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WE ARE FULLY OPEN

Welcome back! We are continuing 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.

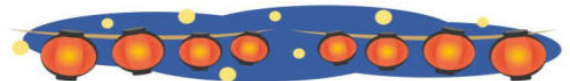
Namo Amida Butsu

July 2022

- 3 9:00am Joint Memorial & Family Dharma Service
- 10 9:00am Family Dharma Service (Speaker Brandon Hee)
- 10 10:00am BWA Monthly Meeting
- 17 9:00am Family Dharma Service
- 24 9:00am Family Dharma Service
- 31 9:00am Family Dharma Service

August 2022

- 7 9:00am Family Dharma Service
- 14 9:00am Joint Memorial & Bon Service
- 14 10:00am BWA Monthly Meeting
- 19 **6:30pm Lantern Parade (Fri only)**
- 19&20 **5:30pm Doors Open: Food Trucks, Country Store, Andagi, Shave Ice, Silent Auction**
- 19&20 **7:00-10:pm Dancing**
- 21 8:00am NO SERVICE, HELP CLEAN UP
- 28 9:00am Family Dharma Service and Dharma School Rally Day





Minister's Message



Giving Form to the Formless

Incense, light, and flowers are the fundamental elements to place before the Buddha. They are not there to be pretty. They are there to create a sense of solemnity.

The three solemn elements (flowers, candles, incense) all have meaning. The Primal Vow of Amida Buddha has no concrete form/ Solemnity is the visible or formed expression of the formless Vow. The Name of Amida Buddha is a solemn verbal expression of the Primal Vow.

-Kojun Suehira

A New Temple of Mililani: Record of Days Devoted for Foundation

Many items up on the altar is full of meaning and often times are open to translation and theological outlook and interpretation. We as humans are visual creatures. But how do we visually represent Infinite Wisdom and Incomprehensible Compassion and encapsulate it into something we can understand or at least try to understand?

Each of the three items are a constant reminder for all of us and appeals to all of our senses. The beauty of flowers reminds us of transient nature of all things, the candle represents the Infinite Wisdom of the Buddha that illuminates the darkness of our ego centered self, and the incense represents the extinction of all things impure in our thoughts and the impermanence of everything.

The three items stand majestic in front of Amida Buddha and every time we come in front of the altar, whether in the temple or at home, these items bring life, brings form to the formless. We express our gratitude in front of the altar, and it also helps to nurture our relationship to Amida. Whenever we light the candle, offer incense and flowers, our sense are triggered, thereby giving form to *Namo Amida Butsu*.

Daily life occurs in the presence of Amida and Infinite Wisdom and Incomprehensible Compassion. Our happiest and saddest of days should be experienced in front of Amida. When we go though ordination, one of the first things we do is have a service at *Honzan*, our Mother Temple in *Kyoto* and also at *Ōtani Hombyo*, the mausoleum of our founder Shinran *Shōnin*, to offer our appreciation to Amida Buddha and Shinran. That ritual in its steeped tradition, is also giving form to the formless (appreciation and gratitude).

Psychologically and unconsciously, when we do these activities in front of the Buddha, we form a spiritual place or sanctuary where we have the opportunity to reflect on ourselves and the lives we live. In that, we have the opportunity to create a condition to develop our relationship with Amida and give form to the formlessness of *Namo Amida Butsu*.



Rev. David Fujimoto

President's Corner

Aloha Mililani Hongwanji members and friends!

I hope you are well and staying safe. Some of you have heard that my wife (Doreen) and I are moving to California at the end of June. Depending on when you read this newsletter, we may already be off island. No worries, I will continue to serve the rest of my term as temple president and continue as a Mililani Hongwanji member. With technology, I'm able to conduct our monthly Board meetings online and participate in other virtual events. If there is something that you'd like to discuss with me about the temple, best to reach me via email (dharma.connection@gmail.com). We are looking forward to spending time with our family and visiting friends, some whom we haven't seen in quite some time. Also, we hope to make new friends as we visit BCA temples and attend services and events as well as reconnect with BCA members we've met throughout the years.

