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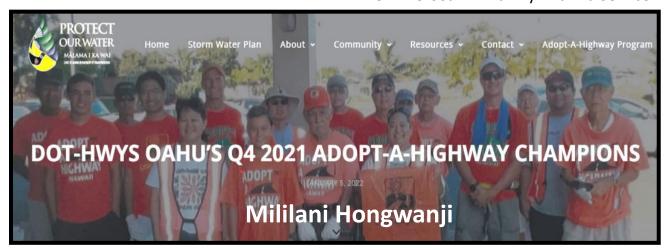
Welcome back! We are reverting to our traditional Sunday Services. With the end of the mask mandate for indoor activities, our Sunday Services will include singing, chanting, and socializing in temple facilities. This has been a long time coming and many have not been to temple in awhile. Of course you can continue wearing masks and social distance if you choose. Other temple activities are starting up again however, you should contact your program coordinators for specific details.

Namo Amida Butsu

June 2022

July 2022

5	9:00am	Family Dharma Service	3	9:00am	Joint Memorial & Family Dharma
12	9:00am	Joint Memorial & Family Dharma			Service
12	J.000111	Service	10	9:00am	Family Dharma Service
12	10:00am	BWA Monthly Meeting	10	10:00am	BWA Monthly Meeting
19	9:00am	Family Dharma Service	17	9:00am	Family Dharma Service
26	9:00am	Family Dharma Service	24	9:00am	Family Dharma Service
			31	9:00am	Family Dharma Service



READ MORE: DOT-HWYS Oahu's Q4 2021 Adopt-A-Highway Champions - Storm Water Hawaii



Minister's Message



Trust In Amida's Promise

"Have you ever noticed the attitude of the Issei people when they worshiped in gasshō? They express sincere, wholehearted trust in Amida Buddha's promise. They may not be aware of themselves, but in their honesty and acceptance of Amida Buddha really stands up beautifully in their form of gasshō. It seems to be the most beautiful figure of mankind."

-Rev. Ryosho Kondo 1953-1986

I was called upon one day to come and visit with a client in a skilled facility. The staff didn't know what kind of a Buddhist this person was; however, I was called in to offer some pastoral and spiritual care. When I got there, the client was in her bed watching television. I identified myself and she was more than happy to receive me.

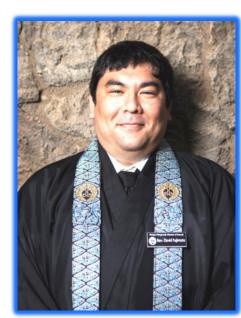
After spending some time with her, and getting to know her better, I asked her what I could do for her. She didn't want me to chant, as she had mentioned that it really didn't have any meaning for her, so we just continued to talk. She brought up about her past, her present feelings on her life and some concerns she had. I shared with her my thoughts and addressed her concerns and she put her hands together and said, "Oh thank you! I feel so happy now!"

Rev. Kondo's view, as stated above, made sense to me, as I provided care for this lady. We may not be truly aware of ourselves, however the embrace of Amida Buddha always seems to find its place in our hearts. That acceptance of Amida Buddha was so beautiful and her hands came together in gasshō. Though wrinkled, frail, and she struggled, it was her way of appreciation and gratitude not to me, but to Amida Buddha, for this proclamation of "no worry, I will always accept you in to the Pure Land."

In our everyday lives, though we may take for granted so many things, at the end of the day, we need to reflect and identify just all the karmic conditions that played out and how fortunate we are able to benefit from it.

The Issei generation faced so mush struggle in a new land, and yet at the end of the day, put their hands together, recited the Nembutsu in appreciation for that assurance of our salvation and for the karmic conditions that played out in their lives.

Rev. Kondo reminds us that the Nembutsu comes from the heart. As he says, "recite the Nembutsu naturally, just as water flows from a higher to lower place." When you really think about it, that natural flow, flows naturally, and we just allow it to happen, and in its own way, never forced, never coerce. As we come to the Obon season, let us recite the Nembutsu and remember all those who are in our lives and those who have gone before us.



Rev. David Fujimoto

President's Corner

Aloha Mililani Hongwanji members and friends!

I hope you are well and staying safe. At the Board of Directors meeting on May 11th, I was officially elected as the temple president for 2022. I have been serving as the acting president for 2022 and I had not expected to be in this role when my term ended in December 2021. I was thinking that as time goes by, I would be called the "pandemic" president as my time serving in 2020 and 2021 has been predominantly when the temple went through many adjustments in reaction to the often uncertainties of COVID-19. After further reflection and considerations of where we are now at (almost mid-year), I felt that it was important for the temple to have an official president and not someone serving in an acting capacity for the rest of this year and that continuity is important during this challenging time.

I am fortunate that I can lean on our dedicated members for assistance. Every member is a valued member and if you are able to volunteer some time to help the temple, your assistance is appreciated. I am planning to address the Sangha on a Sunday in June to discuss where we are now and what to expect over the next several years leading up to our 50th anniversary. Normally the president would address the Sangha at the beginning of the year, but we were not having in-person services and I thought that it was best to wait till we gather again at the temple.

We are fortunate that we now have Sunday services in-person and our Dharma

School, BWA, and other groups have been meeting in-person after we fully opened. Our 45th anniversary will be celebrated throughout the month of November and this celebration has been delayed (originally planned for March) due to COVID-19. As Buddhist, we know that the future is unpredictable, but we remain optimistic and energized that we will be able to gather as a Sangha and celebrate as we reflect upon the past. Things have changed and will continue to change, and I ask for your patience and understanding as we do our best to serve the Sangha and the community.

Mahalo and with gratitude.



Dean Sakamoto



Summary of May 11, 2022 Kyodan Board Meeting



- The Mililani Hongwanji Board of Directors met via ZOOM with a quorum. Immediate Past President Dean Sakamoto conducted the meeting.
- Treasurer's Report presented for the month ending April 30, 2022. Facility users continue to provide a good source of revenue along with gojikai pledges, and donations. Replacement cost of the parsonage's washer and dryer from CIP funds were reflected.
- As part of the 45th Anniversary (November 2022), the temple is planning to replace the wooden sign with something more sturdy and modern.
- The 50th Anniversary (2027) celebration will be kicking off soon with letters going out to members.
- The Board elected Dean Sakamoto as the President effective immediately. He will vacate his position as Immediate Past President. Let's give him our support for the rest of his term.
- An assistant treasurer was discussed to alleviate some of the workload currently being done by the Treasurer and Finance Committee chair. Anyone willing to volunteer a few hours a week to help out in this area should see Dean or Cliff. No experience required and training will be provided for those who like to work behind the scenes.
- Bon Dance A general planning meeting was held on May 4, with about 30 people in attendance. Volunteers provided updates to their function/tasks. The ongoing Yagura issue is currently being addressed with 2 options being reviewed. The string lights are
 - also being discussed and might be replaced with several flood lights instead. Workload and safety are the driving factors for these changes. Affiliated organizations are currently planning their part in the festivities. See Bon Dance Flyer insert for more information.
- Several Mililani Hongwanji organizations will participate in MTA's Sr. Health & Hobby Fair on May 18, 9:00-1:00, Rec Center 3.
- HHMH 2022 Living Treasures will be televised on TV. Honorees are Kenny Endo, Keali'l Reichel, and Patrick Kirsh.

Hawaii State Federation of Honpa Hongwanji Lay Associations 59th Convention

To Register go to: https:// sites.google.com/view/oahu-lay/home It will be a Virtual convention on September 16-17, 2022. Open to all temple members!

Convention theme:

Reconnecting With The Sangha
Hosted by Oahu Lay Association



With the pandemic now in the rearview mirror, the BWA was able to enjoy an in-person luncheon in early May at the new Mango Street Grill in Wahiawa. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie as only an in-person gathering allows. Along with a delicious lunch, there were favors and gifts from Joyce Nishioka and Gayle Nakamura, an origami koi activity to commemorate



Boys' Day, music by the Jammers, and a guest speaker who talked about air and water



technology. All in all, a wonderful time was had by all. Thanks go to the Program Chairs, Joyce Ogawa and Janice Yasunaga and Committee, and MC Rene Mansho for a very successful Spring Luncheon.

We also want to acknowledge Debbie Hiyakumoto and Janice Yasunaga for coordinating the cleaning of the Ehime Maru

Memorial monument, and especially to Warren Hahn, who did the heavy lifting. A well-deserved lunch at Rinka followed the cleaning. The next cleaning date is slated for November 5. Members with a gmail account can now access the BWA minutes on google

drive, thanks to Doreen Sakamoto. If you need a tutorial, please let Doreen know, and she will walk you through it via ZOOM.

