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Obon, Obon, It's Festival Day!



August 2024

September 2024

- 4 9:00am Family Dharma Service, Welcome
Rev. Joshin Kamuro & family
- 11 9:00am Joint Memorial & OBON SERVICE
- 11 4:00pm Hatsubon Service
- 11 10:15am BWA Monthly Meeting
- 16-17 9:00am BON DANCE
- 18 8:00am Bon Dance Clean Up (No Service)
- 25 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma
School Rally Day

- 1 9:00am Family Dharma Service
- 8 No Service (HHMH Triple Cele-
bration)
- 15 9:00am Joint Memorial, Family Dharma
Service & Dharma School
- 15 10:15am BWA Monthly Meeting
- 22 9:00am Ohigan (Rev. Bert Sumikawa) &
Family Dharma Service & Dhar-
ma School (1st Day)
- 29 9:00am Family Dharma Service &
Dharma School

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

Minister's Message

Aloha, Mililani Hongwanji Ohana!

First of all, I appreciate that you, Mililani Hongwanji sangha members have accepted me as your new minister. My family and I are truly grateful to be able to join the Mililani Hongwanji sangha and walk the Nembutsu path with each of you. We will try our best to be approachable; to physically welcome members and visitors to the temple. One of my favorite Buddhist teachings is “Gentle in countenance and loving in speech” 和顔愛語 (Wa Gen Ai Go).” If you greet people with thoughtful words and a smiling face, your counterpart will likewise respond with kindness. One smile at a time, we can make the world around us a warmer place. I would like to welcome people with this Buddhist teaching in mind: “Gentle in countenance and loving in speech” 和顔愛語 (Wa Gen Ai Go).”

Now I would like to introduce myself and my family. I am Joshin Kamuro from a temple family in Kumamoto, Japan. I have three sisters and one brother. One of my sisters is my fraternal twin. Four of us siblings are Shin Buddhist ministers (including me). My younger brother will take over my parents' temple, Zensho-ji, in Kumamoto.

My wife, Minako, and our son, Yuma were born in Osaka, Japan. Minako and I got married in Düsseldorf, Germany in 2005. Minako received *tokudo* ordination in 2008 and *kyoshi* certification in 2018 in Kyoto. Yuma (who is 16 years old) just participated in the 2024 Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange (YBICSE) at the Honzan Hongwanji in Kyoto with Ty Wakahiro and five other YBICSE members from Hawaii. Yuma will be a junior at Mililani High School this year.

Minako and I are so happy to have a second child who was born on January 6, 2024. Our baby's name is Nanami, which means “seven oceans” or “seven seas.” The seven seas represent all the oceans of the world. My wife and I hope that she will become a person who connects people in the world. We are looking forward to introducing our 7-month-old baby girl, Nanami, to you soon.

It has been almost nine years since we moved to Hawaii from Japan in 2015. I was assigned to Mililani Hongwanji thanks to Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani, Temple President Ms. Rene Mansho, the Minister Transition Committee members, and the Mililani Hongwanji Ohana. With gratitude and joy for becoming your resident minister, I intend to keep working hard to spread the Teachings of Shin Buddhism that help people in daily life. My family and I are looking forward to walking the Nembutsu path together with you and sharing Nembutsu moments with the Mililani Hongwanji Ohana. Namo Amida Butsu.

Last but not least, my family and I would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who worked hard to prepare our parsonage and make our transition smooth. We are so grateful for your generous and compassionate support. Thank you very much. Mahalo nui loa.

In gassho,
Joshin, Minako, Yuma, and Nanami Kamuro



2024 YBICSE at the Honzan Hongwanji in Kyoto, Japan on July 9, 2024.

- First row: Joshin is second from the right.
- Second row: Yuma is fifth from the right.
- Third row: Ty is sixth from the right.

Rene's Review



**President
Rene Mansho**

“Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments!”

Aloha Friends! It's ARIGATO TIME.

It's a wonderful time for Mililani Hongwanji! While we will miss that friendly minister greeting us every Sunday morning and his ukulele energy, and of course his memorable dharma messages, we thank Reverend Sol Kalu for his wonderful and caring time with Mililani Hongwanji; and of course, we wish him well as the new Resident Minister at Windward Buddhist Temple. **Domo Arigato Reverend Sol!** You're a great friend and we will definitely invite you as a future guest speaker!

Like a whirlwind taking over our humble temple, our Sangha members have been swept up with the powerful outreach from our brand new, hard-working, conscientious Resident Minister, straight from Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin! Actually, we are even more impressed with his family because his wife teaches calligraphy and ikebana, and his son is a classical violinist, and we will always remember his infant daughter's name “Seven Seas” – Nanami. Isn't that so awesome? Going over and beyond, he has been meeting with our Mililani Hongwanji volunteers, making for a smooth transition so he will be ready to go on day one!

He has plugged in important upcoming dates for meetings with families and our Kyodan Board.

Finally, when he came for a Pre-Moving meeting on July 21st, he was overwhelmed with his tour of our newly restored and refurbished parsonage. Mel Hayase credits the leaders of the construction work to the **S & W Construction Company, that is Steve Koito and Warren Hahn Construction Company**, who worked every day in ripping up the old flooring, reparations and installations of appliances and I can't wait to see his expression on July 29th when he finally sees the finished product. Of course, we will ask Nora Hahn & Aileen Sato, who coordinated all the donations and furnishings, to be the first persons to escort him into their new fully furnished residence! From all of us at Mililani Hongwanji, we say **“Domo Arigato Reverend Kamuro!”**

While we have a powerful team of volunteers to put on our Bon Dance, we know that all the coordination wouldn't be possible without our Bon Dance Committee Chairpersons, who keeps us on schedule, the yagura went up on July 20, all the food and craft fair vendors are in place, Mel is looking for alternate andagi booth volunteers for back up, and all that's left is that all the details will make for a successful and super fun event. **“Domo Arigato Bon Dance Co-Chairs Cliff Togo & Stan Sasaki!”**

Our temple leaders looking to the future would like to welcome the community to Mililani Hongwanji, as we continue to be a valuable resource to contribute in many ways like our Blood Drive, Plant Share, Seminars, and we are traditional supporters of the **GIVE ALOHA program provided by Foodland for the Month of SEPTEMBER. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, shop at any Foodland for the month of September.** At checkout, tell the cashier you'd like to make a donation to Mililani Hongwanji, up to \$249, and Foodland will match a portion of it. If you are not a Maikai Member, just give them your telephone number, and sign up then and there. We thank you for your support and in October we will receive our Give Aloha donation.

“Domo Arigato Sully Sullivan for the Give Aloha Program!”

I look forward to continue receiving your ideas and requests to me at: 808-291-6151 or renemansho@hawaii.rr.com

NAMO AMIDA BUTSU.

Summary of July 10, 2024

Mililani Hongwanji Meeting

- The Mililani Hongwanji Board of Directors met via ZOOM with a quorum. President Rene Mansho presided.
- Treasurer's Report: (Cliff T) The June 30, 2024 Financial Report was presented. The 2nd Qtr HHMH Kyodan Assessment was reflected along with the transfer of the 2023-2024 Social Concerns Fund Drive. Ministerial Transitional Costs are being incurred which includes mobile patrol security, HOSHA, minor repairs, materials and supplies to parsonage. Larger parsonage costs are being charged as CIP (non-operating). The In-house renovations to the parsonage and furniture donations are big cost savings. Salary savings from minister vacancy will be less than budgeted as the filling was sooner than anticipated.
- Minister's Report: (Rev. Sol Kalu) Excused. No report.
- President's Report: (Rene M)
 - Members are enjoying Rev. Sol Kalu's Dharma Messages. An appreciation luncheon will be on July 28th after service.
 - A big mahalo to all the volunteers who have been working very hard to get the parsonage ready. They are ahead of schedule and under budget. Also thank you to the lunch preparers and the people who donated items to furnish the minister's residence. We cannot thank you enough.
 - Rev. Joshin Kamuro will be here on July 16 for a pre-visit and meet with temple leaders and volunteers. This will be his first chance to view the parsonage. His official start date is on August 1, 2024.
 - Ministerial duties and responsibilities and a rental agreement are being drafted for Rev. Kamuro by the transitional committee.
 - Lay Convention sign up deadline: July 28, 2024
- BWA Report: (Lani Y) Nora H and Aileen S have taken an active role in preparing the parsonage for our new minister and his family. Many have responded well for donations to furnish the parsonage. Financial support have also been received. Some members helped with the Onenju session with Mr. Kukino of Windward Buddhist Temple. Diane Y and Claire D will co-chair the Bon Country Store and soliciting items for sale. AED training in the works. Planning for Membership Conference at Mililani on October 26.
- VP Operations: (Kevin A) No other facility rentals in June.
- VP Facilities: (Steve K) Thursday Gang and other volunteers working hard to complete the parsonage refurbishment. HECO will be doing major underground electrical repairs on July 11, all night. No power outage anticipated. Need to remind Ed Bldg users to be sure the kitchen door is secured prior to leaving. Mobile Security has found it unlocked.
- VP Religious & Temple Activities: (Ann I) Excused. Working with Rev. Kamuro to go over service protocol, establishing MC and guest speaker schedule, planning for O Bon, Hatsubon, and Keirokai special services, planning for SY 24-25 Dharma School with teachers, Rally Day in planning, and Mel H has restarted Adult Dharma Class. August 3, Sat. – 9:30 am – 12:30pm: Dharma-Centered Living 101 @ Hawaii Betsuin, August 3, Sat. 1pm: Rev. Akahoshi @ Mililani: Rene sent flyer to Oahu temples with info.
- Jr. YBA: (Gay T) Ty W currently in Japan for YBICSE 2024. Jr. YBA PANDA fundraiser is on Friday, 7/19/24. order online with code 924033. Convention 2024 on Maui was AWESOME! New Fed officers: Jamie Y as President, Diandra T as VP, Taylor K as secretary and Maz as treasurer. O'ahu United well-represented. O'ahu United was also the only united to submit resolutions. 1) to reach out and network with more buddhists, and 2) to network more with BCA juniors. Both passed.
- Other Reports or Topics:
 - Bon Dance Committee: (Cliff T) Planning Committee doing well. All Food & Craft vendors have been secured. July 20th is Yagura/Electrical set up date, KOKUA. Please donate fresh cut flowers for Yagura decoration on Aug 16, morning. Set up help needed on Friday, Aug 16, 8:00 am. Breakdown on Sunday Aug 18, 8:00 am, no service.
 - 50th Anniversary (June A & Mel H) Soliciting ideas on what members want.
 - Columbarium (Janice Y) Will be updating procedures and creating a brochure for information
 - Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, Aug 14, 2024, 7:00pm via ZOOM.



BWA News

BWA members and temple volunteers were busy all summer refurbishing the parsonage. The Thursday Gang and volunteers ripped out old flooring, installed new flooring, painted, did carpentry work, and so much more. BWA members worked alongside to provide daily lunches and refreshments. A special thank you to Nora Hahn and Aileen Sato for their leadership. Nora and Aileen spent all summer receiving donations of and purchasing basic living items as dishes, kitchen small appliances, bathroom necessities, vacuum cleaner, etc. Temple members generously donated large furniture such as a bed, sofa set, coffee table, dressers, desks, chairs, etc. It took a village to complete this, and most important was that everyone's generosity and physical labor came from the heart to make the parsonage move-in ready and a comfortable new home for Reverend Kamuro and family!



A special thank you to Ann Ishikawa for organizing the onenju and tassel repair workshop in June. Guest instructors were Mr. Keiji Kukino and Mrs. Tamayo Matsumoto. The two sessions were video recorded to capture the instructors' technical expertise.

Mililani Hongwanji Bon Dance is August 16 and 17. Planning and preparations started in May. As the event draws near, a call for volunteer help is now sent to help with yagura setup and decoration with greens and flowers. Country store workers are needed to cover different shifts. The country store will sell baked goods prepared by BWA and temple members. BWA also manages the choba/registration table and the bon dance towel distribution. There is so much to be done prior to and at the 2-day event. Contact Diane Yoza to sign up.



The annual meeting of the Oahu United BWA will be at Mililani Hongwanji on October 26. Our BWA is responsible for a breakfast of baked goods and coffee, providing the venue, and publicity. The program will begin with a service and remembrance of those who passed away this year. There will be an election of officers, by-law changes, and a guest speaker. More information will follow as it becomes available.

Save these dates:

October 11 – CARE Day at Mililani Hale Adult Day Care @ Mililani Hongwanji

October 26 – Oahu United BWA Annual Meeting @ Mililani Hongwanji

November 2 – Ehime Maru Memorial cleaning

Fall 2024 – AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Training





Dharma School

MILILANI HONGWANJI DHARMA SCHOOL

RALLY DAY:

SHARING JOY TOGETHER WITH GAMES!

Sunday, August 25, 2024 ~ 10:00 am



Join us for fun games, including mini frisbee golf, magnetic darts, fishing, coconut bowling and more.

We will have refreshments, prizes and registration ahead of the Sept. 15 start of the new Dharma School year!

Bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors & friends.

95-257 Kaloapau Street, Mililani (next to Rec 3)



ONENJU WORKSHOP

On June 23rd our members enjoyed a very challenging Onenju Repair/Tassel-Tying Workshop, led by Keiji Kukino of Windward temple, with Dean and Doreen Sakamoto videoing the session. Mr. Kukino returned the following Sunday, on June 30th to complete the workshop with his enthusiastic students...tying up loose ends! Also, on June 23rd Tamayo Matsumoto, Aiea's Rev. Eric's wife, assisted by daughter, Chika, conducted a WRIST Onenju repair and workshop. Her visual presentation with a large drawing and a giant rope was very effective. All 25 participants express our deepest appreciation to Mr. Kukino, Ms. Tamayo and Chika for not only sharing their talent and knowledge with us, but also for their extreme patience!



Jr. YBA Happenings

We would like to share some news from our State Convention that we attended in June. Three of our members were awarded the Outstanding Jr. YBA Award. This is an award picked by the United Advisors and this year we recognized Courtney & Brennan Uehara from Mililani Hongwanji and Taylor Kunimitsu from Aiea Hongwanji. Also, we'd like to congratulate Chad Okawa from Aiea for winning the Essay Contest! And lastly we had our Federation Board Elections. Congratulations to Diandra Thomson, from Mililani, who is the new Vice President and Taylor who is the new Secretary. We know that they will be dedicated to learn and grow to be leaders in the Jr. YBA as best as they can. They have a great support behind them.



Next Event: Escape Room, Sunday, August 4th – Details will be emailed so if interested in joining us, please contact us via email!

Next Meeting: Sunday, August 11, at Mililani Hongwanji (time TBD)

It's BON DANCE season and we are looking for some additional help for our District's bon dances:

Pearl City Hongwanji – Saturday, August 10

Mililani Hongwanji – Friday & Saturday, August 16 & 17.

Friday: Lantern Parade help starting at 6:00pm.

Both nights: Beverage booth. We will have 2 locations this year so we are looking for a lot of volunteer help!

Aiea Hongwanji – Saturday, August 24. We will be running the shave ice booth.

If you are available to help, please contact Auntie Aryn (information below) and she will put you in touch with Ty who will be organizing our volunteers.

THANK YOU for your support of our Panda Express Fundraiser! We hope that you were able to get an order in and enjoy delicious food! We are truly grateful for the support you give us to continue to thrive and provide activities for our members!



Do you have a set of reusable flatware? No? