



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

The Significance of O-Bon

General Buddhist Understanding of O-Bon



O-Bon is one of the most popular Buddhist observances. It is time to remember those who have passed before us. For those who are observing their First O-Bon or Hatsubon of a loved one, we extend our sincerest thoughts of loving-kindness. It is natural, indeed, to be absorbed in the cherished memories of those who have gone before us, and often time, these thoughts tend to bring tears of loneliness.

In Ancient India, Sakyamuni Buddha, the Historic Buddha, enlightened one of his disciples Mogallana into more constructive ways in trying to enhance the spiritual welfare of his departed mother and at the same time led him to understand Universal Truth or Reality and reach spiritual fulfillment.

The origin of O-Bon is found in the Ullambana Sutra. It relates the story of Mogallana who was horrified to find his mother suffering. He tried to help her, but to no avail. Mogallana sought the guidance of Historic Buddha.

The Ullambana Sutra teaches that the ways shown to Mogallana were for him to make pure, sincere and concentrated efforts to the Three Treasures (Buddha, Dharma & Sangha) of Buddhism emphasizing the importance of Dana or "Selfless Giving" and thus realizing wonderful merits which were shared with his mother to bring about her liberation from suffering.

Jodo Shin Buddhist Understanding of O-Bon

For Shinran Shonin, (1173-1263) who is revered as the sectarian founder of Jodo Shinshu or Shin Buddhism, based on the Three Pure Land Sutras which focus on the Amida Buddha-the Buddha of Immeasurable Life (Amitayus) and Infinite Light (Amitabha), it is revealed that Amida Buddha (as Bodhisattva Dharmakara) has already accumulated untold virtues of the highest order through (the Bodhisattva/ Buddha's) past unexcelled efforts and now out of compassion extends those virtues and merits, unconditionally, to us especially we who are most distant from Enlightenment. Thus, the understanding is that it is Amida Buddha that is extending or directing virtues and merits to us-unenlightened sentient beings. Shinran Shonin had found that the Great Perfection-the Great Enlightenment attained by

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FOR ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER

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Bodhisattva Dharmakara/Amida Buddha overflowing with dynamic action and an all-embracing power, and that if one were to totally sincerely entrust oneself without an ounce of doubt to the Amida Buddha in response to the Call of that Buddha who beckons to "Come as you are," full of imperfections though we may be until the end of this finite life, the wonderful virtues of the Amida Buddha would be transferred or shared with us.

At the instant, True Entrusting blossoms that person would attain the joyous assurance of being promised liberation in the here and now and the end of this finite life attain Perfect Enlightenment with birth in the Amida Buddha's Pure Land of Enlightenment or Sukhavati (which in General Buddhism is the realm of Nirvana). For those who have attained the Buddha Endowed Mind of True Entrusting (directed to them by the Buddha) birth in the Pure Land means instantaneously attaining Buddhahood and becoming one with the Buddha's salvific effort to guide and embrace all others. The final goal or aim is for one and all to attain pristine purity, become that which is eternal, be the greatest that we can be (unlimited), and experience ultimate tranquility (the Four Virtues of Nirvana) by simple entrusting in (Amida Buddha's) Great Wisdom and Compassion reciting the Nembutsu in awareness, joy and gratitude throughout our life.

The Bon Dance

The Bon Dance is said to find its spiritual origin with Mogallana's rejoicing over his mother's freedom from pain and suffering. As a cultural phenomenon it originates in Japan. The Bon Observance, Service and Dance, is commonly referred to as a "Gathering of Joy" in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism or the Hongwanji Tradition, as it is an expression of spiritual joy. However, anyone is welcome to join the circle of dancers. Many of the songs heard at the Bon Dance are regional folk songs from various parts of Japan, but some are religious in character. A couple are even local (Hawaii) compositions and in more recent times even popular songs have become part of the repertoire of dances adding greatly to the festivities.

As we enjoy the Bon Dance by eating, dancing and meeting new and old friends and acquaintances, let's not overlook its role of harmoniously bringing our varied and diverse communities together at the temple for an evening of fellowship, spirituality and bonding which strengthens our Hawaii Nei.

In Conclusion

O-Bon is a time filled with appreciation, joy, profound sense of humble indebtedness, inter-relatedness and oneness with the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha including other life and other existences. In Shin Buddhism, O-Bon is a time of reverence, remembrance, reflection, rejoicing and responding to Wisdom and Compassion. In Hongwanji, we rejoice as we find ourselves including our deceased loved ones in the loving compassionate embrace of Amida Buddha or Namo Amida Butsu (The Buddha's Name That Calls Us To Entrust). It is a celebration of life in the Dharma most vividly expressed by dancing, but also a moment of quietude reciting the Nembutsu (The Buddha's Name Which I Call in Gratitude) at the temple altar (amidst the festivities). Again, though it could be a time of sadness especially if you recently lost a loved one, but at the same time it is a time to rejoice as we find that we, both the living and deceased, are in the embrace of Great Compassion.

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

**Reproduced with changes including additions from the brochure "Obon" by Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin.*

Please join us for our Major Bon Service (Open to the Public) at 9AM and Hatsubon Service (advanced notification requested) at 10:30AM on Sunday, July 12th and also for our Bon Dance (Open to the Public) on Saturday, July 25th with food booths opening at 5:30PM, parking at the Catholic Church and Methodist Church parking lots from 6PM, Short Bon Service in the Main Sanctuary at 6PM and the Bon Dance from 7PM-10PM including a Temple Open House from 7:30PM-9:30PM. See you at O-Bon 2026!



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii - HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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HMMH REPRESENTED AT WHITE HOUSE VESAK

The International Buddhist Association of America (IBAA) hosted the Fifth Annual Vesak Lamp Lighting Ceremony at the White House in Washington, D.C., on June 11, 2026. This year's ceremony brought together Buddhist leaders, monastics, and representatives from diverse traditions, along with ambassadors and dignitaries from South and Southeast Asia, in a spirit of friendship, cultural understanding, and peace.

Representing the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani attended the event together with Bishop Marvin Harada of the Buddhist Churches of America and Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara of the Jodo Shinshu International Office.

Vesak commemorates the birth, enlightenment, and parinirvana of Shakyamuni Buddha. Celebrated by Buddhists throughout the world for more than 2,500 years, Vesak was formally recognized by the United Nations in 1999 as an international day of significance.

This year's White House Vesak Ceremony was organized by Mrs. Wangmo Dixey, President of the IBAA, in cooperation with the White House Faith Office, particularly Pastor Paula White-Cain.

In her welcome message, Mrs. Dixey stated:

"This year is especially meaningful as our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. It is fitting that we gather in this historic place, representing many cultures, traditions, and faiths, united by our shared aspirations for peace, understanding, and a better future for all. We are supported by the enduring American ideals of religious freedom and mutual respect—values that have allowed diverse spiritual traditions to flourish and contribute to the richness of our nation."

Mrs. Dixey also noted that Buddhism is practiced today by hundreds of millions of people around the world. Across the United States, nearly 4,000 temples, monasteries, meditation centers, and practice communities serve people from all walks of life. One of America's unique strengths, she explained, is that the Theravada, Mahayana, and Vajrayana traditions have all flourished side by side. While many countries may be home to only one Buddhist tradition, the United States offers opportunities for Buddhists of different traditions to learn from, appreciate, and support one another while remaining united in their shared values.

The ceremony included messages from representatives of the White House Faith Office, the lighting of lamps, and chants and aspirations offered by representatives of the Theravada, Mahayana, and Vajrayana traditions. Bishop Marvin Harada lit the ceremonial lamp on behalf of the Mahayana tradition. Bishop Harada, Bishop Umitani, and Rev. Kuwahara then



The Vesak was held in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the White House grounds.



(From left) Bishop Marvin Harada (BCA), Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara (JSIO), Mrs. Wangmo Dixey (IBAA), and Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani (HMMH)

joined other Mahayana representatives in chanting sutras and offering aspirations for peace and harmony.

