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- 5 9:00am Family Dharma Service and Dharma School
- 12 9:00am Joint Memorial and Family Dharma Service
- 12 10:15am BWA Meeting
- 19 9:00am Family Dharma Service and Dharma School
Guest Speaker: Brandon Hee
- 26 9:00am Family Dharma Service and Dharma School

November 2025

- 2 9:00am Joint Memorial & Family Dharma Service
- 2 10:15am BWA Meeting
- 9 9:00am Family Dharma Service and Dharma School
Guest Speaker: Rev. Earl Ikeda
- 16 9:00am Eitakyo (Perpetual Memorial) and Family Service and Dharma School
Guest Speaker: Rev. Ryoso Toshima
- 23 9:00am Family Dharma Service and Dharma School
Guest Speaker: Rene Mansho
- 30 9:00am Kerokai Recognition Service and Dharma School

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

Minister's Message

by Reverend Joshin Kamuro



Third-Generation Camellia

The Blood Bank of Hawaii holds a monthly Blood Drive here at Mililani Hongwanji in the Education Building. Since moving here, my son and I have been grateful for the opportunity to donate blood through this program. I also take part in the quarterly Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up with fellow Sangha members. While we are cleaning along Kamehameha Highway, people driving by wave and call out, "Thank you." These community service projects at Mililani Hongwanji are truly wonderful, and I will do my best to continue participating in both the Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up and blood donations as often as I can. Let us continue working together for the good of our community.

This month, my younger brother in Kumamoto is in Nepal to celebrate his wedding with his Nepalese fiancée in her hometown. They had originally planned to hold their wedding ceremony at Kathmandu Hongwanji, officiated by the head priest, Rev. Sonam Wangdi Bhutia. Sadly, Rev. Bhutia passed away suddenly on August 23 at the age of 52, having been born in the Pure Land. His passing reminds us once again of life's impermanence—we never know what tomorrow may bring.

Some of you may remember Rev. Bhutia, who visited Hawaii in the summer of 2017 as the guest speaker for the week-long Summer Session at the Buddhist Study Center (BSC). Although my brother and his fiancée had to cancel their ceremony with him at Kathmandu Hongwanji, they will still exchange vows before Amida Buddha there, and later hold a wedding celebration in her hometown. I recall an interview I had in 2011 with a Nepalese minister, who told me that the caste system still persists in Nepal under the influence of Hinduism. That is why I am especially drawn to Shin Buddhism, which teaches that all human beings are equal. In Shin Buddhism, there is no distinction between clergy and laypeople—we all gather together before Amida Buddha, and no one is excluded. In the presence of Amida Buddha, all people are equal. We call ourselves *ondōbō*—fellow travelers on the same path.

The Issei immigrants from Japan planted the seeds of this Nembutsu teaching of equality here in Hawaii. Through hardship and adversity, this teaching took root and blossomed. Recently, Mr. Hideaki Yagi, who joined Mililani Hongwanji from this year, told me that the camellia in our temple yard is "a third-generation plant that has regrown three times." In the same way, once the Nembutsu teaching is planted, they continue to regrow and flourish from generation to generation.

Mililani Hongwanji is a welcoming temple where people of all ages, genders, and nationalities can discover that all living beings are equally precious. Together, we can help build a more compassionate and harmonious society. Namo Amida Butsu.

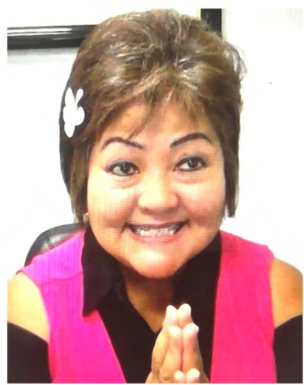


Camellia *Wabisuke*, Third Generation

You can watch Rev. Sonam Wangdi Bhutia's Lectures from the BSC Summer Session 2017 at the following link: [Summer Session 2017 videos: Jodo Shinshu in the Land of Shakyamuni with Rev. Sonam Bhutia – Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii](#)



Rehe's Review



President
Rene Mansho

Aloha Friends!

