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**Ewa Hongwanji Mission**  
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**Bon Dance (LIVE!)**  
Saturday, June 15, 2024  
6:30pm - 9:30pm

<b>Bento Noodles</b> Andagi (regular, cinnamon/sugar, or mix) Drinks (water, soda, juice)	Pre-order pickup begins at 5:00 Food Booth opens at 5:15
<b>Also:</b> <b>Bon Dance Towel</b>	<b>Windeatchers</b> Honor your ancestors with their names hanging from these lanterns which will be hung around the yagura (preorder only)

Pre-order for easier pick up:  
visit the Ewa Hongwanji Mission website at  
<https://bit.ly/3bKGt2f> or call: 808-681-5222  
or email: ewahm1901@gmail.com



## June 2024 July 2024

- 2 9:00am Family Dharma Service
- 9 9:00am Joint Memorial & Family Dharma Service
- 9 10:15am BWA Monthly Meeting
- 16 9:00am Family Dharma Service
- 23 9:00am Family Dharma Service
- 30 9:00am Family Dharma Service

- 7 9:00am Family Dharma Service
- 14 9:00am Joint Memorial & Family Dharma Service
- 14 10:15am BWA Monthly Meeting
- 21 9:00am Family Dharma Service
- 28 9:00am Family Dharma Service

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

## Samsara

One of the thrills of watching sports games on TV is the intense competition and energy put out by both players and spectators alike in a closely contested match where both sides are of equal strength and skills to make the outcome unpredictable. The excitement builds up towards regulation time when either through a stroke of luck or just excellent play, one side manages to score the winning point or rally from behind for the win. The thrill of victory is exhilarating but the pain of defeat is agonizing too. Our human life in its present state is like that, an endless cycle of victory and defeat, of happiness and sadness, of joy and pain, not one state seems to last. These turn of events are so frustrating, especially when the much desired upswing of happiness seems to last much shorter than the downside of life's frustrations. For some already burdened by life's other numerous problems, this can lead to depression, helplessness, despair, suicide or even physical health problems. For others too, especially those followers of organized religions, the adversities that life's heavy burdens present, challenges one's faith in the face of seemingly overwhelming odds.

What we experience in life as we go on living are because of causes and conditions that came about to produce the results we see or experience. Whether we like it or not, some things are not going to go our way all time and we will feel frustration, even anger or sadness. When things go the way we want them to, we feel happy and pleased although this happiness usually doesn't last long and quickly dissipates with the arrival of the next unpleasant thing that will happen inevitably in our lives. That is our life in samsaric existence: happiness is always temporary, grief, sorrow and suffering always come in one form or another. It is an endless cycle that we go in and out of, life's ups and downs, like a rough, frightening, roller coaster ride that ends only when our very lives end as well. Or does it? We do not really know, but as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, we rely on the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha to end that roller coaster ride for us or rather, to make that ride a more pleasant and tolerable experience. Because there is an up side in life, there will follow a down side too, in which we suffer. By receiving the wisdom of the teachings, we gain an understanding of how to deal with both the ups and downs of life and make them a source of positive growth and change rather than suffering. One of the most valuable lessons in life that Buddhism teaches us is that it is not so much what happens to us, but how we respond to what happens that determines whether or not we create suffering-our own and that of others. It is all a matter of choice – we can respond to frustrations and unmet needs with anger and hostility, leading to us hurting ourselves and others, respond to material success with pride and arrogance which can alienate or hurt other people's feelings, respond to deep loss with disproportionate sorrow, leading to self pity or depression. Or we can respond to all life's event with the wisdom of the Buddha Dharma and see all things as transient, impermanent and empty. To do so means to live in the present, to live, enjoy, and cherish each and every moment of life, make the most of what can possibly be done to address adversities, recognize and give thanks for the role that others have played to bring about our happiness and well being, and to look at frustrations and desires as impermanent, not worthy of any form of attachment and more importantly, utilize these frustrations as challenges for further positive growth. Although in this samsaric existence, there is only relative happiness that is transient and subject to change at any given moment, in the state of mind of Enlightenment only absolute happiness exists. The mind of Amida Buddha is the mind of Enlightenment which we receive when we completely entrust in the Primal Vow. Namo Amida Butsu!