As we prepare for our bon dance, we need to strip and wax the floors of the temple and the Education building. Due to COVID-19, we delayed waxing the floors and it is long overdue. We will need many hands for this important work and assistance that you can provide is appreciated. We all use the temple facilities, and therefore, we have a responsibility to keep it clean. Thank you.

Mahalo and with gratitude.



Dean Sakamoto



ALOHA & MAHALO Dean & Doreen Sakamoto



May 27, 2022

***Joint statement by Bishop Eric Matsumoto and
Rev. Blayne Higa, Chair of the Committee on Social Concerns***

Gun Violence

We mourn the innocent lives lost in yet another mass shooting in our country. Our hearts go out to the families and communities that have been torn apart by these senseless acts of violence. Gun violence is an uncontrolled plague on our society and the cause of so much suffering. The recent shocking events in Texas, New York, and California remind us how much damage can be caused when these weapons are so easily obtained by those who would use them to harm others.

Gun violence is an unresolved public health crisis in our country. The proliferation of guns on our streets and our culture of violence needs to be addressed. We can and must do better to make our homes and public spaces including schools, churches, and stores where large numbers of people regularly gather safer. We call upon our national leaders to have an honest and respectful debate on reasonable policies to curb gun violence. We need to enact sensible regulations to save lives and make our communities safer. Such measures include a ban on assault weapons, universal background checks on all gun purchases, removing loopholes that allow gun sellers and buyers to bypass checks, prohibiting high capacity magazines, preventing gun trafficking, and improving access to quality mental health care.

In addition to immediately pursuing sensible gun regulations as a key element of addressing gun violence in this country, we also need to cultivate the conditions for transforming anger and hatred which are the cause of these violent acts including the usage of the language of violence. Changing our hearts and minds is essential to transforming our society.

The Buddha taught how conflict can be resolved through wisdom and compassion. Let us be guided by this teaching to mend our brokenness and heal our wounds on the journey to mutual peace, harmony, and respect for all. May the light of all-inclusive wisdom and all-embracing compassion guide all our thoughts, words, and actions.

In Gassho,

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, a Shin Buddhist Denomination of Pure Land Buddhism

Rev. Blayne Higa, Chair

HMMH Committee on Social Concerns

A statement on gun violence issued in 2018 and reissued in 2019 is available at <http://honpahi.link/gv2018>

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Summary of June 8, 2022 Kyodan Board Meeting



- The Mililani Hongwanji Board of Directors met via ZOOM with a quorum. President Dean Sakamoto conducted the meeting.
- Treasurer's Report presented for the month ending May 31, 2022. The Online bill payment process is working very well and makes the payment process much faster. Facilities rental income provides a substantial portion of the income for the temple. Payroll continue to be the major operating expense.
- Updated BOD contact information distributed due to recent changes.
- Temple and Ed Bldg floors will be stripped and waxed soon as it has not been done for the past couple years due to the pandemic.
- Unauthorized use of the temple dumpster has been observed. Signage will be posted to deter unauthorized users. The dumpster is for temple use only and not for public/park use.
- Mililani Hongwanji is participating in a Hawaii Energy project that will replace certain interior lights to energy efficient LEDs. The lights will be replaced free of charge.
- Kumon is requesting to use the temple building for another weekday in the afternoons. If there is no conflict, the request may be granted with increased fees.
- The Bon Dance planning is moving smoothly. The Yagura will be up on June 10th with modifications. Additional modifications will be done this month. The intent is to make the yagura set up safer and less labor intensive in the future. The parking lot lights will be modified as well utilizing LED flood lights to illuminate the Yagura. The Country Store will be located in the temple building along with the Silent Auction. With the martial art mats and ADC furniture, only the Craft Fair will fit in the Ed Building. Attendees should bring their own folding chairs as seating will be limited. There will be no after dance refreshments. The Lantern Parade will begin at 6:30 in the District Park on Friday only. Dancing will commence at 7:00 pm and end at 10:00pm. MTA has agreed to allow parking in their lot for the Bon Dance. The grass field will be occupied by Food Truck vendors on both nights. Volunteers will be needed on 8/18 and 8/19 to set up and decorate. BWA's Country Store and Silent Auction group are requesting for donations. (See notice in this issue.)
- 45th Anniversary in the planning for the month of November. A replacement sign is being planned for the occasion.
- 59th State Lay Convention will be ZOOM on 9/16-17/2022. Registration online.
- 50th Anniversary Fund Drive Kickoff with June and Mel co-chairs.
- Planning for Nembutsu Seminar in September. Speaker being sought.
- Announcement: Dean Sakamoto will address the congregation on June 19th after service. (See partial presentation slides in this issue) Dean and Doreen will be relocating to California in June and Dean will continue his position as President.

