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- 3 9:00am Keirokai Recognition & Family Dharma Service & Dharma School, light lunch to follow
- 10 9:00am Joint Memorial & Family Dharma Service
- 10 10:15am BWA Monthly Meeting
- 17 9:00am Eitaikyo Family Dharma Service & Dharma School
- 24 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School

December 2024

- 1 9:00am Bodhi Day Family Dharma Service and Dharma School
- 6 6:00pm BWA Membership Dinner Meeting
- 8 9:00am Joint Memorial & Family Dharma Service & General Membership Meeting
- 15 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School
- 22 9:00am Annual Temple Clean Up—No Service
- 29 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School

Temple activities should be posted as soon as possible on the "MASTER CALENDAR" located on the bulletin board for inclusion in the Dharma Connection calendar and for general temple planning.

Minister's Message

The Path of the Samurai & The Path of Nembutsu

On October 18, our Mililani Hongwanji Jūdō Club had their promotion celebration, and Sensei Chad Yasumura announced that he turned over the Jūdō Club to Sensei Kevin Funasaki as the new head instructor. Our temple president Ms. Rene Mansho, former president Ms. June Asato, and I participated in the celebration. We gave leis made by Ms. Claire Matsumoto to all of the students and instructors. Then, on behalf of the Mililani Hongwanji, Ms. Mansho offered a congratulatory message to the students receiving promotions and expressed our gratitude to Sensei Chad for his guidance of our Jūdō Club over the years.

During the celebration, I was impressed with the new head instructor, Sensei Kevin. He tried to teach each student how to bow. Japanese martial arts begin and end with bowing. Through bowing, they can show their respect towards their sensei and team mates as well as their opponents. Students can learn not only techniques but also the spirit of martial arts.

Recently I have been really enjoying watching Major League Baseball games because of Shohei Ohtani of the Los Angeles Dodgers. I look forward to the World Series games of the Los Angeles Dodgers versus the New York Yankees. I was surprised to hear that Shohei Ohtani set a goal to win the World Series when he was a high school student in Japan 12 years ago. Amazingly, he is about to make it happen.

Besides baseball, I love karate very much. I have practiced karate since I was in high school. When I lived outside of Japan, I realized that samurai culture still attracts a large number of western people, including people here in Hawaii. Many westerners know about Japanese martial arts. Karatedō, jūdō, aikidō, and kendō are the way of the samurai, which are forms of Zen Buddhism rather than sports. The kanji “dō” means the path of the samurai, which is called Bushidō in Japanese.

A samurai had to always be prepared to die. If a samurai met some opponents, he would kill or be killed by the sword. For this reason, samurai needed to be mentally prepared through Zen Buddhism. One of the reasons why Zen and Bushidō are connected is that samurai could achieve mental concentration with Zen practices. Also, samurai could obtain proper breathing techniques in the practice of Zen meditation: Zazen. Contemplation and meditation are important to mastering the way of the samurai. Zen masters and samurai alike use *mushin* in meditation so that all thoughts and emotions are forgotten, allowing for complete relaxation and peace to arise. Most people walk, read, write, ride a bicycle, and drive a car without conscious thought. Though they may not realize it, this is a state of *mushin*: no-mind.

Then, what is the path of the Nembutsu? What is the difference between the path of the Nembutsu and Zen Buddhism? Compared to Zen Buddhism, the Nembutsu path is open to everyone and everyone can walk together. Therefore, it is called “daidō,” meaning “great path.” We are all in Amida’s embrace and walking on the great path of the Nembutsu under Amida’s guidance. Amida Buddha is always by our side, transforming into the calling voice of “Namo Amida Butsu,” and working untiringly to save us all. Everyone is included.