**Rev. Sol Kalu**

# Rene's Review

## "Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments!"

Aloha Friends!

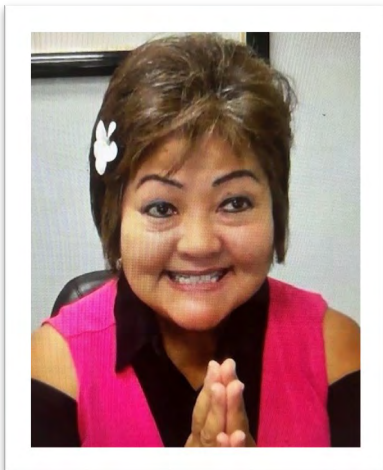
### **MAHALO for your generosity of your gifts both monetary and of your time and talent!**

That is what makes up the heart and soul of Mililani Hongwanji. To the public, they see a well-managed and peaceful church in the neighborhood with wholesome activities like Adult Day Care, Kumon classes, judo, aikido, crocheting class, flower arrangement Ikebana, Mililani (Parkinson) Support Group, meditation, mahjong, and our most famous annual Bon Dance. What they don't see is that everything happens at Mililani Hongwanji because of our volunteers, whom we take for granted, but who do what they do because it is from their "kokoro", from their heart; it's part of their DNA to give, and give, and to keep giving. For many people, it is their "ikigai" their purpose in life, what gives them joy, something to wake up in the morning and look forward to a new day! This is just my way of paying tribute to our wonderful volunteers who are at work daily to repair and restore our parsonage in order that our new resident minister's family can move in July and ready to work August 1<sup>st</sup>. They are an awesome group painting, drilling, pounding, ripping up the old flooring, and dealing with awful odors and sweaty conditions! Thank you, thank you, thank you, also to the ladies preparing lunches!

**GOOD NEWS! IT'S OFFICIAL!** Thanks to the assignment by Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani, **Reverend Joshin Kamuro**, currently at Hilo Hongwanji Betsuin, will begin serving as the new Resident Minister at Mililani Hongwanji on August 1, 2024. We are also excited to welcome his family, Mrs. Minako Kamuro, wife, Master Yuma who will enter Mililani High School as a Junior, and 5-month old baby Nanami. In my brief meeting with them last month, it was so precious watching baby Nanami being pampered by Yuma who loves to play the violin and working hard to complete his Eagle Scout project! Mr. Mel Hayase, our Charter Member, told him that he also was an Eagle Scout. How's that! Mrs. Minako also shared that in Hilo, she is teaching calligraphy and Japanese language classes for children and adults! Can't wait for her to maybe have a class or two. Reverend Kamuro's family is from Kumamoto, Japan and I am sure many of our Mililani families also have links to Kumamoto. Actually, we have many Sangha members with ties to the Big Island, so they will have lots to catch up on! Similar to when a new friend Georgianna, walked in one Sunday morning, and as soon as we learned her family was from the Big Island, so many folks gathered to catch up on who's who and who's related to who! It's how local people act when we get together!

**SAD NEWS and NOT SO SAD NEWS . . .** Our wonderful minister Reverend Sol Kalu will be leaving us after July and we will definitely miss his awesome dharma messages. Yes, people always share about how he speaks so clearly and we learn so much about life and Jodo Shinshu from him. While his 5-month assignment will be most memorable for our Sangha, we know that we can invite him back as a guest minister in the future.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2 POT LUCKS! JOIN US! Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> – "Mahalo to Rev. Sol!" Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> - "Aloha to Rev. Kamuro!"** Both potlucks will be held right after the morning dharma service, 10:15 – AM. Sign up will be posted, or just let me know what you'd like to bring for the pot luck, then come and enjoy the fellowship! It's relaxing, it's fun! Hope to see you there!



