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# Dharma Connection

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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. **Due to the recent rise in COVID cases, we are highly recommending the use of masks.** Other temple activities are starting up again however, you should contact your program coordinators for specific details. **Namo Amida Butsu**



## February 2023 March 2023

- 5 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School
- 12 9:00am Joint Memorial and **DANA Day** Family Dharma Service
- 12 10:15am BWA Meeting
- 19 9:00am Dharma School Zoom Gathering
- 19 9:00am Family Dharma Service
- 26 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School

- 5 9:00am **Sangha Day** (Wahiawa/Waialua Host)
- 12 9:00am Joint Memorial and Family Dharma Service
- 12 10:15am BWA Meeting
- 19 9:00am **Ohigan Service** and Dharma School
- 26 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School

### BWA Dana Day Food Drive

Mililani Hongwanji BWA will be observing Dana Day on February 12 by having a food drive. Donations of canned goods, non-perishable food items or cash donations are welcome!

So please bring food items to donate to our food drive on February 12. Donations will be brought to the Hawaii Foodbank the following day.



### Golden Chain of Love

I am a link in Amida Buddha's Golden Chain of Love that stretches around the world. I must keep my link bright and strong. I will try to be kind and gentle to every living thing and protect all who are weaker than myself. I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words, and to do pure and beautiful deeds, knowing that on what I do now depends not only my happiness or unhappiness, but also those of others. May every link in Amida Buddha's Golden Chain of Love become bright and strong and may we all attain perfect peace.

**Namo Amida Butsu**





# Minister's Message



## Goodbye vs. Nice to Meet You!

Recently, Netflix released a new show entitled “The Makanai: Cooking for the Maiko House.” It follows two friends as they move from Aomori Prefecture to Kyoto, where they aspire to become a *maiko* or apprentice *geisha*. During the course of the show and their training, one friend excels in the art of flower arranging, dancing, and singing, while her friend is unable to keep up. Instead, rather than being kicked out of the training, the woman of the “house” finds her talents in being the cook for the “house” that they and other *maiko* apprentices live, she is referred to as the “*makanai*”.



During one of the episodes, there was a conversation between one of the top *geishas* in Kyoto and the *makanai*. The *makanai* asks the *geisha* what she is thinking about when she is dancing. Her reply was that for her, it was *ichigo ichie* and that in each instance, each step, she is telling the people she is entertaining, *sayonara* or goodbye.

In the true sense, that is what *ichigo ichie* is, one time, one meeting, and so it's doing something as if it were for the first time and also, the last time. In the eyes of the *geisha*, it meant that she performs as if this was the only opportunity or the final opportunity to entertain them, and so with each step she is telling the people she is entertaining goodbye, since it's the only time she will probably see them.

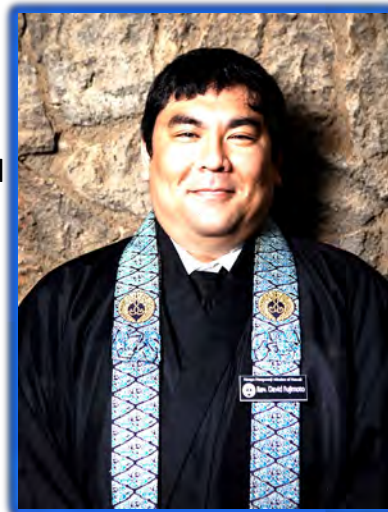


The *geisha* asked the *makanai* what she thinks about when cooking and if she enjoys what she does, after all, she was still in the house, but not as what she wanted to do. Her passion for cooking was similar to the *geisha's* feeling in *ichigo ichie*, but from a different perspective. As a cook, she picks up fresh produce daily to use in her meals. However, each time she picks up the produce she felt as if she was saying “hello, nice to meet you!”

This changed the *geisha's* way of thinking. From a “negative” always saying “goodbye”, it turned to a positive, and each movement it was an opportunity to tell those she was entertaining, “hello! Nice to meet you!”

This perspective allowed her to open up more, especially since she had an apprentice now working under her (coincidentally, the *makanai's* friend). The *geisha* was interviewed as to her thoughts on being one of the top women and she referred to the changing of her mentality from each moment being a goodbye to each moment being a greeting.

The Dharma allows us to see things from many perspectives, not just one perspective. It is in how we react to the situation we are presented with. As we share in the joy of the Dharma, let us take into consideration how we are reacting to what we are being faced with. Are we saying “goodbye” or are we saying “hello! Nice to meet you!”?



Rev. David Fujimoto

# President's Corner

Greetings All,

It was a pleasure meeting and visiting with so many of you at our New Year's Day Open House, the Ho'onko service with our in-person guest speaker, Rev. Blayne Higa of Kona Hongwanji, and the delectable zenzai prepared for the sangha by the BWA, the Educational Users Meeting on zoom and around the campus.

As we enter the second month of 2023, things at Mililani Hongwanji and around the district and state are happening for all. Your Legislative Assembly delegates—Rev. Fujimoto, June Asato, Cliff Togo, Rene Mansho and observers --Dean Sakamoto and Kevin Asato will be joining delegates and observers from throughout the state on February 10-11 to make decisions for the Hongwanji Sangha in Hawaii. Send in your input so we can represent you well.

This shows how many hands and hearts working through the various affiliates and committees make for traditional as well as new joys of sharing at Mililani Hongwanji.

The Committees and Affiliates make for a vibrant and healthy growing Sangha and are at the core and strength of Mililani Hongwanji. As part of the leadership team, I am counting on your chairmanship and member or coordinator roles in the committees and programs of Mililani Hongwanji. Please reach out to the minister, the president or the three vice presidents for Religious Services and Programs, Facilities, and Operations to affirm your volunteer efforts. We need your energy, time, ideas and special skills and knowledge to help Mililani continue to provide the spiritual guidance, programs and fellowship to all who visit our facility. Most of all, we need more volunteers.

I am overwhelmed with heartfelt gratitude to the many volunteers who help your temple and me with the tasks to keep us moving forward together. Be sure to read the Dharma Connection, check the Bulletin Board, our website and social media for updated information. Reach out to us by phone or online anytime.

Metta, June Asato



June Asato

## Summary of January 11, 2023

### Kyodan Board Meeting

- The Mililani Hongwanji Board of Directors met via ZOOM with a quorum. President June Asato presided.
- Final 2022 Financial Report distributed and accepted subject to audit. Expenditures matched budget and Income exceeded budget. Temple operated in the black for 2022. Finance Committee will develop a proposed budget for 2023 to be brought to the Board in February or March.
- May's BOD meeting will be on May 3rd. Future BOD meeting to be held via ZOOM.
- Cleaning of the Ed Building to be monitored for DOH compliance.
- Minister's step increase compensation approved for 2023.
- Authorized Bon Dance Committee to select design of new Bon Towels. Additional 1,000 towels for the next 2 years will be ordered soon.
- Revised hall rental policy to be reviewed by VPs for Operations and Facilities.
- Delegates to Giseikai Feb. 10-11 are: Rev. Fujimoto, Rene, Cliff, & June. Observers are Dean and Kevin.
- Brandon will be taking over newsletter mail prep from Dennis Kawamoto. Rev. to assist with mail drop off at Wahiawa Post Office.
- June to follow up on Columbarium monitoring with Richard. Start Up Kyodan breakfast?, access to DropBox for BOD, volunteers needed for various committees.
- Dean volunteered to chair the membership committee. Will try to do outreach at Koa Ridge.
- Brandon will be looking into replacing rolling bulletin board.
- Upcoming guest speakers: Rev. Blayne Higa and Mr. Pieper Toyama.
- Facilities Users are reminded to turn off lights, fans, and AC when leaving.
- BWA: First male member, Ehime Maru cleaning, DANA Day, zenzai prep, Spring Luncheon.



# BWA News



**2023 BWA Officers**

The BWA is always looking for ways to fundraise in order to support the Kyodan, and our latest Zippy's fundraiser proved to be a very successful one. We thank Aryn Ishikawa for spearheading this project, and she welcomes any other suggestions for future fundraisers.

A great, big welcome to two new BWA members -- Warren Hahn, our very first male member, and Mari Wakahiro. We look forward to working with you both, and to other men and women who may want to join, to strengthen our organization.

A very important date is coming up -- February 12, Dana Day. We'd like to make an appeal to you to bring canned goods and other non-perishable foods to donate to the Hawaii Foodbank. Checks made out to the Hawaii Foodbank can also be accepted. We will be collecting the items at the temple entrance from 8:00 am and transporting them to the food bank soon after.



From comments heard by those who had zenzai on Jan. 15, the treat was a huge success! Many thanks go out to Joyce Nishioka who cooked the soup, and to Joyce Ogawa and the committee members who broiled the mochi and ladled it out. Serving zenzai at Ho'onko service, which is a memorial service for Shinran Shonin, is a long-standing tradition because it was thought to be one of his favorite foods.



## **Mililani Hongwanji BWA Scholarship**

The Mililani Hongwanji BWA is offering a \$1,500 scholarship to post high schooling and training. Members of the BWA, their children and grandchildren may apply.

The scholarship is one of the major programs of the BWA, which has awarded scholarships to over 16 applicants.

Application forms are available on line at the Mililani Hongwanji website. Go to [Mililani Hongwanji.org](http://MililaniHongwanji.org), click on Activities and Organizations. Then click on Buddhist Women's Association and go to BWA Scholarship. Deadline to submit application is March 6. If you have any questions, email Diane Yoza (chairperson) at [diane.yoza@gmail.com](mailto:diane.yoza@gmail.com).

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 22, 2023, and Saturday, November 4, 2023. That is when members, along with chairs, Debbie Hiyakumoto and Janice Yasunaga, trek out to the Ehime Maru in Kakaako to clean and scrub the memorial, and place fresh flowers. They always top off the day by having lunch somewhere. Please let them know if you'd like to join them.



We started 2023 on Sunday, January 15th with a lesson entitled, “RAINBOWS in Me: Values of Aloha.” We are fortunate to have Dharma School teacher Stephen Chinen (aka “Sgt. Rainbow”), the author and creator of this wonderful workbook, who shared about respect, appreciation and integrity--values inherent in the Aloha Spirit. And as he had started at the beginning of this school year, Sgt. Rainbow starts every class with meditation and belly breathing.

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On January 29th, we also distributed blank cards for our ongoing card sharing project. Students/ adults' "homework" was to make handmade Valentine's Day cards to be mailed to temple members. This begins the third year that we have been making cards for various occasions throughout the year. We will soon reach our goal to have sent a card to every temple member.

Sunday, February 5th, 10am: Work on posters

Sunday, February 26th, 10am: Finish up posters, due on March 5th at Sangha Day

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





# Jr. YBA Happenings



Hi everyone! This is Ty Wakahiro, member of Mililani Hongwanji and United of Oahu Jr.YBA President. Hope you all had a great holiday season. The United of Oahu Jr. YBA has been very busy these past couple months.

We have seen our membership grow from 2 in July to 9 as of January, and we are still looking for more members! We first wanted to say thank you so much

to all the Oahu district temples for your support this HBY month.

We hope you enjoyed the manju, and a portion of the sales will be donated to World Central Kitchen. We have also been busily planning for this year's statewide Jr.YBA convention, which we will be hosting. This year's theme is Sangha: Our Interdependent Environment. We are taking inspiration from the TV series Avatar the Last Airbender. The convention will be held on June 23-25, 2023. More information will be announced soon.

In January, some of the Jrs traveled to Maui for the Winter Federation meeting hosted by the United of Maui. Along with the meeting, we slept over at Lahaina Hongwanji, ate ono food, visited Lahaina Jodo Mission, and we got to hang out with Jrs from around the state.

**Join Jr.YBA Today!** In line with a recently passed Jr. YBA state resolution, anyone between 7th grade and one year after high school graduation can join the Jr.YBA, even if you aren't a member of a temple. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact me at wakahiro.t@gmail.com or 808-321-0346. Please join us at our next meeting! February 5, 2023 @ Mililani Hongwanji 12pm.



Mililani Hongwanji Kyodan Scholarship  
Call for Applications

\$1,000 Kyodan Scholarship Opportunity

Mililani Hongwanji Kyodan is currently accepting applications for a \$1,000 post high school education scholarship. The scholarship is open to all high school graduating seniors whose family are members in good standing of the Mililani Hongwanji Kyodan. Application forms and instructions are available at

[www.mililanihongwanji.org/scholarships](http://www.mililanihongwanji.org/scholarships)

or QR Code below

The deadline for submitting applications is on March 1, 2023. Applications should be sent to Mililani Hongwanji, P.O. Box 893308, Mililani, HI 96789 (Attention Kyodan Scholarship Committee). Please call 625-0925 for more information.



Open Invitation to All...

## 4<sup>th</sup> VIRTUAL STATE DHARMA SCHOOL GATHERING

Sunday, February 19, 2023

9:00 am – 12 noon



“Sharing Joy  
Together”

2023 Honpa Hongwanji of Hawaii Slogan



**9:00 AM: SERVICE**  
Dharma Message by  
Acting Rimban Yuika  
Hasebe of Honpa  
Hongwanji Hawaii  
Betsuin

**9:40 AM: DHARMA  
SCHOOL & ADULT  
BREAKOUT ROOMS**

**10:30 – 11:00 AM:**  
**MAIN ROOM –**  
DS/Adult Groups

**11:00 AM:**  
**DS FAMILY  
SESSION ENDS**

**11:10 AM: DS  
TEACHERS/  
EDUCATORS  
SESSION:**  
Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki  
presents a new  
Dharma School  
Resource/Open  
Sharing of successful  
DS activities

**12:00 PM: END**



**RSVP Deadline  
is February 4.**

Click on the following link to  
register:

<https://forms.gle/a8XYUgWvQsAWZ53k>

Any Questions? Please contact: Debbie  
Kubota: [dekub88@gmail.com](mailto:dekub88@gmail.com)

Gathering Zoom Link will  
be emailed to participants  
by Friday, **February 17.**

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Buddhist Education  
(CBE) Project of  
Honpa Hongwanji  
Mission of Hawaii



**TRASH  
FREE  
HAWAII**

### *Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up on February 18<sup>th</sup>!*

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 first  
quarterly clean-up of 2023 is coming up on:*

**Saturday, February 18, 2023  
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. There will be  
brief safety review and areas to clean will be assigned. Our temple  
is assigned to clean the portion of Kamehameha Highway that  
runs through Mililani. The clean-up usually runs for about an  
hour. Upon return to the temple, water, coffee, and breakfast  
sandwiches will be provided.*

*This program is a great opportunity to help beautify our communi-  
ty and spent a Saturday morning with members of our Sangha. If  
you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [tylerkoshiro@gmail.com](mailto:tylerkoshiro@gmail.com).*

## 2023 Gojikai (Dues) Pledges



Gojikai members should have re-  
ceived their Annual Pledge Renewal  
Letters for 2023. Your generous support  
of Mililani Hongwanji will help to spread  
the teachings of the Buddha and fund  
the operations of the temple.

For those that have submitted  
your pledges, THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
for your continued support. If you have  
not received your pledge letter or would  
like to enroll as a Gojikai member, please  
contact President: June Asato or Treasur-  
er: Cliff Togo or email a request to:

**[dharma.connection@gmail.com](mailto:dharma.connection@gmail.com)**

**In Gassho, Namo Amida Butsu**



## Social Concerns Fund Drive

Mahalo to all of you who have re-  
sponded to our solicitation of the HHMH  
Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive.

Because of your commitment to pro-  
moting the Buddhist values of compassion  
and loving kindness, we are able to lend our  
support to organizations such as Project Da-  
na, MA'O Farms, the American Red Cross  
Pacific Region, Ohana Arts, A Cup of Cold  
Water and various food banks on each is-  
land.

If you have not made your contribu-  
tions, or know of others who would like to  
contribute to this fund raising effort, please  
make checks payable to Mililani Hongwanji  
and mail to P O Box 893308, Mililani, HI  
96789. Mililani Hongwanji will then send a  
check to HHMH on your behalf. Mahalo for  
your generosity.



## HOME IMPROVEMENT

After a pandemic-induced lull, the Thursday Gang is back in action. This motley crew of volunteers show up most Thursday mornings to test their skills at carpentry, minor electrical and plumbing work, painting, lawn up-keep, and other sundry tasks. These men work diligently to spruce up the temple and educational buildings, and the grounds. They also follow one of the Blue Zone traits, that of social interaction. As it is said, "all work and no play make for a dull day."

The Thursday Gang saves the Temple a lot of money that would otherwise go to hiring professional companies to do the work. Of course, sometimes professional work is required.

Many of the subtle work done by the Thursday Gang are usually un-noticed by the casual observer. You have to be Inspector Sherlock Holmes to see the changes. However, an astute Sangha member recently commented, "Wow, I didn't realize all the work you guys do at the Temple. I have a greater appreciation for your dedication." (or words to that effect).

The Temple is like the human body. As time marches on, the human body needs more work to keep it running optimally. Likewise, the Temple also needs constant upkeep to keep it in good shape.

There are many other groups that volunteer to make Mililani Hongwanji Buddhist temple a vibrant community. Please check us out for the New Year, 2023, the Year of the Rabbit.

## February Memorials

Those who have passed during the month of February.

Haruno Abe	Mitsuo Nakasone
Shigeko Abe	Francis Nakayama
Harry Abe	James Ogasawara
Rev. Tetsuun Ama	Lynn Onigami
Hayako Ando	Isamu Oura
Helen Cobb	Bob Riichi
Norman Doi	Seichi Sakaida
Mitsuo Fujimoto	Harold Sato
Kakujiro Ginoza	Mark Shintaku
Susie Hara	Sammy Sumida
Edward Hirai	Chiyo Tada
Hasuno Iha	Earl Takita
Gladys Kanagawa	Tokuichi Tanabe
Charles Kanja	Paul Tanaka
Aimee Kawamura	Hajime Tanitomi
Eyvinn Kihara	Ayame Terao
Ethel Kunishige	Derrik Tokioka
Hideko Kuya	Joyce Tonouchi
Patrick Matsuda	Shigeo Tsurusaki
Toshio Matsumiya	Shitsue Tsurusaki
Satomi Matsumoto	Yumi Ukita
Winona Matsumoto	Sueo Watanabe
Elsie Matsumura	Yoshinobu Watanabe
Mitsuto Mitsui	Ralph Yasunaga
George Morioka	Uta Yoza

Please call the minister at (808) 625-0925 and/or email [dharma.connection@gmail.com](mailto: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 2023, special memorial years are observed for loved ones who passed away in:

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

MILILANI HIGH SCHOOL  
AP RESEARCH

# 5-10 MINUTE SURVEY !

**WHO:** Japanese-Americans ages 10+

**WHAT:** Quick survey on your experiences as a Japanese-American

**WHY:** Gain insight on the Japanese-American communities in Hawai'i

**RESEARCH FOCUS:** Effect of Bon Odori on Japanese-American multi-generation

for more information:  
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# FYI...



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3) download a copy from the temple website: [mililanihongwanji.org](http://mililanihongwanji.org)

For additional information check out our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mililani-Hongwanji-Buddhist-Temple/114271522485>

### **2023 Temple Board**

President-June Asato  
 VP Fac.-Stephen Koito  
 VP Oper.-Kevin Asato  
 VP Rel. Svc./Programs-Brandon Hee  
 Secretary-Roger Babcock  
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 Dennis Oshita  
 BWA Rep.-Diane Yoza  
 Imm. Past Pres.-Dean Sakamoto  
 Directors-Rene Mansho  
 Gay Tanaka  
 Janice Yasunaga  
 Advisors-Melvin Hayase  
 Masami Nishimoto  
 Minister-Rev. David Fujimoto

## **Monthly Joint Memorial Service**

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

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

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

## **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!



# Sangha Day



Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission

March 5, 2023

8:00 am to 1:00 pm

## Sustainability: Ancient Practices in a Modern World

### Bento Choices (\$12.00)

- Bento 1: Teri Beef, Fried Chicken, Fish Tempura, White Rice, Shoyu long rice, Corn niblets
- Bento 2: Vegetarian Maki & Oshi Sushi, Sweet Potato Tempura, Vegetable Nishime, Yaki Tofu Steak, Namasu, and Hijiki (black seaweed mix)

Sign up for your choices with your temple. Each temple will be sending in the total order by February 5, 2023 to carolyn2048@gmail.com. Payment will be collected on March 5, 2023.

### Speakers:

Steven Bolosan  
Ku'uipo Garrido



Please return this bottom section with payment to Mililani Hongwanji's Sangha Day Coordinator, **June Asato**, by **Sunday, January 29, 2023**. Make check payable to **Mililani Hongwanji**. Please use this form to RSVP even if you are not ordering a bento.

*Mililani Hongwanji will submit the number of participants and one payment (check) to Wahiawa Hongwanji.*

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

# attending: high school or adults: \_\_\_\_\_

# of students in Pre-K to grade 2: \_\_\_\_\_

# of students grade 3 to 5: \_\_\_\_\_

# of students grade 6 to 8: \_\_\_\_\_

### Bento Order

Bento 1 \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bento 2 \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Mahalo for your DANA

(December 13, 2022 – January 9, 2023 )

## 50th Anniversary Celebration

June Asato  
Sylvia Koike  
Doris Oshiro

Via Give Aloha

## Dharma School

Margaret Tanabe

## Funeral

Wayne & Roberta Kishinami

Funeral service for Adaline Nakata

## General Donation

Mililani Crafters  
Mililani Hongwanji Ikebana Class  
Sharon Freitas  
Mamoru & Ethel Kawahara  
James & Karen Nakasone  
Earl & Amy Nishimoto  
Lester & Janice Uyeda

Via Give Aloha

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## Higan Fall Service

Lester & Joyce Ogawa

Via Give Aloha

## Hoonko Service

Margaret Tanabe  
Ethel Yamashige

## Joint Memorial Service

Janet Abe  
Janet Abe  
Annie A. Chang  
Janice Fukunaga  
Harley & Martha Ishii  
Harley & Martha Ishii  
Dennis & Michele Oshita  
Carol Saito  
Charles & June Shimata  
Richard & Gail Taira  
Margaret Tanabe  
Hiroyoshi & Satoko Terao  
Wayne & Nora Toma  
Gordon & Lyn Watanabe  
Harry & Shirley Yamakawa  
Diane Yoza  
Diane Yoza

IMO Kazuko Ama

IMO Sadae Tagami

IMO Kameju & Hatsue Akamine, Arnold Akamine

IMO Katsumi Shigehara, Toyoko Shigehara, Richard Y Fukunaga

IMO Kenji Ishii

IMO Jean Sanehira, Chizuko Takayama, Donald Saito

IMO Jane S Oshita

IMO Edwin Saito

IMO Mitome Shimata, Elsie Hamasaki

IMO Kameko Taira, Matsu Taira, Uta Taira

IMO Wayne Hirata

IMO Matsue Sugita

IMO Masue Toma

IMO Toyoji Watanabe

IMO Ritsuyo Hashiro

IMO Sadae Tagami

IMO Satoru Nakamura



## New Year's Day Service

June Asato  
Richard & Joyce Fujimoto  
Melvin Hayase  
Lenora Inoue  
Mamoru & Ethel Kawahara  
Milton & Susan Migita  
Nancy Tanaka  
Gordon & Lyn Watanabe  
Ethel Yamashige

# Mahalo for your DANA

(December 13, 2022 – January 9, 2023 )

## **Social Concerns(HQ)**

Christine Sato & Richard Lightner  
Janet Abe  
Trudy Akamine  
Takashi Ando  
June Asato  
Sharon Freitas  
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Warren & Nora Hahn  
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Theodine Hirai  
Itsuko Honda  
Russell & Joyce Inaba  
Harley & Martha Ishii  
John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa  
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Karl & Carol Ann Kakehi  
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June Ogawa  
Lester & Joyce Ogawa  
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Dennis & Patricia Takatani  
Margaret Tanabe  
Nancy Tanaka

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Carl & Sheila Tonaki  
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Brad & Mari Wakahiro  
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Gordon & Lyn Watanabe  
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Jan Youth  
Diane Yoza

## **Donation**

State Termite & Pest Control, Inc.  
Special donation of pest control  
services (12/10/2022)

## **In Gratitude.**

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## NEWSLETTER

February 2023

### Calendar

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

### President's Message

Hi. I hope all of you had a good holiday season. And got your hearing back after the New Year? This year's theme is "Sharing Joy Together". The church is still standing. 60 years this year; the roof is holding up from the wind and rain. The LED replacement lights have brightened up the church at night. I can mow the lawn at night IF I WANT TO. LOL! We are still planning to have a Bon Dance in June. We can always do more in one way, or another. Make 2023 a good year. Have a good everyday, everybody.

In Gassho,  
Craig T. Tsutsumi

### Mahalo for your Donations

#### New Year's Day Service

Mrs. Jean Abe  
Ms. Caran Iwata  
Mrs. Jayne Kurizaki  
Mr. Glenn Nagamine  
Ms. Myra Nohara  
Ms. Rae Wakimura  
Mrs. Ruth Wakimura  
Mr. Arnold Yoshioka

#### Ofuse

M/M Wilton/Jean Itamoto ~  
In memory of Mrs. Elsie Itamoto  
Ms. Caran Iwata ~  
In memory of Mrs. Elsie Itamoto &  
In memory of Mr. Ernest Wakimura  
M/M Milton/Madelline Oshiro ~  
In memory of M/M Matsusuke & Lillian Oshiro

#### General

M/M Toshio & Yvonne Kishi  
M/M Randy & Susan LaVigne  
Ms. Lisa Oshiro  
Mrs. Claudia Tokumoto

Rev. David Fujimoto's office hours at Ewa Hongwanji ~ Thursdays 9:00 am-11:00 am.  
You may also contact him at 808-625-0925 (Mililani Hongwanji Office) or leave a message on Ewa Hongwanji's voicemail at 808-681-5222.

Keep informed of what's happening at Ewa Hongwanji - <https://bit.ly/3bKGt2f>