My word for the month of October is “HOPE”. Yup, at my old age, have learned new and exciting things! Our Mililani Hongwanji Ohana is tirelessly maintaining our facilities, repairing electrical and plumbing problems, watering our plants and dry, brown grass.

Volunteers are teaching our Sunday Dharma Classes making sure that learning about gratitude, kindness, mindfulness, and compassion, Buddhist values, are fun and joyful for our youth.

We take for granted but you can count on the best refreshments and socializing after every Sunday Service because volunteers bring delicious snacks, and I am seeing more homemade goodies! Yum! Oishii! I am so grateful watching the men setting up the tables and chairs as the Sunday Service setting turns into a place of meeting new folks, or catching up with friends weekly. Our

recent guest speaker, Rev. Enriques Galvan Alvarez from England dazzled us with his increasing Shin Buddhism in Europe, truly down-to-earth dharma message, and giving us hope to increase our attendance and membership. I treasure my Mililani Buddhist Ohana and look forward to seeing them every week and attending community outings! So, 18 of us retirees enjoyed watching the movie *Hamilton* at the Mililani Theater, *Peace on Your Wings* at Kennedy Theater, enjoying our Peace Ambassador Jake Shimabukuro at the *Blue Note*, people attend Calligraphy and Japanese Classes, Crochet, Ikebana, Mahjong, went to see the 442nd movie, “Shikata Ga Nai,” at Honpa, we are also planning to show it at our temple soon. Whew!

My hope continues as we completed 3 extraordinary events in September: the 62nd *HAWAII STATE LAY ASSOCIATION CONVENTION*, in person and on Zoom held at Jikoen Hongwanji on Friday, and Honpa Betsuin on Saturday. We met fellow Buddhists and guests discussing the issues of the day like the huge problems with INCREASING INSURANCE PREMIUMS that all churches are facing, and the State Insurance Commissioner Scott Saiki was glad to meet our Hongwanji Ohana, shared information, and offered assistance from his office. He also suggested that all churches could get together and collectively seek assistance from the State. We also heard speakers representing Senior Citizens issues and the help available and the newly organized Project Dana. I liked the energy from our YOUTH CONSULTANT EMI HASHI. Our youth are on the move! Looking forward to their secret recipe manju fundraiser! All temples will receive a report of the convention.

I love our “*CHORALFEST 2025*” program that returned after COVID. One hundred women and men singing gathas in soprano, alto, tenor, and bass sections, to bring one solid harmonious tone! We came from all islands, practiced and came together and brought the house down! Can’t wait to join the next one because we love our conductor, endearing Nola Nahulu from Waianae and our pianist the magical Francis Okano from Honpa.

Finally, thanks to the leadership of our Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani, we held an awesome “6TH ANNUAL RING YOUR BELL FOR PEACE DAY” program. Last count, 1,625 registered to join Our Interfaith, multi-cultural movement to emphasize that WE NEED PEACE, NOW MORE THAN EVER! We recognized the humanitarian work that one of our members Ramona Okamura, led in providing prosthetics for the children of Gaza who lost their limbs in the constant bombing. We enjoyed watching people in their homes, schools, churches, clubs, businesses, ringing their bells at 9:03 AM from mainland states, neighbor islands and Lebanon. Guest speakers were brilliant! We are blessed. I will submit a full report. You see why I am so full of hope, today and forever.

NAMO AMIDA BUTSU!

