. More details will be included in the January Jiko newsletter. Hoping you all have a festive holiday season and a promising New Year!

In Gassho, Boyd Marumoto

### Mochitsuki at Aiea Hongwanji Mission Saturday, December 27, 2025, 8:00 am to 11:30 am

Each year, Aiea Hongwanji puts on their annual mochitsuki (mochi making) event and opens it to the public. We feel this is a great cultural experience for young and old alike and would like to perpetuate the tradition started by members of generations past. To do this, WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please come and embrace this experience while you help us at the various work stations: Steaming the mochi rice, pounding the rice in the "Usu" (stone mortar), forming and filling the mochi with "An" (red bean paste) and of course, EATING the little rice dumplings! AHM will also have a children's table so they can partake in the tradition. Parent supervision would be greatly appreciated. We will also be taking orders on a first come first serve basis for a nominal charge. If you have any questions or can sign up to help (even for a little time), please contact:

**Claire Tamamoto, [claire2164@gmail.com](mailto:claire2164@gmail.com) or at (808) 429-1282. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



### 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.

#### 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

#### JANUARY 2026

7 th Hishiko	Ushijima	33 rd Masako	Hirano
13 th Roy	Ishioka	50 th Fusa	Shimizu
17 th Kazuo "Clarence"	Hashimoto	50 th Donald Masayoshi	Onaka



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3	Wed	9:30AM	Oahu District Ministers Association Meeting
6	Sat	2:30PM	BWA State Membership Conference Zoom Meeting
7	Sun	9:30AM	HBC Bodhi Day Service at Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii <b>(No Service at Aiea Hongwanji)</b>
		1:00PM	Oahu United Jr. YBA Meeting
12	Fri	12:00Noon	Sanmu-Kanji (In person) Meeting
13	Sat	9:00AM	HMH Board of Directors Zoom Meeting
14	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
15	Mon	7:00PM	Oahu District Hongwanji Council Zoom Meeting
16	Tue	7:00PM	AHM Temple Board of Directors Meeting
17	Wed	9:00AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services
18	Thu	10:00AM	Lotus Adult Daycare Service and Visitation
19	Fri		Preschool Last Day before Winter Break 12/20/25-1/4/26
21	Sun	9:00AM	AHM Bodhi Day Service including Dharma Fun and Taiko for Youth. AHM BWA Meeting to follow Service
25	Thu		Christmas Day Holiday (Preschool, Lotus & Temple Office Closed)
27	Sat	8:00AM	Mochi-Making Day (Mochitsuki)
28	Sun	8:00AM	Temple Beautification Day (No Sunday Service)
31	Wed	3:00PM	New Year's Eve Service and Refreshments

\*Rev. Matsumoto will be away from the Temple 12/1-4/2025, 12/21-12/25/25, & January 8-13, 2026 inclusive.  
Please call Rev. Joshin Kamuro of Mililani Hongwanji at 808 625-0925 for **only** religious emergencies.