As you know, the gateway to the Olympic games is extremely narrow. The gateway to the Major League Baseball World Series is also very narrow. It is not open to ordinary people like me. If the gateway to the Nembutsu were like the gateway to the Olympic games or the Major League Baseball World Series, the path of the Nembutsu would only be for elite people. Amida Buddha gave us the Nembutsu, which is easy for us to follow in our daily life. We are equally liberated by Amida Buddha through the call of Amida in the Nembutsu. Of course, we admire Shohei Ohtani, athletes who participate in the Olympic games, and monks who walk the path of sages requiring self-power practices. But I feel gratitude for the Primal Vow, in which Amida resolves to save me. Other Power, Amida’s liberation, is for everyone. So, let us continue to walk together on the Nembutsu path, which is the great path of Amida’s Vow. The Nembutsu teaching is the consummation of Mahayana Buddhism.

I would like to close my message with a poem (*wassan*) by Shinran Shōnin.

“Having turned from the little road
Of a myriad practices and good acts
And entered the great path of the Primal Vow, which is true reality,
We will quickly attain the enlightenment of nirvana.”

Mililani Hongwanji Jūdō Club Promotion Celebration, Oct. 18
Thank you, Sensei Chad, for everything you had done for the
Mililani Hongwanji Jūdō Club!

Sensei Chad Yasumura (back row, wearing many leis) and his wife, Mrs. Joy Yasumura with their granddaughter.
Sensei Kevin Funasaki is in the second row at the far right.



Rehe's Review



President
Rene Mansho

“Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments!”

Aloha Friends! Our Future Looks Bright as Ever!

Mahalo to Foodland and their GIVE ALOHA PROGRAM! Every September we make special visits to shop at Foodland and make donations which they will match a portion of our total donations, and we are thankful for their generosity which supports our temple operations. Results: \$2,987.09 Total Public Donations, \$870.19 Foodland Matching = **\$3,857.28 Total Donations.**

I'm really looking forward to our **Annual Keirokai Program**, where we honor and thank our esteemed elders, Mililani Hongwanji members. I hope you will attend the **November 3rd Sunday Service** and meet 6 humble, compassionate, and kind people, **1) a Charter Member** who helped start Mililani Hongwanji, **2) a former female Minister** whose dharma messages helped tremendously increase our membership and happy Sangha members, **3) an inspirational woman, gatha composer, organist, card making group**, and leads our Care Day supporting senior citizens, **4) a “Rock” foundation, temple leader, everywhere, and everything Sangha member**, **5) and 6) a husband and wife team who lead in their own areas of expertise and interests** helping and leading, serving with joy, diverse, talented! We will meet them after the Dharma School Students have enjoyed interviewing them. Join us for a light lunch with them!

While change is everywhere, for Mililani Hongwanji, change has brought much sunshine and a critical look at planning for our future, and **we appreciate your participation to keep our Sangha Strong** and be creative and innovative. Of course, our Rev. Joshin Kamuro has definitely increased our Sunday Services attendance with his caring and kind ways. Together, we can do it!

1. Your Kyodan Board of Directors are supporting financial and physical improvements as we plan for our 50th Anniversary Celebration in March 2027.
2. Our Buddhist Women's Association continue to be the foundation to assist all programs and projects where needed.
3. Our Thursday Gang works really hard to maintain our facilities and premises. Please join them!
4. We are thankful to Evan and Trece Scott who provide an exciting Adult Day Care Program, where our seniors are having fun and thriving!
5. We love having Lance Miyahira leading the Kumon Math and Reading Tutoring Program Classes four days a week!
6. We will continue to support our youth programs like the Mililani Hongwanji Judo Club, Mililani Hongwanji Aikido Club, Girls Scouts Troop 150 and Scouting America Troop 164.
7. You are welcome to join in the fun and intrigue and fellowship with our variety of interest groups and activities like Crafters-knitting, crochet, Parkinsons Support, Ikebana, Meditation, Ukulele Jammers, Choir, Mahjong, and who knows what the next buzz is. We are blessed.