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Summary of September 10, 2025

Mililani Hongwanji (Kyodan) Board Meeting

- The Mililani Hongwanji Board of Directors met via Zoom with a quorum. President Rene Mansho presided.
- **Treasurer's Report:** (Cliff T) The August 31, 2025 Financial Report was presented. August was a busy month with the Bon Dance event. Cash income was high from the various income generating activities supporting the Bon Dance. A more detailed financial report specific to Bon Dance will be distributed. Disbursements were also high with several building maintenance projects and CIP expenditures. At this time, overall Income is at 75% of the annual budget and expenses are 73% of the annual budget.
- **Minister's Report:** (Rev. Kamuro) Written report received showing various meetings, services, seminars, and other activities for the current and future months. Mrs. Fay Toyama donated her husband's beautiful bell to Mililani Hongwanji for the "Ringing Your Bell for Peace Day" service on September 22, 8:30 am either at Mililani Hongwanji temple or via Zoom. Expressed appreciation to the Board for approving the update to the "Envelope Information" section in the Mililani Hongwanji Membership Handbook (pages 16-19). Copies provided upon request.
- **President's Report:** (Rene M) Attended the 80th Commemoration at Honpa and Hiroshima-Nagasaki poster display with guest speaker Ms. Sadae Kasaoka, a survivor. HHMH Board highlights: reminder to register temples with DCCA, opt to electronic version of "Kaleo Kahea" to minimize cost, increased minister's relocation allowance from \$7,500 to \$10,000, reduced minister's work week from 6 to 5 days. Mililani Jammers to try and play on monthly Memorial Services. Distributed upcoming events and dates both statewide and for the Oahu District.
- **VP Operations:** (Kevin A) Hall rental on 9/13/25 & 9/17/25, a sub-committee met with the Adult Day Center and discussed changes and concerns to be implemented. Varied level of services to be implemented and Saturday care being considered again.
- **VP Facilities:** (Steve K) Dining room lights in the parsonage have been replaced. Motion sensor lights and security lights have been replaced or repaired. The AC in the Ed Building have been repaired. Back up of the temple building water drain caused damages to the temple ceiling tiles.. A professional plumber will check and clean the lines to prevent further problems. Enclosure for the ice maker and refrigerator in process
- **VP Religious & Temple Activities:** (Dean S, excused) Dharma School coordinator Alex K is pleased with the teachers who will be volunteering this year. It should be a lot of fun. Mahalo to those who helped with the "Mochi Making" event after service. Keirokai Service on November 30th.
- **BWA Report:** (Lani Y) 18 BWA members and non-members enjoyed a movie outing "Hamilton the Movie". October is C.A.R.E. day when members visit the Mililani Adult Daycare Center to spend time with seniors and to share activities with them. Next month is OUHHBWA Annual membership Conference. Ehime Maru cleanup is scheduled for November 1, participation is encouraged. Planning in process for end of year Christmas dinner-meeting.
- **Jr. YBA:** (Gay T) Sold drinks at the Mililani Bon Dance and raised more funds than previous year. Mahalo to the MHS Japanese Honor Society for volunteering at the Bon Dance. About 50 people attended the "Bites, Bingo, and Bonding" event with positive feedback from the community. Installation of United Officers was on Sept. 7, Yuma-Pres., Diandra-V.P., Taylor-Sec., and Amame-Treas. Congratulations! Upcoming events will be a "Haunted House" and a Manju Fundraiser.
- **50th Anniversary** (June & Mel) \$1 Million Fund Raising Campaign will be launched soon. The funds will not be an endowment and will be used to fund the celebration activities and the various major projects being considered (i.e. solar photovoltaic system, building safety and code upgrades, landscaping, etc). Committees are busy meeting and planning for the big event in 2027. If you would like to get involved, please contact June A or Mel H. Various programs and activities are being planned.
- **Community Engagement and Outreach Work** (Ty Wakahiro) Provided presentation of his results on the various Mililani Hongwanji social media and online services. Copy of his report can be provided upon request.
- **Other Reports or Announcements:**
 - **Hawaii State Lay Association (HSLA):** (Dean S, excused) At the HSLA convention, two Mililani Resolutions 1) Promote Jodo Shinshu Teachings in Hawaii and Grow Hongwanji Temples and to 2) Assist and Sustain and Keep Hongwanji Temples in Hawaii Open were approved.
 - **Bon Dance:** (Cliff T) Distributed a financial report on the 2025 Bon Dance. Results show an increase of about \$5,000 from previous years, mainly from the income generated from the Gyu-Don booth. Other fundraising venues were about equal to or slightly higher than previous years. A wrap-up meeting will be held on Sept 17 to further discuss the Bon Dance event. It appeared that the crowds were larger than previous year. It was approved that 50% of the net profits from the Gyu-Don sales be allocated to the 50th Anniversary celebration.
 - **Nominations Committee:** Looking for members to serve as a board member for 2026. If you are interested, please contact Chair Dean Sakamoto. Meetings are held once a month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm via zoom.



BWA News

A Word From Our BWA President:

We have scheduled our annual Oahu United Membership Conference for Saturday, October 18, at Aiea Hongwanji. In addition to convening a general membership meeting, we have scheduled Federation President Linda Nagai to give the Dharma message. In addition, there will be the installation of new officers, a guest speaker, Keali'i Lopez, and a chair yoga session. We'd love to have you attend, so just email Aileen Sato or Joyce Ogawa by Sunday, October 5. Registration fee, which includes lunch, is \$15.00, but the Mililani BWA is subsidizing \$5, so your cost is \$10.00. (check payable to Mililani Hongwanji BWA, and give to Joyce Ogawa). Carpooling is being arranged. This would be a great time to see friends from the other units. Meal selections are chicken, salmon, or eggplant tofu.

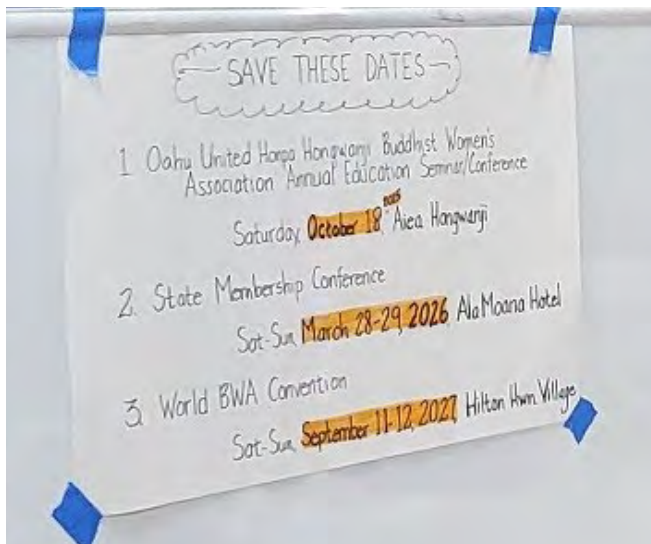
We are taking orders for the new montoshikisho that is being created for the 2027 World Convention being held here in Honolulu. It is royal blue in hue, with a striking red lehua blossom on each side of the montoshikisho, with slightly visible origami cranes on the fabric. The cost is \$50. Please call or email me, at (808 989-2500) if you'd like to order one.

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 2, 2025. We are having our Annual Mililani Membership Drive combined with a holiday potluck that evening, starting at 6:00 pm. There will be surprises in store for you, so please come. We love to see all members. For more information, please contact Program Chair, Aileen Sato.

I trust that all who went to see "Hamilton, the Movie" had a wonderful experience. There were 18 members and non-members who enjoyed the movie with popcorn and drinks, and some even could read the lyrics to the rap music through their closed caption devices.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge and thank BWA member, Gail Taira, for guiding us to perform with the other singers in the Choralefest recently. The sound of a hundred other voices filled the Betsuin with uplifting music in a truly moving and marvelous way.

In Gassho,
Lani Yamami
President
MHBWA





Dharma School

We've been busy at Dharma School!

We began our new school year with Rally Day. A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped make it such a success! Sangha members generously lent supplies, provided ingredients, assisted with set-up, guided the mochi-making, and stayed for clean-up. We had mochi stations for both kids and adults. Children enjoyed filling their mochi with peanut butter, chocolate, and adzuki beans, while adults had options such as spam and strawberries. At the end, kids were able to take home their creations along with a bag of treats.

At our following class, Alex King led a lesson for Peace Day. Students learned about Zen Buddhism, the peaceful protests encouraged by Martin Luther King Jr. and Thich Nhat Hanh, and Jr. YBA's important work in establishing Peace Day as an official state observance. Our activity included walking meditation, and we closed with a chocolate meditation.

Most recently, Crystal King guided a class on Autumn Ohigan Day and the Six Paramitas. Afterward, Reverend and Mrs. Kamuro taught us how make the two headed origami bird. There was also a range of origami for families to make from dog faces to cranes.

Each Dharma School session begins with Reverend leading us in aspirations and the Nembutsu. Sgt. Rainbow then guides us in listening to the singing bowl, practicing belly breathing, and giving students a chance to win prizes.

We are deeply grateful to Rev. Kamuro and our dedicated Dharma School teachers: co-leaders Alex and Crystal King, Ann Ishikawa, Jill Kyhos, Stephen Chinen, Gay Tanaka, Mari Wakahiro (assistant), and Claire Doi. Thank you to our Dharma School students, families, and the entire Sangha for your continued support!

In Gassho,

Your Dharma School 'Ohana

Dharma School Lesson Schedule:

September 28: Sanbutsuge Chant

October 5: Daruma Doll

October 12: No Dharma School

October 19: State Dharma School at Mililani



Jr. YBA Happenings

October is Hawaii Buddhist Youth (HBY) Month and the charity that we chose at our summer convention to support this year is Coral Reef Alliance. We will be making manju for our HBY month fundraiser so we truly appreciate all of you who placed orders. We are excited to make our yummy manju for you! Photos will be in the next newsletter.



We will be making our way out west to Waianae Hongwanji's final service on November 9 at 10:00am so we encourage everyone to come out to show your gratitude for one of the oldest temples in our district. There is so much history at this temple and we are sure to hear some wonderful stories. This is a great opportunity to talk story between the generations and it will be a true nembutsu moment.

After last year's successful Toys for Tots drive, we have decided to do it again this year so please keep your eyes out for more information in the next newsletter!

Upcoming Important Dates:

Manju Making: Saturday, October 4, at Waipahu Hongwanji at 9:00am

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 12, at Aiea Hongwanji at 1:00pm

Federation Meeting: Saturday, October 18 time TBD but plan for an all day event (meeting and activity)



Scan QR Code for Serendipity Federation Newsletter: <https://bit.ly/convention2425>

We welcome any youth who are entering 6th grade through 2 years after high school graduation are welcome to join Jr. YBA! You do not need to be a member of a temple so bring your friends! Please contact a Jr. YBA member or Auntie Arynn Ishikawa (advisor) at arynn.m.ishikawa@gmail.com or jrybafoahu@gmail.com if you have questions or for more information.



Follow us on Instagram! @jrybafoahu and @hawaiiifedjryba

Adopt-A-Highway Thank You

By: Tyler Oshiro, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator

A big MAHALO to the volunteers who helped with the third Adopt-A-Highway clean-up for the year on Saturday, September 6th! The trash was no match for our fabulous crew — Claire M, Gay T, Lea U, Mas N, Rev. Kamuro, Stan S, Stephen K, Warren H, and Wendell O. We'd also like to thank Lea U and Mel H for providing snacks and hot coffee for us as part of the refreshments.

Our last quarterly cleanup of 2025 is scheduled for **Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 8:00 am**. Please mark your calendars if you are interested in helping out! These cleanups are a great opportunity to help beautify our community and spend time with members of our Sangha.

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

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at tylerkoshiro@gmail.com. Thank you!



October Memorial

Those who have passed during the month.

Thomas Akamine	Jesse Nomura
Utako Ando	Haruji Ogata
Ichio Hirata	Marion Oka
Atsuko Iguchi	Makiyo Okino
Hachiro	Tomiko Oshiro
Imamura	Edwin Shima
Pamela Ishikawa	Florence Satoko
Satoru Kai	Tachibana
Sayoko Kuwata	Hisayoshi Tachibana
Makiya Makino	Sueko Takenaka
Kusuo Matsumoto	Phyllis Tanaka
Tadao Matsuzaki	Jean Tashima
Stanley Mikami	Tasuke Terao
James Miyamoto	Jiuu Wakumoto
Yukiyo Miyamoto	Shuji Watanabe
Kiku Nakashima	Dan Yamamoto

Please call (808) 625-0925 and/or email dharmaconnection@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 2025, special memorial years are observed for loved ones who passed away in:

2024 1st Year	2013 13th Year	1993 33rd year
2023 3rd Year	2009 17th Year	1976 50th year
2019 7th Year	2001 25th year	



SAVE the DATE!!! Keirokai Recognition 2025
The Keirokai committee is making a call for members of Mililani Hongwanji who will be 80 years of age this 2025 calendar year! We would love for you to participate in this special event!

The Keirokai Recognition Program will be held on *Sunday, November 30, 2025, where we celebrate, honor, and show our gratitude to our Keirosha honorees. Light lunch to follow!

If you know of a member who has reached or will be 80 this year, please contact Reverend Joshin Kamuro at (808) 625-0925.

2026 HHMH Theme/Slogan POSTER CONTEST

NURTURING NEMBUTSU: SHARING GRATITUDE

The winning entry will be featured on a statewide poster!

ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED BETWEEN
AUGUST 31 - NOVEMBER 15, 2025

POSTER GUIDELINES - [LINK](#) to detailed guidelines

- Visually express the theme/slogan "Nurturing Nembutsu: Sharing Gratitude"
- How do we express gratitude in our daily lives?
- How does saying Namo Amida Butsu help us recognize the kindness we receive?
- What do we receive by sharing gratitude?
- Through your art, reflect on what it means to share gratitude with your family, friends, and the world around you
- Poster can be created using any medium (e.g., painting, drawing, digital art, photography) but must be submitted as a high-resolution digital file (JPEG, PNG, or PDF).
- Dimensions: Standard poster size (24" x 36" or equivalent in digital format).
- Be original and do not include any copyrighted images or text.

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Prizes will be
awarded to the
TOP 5 POSTERS

QUESTIONS?

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BLOOD DRIVE

September 13	October 11	November 15	REVISED DATE December 20
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6:30 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Education Building

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE

APPOINTMENTS APPRECIATED | WALK-INS ACCEPTED AS AVAILABLE

To schedule an appointment,
call **Blood Bank of Hawaii** at (808) 848-4770,
scan the QR code or visit bbh.org



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Mahalo for your DANA

(August 5, 2025 to September 13, 2025)

Dharma School

John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa
Stephen & Susan Koito

General Donation

Honbushin International Center
Susan Asato & Ryan Takakawa
Lindsey Albano
John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa
James & Karen Nakasone

General Donation (Bon Dance)

Akamai Glass Co., Inc.
Anonymous (x 12)
Anonymous
Anonymous
Honda Family (Harry & Itsuko)
June Nouchi & Toshiko Ginoza
Harriet Abe
Dorothy Abe
Cindy and Robbie Alm
Terry Jean Arakaki
Kevin Asato
Twila Castellucci
Clifford & Lorna Ching
Elaine Chun
Reid & Carolyn Chung
Aileen Cockett
Milton & Sharol Deguchi
Clair Doctor
Claire Doi
Jillian Freitas
Myra Fujino
Wendi Fujino
June Fujitani
Paul & Emi Fukuda
Brian & Ruth Fukumoto

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Eileen Ganancial
Joyce Gushiken
Judith and Keith Hamada
Allan & Helen Hasegawa
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Harriet Hori
Lenora Inoue
Calvin & Kay Ishii
Sharon Kaneko
Dorothy Kaneshiro
Karen Kato
Stanley & Stephanie Kato
Mamoru Kawahara
Mamoru Kawahara

MHM Dancers' Support

Birthdays

Silent Auction/Goods & Services

From Stanley

From Karen

IMO Harry & Itsuko Honda

In Deep Gratitude.

**Namo Amida Butsu
Namo Amida Butsu
Namo Amida Butsu**

Silent Auction/Goods & Services

IMO Francis & Ruth Fukumoto,
David & Shawn Fukumoto, Saburo
& Yone Nishimoto, George Nishimoto

IMO Del Ganancial

IMO Paul Tanaka

IMO Edward Hirai

IMO Larry Hiyakumoto

IMO Ethel Kawahara

General Donation (Bon Dance) continued

Carrie Kawamoto
Earline Kihara
Jeffrey Kimoto
Wayne & Roberta Kishinami
Stephen & Susan Koito
Corri Lee & Seann Kojima
Candice Kubo
Caroline Lee
Mara Macdonald
Rene Mansho
Claire Masaki
Claire Matsumoto
Claire Matsumoto
Milton & Susan Migita
Lynn Miyahira
Baldwin & Sally Miyake
Sarah Miyasaki
Sean Mokuau
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Arthur & Irene Nakagawa
Blaine & Jennifer Nakamura
Gayle & Carl Nakamura
Earl & Amy Nishimoto
June Ogawa
Keegan Ohta
Beatrice Okino
Sandra Okubo
Dennis & Michele Oshita
Walter & Caroline Rzonca
Carol Saito
Dean & Doreen Sakamoto
Stanley & Carol Sasaki
Aileen Sato
Christine & Richard Lightner Sato
Deanna Sato
Jerrick Segawa
Trevor Segawa
Charles & June Shimata
Sadako Shintaku
Winifred Singeo
Rev. Jeffrey Soga
Denise Sueyoshi
Richard & Gail Taira
Jason & Mona Takara
Dr. & Mrs. Warren Tamamoto
Tyler & Kristi Tamashiro
Annie Tanaka
Nancy Tanaka
Hiroyoshi & Satoko Terao
Dexter Teruya
Dorrie Tobita
Clifford Togo
John & Lisa Toguchi
Susan Tokuhama
Courtney Velazquez

Silent Auction/Goods & Services

IMO Saburo and Yone Nishimoto

IMO Francis and Ruth Fukumoto

Silent Auction/Goods & Services

IMO Fae Togo

IMO Arnold Okubo & Kiyoe Tanioka

IMO Jack & Harue Zaan

IMO Edwin Saito



IMO Fae Togo

Mahalo for your DANA

Continued

General Donation (Bon Dance) continued

Ruth Wakimura	
Charijean Watanabe	Silent Auction/Goods & Services
Gordon & Lyn Watanabe	
Hideaki Yagi	Silent Auction/Goods & Services
Harry & Shirley Yamakawa	
Scott & Jan Yamauchi	Yamauchi Nursery: Silent Auction/ Goods & Services
Carl & Sandra Yanagi	
Carl & Sandra Yanagi	IMO Ethel Kawahara
Carl & Sandra Yanagi	IMO Joslyn Tokuda, Etsyo Kaneshiro, Jean Sanehira, Larry Nishioka, Harry Abe

Miles & Sandra Yasui
Ralph & Janice Yasunaga
Kiyoshi & Lucy Yokoo
Marvin Yonamine
Mae Yorimoto
Kayoko Yoshii
Tomeo Yoshizawa
Valerie Yoza