Reflecting on the experience, Bishop Umitani shared:

"It was truly a privilege and honor to participate in the Vesak Ceremony at the White House. As I joined the service, I felt the beauty of diversity and the richness of the Buddhist traditions that have flourished throughout the United States. As one of these traditions, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii has both a place and a responsibility to continue sharing the Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion—values that transcend differences and unite humanity."

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69TH JR. YBA CONVENTION

**The 69th Jr. YBA State Convention was held at the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin on June 19-21, 2026, hosted by the Jr. YBA of Hawaii. Below is the message from Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani, as posted in the Convention Booklet.*

On behalf of the Ministers and Sangha members of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, I warmly welcome you to the 69th Jr. YBA State Convention. I sincerely hope that through connections, learning, and fellowship with your Dharma friends, you will deepen your understanding of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and find joy in being part of our vibrant Hongwanji community here in Hawaii.

This year's Convention theme, "Sangha Means Family," beautifully reminds us of a message we may recognize from Lilo & Stitch – "Ohana means family, and family means no one gets left behind or forgotten." Similarly, the "Sangha" is the family of Amida Buddha, and it is a place where we support, accept, and walk together through this precious and unrepeatable moment.

At this convention, you'll come to realize you're not alone. You are always part of our Sangha, a family where everyone, regardless of who they are or what they do, is valued and accepted just as they are. Those who listen to the teachings of Amida Buddha become aware of the truth that we are all embraced by Amida Buddha's all-encompassing Wisdom and Compassion. This Compassion reaches us through the Name of "Namo Amida Butsu." Whenever and wherever we recite "Namo Amida Butsu," we are not alone. We find that our lives are always surrounded by Compassion and illuminated by Light. We are one Ohana, one Family, and one Sangha within Amida Buddha.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to the members and advisors of the United Jr. YBA of Hawaii for your dedication to making this convention possible. To all participants: Through the friendship you build, the experiences you share, and the Dharma you listen to, I hope you will feel that sense of connection and belonging. May this weekend be filled with joy, laughter, and meaningful moments that remind you that your Sangha is always here for you.

Namo Amida Butsu
Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

67TH ANNUAL HONPA HONGWANJI MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION SEMINAR

The 67th Annual Honpa Hongwanji Ministers' Association Seminar was held via Zoom on June 2–3, 2026, hosted by the Kauai Ministers Association. We were honored to welcome Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji as our keynote speaker.

Rev. Dr. Miyaji presented a four-part lecture series entitled "The Two Truths Theory and Its Impact on Jodo Shinshu in America." Through his thoughtful presentations, participants explored the historical development of the Two Truths Theory and its influence on the understanding and transmission of Jodo Shinshu in the American context. The lectures provided meaningful opportunities for learning, reflection, and discussion among 27 participants, including active and retired ministers from Hawaii, BCA guest representatives, and Tokudo Minister's Assistants.

The seminar also included live question-and-answer sessions, allowing participants to engage directly with Rev. Dr. Miyaji and further explore the themes presented in the lectures. We are deeply grateful for his time, preparation, and willingness to share his knowledge and insights with us.

The seminar also included the regular meeting of the State Ministers Association. Since 2021, the seminar had been conducted via Zoom, and this year marked the conclusion of that format. Beginning in 2027, future seminars will be planned and coordinated by the newly established State Ministers Association Seminar Planning Committee.