We recently made history! After decades of having separate districts of lay associations operating, our past United Lay Federation is re-organizing and we formed a new HAWAII STATE LAY ASSOCIATION, where we are now one statewide organization whose mission is “temples helping temples!” Our leaders and emerging leaders are stepping up to focus on operations, maintenance and helping our temples to survive and thrive! So awesome! Please look forward to joining our Annual State Lay Convention to feature our Hongwanji Heroes keeping us relevant and opening our doors to welcome our communities and sharing our joy! Namo Amida Butsu,

Please continue to send me your requests and questions: renemansho@hawaii.rr.com Ph: 808-291-6151

Summary of October 9, 2024

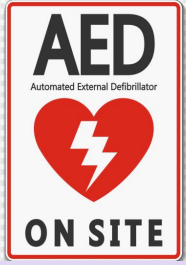
Mililani Hongwanji Board Meeting

- The Mililani Hongwanji Board of Directors met via ZOOM with a quorum. President Rene Mansho presided.
- Treasurer's Report: (Cliff T) The September 30, 2024 Financial Report was presented. HHMH Kyodan 3rd Qtr Assessment paid. Slight increase in utilities due to Bon Dance activities, Building Committee higher with repairs/maintenance contracts to facilities, & replenishing supplies. Paid partial reimbursement of Triple Celebration registration fees for paid attendees. Will be sending out HHMH Social Concerns Fund Drive and 2025 Mililani Hongwanji Gojikai (membership) Pledge letters simultaneously in November. Pre-addressed stamped envelopes will be provided for convenience.
- Minister's Report: (Rev. Kamuro) Written report received showing various meetings, services, and other activities for current and future months. Received tentative approval from Bishop Umitani to hold Mililani Hongwanji's 50th Anniversary activities from March 12-14, 2027. An Affirmative Rites Ceremony (Keishiki) is tentatively planned for March 14, 2027. Oahu District Ministers have been invited and asked to support in this celebration. Rev. Kamuro is the 2025 Oahu District Ministers Association Vice President and Minister Advisor for the Jr. YBA, Oahu District.
- President's Report: (Rene M) "Ring Your Bell for Peace" via ZOOM on Sept. 20 was live at Mililani Hongwanji. Over 1,700 people participated worldwide. Mr. Hideaki Yagi will donate Bonsai Plants to temple members as he plan to relocate from his residence. Mahalo to Cliff Togo and Stan Sasaki who co-chaired the 2024 Bon Dance. Funds raised were comparable to last year. Cliff & Warren Hahn will co-chair the 2025 Bon Dance. Rene and Rev. Kamuro attended the Quarterly Mililani High School Lunch Meeting. Rene thanked the group for their support of the temple's Bon Dance and introduced new resident minister Rev. Kamuro. BWA Report: (Lani Y-excused) AED/CPR class was attended by over 20 BWA and Kyodan members, instructor was excellent with hands-on practice on "RALPH". All set for upcoming OUHHBWA Conference hosted by MH on the 26th of this month. Ehime Maru project on Nov 2. Holiday Dinner scheduled for Dec. 6.
- VP Operations: (Kevin A-excused) Approved Boy Scouts to temporarily use the temple building on Mondays, 7:00pm to hold their meetings. An agreement will be drafted by Dean. Hurricane insurance provided by agent being reviewed for continued coverage as premiums are very costly.
- VP Facilities: (Steve K) Honey bee colony removed immediately from front yard, temple door latches repaired, waxing of Ed Bldg will need to be done when time permits, reserve parking signs made for ADC. Modifying the Yagura roof replacing the pop up tent. Mahalo to those who provide monthly lunch for the Thursday Gang, much appreciated.
- VP Religious & Temple Activities: (Ann I-excused) Distributed updated DS calendar. Amy Nakamura shared a touching dharma talk and showed a Kauai Bon Dance video. Keirokai activity will be on November 3. Approximately 6 members will be honored. Diane Y coordinating a light lunch. Provided names of possible guest speakers to Rev. Kamuro. Dharma School has 24 students, 5 teachers, 2 parent volunteers. Honolulu-Oahu District Nembutsu Seminar—Kagirinaki Ai to Jihi, Infinite Love and Compassion on Oct. 25., Dharma Centered Living 101 on Nov. 10. Dharma Store, good stock of onenjus for sale.
- Jr. YBA: (Gay T) 1,645 manjus sold during fundraiser. Waipahu Hongwanji's kitchen facility was awesome. Cooking time was reduced greatly. Haunted Plantation and Toys for Tots activities planned. Membership has grown quite a bit this year.
- Other Reports or Topics:
 - Nominations Committee: 2025 Slate of Board of Directors to be included in November's DC and posted on Bulletin Board.
 - Master Calendar: Activities and events should be posted on the master calendar on the bulletin board. An online calendar is being utilized but not accessible to everyone. 2025 calendar is available and should be populated as soon as possible.
 - Need to clarify what is considered a Gojikai family member. Adult children (non-dependent) generally should be a separate Gojikai member.
 - 50th Anniversary: Chart with tentatively planned activities was distributed. Dates and times will still need to be confirmed. Chairs for the various activities will be needed.
 - Plant Exchange event was well attended.
 - Going Green E-Waste Recycling at MH on Nov. 30, 9-11am
 - Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 7:00pm via ZOOM.



