



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Respecting and Caring for our Planet is very Buddhistic!



In March, we observed Ohigan with an emphasis on harmony citing the balance that we find in Nature. In areas that have the 4 seasons, traditionally during the equinoxes, the weather is not too hot, not too cold, just right with day and night being of equal length too. The thought is wouldn't it be nice for we, people, to have balance in our life too. In April, there is Earth Day (April 22) with its emphasis on raising awareness about pollution, climate change, and sustainability, and protecting natural resources. Common activities include planting trees, cleaning up litter, volunteering, and reducing, reusing and recycling. In May, we have Lei Day in Hawaii. We feel a special closeness to Nature when we see many beautiful lei on May 1st. A special thoughtfulness, I think, of traditional lei-making is that all the items used are easily biodegradable. Well, in June, on **June 27 from 9AM-11AM, Aiea Hongwanji** will be the site of **Going Green E-waste Collection** coordinated by Rene Mansho with the help of Lions Club members and the Sangha members of AHM. Please mark your calendars and **plan to drop off your unwanted e-waste** on that day. See you on June 27th! The 3 R's have a deep connection with Buddhism. Buddhism probably has the oldest recycling story in the world. I have mentioned it before so I will not reiterate it here today, but just to summarize I will quote the BDK publication *The Teaching of the Buddha* which shares "Every article entrusted to us must be used with good care in some useful way, because it is not "ours" but is only entrusted to us temporarily."

My thought is that a deep religion or spiritual tradition would encourage or promote caring for the environment or respecting Nature. Generally speaking, in our modern era especially in the West, there has been a growing disconnect between Nature and human beings the exception being some Indigenous Peoples and Cultures which always has had a strong connection with Natural World. Back in January, I visited the Vancouver Buddhist Temple. After Service, I had some free time, so I visited the Museum of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia (MOA).

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FOR ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER

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Reverend

Eric Matsumoto

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

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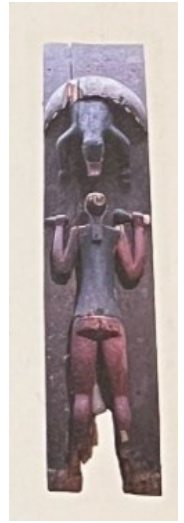
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As I browsed the impressive displays, I came across a remarkable story. It was from a First People's Nation (Indian Tribe). The display explained "Our people used to live in longhouses. Each longhouse had its own house post. This one here is originally the house post of my great-grandfather *ćsəm̄lənəx*." The explanation continued "This house post illustrated the power and ability of *ćsəm̄lənəx* . A great hunter, he holds a rattle in one hand and a knife in the other. He calls to the bear, using words only he knows, showing deep respect and knowledge of the bear. The bear responds, appearing from the cave and allowing himself to be killed."



A Jodo Shin Buddhist, the young Misuzu Kaneko wrote the following poem entitled the *Big Catch*. "At sunrise, glorious sunrise it's a big catch! A big catch of sardines! On the beach, it's like a festival but in the sea, they will hold funerals for the tens of thousands dead."

Nature, the natural environment is not for humans to conquer, squander and control. We live in harmony or we co-exist with it or even I am able to live because of other life. To me, the Buddhist Tradition, also nurtures within us and encourages us to express respect and humility to the Natural Environment as expressed in our Words of Thanksgiving Before Meals. Our "Word of Thanksgiving Before Meals" reads "*We are truly grateful for this wonderful food, a gift of life. May we share its benefits with all beings. As we partake of this food, let us remember Amida Buddha's compassion, which surrounds all people and all forms of life. Namo Amida Butsu. Itadakimasu*". Please reflect on the wording carefully to understand its deep meaning and significance.

Again, Nature is not something for us to use for selfish benefit and gain, but should be respected and appreciated especially in light of the fact that "Amida Buddha's Compassion...surrounds all people and all forms of life."

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

Reverend Eric Matsumoto

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



To Our Sangha,

The 15th Buddhist Women Association State Membership Conference held at the Ala Moana Hotel in March was an amazing event that was well planned, organized, and executed. Thank you BWA and their many supporters and volunteers who made this exciting event possible. You are truly **B**rave, **W**illing, and **A**wesome.