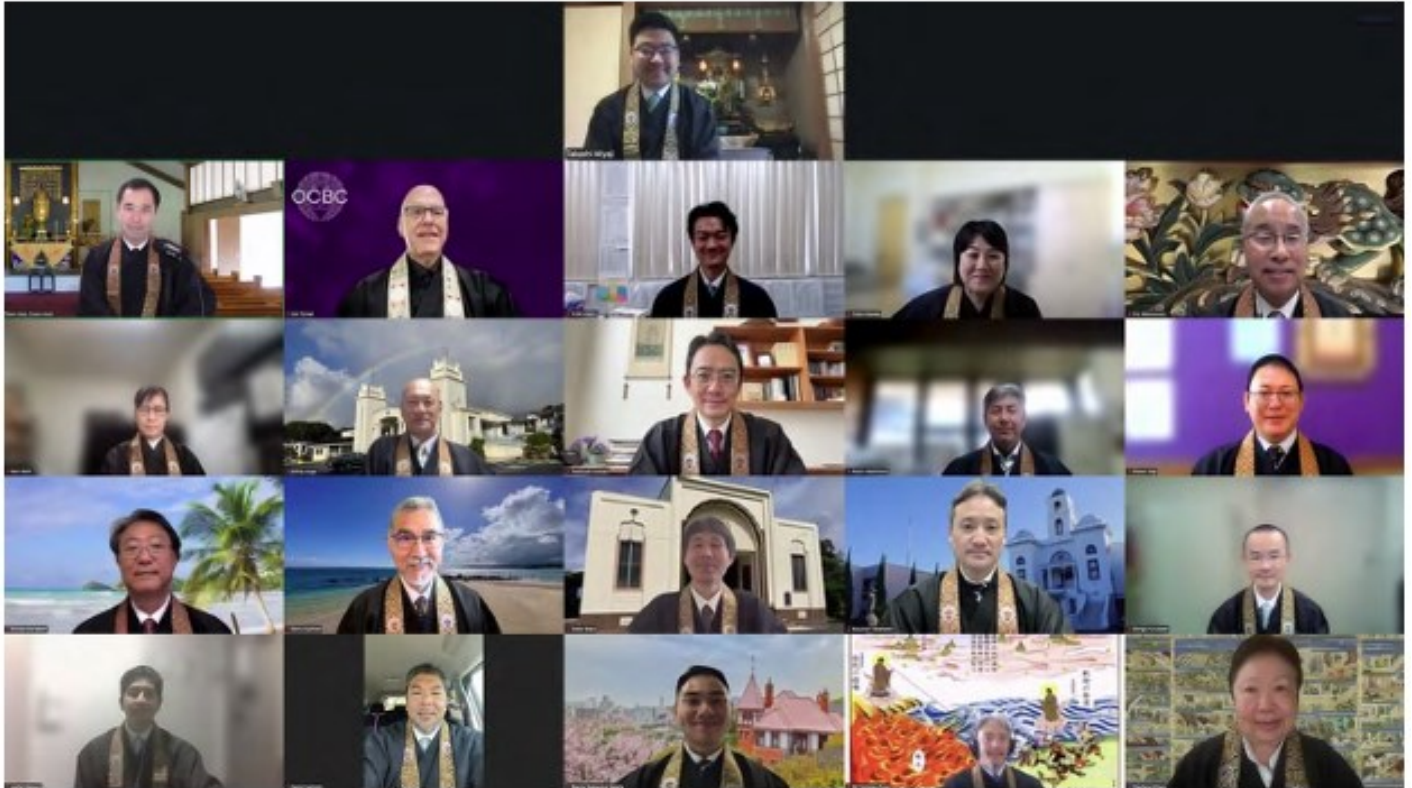
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We were also pleased to welcome BCA representatives Rev. Jon Turner and Rev. Yuki Himeji, who joined us and offered reflections during the closing portion of the seminar.

On behalf of the Kauai Ministers Association, we extend our sincere appreciation to Rev. Dr. Miyaji, Bishop Umitani, all participants, and everyone whose efforts contributed to the success of this year's seminar.

Submitted by Rev. Tomo Hojo

Chair, 67th Annual Honpa Hongwanji Ministers' Association Seminar



REV. SHIGENORI MAKINO "TINY BUBBLES IN THE DHARMA OCEAN"

At a ministers' seminar in Hawaii, a young minister once asked why his Dharma talk failed to move anyone. The answer he received was simple - and piercing: "Because you didn't touch their hearts."