It's not too late to sign up to attend the Memorial Service/World BWA Convention/Tours, next year in May. The 850th celebration is



on May 10-12, the BWA Convention follows, and tours are after that. If you are even vaguely interested, please let Rev. Fujimoto know. There are various tours planned for Hokkaido, Okinawa, Chubu, and Chugoku.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting on June 12 at 10:00 am.

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Dharma School

Thank you everyone who supported our Dharma School Year 2021-2022! Another successful school year is in the books. We started off last fall continuing our virtual classes and transitioned to an in-person and hybrid schedule in February when the temple resumed in-person Sunday services. It was really great to be back in-person again. Some lessons and especially arts & craft projects are so much easier to do in-person. But the best part was reconnecting with everyone outside of a Zoom screen!

We did not hold a regular class on May 1st so that our families could attend the virtual Statewide Dharma School Gathering. Thank you to Maya N. for being one of the student emcees representing the Oahu district. Great job Maya!

For our May 15th class, the students practiced the Sanbujo with Rev. Fujimoto in preparation for the Gotan-e service on May 22nd. Rev. Fujimoto also explained the meaning behind the Sanbujo. The students enjoyed scattering their flower petals along side Reverend.

After the Sanbujo practice, Ms. Gay led the students on creating haikus and drawings with the theme "Building Healthy Sanghas--Connecting With Others." The





students' creations will be submitted to the Hilo Betsuin for their open call for submissions. We hope to see their work (like Mari's artwork pictured here) in a booklet sometime in the future.

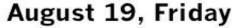
May 22nd brought the last day of Dharma School for this school year. The students were recognized at the end of the service with certificates, goodie bags, and a booklet containing the Famous Buddhist project that was done in April. And to celebrate, there were games with prizes for all and an ice cream sundae bar setup for everyone to enjoy.

And like regular school, the Dharma School is taking a summer break. We'll resume classes with our annual Rally Day in late August. Enjoy the summer break!

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

Mililani Hongwanji





Food Trucks, Country 5:30 p.m.

> Store, Craft Fair & **Silent Auction Opens**

6:30 p.m. Lantern Parade

6:55 p.m. Opening Ceremony

7:00 p.m.

to **Bon Dance**

10:00 p.m.

Country Store

August 14th, Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Obon Service



August 20, Saturday

5:30 p.m. Food Trucks, Country Store, Craft Fair & Silent Auction Opens **Opening Ceremony**

6:55 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

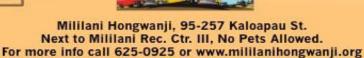
to

10:00 p.m.

Bon Dance



Bon Dance Practice: Aug 4, 11, 15, 16, 17 (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.) Subject to Change



Bon Dance

Silent Auction donations welcomed - let's be creative! We have an exciting group of members ready to help sell your goods and services. Maybe you have time to build a stool? Or perhaps finish sewing a blanket you started? Take a look at your plants and decide if you can give up a planter and that plant to donate to us?



Might you teach a class and donate tuition to our cause? Guessing maybe a ceramic vase in your home doesn't quote fit in. We're seeking gently used and new products and experiences to bid out at our Bon Dance. We have secured two tickets to the Jersey Boys: (Saturday, 2 p.m.

matinee), Long's Drugs gift cerifiticates, a shower door, small appliances, rare books, koa wood products and antiques to turn into donations. Our first round of donations deadline is July 10th, with a second round welcomed on August 18th. Receipts will be available. Questions? Please call Chari Watanabe 223-6077 or email: charijean@aol.com.

Mahalo.



Bon Country Store Coming Soon!

Our well-known and very popular Bon Country Store will be happening on August 19 and 20!! After two years without our regular Country Store, Claire Doi and Diane Yoza are eager to chair this event again and hope that there are many who can contribute to the multitude of goodies we receive to sell every year! Please be thinking about what you can make. If you have questions about if your item will be accepted, just email Diane at di-

ane.yoza@gmail.com. Drop off times will be announced later. There will be a sign-up sheet on the temple bulletin board beginning the end of June. So let's get excited and hope that our 2022 Bon Dance will be a success!!