AHM celebrated Lady Eshinni and Lady Kakushinni at our April 26th Sunday Service (see page 6 for photos.) Thank you to the AHM BWA for helping with the decorations and slide show presentation, and to Taylor and Amane for sharing their experiences at the recent YESS Camp at Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.

Reverend Eric Matsumoto's Message on pages 1 and 2 of this newsletter mentions AHM's June 27th E-Waste collection event. There is also an E-waste collection event on April 11th from 8am to noon at 1935 Hau Street promoted by the by the Hawaii Electricians Retirees (see page 8 for more details.)

For those interested in obtaining a scholarship grant sponsored as a legacy of the Kahuku Hongwanji Mission, please see the details available at honpahi.link/kahuku2k. The application deadline is July 31, 2026. You can also contact the HHMH Headquarters at (808) 522-9200 or email hqs@honpahi.org.

In Gassho,

Boyd Marumoto



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii - HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Currently, 20 ministers serve the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii as its active Kaikyoshi Ministers. **Kaikyoshi** are ministers who have completed the two levels of ordination, Tokudo and Kyoshi, and have officially received Kaikyoshi status from the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha (Honzan) as Overseas District ministers. These Kaikyoshi are assigned to various temples or positions within the HHMH and faithfully and compassionately share the teachings of the Other-Power Nembutsu with their temple members and the community. Kaikyoshi serve as Dharma seekers, educators, officiants, and administrators, provide pastoral care, and engage in community involvement and outreach. They have a wide range of roles and responsibilities and endeavor to build a more compassionate sangha and harmonious society rooted in the Nembutsu teaching.



The uniqueness of the Hongwanji tradition is that both ministers and lay members play a vital role in spreading the Nembutsu teachings. Yes, it is the Kaikyoshi Ministers' responsibility to convey the messages and teachings of Shinran Shonin, but lay members also become part of the ministry by sharing the spiritual joy and gratitude they have cultivated over years of listening. And it is only through the people that the teaching would spread. With that understanding, and to assist the Kaikyoshi Ministers, the HHMH developed the Lay Assistant program several years ago. Currently, there are three categories under **Minister's Lay Assistants**: 1) Minister's Lay Assistant, 2) Certified Minister's Lay Assistant, and 3) Tokudo Minister's Assistant.

A **Minister's Lay Assistant** is someone who, under the guidance of the Resident Minister, begins learning and helping at the temple—supporting services, assisting behind the scenes, and gradually deepening their understanding of the teachings.

After some years of training, they may become a **Certified Minister's Lay Assistant**. At this stage, they take on a more active role. They may help lead Sunday services or facilitate Dharma discussions, while continuing to learn and grow under the minister's supervision. Currently, there are 22 Certified MLAs officially recognized by the Bishop.

Some may then take a further step by receiving Tokudo ordination, becoming a **Tokudo Minister's Assistant**. Since this category was recently established by the State Minister's Association, I have designated six individuals as Tokudo Minister's Assistants (including one as a Kyoshi Minister's Assistant). This designation was made in recognition of their dedication to the Dharma and with the expectation that they will mature as ordained individuals and assist the Kaikyoshi Ministers in sharing the Nembutsu teaching within the HHMH community.

On our journey along the Nembutsu path, we are continually reminded that none of us walks alone. Each of us is supported, embraced, and guided by countless causes and conditions. Among these, the presence of those who step forward to serve—our Kaikyoshi Ministers and Minister's Lay Assistants—is a precious gift to our organization.

I would like to take a moment to express my deep appreciation for their dedication. Each of them, in their own way, has responded to the call of the Dharma—offering their time, their sincerity, and

their willingness to serve others. This is not something we can take for granted. It is a manifestation of the working of Amida Buddha’s Great Compassion in our midst.

May we continue to walk together as fellow travelers on the Nembutsu path—supporting one another, learning from one another, and sharing the light of the Dharma with all whom we encounter. In this way, may our Sangha continue to grow as a place of harmony, gratitude, and compassion for all.