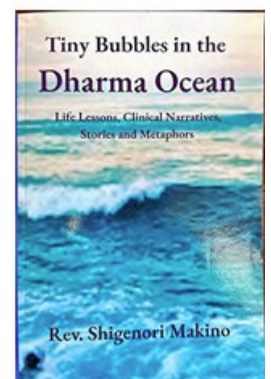
In *Tiny Bubbles in the Dharma Ocean*, Rev. Shigenori Makino reflects on that moment and invites us into a quiet, profound exploration of how we truly connect - with others, and with ourselves.

Drawing on decades of experience as a Buddhist minister, chaplain, and teacher, Rev. Makino reveals how the deepest truths are not found in complicated explanations, but in simple, living words — words that arise from deep listening, sincere reflection, and genuine experience. Inspired by the spirit of haiku and the Buddhist principle of skillful means, these teachings use story, metaphor, and gentle insight to bring the Dharma to life.

In a world filled with noise, distraction, and uncertainty, this book offers something rare: a chance to pause ... to listen... and to rediscover what truly matters.

Each reflection is like a tiny bubble rising through the vast ocean — quiet, fleeting, yet filled with meaning.

Rev. Shigenori Makino is a Retired Minister of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Rev. Makino's new book is available for purchase at the HQ Bookstore for \$10 per copy.





SUMMER SESSION

2026

26, 27, 28, 29
July

at the Buddhist Study Center

<https://honpahi.link/bcss26>

RETHINKING BUDDHIST EDUCATION

BUDDHISM AND FAMILY CULTURE

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
at Jikoen Hongwanji

WEEKEND SESSION
JULY 26

ENTERING THE MAHAYANA MULTIVERSE

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

WORKSHOP 1
JULY 27

SHIN BUDDHISM AS BASIC BUDDHISM

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

WORKSHOP 2
JULY 28

BUDDHISM IS SIMPLE. BUDDHIST STUDIES IS COMPLICATED

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

WORKSHOP 3
JULY 29



REV. DR. AARON SHŌKEN PROFFITT

Buddhist Priest (tokudo), Jōdo Shinshū
Hongwanji-ha
Associate Professor of Japanese Studies,
University at Albany, SUNY

FEATURED
SPEAKER



Asura's harp at Aiea Hongwanji's July 12th Bon Services

On Sunday, July 12th, a special treat is in store for you, as Rev. Eric Matsumoto speaks about Asura's harp (koto=zither), a harp which spontaneously plays without anyone visibly stroking it, and Mr. Ken Sakata, a koto player joins us at service. Ken, born and raised in Mililani, is currently a fourth-year Japanese language and Psychology major at UH Manoa. He began playing the koto in 2024 at UH, then continued in Kyoto while studying abroad at Ryukoku University through 2024 and 2025. He currently is a member of the Sawai Koto Kai Hawaii under Darin Miyashiro Sensei. He will play a piece at both services.



The Major Bon Service, open to the Public, is from 9AM-10AM. The Special Hatsubon/First O-Bon Service after someone has passed away begins at 10:30AM (advance notification of attendance is requested). Refreshments will follow the services. Please attend services in memory of and to honor your loved ones and express our gratitude to Amida Buddha. If you are unable to join us on July 12th, there will be a short Bon Service at 6PM prior to our Bon Dance on Saturday, July 25th. See you at O-Bon Services and Bon Dance.

Call for Submissions

2027 HONGWANJI CALENDAR

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

2027 Slogan: **LIVING ALOHA**

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH) Calendar Committee invites members, Dharma friends, and affiliates to provide photos for the 2027 Hongwanji Calendar that shows,

"NURTURING NEMBUTSU: LIVING ALOHA."



- You may submit several photos for consideration by the Calendar Committee for the 2027 Hongwanji Calendar.
- We welcome cell phone photos. Photos 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 2027 slogan** and your name and temple (or affiliation) for photo credit.
- If you have questions, please leave a message for Yumi Suzuki at HHMH Headquarters Office at (808)522-9200 or email: hqs@honpahi.org.
- Please submit photos and captions to Alan Kubota at lenscapeshawaii@gmail.com. He will respond directly to any technical questions. Thank you.

Deadline: Monday, September 14, 2026

Junior YBA Happenings



We just got back from another fun and enjoyable **69th Jr. YBA State Convention** in Hilo, June 19-21, hosted by the United of Hawaii. It was a busy weekend with the auction, workshops and our general membership meetings. We passed the federation budget resolution and also an appreciation resolution to recognize one of the Hongwanji's leaders. Name is withheld to maintain the element of surprise in the event this person does not know yet.

Congratulations to our very own **YUMA KAMURO** who won the prestigious award of **Jr. YBA of the Year** which recognizes the Jr. YBA member who demonstrates excellence in leadership and participation through their time in Jr. YBA. We are also so proud of **TAYLOR KUNIMITSU** who won first place in the **Art Contest!** Her entry was very unique.



In the form of nail art, she was inspired by the beach scene in the movie Lilo and Stitch. The detailed design captured the theme "Sangha Means Family" by showing the interconnectedness of sea life as a family and a reminder that "no matter the species or size, families can appear in many different ways, showing how it is important to remember that everyone is connected."



In addition to Jr. YBA of the Year, **YUMA** also won first place in the Oratorical Contest.

We'd like to thank our members who held Federation Offices: Diandra Thomson, Vice President and Taylor Kunimitsu, Secretary. Both young ladies did a wonderful job the last couple of years in addition to their studies and participating in Jr. YBA meetings and activities.

Our new Federation Officers for 2026-2027 are as follows:

President: Maslyn Kaneshiro Takeuchi (United of Honolulu)

Vice President: Wesley Kosaka (United of Maui)

Secretary: Miyaka Nishihira (United of Honolulu)

Treasurer: Riann Shiro (United of Hawaii)

Congratulations to all our new Officers! Our United will have elections for new officers at our next meeting in July.

Upcoming Important Dates:

Next Meeting: Sunday, July 5, 1:00pm at Mililani Hongwanji

Save the Date: October 24, Fall Federation Meeting on O'ahu. Details are TBD

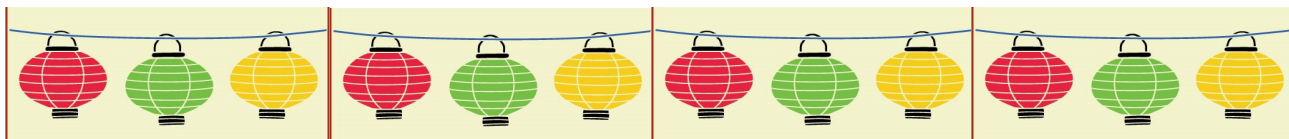
Save the Date! June 25-27, 2027. United of Oahu will be hosting the 70th Jr. YBA State Convention. Our Theme is DHARMA CROSSING. See the save the date flyer and we hope to see you there!

For Serendipity Federation Newsletter use this link:

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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 & @hawaiiifedjryba





AIEA HONGWANJI MISSION'S BON DANCE IS ON SATURDAY JULY 25TH!

We are ever so grateful to have so many dedicated members, families, and friends who share their dana of time and donations so all can enjoy the experience of Obon. Please join us in the preparations, festivities, and clean-up on the following dates:

Sunday, July 19th starting at 8:00am - Set up Yagura, and Food Booth.

Saturday, July 25th 8:00am - Set up chairs, chochin lanterns, food preparations, post signs; and during Bon Dance - help at food booths & kitchen, and clean up afterwards.

Sunday, July 26th 8:00am - Dismantle Yagura and food booth, and clean up.

We humbly request donations of cans of spam and bottled water.

Donations can be dropped off at the hall entrance on Sundays from 8:30am through 1:00pm.

OFFSITE PARKING AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PARKING LOT AND THE LOT EAST OF THE ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPENS AT 6:00PM ON JULY 25th, AND CLOSES AT 10:00PM.



OFFSITE PARKING FOR AIEA HONGWANJI BON DANCE

BEWARE OF UNUSUAL EMAILS USING MINISTER NAMES

Reports are coming in about Hongwanji members receiving scam emails that use minister names in the “From” line. These emails typically ask for “discreet” assistance via email. Engaging would inevitably lead to requests for money in some form (like gift cards), security breaches, etc.