BWA News

BWA welcomes our two newest members, Susan Kakuda and Rain Hashimoto. Let's give them a big round of applause!



The AED Training Session, held on September 22, 2024, was a resounding success! Twenty BWA and Kyodan members attended and learned how to use the AED (automated external defibrillator), how to perform chest compressions, and the difference between a heart attack and cardiac arrest. Attendees experienced hands-on application of the AED and performed chest compressions. Mahalo to the AED Institute for giving an informative session.



On October 11, 2024, a group of BWA members, including Rev. Kamuro and family, descended upon the clients of Mililani Hale Adult Day Center with sing-along, watercolor painting, and flower arranging. Songs like Good Morning to You was sung in different languages and led by the BWA ukulele players. Then the clients each completed a small floral arrangement and watercolor painting. What a joy it was to see the clients energized and focused on selection of flowers/greens, paint colors, and creative design.

November 2, 2024 is the Ehime Maru cleaning. Meet at the Kakaako memorial site at 10:00am. If you need a ride, contact Janice Yasunaga or Debbie Hiyakumoto.

November 3, 2024 is Keirokai recognition of our seniors. Honorees are Carrie Kawamoto, Lani and Steven Yamami, Glenn Yoshimori, Jan Youth, and Gordon Watanabe. Join us that day to honor and recognize them with a special ceremony and program. Light lunch to follow.

Our December meeting is on December 6, 2024 (Friday, 6:00pm). Join us for the business meeting, holiday festivities, and a potluck dinner. 2025 membership dues will be collected at this meeting. Program details and signup sheets will be available at the November 10 BWA meeting, or you can contact Aileen Sato.

March 12, 13, and 14, 2027. Save these dates to celebrate Mililani Hongwanji's 50th Anniversary. Planning is already in progress and every one's help is needed to plan the events and logistics. Contact June Asato to participate in the planning. There is a job for everyone and every talent.





Dharma School

Our Dharma School is growing! This School Year 2024-25 we have six Infant to 3-year-olds; five, K-1st graders; eight, 4th - 8th graders; and five, high schoolers for a total of 24 students. Claire Doi, Jill Kyhos, Stephen Chinen, Gay Tanaka and Ann Ishikawa are our leaders with Parent Volunteers, Mari Wakahiro and Crystal King joining the Team. Mel Hayase leads the Adult Class. The First Day of Dharma School found our students and adult volunteers engaged in Name Bingo, Water Balloon Toss and "Throw Your Balloon to Get Anybody Wet" activities. Needless to say, towels and a change of clothes came in very handy!

The last two Sundays in September, we welcomed Kamuro Sensei to share two lessons. In the Hondo we learned proper temple etiquette and received



origami prizes for demonstrating the correct way to gassho with a regular (not wrist) onenju and to offer incense. We learned the meaning of the two dragons, the left with "open" mouth and the right with "closed" mouth on the large, main incense burning. Do you know the meaning? Ask any Dharma School Student. For his second lesson, Kamuro Sensei shared the story of Sadako and showed photos of the



Hiroshima Children's Memorial with the YBICSE students. We worked hard learning to fold origami cranes with Sensei. It was fun!

In October, Kamuro Sensei surprised us with a visit to our "Golden Chain of Love" lesson, linking arms with us as a Link in our Dharma School Chain of Love. Please see the Dharma School Bulletin Board with our Chain of Love Links and our winning Poster Contest entries.



On October 19th, 24 people from 7 Dharma School families enjoyed the Leilehua Fall Fest. Each family received a FREE pumpkin and all chowed down the ono chili lunch, courtesy of the Oahu District Buddhist Education Committee. After lunch we were treated to Storytelling.

But best of all, was our own Sgt. Rainbow showing up as a MAGICIAN!!



On Oct. 20th, two Keirokai honorees, Carrie Kawamoto and Gordon Watanabe shared their beautiful photos and wonderful stories with our students. They were excited and very interested as they got to know these treasured Sangha members. Mahalo Carrie and Gordon!

For the last Sunday, we are looking forward to listening to Mrs. June Asato's presentation on the 50th Anniversary, to motivate

our students to think of creative ways to participate in this big event. They are encouraged to enter the Logo contest.

Coming up in November: Keirokai HANAFUDA Intergenerational Activity; Trinidad Hunt's presentation of the Golden Chain of Love; making "I AM A LINK" wrist onenju; and Gratitude Present for Aunty Susan.

Jr. YBA Happenings

We've been a little busy!



We'd like to say a huge **THANK YOU!** to all of you who ordered manju for our HBY Month Fundraiser. We had over 350 orders from our temples across the district! As mentioned previously, we will be donating a portion of our proceeds to the Oahu SPCA. We hope that you enjoyed the manju we baked because we enjoyed making it for you!



We wanted to share some comments that we got from people who ordered manju. "Your Manju is way better than the ones we've purchased commercially."

"It is better than store bought kine."

"I buy it for all my family because it's so good."

"They are all the same size" – We do try to make them as uniform as we can!

We truly appreciate your kind words, all your support and generous donations!

We were able to attend the Mililani High School Fall Pops to see Yuma perform in his first concert with the MHS orchestra. He and Taylor Rogers both play in the String Ensemble. The songs they performed were beautiful and we were treated to a very nice concert!



A couple of us participated in the Pride Parade in Waikiki before heading to the Hawaii Plantation Village for Haunted Plantation! The parade brought out so many groups and representatives who all walked together to promote inclusion and diversity. Then, once it got dark, for many of us, it was our first time going to the Haunted Plantation and it was a very spooky experience! We had fun amongst the screams and jumps and hiding behind each other. Definitely a nembutsu moment for us that night!



For the next couple of months, we are excited to collect donations for Toys for Tots! This is a new event for us so please see the attached flyer for the details. We will have a collection box at select district temples: Aiea, Pearl City, Mililani, and Waipahu. If you have anything you wish to donate, please contact us to help make arrangements. The donation boxes will be at the temples until December 15 at which time we will be taking them all to Aiea to be picked up by the Marines.

Happy Clergy Month to our Reverends! Thank you for all that you do to support our youth! The United gave an appreciation card to Reverend Soga and paid for his admission to the Haunted plantation. Mililani Juniors also gave a token of appreciation to Reverend Kamuro at service.

Upcoming Important Dates:

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 3, at Aiea Hongwanji at 12:30pm.

Save the Date:

Sunday, January 19 – Monday, January 20: Winter Federation Meeting (Oahu is hosting)

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 jrybafofoahu@gmail.com if you have questions or for more information.



Follow us on Instagram! @jrybafofoahu and @hawaiiifedjryba

Nominating Committee Report

Mililani Hongwanji - 2025 Slate

Oct 21, 2024

Position	Name
Minister *	Reverend Joshin Kamuro
Immediate Past President *	June Asato
BWA Representative	Lani Yamami
1. President *	Fill from Director
2. VP (Operations) *	Fill from Director
3. VP (Facilities) *	Fill from Director
4. VP (Religious & Temple Act) *	Fill from Director
5. Secretary *	Fill from Director
6. Assistant Secretary	Fill from Director
7. Treasurer *	Fill from Director
8. Assistant Treasurer	Fill from Director
9. Auditor	Fill from Director
10. Auditor	Fill from Director
Advisor (non-voting member)	Dean Sakamoto
Advisor (non-voting member)	Melvin Hayase

Executive Board member *
Quorum = 8 Board members

Position	Name	Remarks
Director 1	Clifford Togo	Elected in 2023 (2 nd year)
Director 2	Rene Mansho	Elected in 2023 (2 nd year)
Director 3	Roger Babcock	Elected in 2023 (2 nd year)
Director 4	Dennis Oshita	Elected in 2023 (2 nd year)
Director 5	David Thomson	New 1-year term
Director 6	Vacant	New 1-year term
Director 7	Stephen Koito	New 2-year term
Director 8	Kevin Asato	New 2-year term
Director 9	Brad Wakahiro	New 2-year term
Director 10	Janice Yasunaga	New 2-year term
Director 11	Gay Tanaka	New 2-year term
Director 12	Diane Yoza	New 2-year term

Nominating Committee (5 members)

Chair: Dean Sakamoto

Committee members: Sharon Freitas, Claire Doi, Clifford Togo, Aryn Ishikawa



MILILANI HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE GOING GREEN DAY #280 E-WASTE RECYCLING NOVEMBER 30, 2024

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



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



SOARES TRUCK RENTAL

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!



JR YBA PRESENTS

TOYS FOR TOTS

DONATE TOYS FOR THOSE IN NEED

PUT A PRESENT UNDER A FAMILY'S TREE FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON!

TOYS:

- NEED TO BE UNUSED, SEALED IN ORIGINAL PACKAGING
- NOT TOO EXTRAVAGANT
- ITEMS FOR TODDLERS TO TEENAGERS

WHEN:

- TEMPLES WILL BE COLLECTING TOYS FROM NOW UNTIL DECEMBER 15

QUESTIONS? VISIT:
<https://www.toysfortots.org>





"Building Healthy
Sanghas-
Sharing Nembutsu
Moments!"

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Dharma-Centered Living 101

NOVEMBER 9, 2024

with

Dr. Trinidad Hunt

Can't go to Maui? Come to Mililani!

*****PLEASE REGISTER FIRST**

<https://forms.gle/A8Wcgg4Xcj2bmSeQ6>

***** THEN RSVP TO JOIN US!**

DATE: Sunday, November 9, 2024

TIME: 10:30 AM to 1:45 PM

Lunch: 11:30 am-12:15 pm

PLACE: Mililani Hongwanji Ed Bldg

ON ZOOM -95-257 Kaloapau St.

RSVP: 808-291-6151

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In Gassho,

Joshin Kamuro
Reverend Joshin Kamuro
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Rene Mansho
Rene Mansho, President
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Reflect & Respect

Do pure &
beautiful deeds
Listening

Self-Reflection

Say pure & beautiful
words
Compassion



Dharma-Centered Living 101

Learn how to:

- Nurture spiritual development through character building,
- Cultivate compassionate and resilient human beings, and
- Communicate your values through the mindful use of technology.



Join us for an engaging and hands-on workshop with
D. Trinidad Hunt
International trainer, author, public speaker & contributor to 3 "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books, granddaughter of Rev. Dorothy Hunt, author of "The Golden Chain of Love"

A Workshop Series designed to empower parents, grandparents, & educators with tools & strategies to share life lessons and skills based on Shin Buddhist values.

Session 3 - Saturday, November 9 -- 10:30 am-1:45 pm
(lunch 11:30 am - 12:15 pm)

In-Person on Maui at Wailuku Hongwanji (1828 E. Vineyard, Wailuku)
OR Via ZOOM across the state: one site per district

Session will include: Reflect & Respect for the Lower Grades & Self-Reflection for the Upper Grades

Bring Your Cell Phones!



PLEASE REGISTER BY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
REGISTRATION LINK:
<https://forms.gle/A8Wcgg4Xcj2bmSeQ6>

Please contact Debbie Kubota
dekub88@gmail.com if any questions arise.



Sponsored by the Commission on Buddhist Education

6th Virtual Dharma School Gathering SHARING JOY TOGETHER: THE GOLDEN CHAIN OF LOVE Sunday, November 17, 2024 via Zoom

8:45 am Dharma Educators Session
10:00 am Intergenerational Service
10:40 am Breakout Room Activities
11:30 Group Sharing Session
12:00 End

All are welcome to this intergenerational event!!!

Any questions?
Contact Debbie Kubota
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Guest Speaker:
D. Trinidad Hunt
Granddaughter of
Rev. Dorothy Hunt,
author of the
Golden Chain of Love



RSVP Deadline: Saturday, November 9
Link to register (or use camera to scan code):
<https://forms.gle/2CKeiiGafIN3pbWY9>
Zoom link will be emailed by Friday, 11/15

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

We are having a
50th
Anniversary
LOGO Contest!

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED

SEPTEMBER 1 – NOVEMBER 30, 2024

We'd love to see your designs that showcase Mililani Hongwanji's culture, spirit and community.

Logo Guidelines:

Must include reference to the 50th Anniversary

We love color but it will need to be reproducible in black & white or minimal color

Logo will be used to promote the 50th Anniversary and on merchandise pertaining to the anniversary

For more information: Contact Arynn Ishikawa

Donation of Fruits for our Eitaikyo Service Requested

The offering of fruits (and cooked rice *obuppan*) to Amida Buddha represents our appreciation to be able to receive life made by the food we receive.

We need 3 different types of fruits, 2 pieces of each such as 2 Apples, 2 Pears, 2 Oranges, or 2 other Fresh Seasonal Fruits to the Buddha when we have Major Services except O-bon service.

Major Services: Jan. (Hoonko: Shinran Memorial), Mar. (O-Higan: Spring Equinox), May (Gotan-e: Shinran Birthday), Sept. (O-Higan: Autumn Equinox), Nov. (Eitaikyo: Sangha Memorial). Aug. (O-Bon: Memorial) will be the offering of somen.

The offering of fruits is done by the minister the day before the Major Services.

Please contact the minister regarding your donation of fruits by calling Mililani Hongwanji at (808) 625-0925.

Mahalo for your offering dāna.

In gassho,
Joshin Kamuro



November Memorials

Those who have passed during the month.

<i>Michie Aoki</i>	<i>Earl Onitsuka</i>
<i>Kenneth Enomoto</i>	<i>Robyn Saiki</i>
<i>Matsumi Hamada</i>	<i>Chimo Sakutori</i>
<i>Yashiro Hayase</i>	<i>Roy Segami</i>
<i>Richard Inouye</i>	<i>Susie Suzuki</i>
<i>Aiko Iwamoto</i>	<i>Kan Tagami</i>
<i>Isao Kawamoto</i>	<i>Umeyo Tanioka</i>
<i>Cynthia Kitsu</i>	<i>Ronald Toma</i>
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<i>Bobby Miyamoto</i>	<i>Katsumi Yoshino</i>
<i>June Mutoke</i>	<i>Santa Yoza</i>
<i>Grayce Nomura</i>	<i>Jitsuo Yukinaga</i>

Please call (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 2024, special memorial years are observed for loved ones who passed away in:

2023 1st Year	2012 13th Year	1992 33rd year
2022 3rd Year	2008 17th Year	1975 50th year
2018 7th Year	2000 25th year	

Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up on November 16th!

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! Our fourth quarter clean-up is coming up on:

*Saturday, November 16, 2024
8:00 a.m.*

Anyone 12 years of age and older are welcome to participate! Please arrive at the temple by 8:00 a.m. Please wear covered shoes. Trash bags, gloves, and safety vests will be provided. The clean-up usually runs for about an hour. Upon return to the temple, water, coffee, and a light breakfast will be provided.

This clean-up 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.



2024 Keirokai Recognition Service



SAVE THE DATE, SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2024
immediately after Sunday service to honor our Keirokai recipients and past recipients.

Light lunch to follow and Hanafuda!

Namo Amida Butsu

Mahalo for your DANA

(September 11, 2024 to October 5, 2024)

Dharma School

Stephen & Susan Koito

Funeral

Myra Fujino

General Donation

Honbushin International Center

Stephen Choy

Warren & Nora Hahn

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Inurnment & Funeral for Misae Matsuzaki

Mililani Hongwanji Dancers

House Dedication

via Give Aloha

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

via Give Aloha



IMO Raymond Asato

IMO Richard Fukunaga

IMO Lawrence Nishioka

IMO Susan Oshiro, Harry/Itsuko Honda

IMO Haruyuki & Itsue Tamamoto

IMO Sharon Kai

IMO Kotaro & Tadayoshi Sako

IMO Norman Okino

IMO Arnold Okubo (1 yr)

IMO Ernest Tanaka

IMO Ronald Masahiko Sato

IMO Charles Hamasaki

IMO Haruyuki & Itsue Tamamoto

IMO Ernest Tanaka

IMO Genchu Tonaki

2024

Gojikai (Membership) Dues

Thank you for your continued membership and monetary support. Just a reminder that if you have not paid your pledged amount in full, please do so before the end of the year.
In Gassho.



Photo Gallery





FYI.....



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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 email dharmaconnection@gmail.com as soon as possible to ensure proper action.

Minister's Private Visitation

Are you unable to come to the temple? Please call 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!





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NEWSLETTER

November 2024

Calendar

Nov 21 (Wed) 9:00 am Before service clean-up

24 (Sun) 11:00 am Eitaikyo Service

Wednesdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm -

weekly Hosha and Rev. Fujimoto's office hours. (Phone # 808-348-9458)

President's Message

Aloha. I hope everybody got their ballots, and voted for our future? You might think it doesn't matter, but to me, it does. Everybody, including me, can be a "Monday Morning Quarterback". But can I, the community, the State, the Nation, have a common goal? This is very difficult. It has to be constantly looked at and hopefully changed for the better? Compromise and the word of Hope can keep our nation strong. Vote. And be a part of our country's voice. Have a good everyday, everybody.

In Gassho,
Craig T. Tsutsumi

Rev. David's Thoughts

The Holiday Season is once again upon us. With that, we will start to reflect upon the end of the year. In that spirit of things, "What are YOU thankful for?" Even further, "WHY are you thankful for that?" I am sitting here at a table fronting the newly opened Kaka'ako Kō'ula Dean and Deluca enjoying their breakfast. The karmic conditions for even me to be sitting here is something to be thankful for and something that I really didn't think of, until I sat down and carefully examined each component of my breakfast. "Where did it come from?" "Thank you to all the hands that went into making my meal." As we come to the start of the Holiday Season, let us be mindful of WHAT we are thankful for and WHY we are thankful for it.

Mahalo for your Donations

Higan-e Service

Dale Anzai

Brian Date & Karen Schmoll

Caran Iwata

Mya Nohara

Ruth & Rae Wakimura

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Peace Day 2024

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