Namo Amida Butsu,

Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani , Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

INGO

Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani conferred the following posthumous titles (Ingo) on those who recently passed away and made exceptional contributions to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and its efforts to share the Nembutsu teaching.

Mr. Wesley Hong Ching Wong Jr. (Wailuku Hongwanji Mission)

SHO-DO-IN 昇道院

Meaning: The one who took the path towards the enlightenment of great nirvana

Mr. Shojiro Uehana (Kohala Hongwanji Mission)

SHO-FU-IN 清風院

Meaning: The one through whom pure breezes softly flow

Namo Amida Butsu

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii 2026 Obon Schedule

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HONOLULU	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PHONE	BON SERVICE DATE	TIME	BON DANCE DATE	TIME
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin	1727 Pali Hwy, Honolulu	(808) 536-7044	July 5, 2026	9:30	June 26-27, 2026	6:30 PM
Jikoen Hongwanji Mission	1731 N. School St., Honolulu	(808) 845-3422	July 5, 2026	9:00	July 18, 2026	5:00 PM
Moiiliili Hongwanji Mission	902 University Ave., Honolulu	(808) 949-1659	July 12, 2026	9:00	July 4, 2026	5:00 PM
Windward Buddhist Temple	268A Kuulei Road, Kailua	(808) 262-4560	July 5, 2026	9:00	July 11, 2026	7:00 PM
OAHU	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PHONE	BON SERVICE DATE	TIME	BON DANCE DATE	TIME
Aiea Hongwanji Mission	99-186 Puakala St., Aiea	(808) 487-2626	July 12, 2026	9:00	July 25, 2026	7:00 PM
Ewa Hongwanji Mission	91-1133 Renton Rd., Ewa	(808) 681-5222	June 20, 2026	5:30 PM	June 20, 2026	6:30 PM
Mililani Hongwanji Mission	95-257 Kaloapau St., Mililani	(808) 625-0925	August 16, 2026	9:00	August 21-22, 2026	5:30 PM
Pearl City Hongwanji Mission	858 2nd St., Pearl City	(808) 455-1680	TBD		August 8, 2026	7:00 PM
Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission	1067 California Ave., Wahiawa	(808) 622-4320	August 9, 2026	9:00	June 12-13, 2026	6:45 PM
Waiatua Hongwanji Mission	67-313 Keatohanui St., Waiatua	(808) 637-4395	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Waipahu Hongwanji Mission	94-821 Kuhaulua St., Waipahu	(808) 677-4221	TBD		July 4, 2026	7:00 PM
KAUAI	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PHONE	BON SERVICE DATE	TIME	BON DANCE DATE	TIME
Kapaa Hongwanji Mission	4-1170 Kuhio Hwy, Kapaa	(808) 822-4667	July 17, 2026	6:00 PM	July 17-18, 2026	7:30 PM
Lihue Hongwanji Mission	3-3556 Kuhio Hwy, Lihue	(808) 245-6262	June 14, 2026	9:00	June 19-20, 2026	7:30 PM