Gobutsuzen



Hatsubon Service

Anonymous	IMO Robert Nishihira
Anonymous	IMO Shuzo Kimura
Anonymous	
June Asato	IMO Lawrence Nishioka, Dennis Kawamoto, Joyce Makino, Misae Matsuzaki, Shuzo Kimura, Albert Kayatani
Myra Fujino	IMO Dennis Kawamoto
Myra Fujino	IMO Lawrence Nishioka
Myra Fujino	IMO Misae Matsuzaki
Wendi Fujino	IMO Misae Matsuzaki
Nancy (Arakaki) Honma	
Calvin & Kay Ishii	IMO Lawrence Nishioka
Arynn Ishikawa	IMO Dennis Kawamoto
Arynn Ishikawa	IMO Lawrence Nishioka
John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa	IMO Lawrence Nishioka
John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa	IMO Dennis Kawamoto
John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa	IMO Keith Nakahara
John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa	IMO Misae Matsuzaki
Carrie Kawamoto	IMO Joyce Makino
Carrie Kawamoto	IMO Dennis Kawamoto
Margaret Kayatani	IMO Albert Kayatani
Stephen & Susan Koito	IMO Dennis Kawamoto, Eileen Hayase, Nora Abe
Ken & Diane Matsuzaki	IMO Misae Matsuzaki
Kyle Nakahara	IMO Keith Nakahara
Carl & Mona Nii	IMO Misae Matsuzaki
Robert Nishihira	From Nishihira family
Lois & Wallace Sekigawa	IMO Robert Nishihira
Tyler & Kristi Tamashiro	IMO Misae Matsuzaki

Memorial Service

Takashi Ando	IMO Hyokichi & Naka Ando
Sharon Freitas	IMO Vivian Oishi
Sharon Kaneko	IMO Lawrence Nishioka
Sharon Kaneko	IMO Dennis Kawamoto
Sharon Kaneko	IMO Misae Matsuzaki
Elsie Morikawa	IMO Momono Hayashida
Joyce Nishioka	IMO Lawrence Nishioka
Joyce Nishioka	IMO Misae Matsuzaki
Sandra Okubo	IMO Arnold Okubo
Aileen Sato	IMO Jason Sato
Diane Yoza	IMO Nora Nakamura

Obon Service

Janet Abe	
Darryl & Patricia Arizo	
June Asato	
Roger & Jill Kyhos Babcock	
Claire Doi	
Sharon Freitas	
Luana Fukutomi	
Warren & Nora Hahn	IMO Larry Nishioka & Ralph Yasunaga
Melvin Hayase	
Harley & Martha Ishii	
Karl & Carol Ann Kakehi	
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Social Concerns(HQ)

John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa 2025-2026 HHMH Social Concern

In Deep Gratitude.

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Photo Gallery



Diane & Claire



Guest Speaker: Alex King



Origami Making at Dharma School



Mochi-making with temple members

Meditation practice

Peace Day Service



Peace Day Service: The Lantern and the Crane





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NEWSLETTER

October 2025

Calendar

Oct 22 (Wed) 9:00am-12:00pm Before Service Cleanup
26 (Sun) 11:00am Monthly Service

Wednesdays 9:00am-12:00pm - weekly Hosha and Rev. Fujimoto's office hours (Phone 808-348-9458)

Rev. David's Thoughts

Rev. David K. Fujimoto, BBC

I did a service one day and it was mentioned that the person found happiness in touching the soil. As a gardener, this person found great joy in planting and maintaining a garden. It made me think about where I find my own personal happiness. It might sound a little cheesy, but after living apart from my wife for a little while, every time I walk in the door and I see her sitting on the couch, it brings me happiness. Many times, it is the little things that we find our happiness or joy. Sometimes it's just enough, in the little things. In Buddhism we often are told to reflect in ourselves. So each and every day, we should take the moment to ask ourselves, "Where do I find my happiness?"

Ewa Hongwanji Mission's 125-year Celebration - Update on Date

Ewa Hongwanji Mission was established in 1901 as an affiliate temple of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. We will be celebrating our 125-year anniversary in 2026 and plan to have a celebration in September or October. We are working hard to put together a program including some history, entertainment, lunch, and perhaps several craft booths featuring Oriental-themed items. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or if you would like to contribute in the planning.

Mahalo for your Donations

English Service

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Rev. Yuika Hasebe ~ Dharma School Visit
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