JŌDO SHINSHŪ AND THE MAKING OF AMERICAN BUDDHISM

Shin Buddhism, Modern Buddhism

OAHU DISTRICT SATELLITE SESSION

In this presentation, Dr. Mitchell will discuss the history of Jodo Shinshü missionaries to the mainland US and their interactions with Western scholarship on Buddhism. He will discuss the ways in which these missionaries self-consciously promoted Buddhism outside the immigrant group, and how the contributions of Shin Buddhism have been neglected in scholarship on Buddhist modernism.

About Dr. Scott Mitchell

Scott Mitchell is a scholar of Buddhism in the West, Pure Land Buddhism, and Buddhist modernism and is currently the Dean of the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, California, where he has taught classes on American Buddhism and Buddhism and popular culture for the past fifteen years. He is the author or co-editor of a number of books including Buddhism in America: Global Religion Local Contexts (2016): Buddhism Beyond Borders, co-edited with Natalie Quli (2015); and the forthcoming Oxford Handbook on American Buddhism, co-edited with Ann Gleig. His next book, Mid-Century Modern Buddhism, focuses on the Berkeley Bussel and the origins of American Buddhism in the Japanese American Jödo Shinshū community, It will be published by Oxford University Press in 2023.



TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022 7:00 PM PEARL CITY HONGWANJI

Name:		 	
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Donations are welcome and can be made to the Oahu Hongwanji Council. Please make check payable to Oahu Hongwanji Council. Please mail with your registration to: Pearl City Hongwanji, 858 2nd St, Pearl City, HI 96782

Please note: If this in-person event is changed to hybrid or virtual only due to health concerns, all registrants will be advised accordingly. Questions? Please contact Pearl City Hongwanji at (808) 455-1680,

A big "Mahalo" to all who attended

our 2nd quarter Adopt-A-Highway clean-up on Saturday, May 21, 2022. As always, this project would not be possible without the dedicated members of the Sangha!



Upon returning from their assigned areas along Kam Hwy., the group gathered outside for McDonald's breakfast snacks, coffee, water, and fellowship. Many hands make light work! Please mark your calendars for our 3rd quarter clean-up day on Saturday, August 27th, 8am. If you haven't participated in the cleanup in a while, please consider coming back! If you have not participated before, please feel free to join

us! After a brief safety meeting, you will be assigned an area to clean, then we wrap up with refreshments. It's a great way to spend one morning a quarter with your fellow Sangha members and help keep our Mililani community clean. We hope to see you there on August 27th!

June Memorials

Those who have passed during the month of June.

Robert Asato Chiyoko Chinen Masue Goto Miyuki Guerrera Tadayoshi Hamasaki Nobuko Harada Matsukata Hayashi Akira Hayashida Shugeno Hironaka Matsue Honda Yone Honda Isaburo Iida Peggy Imamura Toshio Ishihara Miyuki Iwamoto Susumi Iwamoto Toshio Iwamoto Katsuji Kushimi

Gary Matsumoto Matao Matsumura Rvoichi Nakamura Shizue Nakamura Tsutsumu Nakauchi Elsie Nunotani Walter Nunotani Satoru Ota Kikue Sakado Kim Say Ume Tashima Fae Togo Tsune Ueki Kimi Watanabe Miyuki Watanabe Asayo Yamashita **Beatrice Young** James Young Noboru Yoza

Please call the minister at (808) 625-0925 and/or email dharma.connection@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 2022, special memorial years are observed for loved ones who passed away in:

 2021 1st Year
 2006 17th Year
 1990 33rd year

 2020 3rd Year
 1991 23rd Year
 1973 50th year

 2016 7th Year
 1998 25th year
 1923 100th year

 2010 13th Year



MILILANIHONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE GRATITUDE COIN

REMINDS US TO BE GRATEFUL



We are offering Wailuku Hongwanji Mission's Gratitude Coin to help share the Dharma and for a donation of \$10.00. Proceeds will be shared with Kupuna organizations in need.

These challenging times taught us a lot about the value of caring, helping, respect, and appreciation for others.

- Buy a coin to carry around or keep in a special place, as a reminder to be grateful for what we all have
- Give a coin to relatives, friends, and folks you meet to share our Buddhist Way, and being mindful
- It is a simple reminder of gratitude and not an Omamori or good luck charm

Please purchase Gratitude Coins by clicking on this link: https://bit.ly/3GPrUHe

Mahalo for your support!

