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HAPPY
Thanksgiving!



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| 5 | 9:00am | Keirokai Recognition & Family Dharma Service |
| 12 | 9:00am | Joint Memorial & Family Dharma Service |
| 12 | 10:15am | BWA Meeting |
| 19 | 9:00am | Eitaikyo Family Dharma Service & Dharma School |
| 26 | 9:00am | Bodhi Day Family Dharma Service & Dharma School |

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| 3 | 9:00am | Family Dharma Service & Dharma School |
| 3 | TBA | Hawaii Buddhist Council (HBC) Bodhi Day Service |
| 6 | 6:00pm | BWA Dinner Meeting |
| 10 | 9:00am | Joint Memorial & Family Dharma Service & General Membership Meeting |
| 17 | 9:00am | Annual Temple Clean-up (No service/Dharma School) |
| 24 | 9:00am | Shoshinge and Wasan Service (No Dharma School) |
| 31 | 9:00am | New Year's Eve Service (No Dharma School) |



Minister's Message



Why Yes! I Am Rich!

Recently, my niece, my wife, and I was having a conversation and I had mentioned that I was rich. From then on, I didn't hear the end of it. "Uncle, since you said you rich, can you get me this?" "Since you said you rich, we can travel every year!" Boy, did I shoot myself in the foot!

While financially, we try to make ends meet, sure, by making sacrifices and saving, I am by no means rich. However, what makes me rich is the ability to spend time with my family. My wife's niece and nephew are quite older now, so we have been traveling, spending time with each other, and plainly speaking, sharing unrepeatable moments, making memories.

In the *Kyōgyōshinshō*, Shinran writes the following, "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 even fuller, my gratitude and indebtedness ever more compelling."

Shinran enjoyed life and was full of gratitude, while living his life in exile. He too, was not rich and I am sure had to depend on a lot of people, however, he was rich. Rich in being grounded in the Universal Vow.

That Universal Vow always embraces me, and allows me even more, to enjoy the life I have been given, being embraced by *Namo Amida Butsu* and my family and friends. That's what makes me rich.

When we were in Arizona, we attended the Morgan Wallen Concert. Hearing the crowd sing, as one, along with Morgan, gave me goosebumps. It's like when we sing or chant with one voice, the emergence of a voice that is bigger than us. That is the voice of *Namo Amida Butsu*. To me, that is the same voice that I heard at the concert. A night in which we could all forget our problems, our egos, our pride and ignorance, that is the voice of *Namo Amida Butsu*. I was really grateful to be a part of that. To see my family standing up, cheer and sing along made tears flow down my eyes. I was so grateful for the karmic conditions that was right for all of this to happen. That night, in fact the whole Arizona trip. Truly made me feel rich (Even though I am still paying for it! Hahaha!)

As we come to the Holiday Season, let us all reflect on the richness of our lives. It may not seem like we are rich, but when we start to realize that we are truly embraced by *Namo Amida Butsu*, then we are able to see how truly rich we are.

On behalf of my family and I, I would like to extend our heartfelt "Happy Thanksgiving", and hope you all have a great one, in the moment with those you love and Amida Buddha's Compassionate Embrace.

Namo Amida Butsu



Rev. David Fujimoto

President's Corner

Greetings all!

Fall is underway and we are busier than ever! Plan to be at our Annual Keirokai Program on Sunday November 5th to honor our Kupuna who turn 80 in 2023. They have devoted many years to supporting their families, their career, their community and their sangha and we want to show our appreciation as we get to celebrate their lives.



Coming up in December is our annual meeting where we review the year and start preparing for 2024. Don't be left out—Just Do It! Each year we look for more ways to share the joys of Nembutsu—at the suggestion of members we tried the plant swap and mahjong. With changing times, we can try new things but at the same time we discontinue activities that don't appeal to many. We're looking to start a Family Fun Night featuring crafts, games, food and fun. Each Fun Night may not be for everyone but everyone will find something fun over the year. If you want to plan one, see me or one of the board members.