West Kauai Hongwanji (Hanapepe)	1-3860 Kamaulii Hwy, Hanapepe	(808) 335-3195	July 24-25, 2026	6:00 PM	July 24 -25, 2026	7:30 PM
West Kauai Hongwanji (Waimea)	4675 Menehune Rd, Waimea	(808) 335-3195	August 16, 2026	9:30	N/A	N/A
MAUI	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PHONE	BON SERVICE DATE	TIME	BON DANCE DATE	TIME
Kahului Hongwanji Mission	291 S. Puunene Ave., Kahului	(808) 871-4732	July 17-18, 2026	6:00 PM	July 17-18, 2026	7:30 PM
Lahaina Hongwanji Mission	551 Wainee St., Lahaina	(808) 661-0640	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lanai Hongwanji Mission	1364 Fraser Ave., Lanai	(808) 565-6817	August 28, 2026	7:00 PM	August 29, 2026	TBD
Makawao Hongwanji Mission	1074 Makawao Ave., Makawao	(808) 572-7229	July 24-25, 2026	5:00 PM	July 24-25, 2026	7:00 PM
Wailuku Hongwanji Mission	1828 Vineyard St., Wailuku	(808) 244-0406	July 31-August 1, 2026	6:30 PM	July 31-August 1, 2026	7:45 PM
The three Lahaina temples (Hongwanji, Jodo, and Shingon) will host a Lahaina Community Bon Dance on Friday, August 14, 2026, at Jodo Mission, located at 12 Ala Moana St, Lahaina. Time TBD.						
HAWAII	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PHONE	BON SERVICE DATE	TIME	BON DANCE DATE	TIME
Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin	398 Kilauea Ave., Hilo	(808) 961-6677	July 12, 2026	9:00 AM	July 11, 2026	7:00 PM
Honohina-Papaaloa Hongwanji Missic	32-896 Mamalahoa Hwy., Ninole	(808) 936-9052	August 22, 2026	1:00 PM	August 22, 2026	2:00 PM
Honokaa Hongwanji Mission	45-5016 Lehua St., Honokaa	(808) 775-7232	July 18, 2026	5:30 PM	July 18, 2026	7:00 PM
Honomu Hongwanji Mission	28-1658 Government Main Rd., Honomu	(808) 963-6032	July 18, 2026	1:00 PM	July 18, 2026	2:00 PM
Kamuela Hongwanji Mission	65-1110 Mamalahoa Hwy., Kamuela	(808) 885-4481	August 15, 2026	6:00 PM	August 15, 2026	7:00 PM
Kohala Hongwanji Mission	53-4300 Akoni Pule Hwy., Kapaau	(808) 775-7232	July 4, 2026	5:00 PM	July 4, 2026	6:00 PM
Kona Hongwanji Mission	81-6630 Mamalahoa Hwy., Keatakekoa	(808) 323-2993	July 19, 2026	10:00 AM	July 25, 2026	6:00 PM
Naalehu Hongwanji Mission	95-5695 Mamalahoa Hwy., Naalehu	(808) 966-9981	September 19, 2026	4:00 PM	September 19	5:00 PM
Paauilo Hongwanji Mission	43-1477 Hauola Rd., Paauilo	(808) 776-1369	August 1, 2026	5:00 PM	August 1, 2026	6:00 PM
Pahala Hongwanji Mission	96-1123 Paaauu Pl., Pahala	(808) 928-8254	Pahala-Naalehu Joint Bon Service (4 PM) & Dance (5 PM) - Sept 19 at Naalehu Hongwanji			
Papaikou Hongwanji Mission	27-378 Old Mamalahoa Hwy., Papaikou	(808) 964-1640	June 20, 2026	5:00 PM	June 20, 2026	6:00 PM
Puna Hongwanji Mission	16-492 Old Volcano Rd., Keaau	(808) 966-9981	July 5, 2026	9:00	June 27, 2026	6:00 PM

*This schedule has been compiled by the Honpa Hongwanji Headquarters for your reference. As details may be subject to change, please contact the respective local temple office directly to confirm the schedule and obtain the most current information.

BUDDHIST STUDY CENTER SPRING FESTIVAL

The second BSC Spring Festival on April 18, 2026, brought together diverse parts of the Hongwanji Hawaii sangha with community organizations to present a fun and informative community event. The emphasis was “Appreciating Our Ohana.”

Pictured in this sampling of photos are (clockwise from top-left):

- Jikoen Hongwanji’s andagi-making station
- PBA’s performance taiko group, Hyaku Sen Ki Kai, providing an energizing kickoff
- Shakuhachi players performing in the BSC lecture hall
- Body and Brain Yoga workshop with Roy Arakaki, Body & Brain Fitness Center
- No-tech, old-time games station for juggling, table-top “quarters” basketball, and more
- Some leaves on the Gratitude Tree
- The HQ Bookstore area had items for sale as well as free books
- Oubaitori (Japanese and Okinawan folk-songs) shared by a group connected to Pacific Buddhist Academy
- Ryukoku University students taught origami



More photos are available [on the HMMH Facebook page](#) (@honpahongwanjihawaii).

HMMH HAWAII FEDERATION OF BUDDHIST WOMEN’S ASSOCIATIONS 15th BWA STATE MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE

Held at Ala Moana Hotel on March 28-29, 2026 (6MB, [high-res photo](#) available)



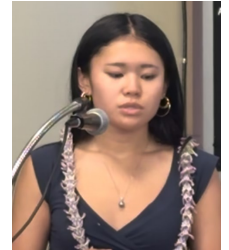
Aiea Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Lady Eshinni & Lady Kakushinni Day



service on Sunday, April 26, 2026



*Amane & Taylor
on YESS Camp*



AMANE TOMORI SHARED HER YESS CAMP EXPERIENCE AT THE AHM 4/26/2026 SERVICE

Good Morning everyone. Thank you for letting me share about my experience, and thank you to the BWA and temple members for sending me to YESS camp. Going into the camp, I was really excited to attend. This was my second time, and I was looking forward to seeing friends I met at the last camp and reconnecting with them. At the same time, I was also excited to meet new people and build new friendships. With that, I learned lessons about interdependence and compassion, and how these values show up in my life.

An activity that stood out to me during the camp was when we used a ball of yarn. We stood in a circle and passed the yarn around, wrapping it around ourselves until it formed a web connecting all of us. I admit that at first, I thought it looked really messy. With that, we were told that we had to walk with it, making sure the line didn't slack.

If one person didn't hold their part, the yarn would loosen, and the whole structure would weaken. It made me realize that even though we are all connected, each of us has a role, and what we do affects everyone else. That's what interdependence really means—not just being connected, but relying on each other.

At the same time, it wasn't just about doing your own part perfectly. We had to pay attention to each other, move at the same pace, and adjust when someone struggled. A part that really stood out to me is that no one pointed fingers. If someone noticed, we all adjusted and moved on.

Another part of camp that I enjoyed was the people I met. This was my second time attending, so it was really special to see familiar faces like Keiko, Alyssa, and Amanda from the last camp. Reconnecting with friends I met before made me realize how those relationships didn't just end when the camp was over—they continued, even after we all went back to our different islands and daily lives. At the same time, I also stepped outside of my comfort zone and talked to campers I normally wouldn't interact with. Some were from other islands, and some weren't even part of Jr. YBA. At first, it felt a little uncomfortable, but those conversations turned out to be some of the most meaningful parts of the camp.

I also got to connect more deeply with people I already knew, and I learned a lot from older students, especially college students like Stephen, Chihiro, and Jamiee. They shared advice on career paths, majors, and current job opportunities. What stood out to me was how willing they were to share their experiences. I realized how beneficial it is to seek mentorship from older students. Their personal stories provide invaluable guidance as I navigate my own educational path. I hope I can share my experience to someone else, whether it be for the temple and YESS camp or the broader community.

During the Dharma talk, I learned more about interconnectedness and what it means to be part of a community. One idea that stayed with me is that being part of a community means being responsible for your part—but also trusting others to do theirs. It's not just about doing everything yourself. It's about working together toward a shared goal.

Sometimes, I think we feel like we have to handle everything on our own. But this camp reminded me that we don't. Interdependence means we can rely on others, and compassion means we support each other along the way.

One way I can apply this in my daily life is through leadership in clubs. Next year, I will be taking on a leadership role in my school's marching band, and I thought the lessons from this year's YESS camp tie in really well. We really cannot make a show without relying on each other. We have all the section leaders who have to hold the students accountable, as well as hold themselves accountable. We have the band directors and the boosters who handle all the coordination for finances and transportation. We all rely on each other to keep a community functioning. This is my first year in a role with such a large community. I am nervous, but this camp helped me have a better idea of how to work and support other people.

Overall, this camp helped me see that interdependence and compassion aren't just ideas we talk about—they are things we put into practice. Whether it's holding a piece of yarn, having a conversation with someone new, or listening to someone's advice, these small moments show how we are all connected.

As I go back to my daily life, I want to remember these lessons. I want to be more aware of how my actions affect others and make an effort to show compassion—not just to my acquaintances, but to everyone I meet.