Ms. Rene Mansho - renemansho@hawaii.rr.com

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Monthly Joint Memorial Service Change

Mililani Hongwanji's monthly joint memorial service is on the SECOND Sunday of each month. There will be a small change in the format of the monthly joint memorial service. 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.

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 White for more information at (808) 561-2147. We are OPEN 5 Days a week Monday thru Fridays from 8am-5pm; most Saturdays upon availability with shortened hours. 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.

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!



Photo Gallery



BWA's Ehime Maru Cleanup April 23. Warren Hahn provid-

ed manpower to BWA members Sharon Kaneko, Ethel Kawahara, Joyce Nishioka, Debbie Hiyakumoto and Janice Yasunaga. The group had a nice lunch afterwards at Rinka Japanese Restaurant.









MTA's

Senior Health and Hobby Fair



Mahalo for your DANA

(April 19, 2022 to May 9, 2022)

Buddha Day Service (Hanamatsuri)

Claire Doi

Charles & June Shimata

BWA Eshinni & Kakushinni Day

Theodine Hirai

Lester & Joyce Ogawa

Funeral

Vicki Ama

General Donation

Mililani Support Group

John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa

Gary & Rene Sanehira

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Gary & Rene Sanehira Glenn S. & Minnie Yoshimori

Gotan-E Service

Margaret Tanabe

Joint Memorial Service

Trudy Akamine

Twila Castellucci

Judith Hamada

Melvin Hayase

Mamoru & Ethel Kawahara

Bert & Rene Saito

Carol Saito

Richard & Gail Taira

Margaret Tanabe

Memorial Service

Anonymous

Anonymous

Claire Doi

Myra Fujino

Warren & Nora Hahn

Melvin Hayase

Earlyn Isa

Sharon Kaneko

Mamoru & Ethel Kawahara

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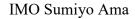
Lawrence & Joyce Nishioka

Lester & Joyce Ogawa

Gary & Rene Sanehira

Nancy Tanaka

Gordon & Lyn Watanabe



In Honor Of John Ishikawa's 75th Birthday

Choir

Dharma School

BWA



IMO Toku Hayase

IMO Mother Marie Meyer

IMO Richard N. Hamada

IMO Toku Hayase

IMO Itsuyo Kaneshiro

IMO Chester Saito

IMO Chester Saito

IMO Zenyei Taira

IMO Yoshio & Bessie Tsuyama

IMO Isao & Jane Shizue Hamamoto

1 yr memorial service IMO Jean Sanehira

IMO Fujie Sato

1 yr memorial service IMO Jean Sanehira

In Gratitude. Namo Amida Butsu Namo Amida Butsu Namo Amida Butsu









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June 2022

Calendar

June 18 (Fri) 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Obon Fundraiser

> 9:00 am Before service clean-up 23 (Thu)

11:00 am **Obon Service** 26 (Sun)

President's Message

We have been busy preparing for our Obon Fundraiser on June 18th. If you would like to help, please contact us (see below). We appreciate your kokua.

Have a good everyday, everybody.

In Gassho,

Craig T. Tsutsumi

Obon Fundraiser

Ewa Hongwanji Mission 91-1133 Renton Road, Ewa Town

Obon Fundraiser Saturday, June 18, 2022

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Volunteers Needed!

We will need help plating noodles, putting orders together, and taking orders out to the cars. Please let us know if you'll be able to lend us a hand.

email: EwaHM1901@gmail.com

phone: 808-681-5222 (leave a message)

In Memoriam

Ewa Hongwanji Mission expresses sincere sympathy to the family of the late Mr. Bertram Yasui who passed away on April 19, 2022. Bert was an active member of the Ewa Hongwanji Kyodan and was on the Board of Directors. His presence will be missed.

Mahalo for your Donations

Hanamatsuri Service

Mrs. Jean K. Abe Mr./Mrs. Toshio Kishi Mr. Glenn Nagamine Ms. Myra Nohara

Ms. Rae Wakimura

Mrs. Ruth Wakimura Mr. Arnold Yoshioka

General

Mr. Michael Sawamoto Fujie Fukeda Family

Ofuse

Ms. Caran Iwata ~ In memory of Mr. Stan Lagapa, 3rd year memorial