This is not the first wave of these so-called “phishing” emails.
You know what to do: Do not reply. Delete!

More sophisticated phishing emails may “spoof” an email address so that it looks like one you recognize. This is where your internal radar is especially important. Does the email content seem unusual or out-of-character? Does it try to create a sense of urgency or include links or attachments you are not expecting? If there is any doubt, use a known phone number to contact the person for verification.

This is a good time to review resources made available in connection with our May 2025 “Intro Class on Cybersecurity: Email Scams & More.” At the top of the list are two info cards on avoiding phishing. Find the resources here: honpahi.link/cybersecurity Stay cybersafe,

– David Atcheson, HMMH Communications Coordinator



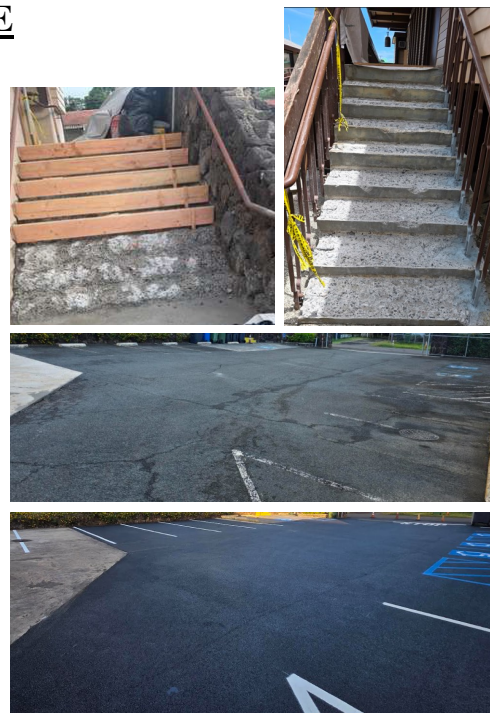
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

To Our Sangha,

A lot of maintenance work on the temple and grounds took place in May and June. In May, the steps to the temple hondo were reconstructed to eliminate the underlying rusty steel reinforcing bars which were causing cracks in the concrete, and replaced with fiberglass bars. In June, the entire parking lot was cold planed and paved with new asphalt then restriped. New concrete wheel stops were installed and painted. The hall kitchen range and the parsonage range were replaced with new ones. Thanks to the researching and shopping efforts of Mark Funasaki and Warren Tamamoto the two ranges were purchased as the best value at a significant discount. More so, thank you to those who have made donations to AHM, and to those who support the AHM Preschool, Lotus Adult Day Care Center, and AHM hall rentals, the income from which have made these major maintenance and improvement projects possible.

In July, preparations are in the works for AHM’s annual Obon festivities. Please refer to page 8 of this newsletter to see how you can help with these preparations, and the minister’s message on pages 1 and 2 for more details.

In Gassho,
Boyd Marumoto





Join Project Dana's Public Presentation Meetings!

Upcoming Events:

Meeting Date:	Wednesday, July 8, 2026
Time:	10:00 am to 11:30 am
Location:	Zoom and Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Betsuin (1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813)
Topic:	"Medicare Made Clear – Part 2" – 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
Meeting Date:	Saturday, July 11, 2026
Time:	10:00 am to 11:30 am
Location:	Zoom and Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (94-821 Kuhaulua Street, Waipahu, HI 96797)
Topic:	"Medicare Coverage of Home Health Care" – The goal of the session is for caregivers to learn about eligibility of home health care, what's covered and not covered, a comparison on home health care agencies and selecting an agency, home health care rights, and appeals. 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, James Marchant, Hawai'i SHIP

* Zoom links will be provided by inquiry.

Please call or e-mail if you are interested in attending public presentations or need more information about the program:
Shelley Paet, C4C Program Specialist at (808) 945-3736; cgsg@projectdana.org

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT THE HHMH

The Headquarters/Office of the Bishop is looking for an Administrative Assistant. The position is at the HQ office is fulltime 40 hours per week Monday to Friday (on-site). This position will provide administrative, financial, & event coordination to the HQ, Kyodan Board of Directors, & committees. HHMH provides medical insurance, vacation/sick leave, 401k with matching. Please contact Derrick Inouye (Business Manager) at 808-522-9200 or at dinouye@honpahi.org.