I would like to thank the BWA and the temple members for sending me these last two years. I hope I can continue to go and keep bringing back all the lessons I have learned to the temple.

Thank you.



**HAWAII ELECTRICIANS RETIREES
GOING GREEN DAY #325
E-WASTE RECYCLING &
Document Shredding: 2 boxes
max.
APRIL 11, 2026**

**8:00 AM 12:00 PM - 1935 Hau St.
IBEW 1186**

Acceptable Items

- Computers, printers, scanners – no limit
- TVs - ink cartridges, toners—no limit
- Doc. Shredding -Max. 2 banker boxes
- HI-5 beverage containers
- All kinds of Batteries– but **NO LITHIUM**
- Canned goods
- Gently used clothing **ONLY**
- Used eye glasses and hearing aids
- Diapers and wipes for keiki & kupuna
- For pets - towels, blankets, food
- Free towing of unwanted cars, call 291-6151



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

SOARES TRUCK RENTAL



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

For questions contact: [Rene Mansho @ 291-6151](mailto:ReneMansho@291-6151) / renemansho@hawaii.rr.com

Mahalo for recycling from HAWAII ELECTRICIANS RETIREES ASSOCIATION OHANA!

**Special Buddhism Class with
Rev. Dr. Toshikazu Arai
starting May 1, 2026**

Deepen your understanding of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism with an engaging and accessible class led by Rev. Dr. Toshikazu Arai.

Date and Time:

Every 1st Friday of the month 6:30PM (Hawaii Time)

Text Book:

"The Path to the Pure Land"

The book will be available for purchase at HQ bookstore once it arrives. In the meantime, Rev. Arai will prepare the necessary materials.



Format:

Live on Zoom (link will be provided upon registration)



Rev. Dr. Toshikazu Arai

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M.A. in Jodo Shinshu Studies, Ryukoku University
Professor Emeritus, Soai University, Osaka, Japan
Many publications such as Bodhisattvas Everywhere (coauthored with Ruth Tabrah), Buddhist Study Center Press
Buddha & Man (an English translation of "Hotoke to Hito" by Eikichi Ikegama), BSC Press, and his latest book "The Path to the Pure Land"

Registration link:

<https://forms.gle/i8Aot9sW5T2VzLq5A>

Please contact Rev. Yuika Hasebe (yhasebe@honpahi.org) for inquiry.



Join Project Dana's Public Presentation Meetings!

Upcoming Events:

Meeting Date:	Saturday, May 9, 2026
Time:	10:00 am to 11:15 am
Location:	Zoom and Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (94-821 Kuhaulua Street, Waipahu, HI 96797)
Topic:	"Medicare Coverage or Preventive Services" - Caregivers will learn "Medicare Coverage of Preventive Services" – The goal of the session is for caregivers to learn a brief overview of Medicare, what is preventive care, coverage of preventive services, and helpful resources. It is also an opportunity to learn about the Hawaii State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and the services offered to Medicare beneficiaries.
Speaker:	Jazlyn Wandasan, Hawai'i State Health Insurance Assistance (HI SHIP)

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Dear Aiea Hongwanji 'Ohana & Friends,

SAMPLE
(Approximate size 9" x 3")

As the Obon season approaches, let us stop to reflect and remember our dearly departed. We are giving our families an opportunity to purchase a memorial windcatcher. These are tags with the names of loved ones hanging from lanterns. All memorial windcatchers will be on display in our temple for your viewing July 5th – August 9th.