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**



BWA News



Welcome to summer! It'll be a great one, as we can all look forward to the in-person O-Bon festivities on August 19 and 20. Let's all plan to come out on those days and dance our hearts out, and to remember our ancestors, who made it possible for us to be here on earth. We honor their memory while enjoying the dancing. The BWA will again operate the Country Store and sell baked goods, other foods, and craft items. There will be something for everyone. If you haven't yet signed up to work, or to bring an item for sale at the Country Store, please contact Diane Yoza or Claire Doi.

The Bylaws Committee is proposing to its members that the Mililani BWA bylaws be amended to read: "Membership shall be extended to all PERSONS who are interested in Buddhism, particularly Jodo Shinshu Sect." If ratified, all "PERSONS" are expected to support the objectives of the organization. Any man, woman, or transgender individual can become a member, and there will be no geographical requirement. This will make it more inclusive if the change is made to "PERSONS", and it is noted that this inclusivity is a nationwide trend.

Arynn Ishikawa gave a final report of the Zippy's fundraiser that she chaired. A total of 600 tickets were sold, and after all payments were remitted, the grand total profit was a good one. There seems to be a consensus that we should do this fundraiser again.

Many thanks to Claire, Carrie, Joyce O., Amy, Debbie, Amy, Lenora, Nora, Diane, and Lani, for contributing to the light lunch for the yagura workers, who worked under the hot sun on the recent Kamehameha Day holiday.

Please note that the next joint Family and Memorial Service will be held on July 3rd. We wish Dean and Doreen Sakamoto best wishes as they relocate to Monterey, CA. They both have been an integral part of the Mililani Hongwanji Ohana for many years, and they will be sorely missed. We wish you both nothing but the best.



Lunch Volunteers for Yagura Set Up Crew

You're Invited



Youth Bon Dance Practice

SUNDAY, JULY 17TH, 10AM

We're all looking forward to having our in-person Mililani Hongwanji Bon Dance on August 19th-20th after a few years off.

To get ready for this exciting event, please join our expert teachers Myra & Sharon for a youth dance practice after the July 17th Sunday Family Service!

- Dances will include "Tanko Bushi" & other kid-friendly selections
- Dharma School students, family, friends, neighbors, are all invited to attend
- RSVP your attendance to Ann Ishikawa at j_aishikawa@yahoo.com by July 10th

Pres. Dean Sakamoto Address Members Before Relocating to California

Mililani Hongwanji President Dean Sakamoto addressed the congregation during one of his last days while in Hawaii. He will be relocating to Monterey California to be closer to his family by the end of June.

His talk was an overview of what is going on at Mililani Hongwanji now and in the years ahead. He recognized the tireless volunteers who have given so much and continue to do so. He acknowledged that the membership is aging and the need to adjust the way we do "business". More revenue generating sources should be sought as the increase in operational cost is inevitable, such as assessments from the statewide level.

Dean has been active not only at Mililani Hongwanji but also at the District and Statewide level. He has served on numerous committees and has represented Mililani Hongwanji well over the years. He and Doreen plan to explore and learn more about Jodo Shinshu while on the West Coast. Hopefully he will bring some of that back if they eventually return to Hawaii in the not so distant future.

Although they will physically be thousands of miles away, they are still just a "click" away.

Below are a few slides from his talk on June 19th.



Key Events / Anniversary ...