**Rene Mansho, President**

I look forward to continue receiving your ideas and requests to me at: 808-291-6151 or [renemansho@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:renemansho@hawaii.rr.com) NAMO AMIDA BUTSU.

# Summary of May 8, 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 April 30, 2024 Financial Report was presented. Income from facilities use (mainly ADC and Kumon) continue to generate income for the temple. Ministerial Transitional Costs are being incurred which includes mobile patrol security, HOSHA, repairs, materials and supplies to parsonage. Electricity consumption decreased as a result of the parsonage vacancy. Some minor costs to repair the parsonage will be chargeable to operations and other major costs will be charged to CIP. An overview of all the temple's asset accounts was provided. They included combined investment accounts, planned giving accounts, reserve accounts and operating checking accounts. The temple does not have any long term liabilities.
- Minister's Report: (Rev. Sol Kalu) Written report submitted. Working with Religious Services Committee in arranging guest speakers. May 12th speaker will be Hawaii Betsuin Rinban Yuika Hasebe.
- President's Report: (Rene M)
  - Receiving compliments on Rev. Sol Kalu's Dharma Messages.
  - Progress on parsonage renovation moving along. Grateful for the Thursday Gang who are doing the work In-House in addition to taking care of the rest of the campus.
  - Permanent resident minister assignment to be on or about August 1, 2024.
  - Parsonage will be furnished and will be coordinated by Nora H and Aileen S.
  - Will need to draft a MOU and rental agreement for new minister.
- BWA Report: (Lani Y) Successful Spring Luncheon at Gyotaku with Ms. Jessica Lani Rich from VASH as guest speaker. Ms. Emi Hashi spoke at Eshinni-Kakushinni Service and provided some history of the BWA aka Fujinkai. Reciting new Hawaii Buddhist Women's Pledge. Awarded Dymin Kakazu Scholarship at Baccalaureate. Mililani will host next OUHHBWA quarterly meeting.
- VP Operations: (Kevin A excused) June A reported facilities rental this month. Form for facilities rental can be found on the temple's website. Temple insurance being renewed, agent researching Hurricane policies.
- VP Facilities: (Steve K) AED battery being replaced in the Ed Bldg. The AC in the Business Office repaired. Fire Alarm drawings being obtained for system upgrade. Parsonage repairs required entire removal of laminate flooring, some sub-surface flooring were badly damaged and needs to be replaced. Entire re-flooring with vinyl laminate tiles will be done in-house. Kudos to the Thursday Gang! Volunteers to help are always welcome.
- VP (Religious Services & Programs): (Ann I excused) Written Report submitted. Guest speaker for Mother's Day will be Rinban Yuika Hasebe. Other guest speakers are being arranged. Ann will assume Dharma School duties and Jill K will edit newsletter succeeding Susan O. May 26th last day of Dharma School. Sangha Day at Waianae was attended by about 30 district members who were inspired and educated with Mouna Farm and Bokashi. Dharma -Centered Living 101 will be held at Aiea on June 1 and a ZOOM seminar for Dharma Educators on June 2. (Flyers distributed)
- Jr. YBA: (Gay T) Supported Ty W application for YBICSE 2024. Next big event is state convention in June.
- Other Reports or Topics:
  - Social Media Proposed Guidelines: (Gay T) to address issues and concerns for Social Media (Website, Facebook, Instagram)
  - Bon Dance Committee: (Cliff T) First General meeting will be on May 15th, 7:00pm, in temple building. Past volunteers and new ones are encouraged to attend and support our important and popular community/fundraising event of the year. Cliff & Stan are Co-chairs.
  - 50th Anniversary (June A & Mel H) Will call a meeting in June.
  - Columbarium (Janice Y) Will be coordinating the columbarium fee payments and records.
- Important Dates:
  - July 27, 2024, Bon Dance Yagura/Electrical set-up **(Subsequently changed to July 20th)**
  - August 16-17, 2024 Bon Dance
  - Sept 7-8, 2024 Triple Celebration
  - Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 7:00pm via ZOOM.





# BWA News

BWA members held its semi-annual cleaning of the Ehime Maru Memorial at Kakaako Waterfront Park on April 27. This year marks 23 years since the tragic collision of the Ehime Maru and USS Greeneville submarine. In 2002, the Memorial was erected to honor and remember the nine who died on the Ehime Maru. The Memorial is made up of nine granite blocks and the original anchor of the Ehime Maru. Each block represents a life lost. As the members were cleaning, they met a group of students and their advisor who will be travelling to Japan as part of an exchange program by the Japan America Society of Hawaii, Center of Japanese Studies at the University of Hawaii, and the Ehime Pacific International Center. The students were very appreciative of the BWA members performing the cleanup. Afterward, BWA members enjoyed fellowship as they dined at Panya Bistro. Please consider joining the next Ehime Maru cleanup on November 2, 2024.



L-R: Warren Hahn, Claire Doi, Aileen Sato, Nora Hahn, Janice Yasunaga, Lani Yamami

BWA members with exchange students and advisor

BWA members are working on a plan to ready for occupancy the minister’s parsonage once the repairs and restorative work are completed by the Thursday Gang. The BWA is currently compiling a list of donations (furniture, appliances, small appliances, dishware, etc). Contact Nora Hahn or Aileen Sato if you have items you can donate.

One of the ongoing BWA programs is to donate toiletries to an organization who could benefit from use of them. In the past, donations were made to shelter groups or similar organizations. BWA most recently donated the toiletries to the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. Contact Sharon Kaneko, who coordinates the collection, if you have items to contribute.

The Eshinni-Kakushinni service offertory is being awarded equally to the Jr YBA and Ohana Arts.

BWA will host a Care Day on October 11 for the Mililani Hale Adult Day Care at the temple. A fun morning of painting and music with clients’ active participation is being planned. Care Day was established in 2002 at the 12<sup>th</sup> World Buddhist Women’s Convention in Brazil. Care stands for Compassion and Assistance in Response to Elders. Carrie Kawamoto, committee chair, invites all BWA members to join in and assist the clients with the planned activities. This will be the first Care Day event since 2020, so please join us! Participating BWA members will have lunch at the Clubhouse Mililani (at the Mililani Golf Course). Contact Carrie to sign up.

The next major event is Bon Dance. The Country Store chairs are Diane Yoza and Claire Doi. Everyone’s help is needed!



BWA Scholarship Committee awarding Dymin Kakazu the BWA Scholarship for \$1,500.00. From left to right: Nora Hahn, Diane Yoza, Dymin Kakazu, and Aileen Sato.



# Dharma School

We've wrapped up our Dharma School year and are heading into summer.

First, we want to acknowledge Aunty Susan, and how much we will all miss her. We all knew her a little differently and yet she touched each of us by making our Dharma School program incredibly strong, organized and full of care. She was a remarkable individual who selflessly gave so much to our program. It cannot be overstated how much we will miss her and how loved she is. We were all fortunate to get to be a part of her life and have her be in ours.

Our month started on May 5 with a field trip and visit to Mo`ili`ili Hongwanji where we were treated to a Dharma Talk by Reverend Fujimoto and then got a tour of the Buddhist Study Center by Emi Hashi. Hopefully those passports are filling up!



On May 19 Reverend Kalu joined the Dharma School giving Shinran's journey from children. He also demonstrated his "simple kanji" knowledge with us. It was a meaningful session ending with reciting the Gomonsu's Pledge and the Hawaii version, which the DS students hope to memorize next school year.

Our last day of Dharma School was on May 26. We celebrated with a pizza party and fun games. And the best part was Sgt. Rainbows culmination of "Da Gratitude Bowl" and passing out of the prizes everyone earned. But the real prize was how he encouraged us all to participate and how we've all worked on how to bring calm into our lives by the simple act of breath.



Our summer starts now! Although Aunty Ann will not have a Dharma School Summer Adventure Program this year, she still is planning an All-Sangha

ONENJU REPAIR and TASSLE-MAKING WORKSHOP  
With WRIST ONENJU Session  
SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024

Mr. KEIJI KUKINO, one of the island's onenju tassle-tying experts will be coming to Mililani Hongwanji on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The workshop will begin after Refreshments at 10:15 am in the Educational Building. Bring your broken onenju and learn how you can fix it yourself. Wrist onenju making will again be offered, especially for children. So be sure encourage your entire family and all your friends to attend!

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!



# Jr. YBA Happenings

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Upcoming Meeting: Sunday, June 2, 11:30 am at Pearl City Hongwanji



We'd like to Congratulate Dymin Kakazu on her graduation. After a wonderful Baccalaureate Service and Luncheon on April 28<sup>th</sup>, we are pleased to announce that she graduated on May 19<sup>th</sup>! Hopefully you were all able to read her scholarship essay that was posted in last month's newsletter. We wish you the best at Leeward Community College in the fall and hope that you will continue to be active in Jr. YBA next year!

We had a few juniors attend Young Enthusiastic Shinshu Seekers (Y.E.S.S.) Camp on Friday-Sunday, May 25-27. We hope to share some of the experiences in next month's article.

Our United is looking forward to attending the 67<sup>th</sup> State Convention in Maui June 21-23. It will be a fun experience and we always enjoy connecting with our friends across the state.



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

Anyone youth who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Aunty Aryn Ishikawa (advisor) at [arynn.m.ishikawa@gmail.com](mailto:arynn.m.ishikawa@gmail.com) if you'd like more information.

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



GATHER ALL YOUR BROKEN ONENJU!  
 ONENJU REPAIR and TASSLE-MAKING WORKSHOP  
 With WRIST ONENJU Session  
 SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024



We will be welcoming KEIJI KUKINO, one of the island's onenju tassel-tying experts to Mililani Hongwanji on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The workshop begins after 9 am Service Refreshments at 10:15 am in the Educational Building. Bring your broken onenju and learn how you can fix it yourself. Wrist onenju making will again be offered, especially for children. So be sure encourage your entire family to attend!

Keiji Kukino, aka Kuki, was born and raised on the Big Island, in a small village outside of Pahoehoe. Attending Pahoehoe High, he graduated in 1952. He has been a Board Member of the Kailua temple since 1967, a year before it was established as Kailua Hongwanji, (db Windward Buddhist Temple) and have since also been on the Hawaii Kyodan Board of Directors, except for a few years of "sabbatical". **He was on the Board when the proposal for Hawaii Kyodan to purchase the property to establish the Mililani Hongwanji was introduced and voted in favor of the proposal. (Our deepest appreciation!)** He is currently an Honorary Advisor. He has been repairing and making various nenju for many years and will be happy to share whatever knowledge he had gained with anyone interested.

Please join us for this exciting workshop. We'll learn an intriguing skill about which so many of us are clueless. It'll be a real challenge for those of us with two left thumbs, but I'm determined to do my best! For all you "crafty" ones with dexterous fingers, we're counting on you to LEARN the methods and become our own Mililani Hongwanji Onenju Repair Shop!

"Carving the Divine" is a documentary film that offers a rare look into a 1400-year-old Buddhist woodcarving tradition and the practitioners struggling to preserve its legacy in a rapidly changing Japan.

Yujiro Seki has kindly allowed Aiea Hongwanji Mission to show his documentary so the people of Oahu could come to know of this 1,400-year-old tradition of carving Buddhist images. If you want to view the 1-minute trailer for it, please use the following link:



YOU ARE INVITED TO A FREE SHOWING OF

## CARVING THE DIVINE

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM | FRIDAY JUNE 14 | AIEA HONGWANJI SOCIAL HALL

99-186 Puakala St. Aiea, HI 96701



Carving the Divine is a documentary film directed by Yujiro Seki that offers a rare look into a 1400-year old Buddhist woodcarving tradition.



Milan International Filmmaker Festival 2019 - Best Director of a Foreign Language Documentary Award & more!

Meet the Director, talk story, view displays and enjoy popcorn!



Donations accepted



Mililani Hongwanji Choir





# Mililani Hongwanji BON DANCE




**August 16 & 17, 2024, Friday & Saturday**

<p><b>August 16, Friday</b></p> <p>5:30 p.m. Food Trucks, Country Store, Craft Fair &amp; Silent Auction Opens</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Lantern Parade</p> <p>6:55 p.m. Opening Ceremony</p> <p>7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. <b>Bon Dance</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Country Store</b></p> <p>August 11th, Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Obon Service Hatsubon Service Arranged</p>	  	<p><b>August 17, Saturday</b></p> <p>5:30 p.m. Food Trucks, Country Store, Craft Fair &amp; Silent Auction Opens</p> <p>6:55 p.m. Opening Ceremony</p> <p>7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. <b>Bon Dance</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Silent Auction</b></p> <p>Bon Dance Practice: Jul 30, Aug 6, 12, 13, 14 (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.) Subject to Change</p>
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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](http://www.mililanihongwanji.org)

## SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction Committee once again welcomes any donation of new and gently used items, gift certificates, and items of value for the Annual Event at the Mililani Hongwanji Bon Dance. We'll be meeting on Sunday, June 9th, so please feel free to drop off your donation at that time. We do have a South Point Hotel donation for Las Vegas in hand, and other kitchen supplies, vases, and valuable items. Questions? Please call Chari Watanabe at 808.223.6077 or email [chari jean@aol.com](mailto:chari jean@aol.com). Mahalo in advance!

## BON COUNTRY STORE

It's happening soon! Our 2024 Bon Country Store, with all of your exquisite donations of delicious baked goods, homemade items, and creative craft goods, is anticipated to be another successful event! We really appreciate all of your support over the many years of celebrating Bon!

Start thinking about what you may want to make! We are also looking for donations of kimonos, yukatas, and hapi coats if you have ones that are not in use and accepting homegrown plants and vegetables, too!

If you have any questions about your items to donate, email Diane Yoza at [diane.yoza@gmail.com](mailto:diane.yoza@gmail.com) or [claire.doi@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:claire.doi@hawaiiantel.net)

Drop-off times will be announced later. There will be a sign-up sheet on the temple bulletin board beginning at the end of June. We are very excited and look forward to our upcoming Bon!

# June Memorials

Robert Asato  
 Kenji Blanchard  
 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  
 Ryoichi Nakamura  
 Shizue Nakamura  
 Tsutsumu Nakauchi  
 Yutaka Nishihara  
 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 (808) 625-0925 and/or email [dharm.connection@gmail.com](mailto: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 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	



## soul shop 2024

Soul Shop Hawai'i 2024 is a free training for interfaith and youth leaders to develop skills and strategies for the prevention of suicide.

**Location:** Tseu Presidential Suite  
 Saint Louis School  
 3142 Waiialae Ave.  
 Honolulu, HI 96816

**Dates:** Friday, July 19, 2024  
 9AM to 4PM  
 Saturday, July 20, 2024  
 9AM to 12PM

**Friday, July 19 - 9AM to 4PM for Community & Interfaith Leaders**  
 This is a one-day workshop designed to equip faith community leaders to minister to those impacted by suicide. This includes the creation of worship resources, training congregation members in suicide awareness and basic conversation skills, and then how to extend the invitation to those who have been suicidal in the past to share their stories. This workshop engages the question of how to cultivate a soul-safe culture within your congregation.

**Saturday, July 20 - 9AM to 12PM for Youth Leaders**  
 This half-day workshop will equip youth pastors, youth leaders, camp directors, coaches and anyone else who works with young people to minister to those impacted by suicide. Special attention will focus on youth-specific issues of impulsivity, contagion, social media, mandated reporting and confidentiality.



Scan the QR code to register or visit [bit.ly/SoulShop2024](https://bit.ly/SoulShop2024)

Soul Shop is presented by Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i, with support from St. Louis School and the City and County of Honolulu Grant-in-Aid program.

### Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange (YBICSE)

JULY 2 - 12, 2024

**WHAT IS YBICSE?**

- Hongwanji-sponsored educational trip to Japan
- Meet new friends from the US Mainland, Canada, South America, and Japan
- Learn & experience Japanese culture
- Special opportunity to experience Nembutsu Moments

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

- Current 9th graders through age 25
- Interested in and appreciation for Jodo Shinshu Buddhism
- In good health
- Passport needed by May 31
- 7 delegates will be selected
- Minister advisor Rev. Joshin Kamuro

**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

- \$2,400 (includes intl airfare)
- Some meals and other personal expenses are not included
- Inter-island travel is not included

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 7, 2024**

<https://forms.gle/vaZGN7eAnKGCvUIMp9>

## Enroll Now & Save up to \$80!\*

Preschool - High School  
 Math and Reading Program

Practice math and reading this summer to keep your child's momentum going!

practice makes possibilities

### Tablet Study Available



**Kumon Math and Reading Center of Mililani - Uka**

95-257 Kaloapau St.  
 Mililani, HI 96789

[mililaniuka\\_hi@ikumon.com](mailto:mililaniuka_hi@ikumon.com) • 808-445-3137

\*Enroll between June 1-30, 2024, to waive the Registration Fee of up to \$80. Most Kumon Centers are independently owned and operated. Additional fees may apply. See Center for applicable terms and conditions. ©2024 Kumon North America, Inc. All rights reserved.



# Mahalo for your DANA

(April 16, 2024 to May 13, 2024 )

## **BWA Eshinni & Kakushinni Day**

Janet Abe  
June Asato  
Roger & Jill Kyhos Babcock  
Claire Doi  
Myra Fujino  
Warren & Nora Hahn  
Melvin Hayase  
Karl & Carol Ann Kakehi  
Sharon Kaneko  
Dennis & Carrie Kawamoto  
Georgiana Kobayashi  
Misae Matsuzaki  
Lawrence & Joyce Nishioka  
Lester & Joyce Ogawa  
Dennis & Michele Oshita  
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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 [dharma.connection@gmail.com](mailto:dharma.connection@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

June 2024

### Calendar - Bon Dance month!

**Jun 12 (Wed)** 9:00 am Bon Dance clean-up

**Jun 15 (Fri)** 9:00 am Bon Dance prep

Bento & Noodles pre-order open until midnight June 5th

Visit <https://bit.ly/3bKGt2f> and go to Order Form

Weekly hosha on Wednesdays, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

**Jun 16 (Sat)** 9:00 am Bon Dance prep

4:00 pm Food prep

5:00 pm Pre-order pick-up begins

5:15 pm Food Booth, Bake Sale

6:30 pm Bon Dance

9:30 pm Clean-up

### Reverend David's Thoughts

It's Obon time once again. I was thinking about what it means to "celebrate" Obon. We remember those who have gone before us and celebrate their lives, as they are a reflection of who we are, what we are, and where we come from. "Who are you?" It's a question that we often don't think of nor contemplate. It is when we are able to answer that question, that we live a life of appreciation. We should also be confident in being able to share our answers. Then we start to see that we are not alone in this world, and we have so much in common. That commonality is the seed to peace and tranquility.

So as we celebrate Obon, don't forget to look up into the night sky. As countless as the stars in the sky are, so are the teachings of our ancestors and the many lives that come into our lives. Let us take the time to contemplate that and appreciate the lives we have because of others.

### President's Message

Aloha. The preparation of our Bon Dance is going "full speed ahead". Thank you to the members and volunteers who are already helping. Our church grounds has become a nature's habitat. There are feral chickens roaming around and enters our temple if left unattended. We find eggs around the grounds. A lady comes to feed the stray cats by the front gate area. And lastly a pack of dogs, three or four, roam the grounds. And we assume they are killing some kittens. Mother nature is happening right in our church's yard. How much of a disturbance will the animals be at our Bon Dance? Us Humans have interfered again. Have a good day everyday, everybody.

In Gassho,

Craig T. Tsutsumi

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