Action speaks louder than words—We need to step up to Green Hongwanji with our actions. Come out to Going Green Day on Saturday November 25 and help out as well as bring your e-wastes.

The Legislative Assembly or Giseikai will be held on February 9-11 and Mililani Hongwanji leaders are encouraged to participate. Mililani and Ewa will be organizing Sangha Day on Sunday March 3 and are seeking committee chairs. See the Board members to volunteer or for more information. The Living Treasures Luncheon is a special event at the giseikai and tickets for the luncheon should be ordered by the end of December. Details on the Bulletin Board.

Also coming up in 2024 is the Hongwanji Triple Celebration on September 7 and 8—Hawaii Kyodan 135th, Shinran's 850th Memorial and the 800th Anniversary of the Founding of the Jodo Shinshu Teachings.



Enjoy your Thanksgiving and see you around!

In Gassho, June Asato



June Asato

Summary of October 11, 2023 Kyodan Board Meeting

- The Mililani Hongwanji Board of Directors met via ZOOM with a quorum. President June Asato presided. Minutes of previous meeting was approved with minor modifications.
- Treasurer's Report: (Cliff) Reviewed the September 30, 2023 financial reports. Highlighted important or large expenditures and receipts. Report reflected the \$10,000 Kyodan donation to the HHMH Maui Wildfire Fund and the transfer of \$5,805 from Mililani Hongwanji to the HHMH Social Concerns fund drive. Paid for plumbing toilet repairs/replacements. Also paid GET for Bon Dance fundraising event.
- Finance Committee: (Dennis O, Stan) Currently reviewing assessment of Mililani resident minister's shared cost with Ewa Hongwanji. Proposal to the Board forthcoming.
- Minister's Report: (Rev. Fujimoto) Attended Homeless Town Hall meeting hosted by Council member Augie Tulba, participated in UHM Coming Out Fair with the Commission on Buddhist Education, will be attending triple celebration rituals workshop, will be speaking at the Rose of Remembrance memorial on Oct. 27th, St. Francis Hospital.
- President's Report (June) Attended Bon Evaluation meeting, Cliff and Stan will co-chair 2024 Bon Dance again, participated in Bell Ringing for Peace Day, Ohana Day Fishpond activity, Maui Wildfire Memorial Service, MHS Quarterly meeting, special recognition program for Eric Nonaka, chief instructor for the main Aikido organization in Hawaii. Upcoming events, Oahu Lay and Oahu District Council Meeting, Dec. 11 via Zoom, members are encouraged to attend. Giseikai - Legislative Assembly Feb. 8-10, 2024. Veteran's Day Parade event, BSC Spring Fest, Dec 13th BOD meeting in person? (TBD).
- New/Unfinished Business:
- Vital Statistics for HHMH's Annual Report is due. June will gather data and coordinate submission.
- 50th Anniversary-2027, looking for volunteers willing to serve on this important milestone.
- Nomination Committee seeking volunteers to serve on the Board for 2024. Please support your temple. Board meets once a month via ZOOM which lasts about 1.5 hours
- Green Hongwanji Initiative- Coordinator David Thomson, will review the document for clarification and implementation for Mililani.
- Plant Swap @ Mililani Hongwanji (David Thomson) - Approximately 60-70 people attended to share their plants with others. This is the first of many events. Parking was an issue and will need to be addressed. May become a quarterly event.
- 2024 Calendar of Events: If you are planning an event or activity, please submit a proposal to the President or Board member. This is to avoid conflicting facilities use and to be in line with the temple's mission.
- VP Operations: (Kevin) Adult Daycare Center is doing well and continues to add resources to the temple's operation, they have a good working relationship with the Thursday gang, Judo, and Ki-Aikido groups. Gojikai Pledge letter and Social Concerns Fund Drive letter will be sent out simultaneous in mid-November.
- VP Facilities: (Steve K) Reported that men's toilets are in need of repairs, Business Office door, use the dead bolt lock only. (Dean) Installed additional security system for Educational Building similar to existing system. VP Programs: (Brandon) Calendar squared away for the remainder of the year, Planning in process for Sangha Day (Mililani Host). Resolved electrical issue with speakers not working as it is tied to the fan switch.
- BWA: (Diane) Gifted Rev. Fujimoto a token of appreciation for National Clergy Appreciation Day, Zippy's Fundraiser going well, 17 will be attending OUBWA Conference, will supplement refreshments for Keirokai Recognition. Annual Pot Luck Dinner Dec. 6th, will help at Mrs. Itsue Tamamoto's funeral.
- Dharma School: Participating in Keirokai Recognition and Oahu District Halloween activity.
- Jr. YBA: (Gay) Oahu Jr. YBA will donate \$200 to Mililani Hongwanji Kyodan for all the support they received throughout the year. Manju bake event at Mililani TBD.
- Next Board ZOOM meeting on November 8th, 7:00 pm



BWA News

As 2023 nears its end, there are still a number of BWA-related activities still happening. Our Zippy's fundraiser is still going on, so if you have any tickets to be redeemed, please remember that you must redeem them by Nov. 19.

Our twice-a-year Ehime Maru clean-up is right around the corner, on November 4, 2023, at 10:00 am. If you can participate, please let Janice Yasunaga or Debbie Hiyakumoto know if you can drive, and if not, please meet at the temple at 9:30 am. A well-deserved lunch will be enjoyed by all who attend. The Ehime Maru Luncheon was represented by two Mililani Hongwanji members on Oct. 28.



A special luncheon will be held on Nov. 5, 2023, to honor our Keirokai members. These members have volunteered their time and service over the decades to the Kyodan, so we will recognize them for their selfless giving. Please, everyone, make an effort to attend this special event, which is held annually at the temple.



Rene Mansho is requesting all organizations affiliated with the temple to march in the 77th Wahiawa Lion's Club Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday, November 11, 2012, at 10:00 am in Wahiawa. After the parade, there will be a Veteran's Festival, 'Wahiawa Kokua for Maui' to support the Maui Strong Fund, where all proceeds will be going to. Festival is at the Ka'ala Elementary School, where there will be food booths, a craft fair, and entertainment, all for a \$5 admission.

Members, if you'd like to take a ride on our new Skyline with June Asato, please get your HOLO card. When you have it secured, email June at juneasato2367@gmail.com. Information on HOLO card can be found at <https://www.holocard.net/> Let's all support our Skyline and ride away!



Finally, please mark your calendar for Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 6:00



pm, when we have our annual December Dinner Meeting. As before, it will be a potluck affair, but it is requested that we partner up with someone to bring a dish, as there's always a ton of food at the table.

See you all at our next meeting on November 12, at 10:15 am.



Jr. YBA Happenings

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! In this season of appreciation, please take some time every day to think about what (or who) you are grateful for. If you would like to share any of your gratitudes at our next Jr. YBA meeting, your advisors would love to hear what you are thankful for.



We are still promoting being good stewards of the environment by bringing our dishes for after temple refreshments and using our reusable flatware! As an on-going fundraiser, we are selling sterling steel utensil sets which includes a fork, spoon, knife and chopsticks in a case that comes in red, blue, or black. Each set is \$7. This is the same set that was given to the summer convention attendees with the hope that it will be used instead of plasticware. Please contact a Jr. YBA member if you would like to purchase one of these sets! Available while supplies last!



A few of us were able to participate in the Ohana Day activity at the Loko I'a Pā'aiau Fishpond at the end of September. We had a lot of fun learning about the history of the fishpond and hearing the stories that were shared. It was also fun to fish and work side-by-side with the kupuna and see the community working together.



We are still planning various activities for our United but we were able to have a successful Hawaii Buddhist Youth (HBV) Month fundraiser for our Oahu District temples. Thank you very much to all who placed orders and made donations. We really appreciate your support! We made over 1100 pieces of manju and don't forget we will be having the fundraiser for Mililani and Ewa Hongwanji members at a later date.

Just a reminder that you are welcome to join Jr. YBA even if you are not a member of the temple so bring your friends! Membership is open for students entering 6th grade through students up to 2 years after high school graduation. Please contact Jr. YBA member or Auntie Arynn Ishikawa (advisor) at arynn.m.ishikawa@gmail.com if you'd like more information. Our meetings are at 11:30 am on the first Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on Nov. 5 at Pearl City Hongwanji.



Follow us on Instagram! @jrybaofaohu and @hawaii-fedjryba



Dharma School

We have so much to be thankful for, especially in the month of November when we celebrate Thanksgiving with our family and friends! But we really should be grateful every day for our many blessings, like sharing the teachings together with our Dharma School 'ohana.

October was a busy month filled with lots of activities. We started on October 1st with a "DS 101" led by Rev. Fujimoto. He helped explain some of the basics of Buddhism in fun ways with the help of sibling assistants Julia and Robbie. Then on October 15th, some of our families and teachers participated in the Virtual State Dharma School Gathering, "Just as You Are." Our thanks to Ty Wakahiro (who is in college in California), for representing the Oahu district as one of the student emcees.



On Saturday, October 21st, many of our families participated in the Oahu district "Fall Festival" event.

Families got to pick their own pumpkins at the festival at Leilehua High School. They then went to Wahiawa Hongwanji to do fun Halloween crafts and games, followed by a yummy bento lunch. It was fun to meet and get together with other families from the Oahu district.

In celebration of this year's Keirokai recognition, for our October 22nd class, we got to "talk story" with long time temple member Twila Castellucci, who is one of the Keirosha honorees this year. Twila shared some interesting stories about growing up on the mainland. The students also got to play with Jacks and Pickup Sticks—popular games from the past.

We finished off the month of October by making Belly Breathing bottles (BBB) filled with colorful glitter. Sgt. Rainbow then taught the students how use belly breathing and the BBB to calm themselves when they are feeling angry or anxious.

Here's what we are planning for November:

- Sunday, November 5th, 10am: Knockerball Fun
- Sunday, November 19th, 10am: Golden Chain activity/craft
- Sunday, November 26th, 10am: RAINBOWS in Me: Values of Aloha



If you know a student (preschool to high school) who would like to join our classes, please contact Claire Doi at clairedoi@hawaiiantel.net to be added to our email list to get our meeting agendas. Or please feel to contact us if you have any questions or need more info about our Dharma School sessions.



Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up on November 18th!

By: Tyler Oshiro, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator

Mark your calendars and make your plans to join our Sangha members for this important community service project! This is last clean-up for 2023 on:

Saturday, November 18, 2023
8:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome! Youth ages 12-18 may also participate (a waiver form with parent signature must be completed).

Please arrive at the temple by 8:00 a.m. Please wear covered shoes. Trash bags, gloves, and safety vests will be provided. There will be brief safety review and areas to clean will be assigned. Our temple is assigned to clean the portion of Kamehameha Highway that runs through Mililani.

The clean-up usually runs for about an hour. Upon return to the temple, water, coffee, and breakfast sandwiches will be provided.

This program is a great opportunity to help beautify our community and spend a Saturday morning with members of our Sangha.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at tylerkoshiro@gmail.com.

November Memorials

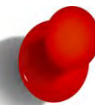
Those who have passed during the month.

Michie Aoki
Kenneth Enomoto
Matsumi Hamada
Yashiro Hayase
Richard Inouye
Aiko Iwamoto
Isao Kawamoto
Cynthia Kitsu
Kazukiyo Kuwata
Rodney Mansho
Miles Migita
Sayo Miwao
Bobby Miyamoto
June Mutoke
Grayce Nomura

Earl Onitsuka
Robyn Saiki
Chimo Sakutori
Roy Segami
Susie Suzuki
Kan Tagami
Umeyo Tanioka
Ronald Toma
Shinji Toma
Takijiro Ueki
Hitoshi Yoshida
Kanji Yoshino
Katsumi Yoshino
Santa Yoza
Jitsuo Yukinaga

Please call the minister at (808) 625-0925 and/or email dharmaconnection@gmail.com if there are corrections or additions to the published list. Families may call the minister to schedule special family memorial services for their loved ones. For 2023, special memorial years are observed for loved ones who passed away in:

2022 1st Year	2011 13th Year	1991 33rd year
2021 3rd Year	2007 17th Year	1974 50th year
2017 7th Year	1999 25th year	



**Mark your
Calendar**

Keirokai 2023
Sunday, November 5th

The Keirokai Recognition Program will be held on Sunday, November 5, 2023, where we celebrate, honor, and show our gratitude to our Keirosha honorees and past recipients! Light lunch to follow.

Notice of Annual Meeting of Mililani Hongwanji

Sunday, December 10th after Sunday Service

Agenda: Receive annual reports and election of Directors for 2024, New business items

The Nomination Committee Report

Chair: Kevin Asato

Committee Members: Clifford Togo, Dennis Oshita, Kathy Nakamoto, Arynn Ishikawa

Position	Name
Minister	Rev. David Fujimoto
Immediate Past President	June Asato
President	Fill from Director
VP of Operations	Fill from Director
VP of Facilities	Fill from Director
VP of Religious/Temple Activities	Fill from Director
Secretary	Fill from Director
Treasurer	Fill from Director
Auditor	Fill from Director
Auditor	Fill from Director
BWA Director	Lani Yamami
Advisor	Dean Sakamoto
Advisor	Melvin Hayase

Position		
Director 1	Stephen Koito	Elected thru 2024
Director 2	June Asato	Elected thru 2024
Director 3	Kevin Asato	Elected thru 2024
Director 4	Janice Yasunaga	Elected thru 2024
Director 5	Gay Tanaka	Elected thru 2024
Director 6	Brad Wakahiro	Elected thru 2024
Director 7	Clifford Togo	New 2-year Term
Director 8	Dennis Oshita	New 2-year Term
Director 9	Roger Babcock	New 2-year Term
Director 10	Rene Mansho	New 2-year Term
Director 11	Ann Ishikawa	New 2-year Term
Director 12		New 2-year Term

Bylaws require 10 or more Directors. The Directors elected will be electing the officers from among all elected Directors to serve as officers for 2024. Nominations will be taken from the floor for directors or advisors. Two elected advisors serve without vote.



MILILANI HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

GOING GREEN DAY #248

E-WASTE RECYCLING

NOVEMBER 25, 2023

9:00-11:00 AM - 95-257 Kaloapau St.

Acceptable Items

- Computers, printers, scanners – no limit
- TVs - no limit
- HI-5 beverage containers
- Batteries, AUTO & LEAD ACID ONLY
- 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"



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

For questions contact: **Rene Mansho @ 291-6151 / renemansho@hawaii.rr.com**

Mahalo for recycling from the MILILANI HONGWANJI OHANA!

Fun & Games Corner

Play this fun guessing game...how many of you visited the Silent Auction at our Bon Dance this year? See if you can answer all 3 questions correctly:

- How many items were up for bid this year?**
A) 238 B) 338 C) 438 D) 538
- Which item received the most bids?**
A) Kokeshi doll B) Sake/sushi cup set
C) Mini Hinamatsuri set D) A, B, & C
- Cats vs. Dogs: We had 3 dog items. How many items did we have with Cat in the item name?**
A) 3 B) 5 C) 7 D) 9



(Go to the bottom of page 8 for the answers)

THE GOLDEN CHAIN OF LOVE

Its History and Significance

by Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Rev. Tatsuo Muneto and Dexter Mar

Written in a plain and simple style, the Golden Chain of Love has attracted numerous children to the ethical teaching of Buddhism. It explicitly encouraged the children in Hawaii and the mainland USA to nurture kindness and love for all beings, animate and inanimate. Touched by the Buddha's loving-kindness, the Dharma school students have become aware of their inner strength to protect the lives of other people and animals.

Such is the power of the Golden Chain of Love. This short saying will continue to inspire children and adults to pursue the goodness of human life, through the teachings of the "interdependence" of all things and "responsibility" for helping one another.

In order for the Shin Buddhist clergy and lay leaders to guide the congregation to speak the words of the Golden Chain of Love, clearly and with personal appreciation for its content, it is necessary to understand its background, the author's intent in writing it, and the change in wording that was made by the Honpa Hongwanji Sunday School Commission in 1970.

Today, we live in an era of abuse, acts of violence and discrimination, and confusion on a national and international scale. Standards for moral behavior are being sought. Jodo Shinshu may be able to suggest principles of moral endeavor that are based on a natural and spontaneous human effort based upon the unconditional love and compassion of Amida Buddha.



Dorothy Hunt

Dorothy Hunt's Contributions and Institutional Problem

It is generally agreed that Dorothy Hunt

wrote the Golden Chain of Love to promote the Eight-fold Path, the basic Buddhist teaching taught to children. Her husband, Rev. Ernest Shinkaku Hunt had a strong conviction that following the Eight-fold Path would lead to the peace of Nirvana.



Rev. Ernest Hunt

Other religious traditions had commandments as a guide to a moral human life. Dorothy Hunt came up with the clear idea of writing a short saying as such a guide. She turned to the Eight-fold Path and wrote the Golden Chain of Love as its summation.

Ever since its inception in the 1927, the Golden Chain of Love guided Buddhist children to know that they are inter-related as precious links of Lord Buddha, and to seek and therefore purify their karma in thoughts, words and actions.

This simple but profound reading became one of the recitations to be used in the Hongwanji's Sunday School services from the 1930's to 1970. Adult members of the English Sunday Service began reading the Golden Chain of Love in the mid-1970s. There have been several modifications in wording, but they were minor. The basic intent was to make one's thoughts, words and deeds pure and beautiful for the sake of achieving the perfect peace of nirvana remained the same. The original version of Golden Chain of Love that Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii used till 1970 reads:

I am link in Lord Buddha's golden chain of love that stretches around the world.

I must keep my link bright and strong.

I will try to be kind and gentle to every living thing, and protect all who are weaker than myself.

I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words, and to do pure and beautiful deeds, knowing that on what I do now depends not only my happiness and unhappiness but also those of others.

May every link in Lord Buddha's golden chain of love become bright and strong, and may we all attain perfect peace.



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Adult Day Center at Mililani Hongwanji

Aloha! We would like to let everyone know that we are accepting applications for Adult Day Center enrollment. Do you know anyone caring for a loved one that needs respite or help caring for their loved one throughout the day? We are welcoming new clients in our **air conditioned** facility.

For any interested new applicants, we are offering tuition assistance. Please contact our ADC Director Trece Scott for more information at (808) 561-2147. We are OPEN 5 Days a week Monday thru Fridays from 8am-5pm, and early drop off can be arranged beginning at 7am.

Memorial Services

Mililani Hongwanji conducts memorial services in honor of those who have passed away. The Shotsuki Memorial Service is a general memorial service which are held monthly to remember members and friends who passed away during the month in which the memorial service is held. These services are held primarily for those individuals that do not fall in the yearly service interval cycle.

Nenki Hoyo Memorial Services are memorial services which are held separate from the monthly memorial services in yearly intervals. These separate private services can be held before, on or after the memorial dates. It is a personal opportunity to gather as a family to encounter and listen to the Buddha Dharma and remember your family members and friends who have passed on and through these services, we are able to reflect on all that we have received from them in our daily lives. It also gives families the opportunity to reconnect with members they otherwise would not see during the course of the year.

Monthly Joint Memorial Service

Mililani Hongwanji's monthly joint memorial service is on the **SECOND Sunday** of each month. Mililani Hongwanji will continue to publish the names of the members and friends that will be honored in the monthly memorial services.

For families attending the joint memorial service, please sign in on the memorial service tablet on the counter, which will be made available every Sunday leading up the service.

For those who wish to add or remove family members or friends from the published list, please let Rev. Fujimoto know as soon as possible to ensure proper action.

Minister's Private Visitation

Are you unable to come to the temple? Please call Rev. David Fujimoto at 808.625.0925 to request a private visit. The minister would love to reach out to you and be the bridge between you, the temple and the sangha!



Mahalo for your DANA

(September 14, 2023 to October 5, 2023)

50th Anniversary Celebration

June Asato

Lawrence & Joyce Nishioka

via Give Aloha

via Give Aloha

Funeral

Harley & Martha Ishii

Sandra Okubo

IMO Yoshio Fuke

For Arnold Okubo

General Donation

Honbushin International Center

Lotus Connection Group

Mililani Hongwanji Bon Dancercise Class

Stephen Chinen

Arynn Ishikawa

John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa

Stephen & Susan Koito

Stephen & Susan Koito

Wilbert & Marilyn Kubota

Charijean Watanabe

Dirk Yoshizawa

Tomeo Yoshizawa

via Give Aloha

via Give Aloha

via Give Aloha

Dharma School

Jr. YBA

Various goods and services

Flood Lights



Higan Fall Service

Christine Sato & Richard Lightner

Janet Abe

June Asato

Claire Doi

Richard & Joyce Fujimoto

Myra Fujino

Warren & Nora Hahn

Melvin Hayase

Sharon Kaneko

Misae Matsuzaki

Masami & Joyce Nishimoto

Lawrence & Joyce Nishioka

Lester & Joyce Ogawa

Patrick & Susan Oshiro

Dennis & Michele Oshita

Aileen Sato

Charles & June Shimata

Nancy Tanaka

Hiroyoshi & Satoko Terao

Gordon & Lyn Watanabe

Steven & Lani Yamami

Diane Yoza

via Give Aloha



Joint Memorial Service

Trudy Akamine

Melvin Hayase

John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa

John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa

IMO Masao Hayase

IMO Jack M Hayase

IMO Haruyuki Tamamoto

IMO Sharon Kai

Memorial Service

June Asato

Lawrence & Joyce Nishioka

IMO Raymond Asato

IMO Arnold Okubo

Donation

Roy Manzoku

Various kitchen/household items

*If you haven't submitted
your pledge letter or paid
your Gojikai Dues for 2023,
please do so.
In Gassho*

Photo Gallery



Joint youth activity hosted by the Hawaii Betsuin Dharma School prior to the September 24th Maui Wildfire Memorial Service with speakers Rev. Ai Hironaka & Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani.



Mililani Hongwanji Ki-Aikido recently celebrated with a dinner party to honor Sensei Eric Nonaka for his promotion to Chief Instructor for Shinshin Toitsu Ki-Aikido for the State of Hawaii and his 65 years of training. Sensei Eric has been with the Mililani Hongwanji dojo for over 40 years.





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NEWSLETTER

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Calendar

Nov 23 (Thu) 9:00 am Before service clean-up
26 (Sun) 11:00 am Eitaikyo Service

Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani is planning to attend Ewa's monthly service on November 26th. Let's all come out to welcome the 17th Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.



Caran and Myra with Bishop and Mrs. Umitani at his Welcome Luncheon

President's Message

Aloha. This past month has seen the outbreak of another war when the Hamas group attacked Israel. Is this another religion war? By the time this is read, Israel might be fighting back with lots of death and destruction in its path. Is doomsday approaching? I hope I'm not around to see it. I have a daughter to worry about her future? What will become of the future for the generations to come? Patience, negotiating, and compromising is becoming very scarce in the world and at home. The City still needs to complete the rail. And the State needs to finish the Stadium. I'm trying to be patient but I only have an X amount of time on this earth. The future will continue to strive for peace and harmony, I HOPE!!!

Have a good everyday, everybody.

In Gassho

Craig T. Tsutsumi

Cane Tassels, Work Whistles, and Labor Day Carnivals

We still have a few books available for purchase ~ we are at the temple on Thursday mornings, 9:00am-12:00pm ~ give us a call if you'd like to drop by or if you want us to deliver.

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