- 2022 Mililani Hongwanji 45th Anniversary
 - State Lay Convention (Sept 16-17) – Oahu District host
- 2023 Joint Celebration (May 10) - 850 (Shinran Shonin's Birth) / 800 (Establishment of Jodo Shinshu)
 - BWA World Convention (May 11-12)
- 2024 "Triple" Celebration (HHMH 135th Anniversary / 850 / 800)
- 2025 HHMH Joint Conference ?
- 2027 Mililani Hongwanji 50th Anniversary
 - BWA World Convention (Hawaii host)

Mililani Hongwanji 45th and 50th Anniversaries

2022 – 45th Anniversary (November)

- Co-Chairs: Rene and Dean
- Celebration – entire month of November
 - Save the date: **Saturday, November 19**

2027 – 50th Anniversary

- Co-Chairs: June Asato and Mel Hayase

❖ **need your participation !**

2022 Oahu Hongwanji Council

- President – Russell Nonaka (Aiea)
- VP – Rev. Soga (Waipahu)
- Rec. Sec. – Myra Nohara (Ewa)
- Cor. Sec. – Miles Tamura (Pearl City)
- Treasurer – Evan Watarida (Waipahu)
- Auditor – Cliff Togo (Mililani)
- Auditor – Brandon Hee (Mililani)

2022 Oahu Lay Association

- President – Rene Mansho (Mililani)
- VP – Russell Nonaka (Aiea)
- Sec. – Myra Nohara (Aiea)
- Asst. Sec. – Sue Ushijima (Waianae)
- Treasurer – Evan Watarida (Waipahu)
- Auditor – Brandon Hee (Mililani)
- Auditor – Miles Tamura (Pearl City)
- ❖ **Advisors – June Asato (Mililani), Rod Moriyama (Wahiawa), David Matsumoto (PC), Susan Morishige (Aiea)**

2022 HI Kyodan State Lay Directors & Advisors (from Oahu District)

- Director / VP – Evan Watarida (Waipahu)
- Director – Clifford Togo (Mililani)
- Director – Rene Mansho (Mililani)
- Director – Miles Tamura (Pearl City)
- Director – Myra Nohara (Ewa)
- Director / Secretary – Russell Nonaka
- Advisor – Carolyn Uchiyama (Wahiawa)
- Advisor – Rod Moriyama (Wahiawa)

Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple

Watsonville Buddhist Temple

Buddhist Temple of Salinas

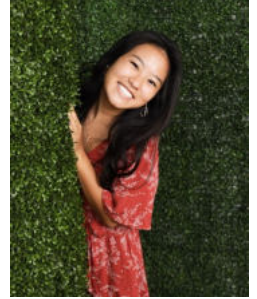


Jr. YBA Happenings



Happy Summer! Hope you all are staying busy and enjoying the summer!
We sadly had to say good-bye to Danny Noia who moved to Connecticut with his family. Before the end of the school year, we had an outing at the zoo as a going away for Danny and his family. Danny was our United Secretary this past year and we will miss him a lot but we also want to send our best wishes to him as he embarks on a new adventure on the east coast.

L-R: Danny, Kana, Chad, Ty



Also going to the east coast, to Tufts University in Massachusetts, is our United President, Kana Suzuki (Pearl City Hongwanji). CONGRATULATIONS on your graduation from Pearl City High School! Kana has been a steadfast member of the Jr. YBA holding

positions in both the United and Federation over the last few years. There was never a moment where she shied away from a challenge and has grown to be such an integral part of this group. We will surely miss her and we wish her the best as she steps into her next adventure in life.

We just returned from a fun weekend in Hilo for the 65th Jr. YBA State Convention. The Pokemon inspired theme, "Amida, I choose you!" had various interpretations which were reflected in the Essay, Oratorical, and Art Contests as everyone had their own take on the theme and applied it in their chosen medium. Congratulations to Kana who won first place for the Oratorical Contest and Ms. Jr. YBA and our United Treasurer, Chihiro Okawa (Aiea Hongwanji) who won first place for the Essay Contest. Our very own Ty Wakahiro, along with Kana and Chihiro, received the Outstanding Junior Award. This coveted award is chosen by the United advisors who felt that they really took ownership of the organization with enthusiasm and commitment. It is such a pleasure to see how they have grown to become wonderful leaders, encouraging and including others as much as possible.