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

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

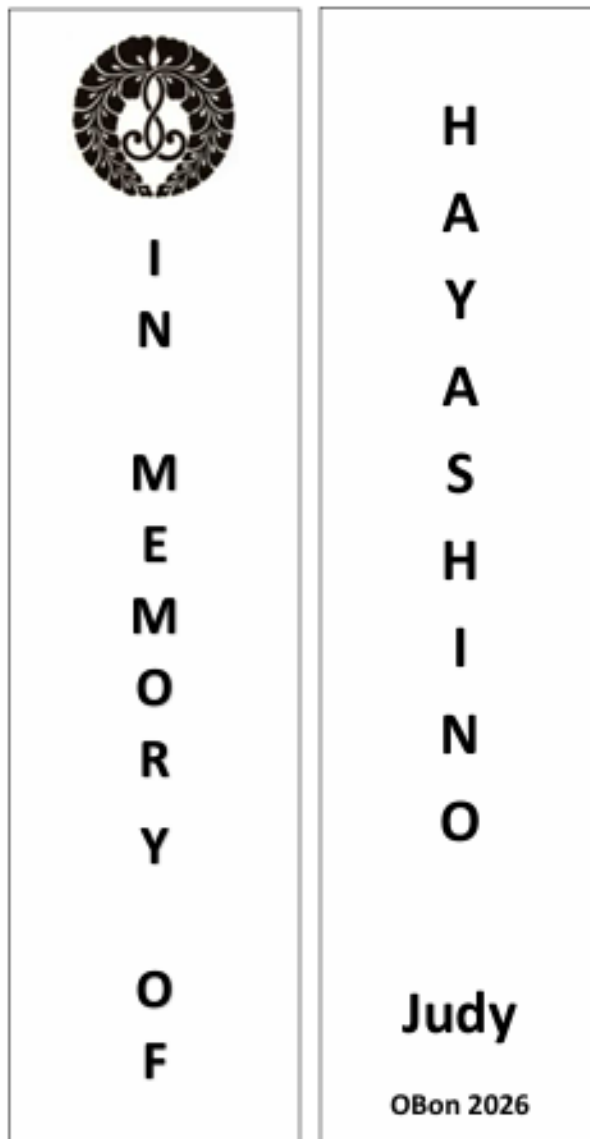
Deadline for ordering is **Friday, June 5, 2026.**

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

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

With Gassho,

Reverend Eric Matsumoto
Resident Minister



WINDCATCHER ORDER FORM (\$20.00 per windcatcher)

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Name(s) on Windcatcher: _____



Junior YBA Happenings

A couple of our members went to Y.E.S.S. Camp in Hilo at the beginning of April. This year's theme was "Episode 42: The Dharma Awakens" so as you can imagine there was a Star Wars theme. From what was reported, the members who attended had a great time and there were several first timers who were able to go.



Our President, Yuma Kamuro, will be graduating from Mililani High School on Sunday, May 24. The ceremony starts at 4:00pm and lei giving will be following the ceremony, estimated to end around 6pm. If you would like to join Auntie Arynn and Auntie Gay to congratulate Yuma, please let us know so that we can arrange a meeting time and/or carpool! We are very excited for Yuma as he concludes his Senior Year and we are so appreciative to all that he has done as our United President.

Register Now! 69th Jr. YBA State Convention in Hilo Friday, June 19-21.

Register via link below:

<https://www.hilobetsuin.org/home/affiliates-temple-organizations/jr-yba/2026-jr-yba-convention#h.fsscvcfbeydi>

The United will be making payment up front for anyone who is going. The cost for convention this year is \$275.00. Please attend our next meeting to discuss any subsidy to convention fee. It is also in Hilo so we'll need to also discuss flights

Upcoming Important Dates:

Spring Federation Meeting: Saturday April 25, 3:00p-5:00p via Zoom. Link will be sent to those who confirm attendance.

Next Meeting: Sunday, May 3, 1:00pm at Mililani Hongwanji

Rescheduled Spring Fling! Saturday, May 30, 9am-1pm. Please meet at 8:30am to help with set up. Jr. YBA will be in charge of the Fish Pond.