Temple Calendar of Events for August 2026

1	Wed	10:00AM	Hawaii Kyodan Kyodan-so Funeral for Roy Miyamoto at Hawaii Betsuin Visitation
		11:00AM	Funeral Service officiated by Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani
2	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service (Rev. Eric away)
		1:00PM	Oahu United Jr. YBA meeting
3	Mon		First Day of Preschool for 2026-2027
4	Tue	6:30PM-8:00PM	Oahu District Summer Session Speaker Seminar at Mililani Hongwanji with Rev. Prof. Aaron Proffitt
9	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
12-13	Wed-Thu		BWA Exchange Students from Japan hosted by Oahu District BWA
15	Sat	1:00PM	Oahu United BWA Meeting at Pearl City Hongwanji
16	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service with Dharma Fun
			Take down Bon Chochin Windcatchers in Hondo after the service
18	Tue	7:00PM	AHM Board of Directors Meeting
21	Fri	10:00AM	LADCC Service and Visitation
23	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
		10:30AM	AHM BWA Meeting
30	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service



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.

JULY 2026

1 st Thelma Kikue	Tarumoto	13 th Sachiko	Toyofuku
1 st Victoria Sachiko	Mitsuoka	17 th Flora Fuyuko	Kamei
1 st Hifuyo (Betsy) Yamaoka	Arai	17 th Hiroshi "Harold" Chinen	
1 st Maureen Mieko	Fitch	25 th Henry Kenji	Togami
3 rd Edward Toshio	Inamasu	25 th Shizuko	Kawamura
7 th Yukiko	Matsuoka	33 rd Hatsuji	Imamura

AUGUST 2026

1 st Ikuo	Nakata	13 th Evelyn	Nishimura
1 st Ernest Nobuo	Nakagawa	13 th Jenichi	Ginoza
3 rd Shinichi	Suzuki	17 th Yeiichi	Uyeunten
3 rd Kenneth Kaoru	Kamada	17 th Jean Yukiko	Sato
7 th Rosanne Aiko	Oda-Ching	17 th Vivian Matsue	Kage
7 th Paul	Mitsui	33 rd Manabu	Tanaka
13 th Jane	Tokuda	33 rd Fred Katsutaro	Shimomura

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Temple Calendar of Events for July 2026

1	Wed	9:30AM	Oahu District Ministers Association Meeting
3	Fri		Independence Day Holiday (Temple Office, Preschool & LADCC closed)
5	Sun	9:00AM	Sunday Service
		1:00PM	Oahu United Jr. YBA meeting
8	Wed	9AM-10:30AM	Preschool Services
12	Sun	9:00AM	Major Bon Service
		10:30AM	Hatsubon Service
17	Fri	10:00AM	LADCC Service and Visitation
19	Sun	8:00AM	Bon Dance Yagura Setup (No Sunday Service)
21	Tue	7:00PM	AHM Board of Directors Meeting
25	Sat	6:00PM	Bon Service prior to Bon Dance in Hondo
		5:30PM	Bon Dance Food Booths Open
		6:00PM	Bon Dance Parking Lots at Catholic Church and Methodist Church Open
		7:00PM-10:00PM	Bon Dance
		7:30PM-9:30PM	Temple (Hondo) Open House for Visitors at Bon Dance
26	Sun	8:00AM	Bon Dance Yagura Dismantling & Cleanup (No Sunday Service)
		9:00AM	BSC Summer Session Family Get-together at Jikoen Hongwanji with Rev. Prof. Aaron Proffitt
27-29		6:00PM	BSC Summer Session with Rev. Prof. Aaron Proffitt at BSC Topics are: Entering the Mahayana Multiverse, Shin Buddhism as Basic Buddhism and Buddhism is Simple, and Buddhist Studies is Complicated