During the convention the juniors elected the 2022-2023 Federation officers. Congratulations to:

President: Chihiro Okawa (United of Oahu)

Vice President: Kaylie Okuni (United of Maui)

Secretary: Emma Fujikawa (United of Honolulu)

Treasurer: Jay Yokoyama (United of Maui)

The Federation also developed a Jr. YBA Motto, "Entrust. Learn. Give Back." and passed two resolutions aside from the Budget: Resolution for Recognition and Awareness for Gender Neutrality and Resolution for Inclusive Membership. As times are changing, we want to show our acceptance of all people, regardless of their race, background and gender. The Jr. YBA is a safe environment, one of support and inclusivity and our juniors feel very strongly about voicing this to ensure that everyone knows it's ok to be who they are, without judgement or prejudice.

As we grow our United in the upcoming year, we want to acknowledge our fearless juniors who are taking on dual roles next year. Ty will hold the position of President and Secretary while Chihiro will hold the position of Vice President and Treasurer. Chihiro did an exceptional job as the Federation Vice President and the United Treasurer over the past year and we have come to rely on his quiet leadership while working to get things done. Ty joined us just a year ago and has already provided valuable input for activities and promoting Jr. YBA to increase membership. He and Chihiro both do a really nice job making sure everyone is included and heard.

Our United will be hosting the 66th Jr. YBA Convention taking place next year, Summer 2023. We are looking forward to making sure this convention is successful and fun! We also hope to get your continued support as we look forward to our new year!

Jr. YBA is open to all who are 7th grade to 15 months past high school graduation. If you are interested in joining us, please feel free to come to our next meeting on Sunday, July 3rd at 11:30am at Mililani Hongwanji. We will be planning some upcoming activities for the next year including helping at the Mililani & Aiea Bon Dances, Membership and Fundraising activities but most importantly next year's state convention.

Upcoming dates:

Saturday, July 2 – Mō'ili'ili Summer Fest, time TBD

Sunday, July 3 – United meeting at Mililani 11:30am

Follow us on Instagram!

United of Oahu: @jrybaofoaahu

Hawaii Federation of Jr. YBAs: @hawaiiifedjryba

Website: www.hawaiijryba.com



From L-R: Ty, Kana, Chihiro



United of Oahu at Hilo Betsuin – can you see us?



Mililani Hongwanji BON DANCE



August 19 & 20, 2022, Friday & Saturday

August 19, Friday

5:30 p.m. Food Trucks, Country Store, Craft Fair & Silent Auction Opens
6:30 p.m. Lantern Parade
6:55 p.m. Opening Ceremony
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Bon Dance

Country Store



August 20, Saturday

5:30 p.m. Food Trucks, Country Store, Craft Fair & Silent Auction Opens
6:55 p.m. Opening Ceremony
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

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

Mililani Hongwanji, 95-257 Kaloapau St.
Next to Mililani Rec. Ctr. III, No Pets Allowed.
For more info call 625-0925 or www.mililanihongwanji.org

The Silent Auction



Exciting and unusual items await your bid at our Annual Silent Auction at the Mililani Hongwanji Bon Dance. We've got an array of items including jewelry, designer bags, small appliances, collectibles, gift certificates and more for your home or office. Two seats to "Jersey Boys" also await your bidding for the Saturday matinee at 2:00 p.m., September 17th. We've got something for everyone, come see us as we are still taking your generous 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: chari-jean@aol.com.

Mahalo in advance!

COUNTRY STORE

It's July and our 2022 Bon Dance is just a month away! We are so excited to be in-person this year! The Country Store is looking forward to awesome donations of assortment of cookies, brownies, energy bars, sekihan, mochi, pizzelles, boiled peanuts, baklava, tsukemono, takuan, trail mixes, banana bread, jams and jellies, and vegetables!

We will also have craft items such as scrubbies, hand-made crochet dishcloths, and a few bags! If you have any happi coats or kimono's that are not in use, we would be happy to help sell them!

Please price items in dollar amounts before bringing your goodies. The Drop off Times are:

Thursday, August 18 from 4:30 - 6:30 PM
Friday, August 19, from 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Saturday, August 20, from 4:00 - 5:00 PM
We will be located in the temple building this year.

Please sign up on the church bulletin board. If you have any questions you can call Diane Yoza at (808)342-1629 or email me at diane.yoza@gmail.com or Claire Doi at (808) 372-2198. See you at our Bon!!