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 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-fedjryba](#)



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Meeting Date:	Wednesday, May 13, 2026
Time:	10:00 am to 11:15 am
Location:	Zoom and Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813)
Topic:	"Medicare Made Clear" – This session is an educational presentation designed for both caregivers and Medicare beneficiaries. The session provides a clear, unbiased overview of Medicare basics, coverage options, enrollment periods, and available resources, helping caregivers and members feel more confident navigating Medicare decisions.
Speaker:	Nanette Waialae, Hawai'i UnitedHealthcare

*Zoom links will be provided by inquiry

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Temple Calendar of Events for June 2026

2-3 Tue-Wed	State Ministers Association June Seminar hosted by Kauai District
7 Sun 8:00AM	Temple Beautification Day (No Sunday Service)
9 Tue 7:00PM	Oahu District Buddhist Education Committee (ODBEC) Meeting
10 Wed 9:30AM	Oahu District Ministers Association Meeting
14 Sun 9:00AM	Sunday Service
16 Tue 7:00PM	AHM Board of Directors Meeting
17 Wed 9:00AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services
19 Fri	Juneteenth Holiday (Preschool, Adult Daycare & Temple Office closed)
19-21	67 th Jr. YBA State Convention
21 Sun 9:00AM	Father's Day Sunday Service Dharma Fun & Taiko for Youth (to follow service) AHM BWA Meeting to follow Sunday Service
26 Fri 10:00AM	Lotus Adult Daycare Service and Visitation
27 Sat 9:00AM-11:00AM	Going Green E-Waste Collection at Aiea Hongwanji Mission
28 Sun 9:00AM	Sunday Service with hanging Bon Chochin Windcatchers in Hondo



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.

MAY 2026

3rd Michele Misako Hough	17th Kimiko "Eva" Omori
3rd Frank Kazuichi Takenouchi	17th Tokio Higa
3rd Gayle Ikehara	33rd Takeo Yamamoto
3rd Sandra Kazuko Tsuchida	33rd Shotaro Honda
7th Gregory Hideo Nitta	50th Hosho Ono
7th Thelma Masako Nakagawa	50th Tsunao Koga
13th Richard Goshi	

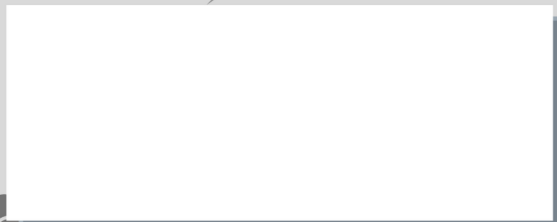
JUNE 2026

1st Alice Sayoko Tasaki	13th Kazuye "Lillian" Yamamoto
3rd Gerald Nako	13th Arnold Makoto Morishima
7th Neil Norito Furukawa	33rd Jeanne Kikue Terada

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2 Sat	9:30AM-4:30PM	HHMH Office of Buddhist Education State Dharma School Retreat at BSC
3 Sun	9:00AM	Children's Day Sunday Service
	11:30AM	AHM Preschool Committee Meeting
	12:30PM	AHM Lotus Adult Daycare Committee meeting
	1:00PM	Oahu United Jr. YBA Meeting
6 Wed	9:30AM	Oahu District Ministers Association Meeting
10 Sun	9:00AM	Mother's Day Service
13 Wed	9:00AM-10:30AM	Preschool Temple Services
15 Fri	10:00AM	Lotus Adult Daycare Buddha Day Service and Visitation
	5:30PM	PBA Baccalaureate Service at HH Hawaii Betsuin
17*Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service with Dharma Fun and Taiko for Youth
	4:00PM	PBA Commencement Exercises at Moanalua Performing Arts Center
18 Mon	7:00PM	Oahu District Hongwanji Council Meeting
19 Tue	7:00PM	AHM Board of Directors meeting
22 Fri		Last Day of Preschool
24 Sun	9:00AM	Shinran Shonin's Birthday Celebration (Gotan-E) Service
		AHM BWA Meeting (after Service)
	12:00Noon	Special Flame Extinguishing Ceremony and Dedication of new Temporary Display for Sadako's Paper Crane at Pearl Harbor
25 Mon		Memorial Day Holiday (Temple Office, Preschool and Adult Daycare closed)
26-30 Tues - Sat		AHM Parking Lot Re-pavement Project (Parking Lot closed)
26-31		Preschool Intersession Break
30 Sat	(TBA)	HHMH Board of Directors Meeting
31 Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
	1:00PM	Oahu United BWA Meeting at Waipahu Hongwanji

***Rev. Eric Matsumoto will be away at Windward Buddhist Temple.**