Buddhist Study Center (BSC) 50th Anniversary Presentations

Charles Hallisey

Yehan Numata Senior Lecturer on Buddhist Literatures,
Harvard Divinity School

will present a lecture followed by a Q&A session on:

Learning from Shinran about Ourselves as Moral Persons

Saturday, August 13, 10:00 am to 12 noon at BSC or on YouTube

If you are planning to attend in-person, please register emailing kwong@honpahi.org or calling 808-973-6555 in-person is limited to 30 people, masks are required.



About Prof. Hallisey, excerpts from an Ohio University Internet article:

An expert on Buddhist Literatures at the Harvard Divinity School, Hallisey said this time studying in both the United States and Sri Lanka led him to study Buddhism through the lens of its literature and the translation of text.

"I can see that people were studying Buddhism, not just as a religion, but as something of a culture and even something of a civilization," Hallisey said."

"To point of a translation isn't to understand primarily another world you won't have access to otherwise. Instead, it is to give you resources for understanding yourself," he said. ...

"As I learned more... I saw things I was learning about the Buddhist world (and) Buddhist ways of seeing the world. It helped me to make sense of the things that had happened to me," he said.

Dennis Hirota

Emeritus Professor of Shin Buddhist Studies and Research Fellow,
Ryukoku University and Head Translator, Collected Works of Shinran

Will give a two-workshop series on:

Encountering the Words of Shinran

Saturdays, August 16 and 20, 10:30 am to 12 noon at BSC and on YouTube



Summary of the Content of Prof. Hirota's Workshops:

This workshop will introduce materials designed to help readers interested in understanding what Shinran said in his own words. Through the provided materials, it will be possible to become familiar with important passages from his writings as he wrote them. No prior knowledge of Japanese language is necessary.

During each workshop, we will practice reading sample passages from Shinran with the help of romanization, literal translation, and simple grammar notes.

After the workshop, it will be possible to continue using the materials for a number of important passages selected from Shinran's writings.

Please register for Prof. Hirota's Workshop by emailing kwong@honpahi.org or calling 808-973-6555

Prof Hallisey's Presentation and Prof. Hirota's Workshop will be immediately available on YouTube for viewing at any on BSC's YouTube channel: "BSC Hawaii"

July Memorials

Those who have passed during the month of July.

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Ricky Chinen | Shintaro Murata |
| April Doi | Robert Nakata |
| Kodo Fujitani | Chiyoko Nomura |
| Tsuruhiko Fukuda | Katsuji Nomura |
| Clarence Funasaki | Kuraichi Nomura |
| Nancy Higa | Owen Okada |
| Chiyono Hirano | Jitsuichi Ota |
| Gisaku Hironaka | Corwin Otsuka |
| Katsunosuke Hiyakumoto | Richard Oya |
| Beverly Ikemori | Ukichi Sakutori |
| Gwen Inouye | Kazumi Sanehira |
| Kay Iwai | June Sato |
| Hinayo Kawahara | Katsumi Shigehara |
| Shigeto Matsuda | Toyoko Shigehara |
| Yukiyo Matsumoto | Jiro Sugita |
| Teruo Matsumura | Stanley Tamoyoshi |
| Henry J. Meyer | Masao Tashima |
| Toshio Miyamoto | Junichi Ukita |
| Hisao Miyasaki | |

Please call the minister at (808) 625-0925 and/or email dharm.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		

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!





FYI.....



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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!

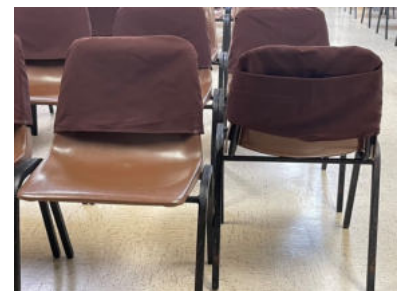


Photo Gallery



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Mystery of the missing seat covers. Apparently about 20 seat covers are missing. If anyone knows the whereabouts of them, please let Rev. David Fujimoto know. Mahalo.



Mahalo for your DANA

(May 10, 2022 to June 14, 2022)

General Donation

Mililani Crafters
Mililani Support Group
June Asato
June Asato
John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa
John & Terry Nagasawa
Lester & Joyce Ogawa
Tomeo Yoshizawa

General Donation(Bon Dance)

Terry & Patricia Matsumoto

Gotan-E Service

Christine Sato & Richard Lightner
Janet Abe
June Asato
Claire Doi
Richard & Joyce Fujimoto
Myra Fujino
Warren & Nora Hahn
Melvin Hayase
John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa
Sharon Kaneko
Mamoru & Ethel Kawahara
Misae Matsuzaki
Masami & Joyce Nishimoto
Lawrence & Joyce Nishioka
Lester & Joyce Ogawa
Dennis & Michele Oshita
Dean & Doreen Sakamoto
Charles & June Shimata
Hiroyoshi & Satoko Terao
Charijean Watanabe
Gordon & Lyn Watanabe
Steven & Lani Yamami
Ethel Yamashige
Diane Yoza

Joint Memorial Service

Trudy Akamine
Trudy Akamine
Melvin Hayase
Arynn Ishikawa
Arynn Ishikawa
John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa
Amy Nakamura
Lawrence & Joyce Nishioka
Deanna Sato
Margaret Tanabe
Margaret Tanabe
Nancy Tanaka
Clifford Togo
George & Irene Toguchi
Gordon & Lyn Watanabe
Ethel Yamashige
Diane Yoza

IMO Sandra Hiramatsu
IMO Midori Kondo
2nd Birthday for Kaizo Blanchard

'22 General Donation (Bon Dance)

Dharma School

John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa

Obon Service

George & Irene Toguchi



In Gratitude.

Namo Amida Butsu

Namo Amida Butsu

Namo Amida Butsu



IMO Tsune Ueki
IMO Jean Sanehira
IMO Tsune Ueki
IMO Kenji Blanchard
IMO Bob Asato
IMO Kenji Blanchard
IMO Toshio Miyamoto
IMO Isaburo Iida
IMO Harold Sato
IMO Jean Sanehira
IMO James Young & Beatrice Young
IMO Asayo Yamashita
IMO Fae Togo
IMO Akira Hayashida
IMO Kimi Watanabe & Miyuki Watanabe
IMO Parents
IMO Noboru Yoza





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NEWSLETTER

July 2022

Calendar

July 16 (Sat)	9:00 am - 11:00 am	Going Green at Ewa Hongwanji (see below)
21 (Thu)	9:00 am	Before service clean-up
24 (Sun)	11:00 am	Monthly Service

Obon Fundraiser

Mahalo to all who supported our Obon Fundraiser!
And a special Mahalo to all the volunteers ~ we truly appreciate your kokua!



The windcatcher lanterns blew in the wind & the dance music played as everyone drove around our “yagura” to pick up their orders.

Going Green

Bring your recyclables to our “Going Green” event! If you would like to help us accept items, please leave a message at 808-681-5222 by July 6th.



**EWA HONGWANJI MISSION
GOING GREEN DAY #213**

**E-WASTE RECYCLING
Saturday, July 16, 2022**

9:00-11:00 AM - 91-1123 Renton Rd.

E-WASTE for RESIDENTS ONLY

**COVID-19 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS: 1) EVERYONE MUST WEAR MASKS
2) MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Acceptable Items:

- Computers, printers, scanners -1 load max.
- 1 TV per car
- HI-5 beverage containers
- Batteries, AUTO - LEAD ACID ONLY
- Canned goods for Hawaii Food Bank
- Gently used clothing ONLY
- Used eye glasses and hearing aids
- Prom dresses, accessories



Welcome to Ewa Hongwanji Mission!

Ewa Hongwanji Mission would like to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Dale & Lisa Takamatsu and Mr. & Mrs. Clint & Alison Hashiba to our ohana. We are grateful for your membership and we hope to see you at our services and activities!

Mahalo for your Donations

Gotan-e Service

Mrs. Jean K. Abe
Mr./Mrs. Toshio Kishi
Mr. Glenn Nagamine
Ms. Rae Wakimura
Mrs. Ruth Wakimura
Ms. Amy Yamamoto
Mr. Arnold Yoshioka

General

Mr. Michael Sawamoto
Mr./Mrs. Shoso Yasui & Patricia

Ofuse

Mrs. Joanne Ikemori ~ In memory of
Mrs. Masano Inouye, 13th year memorial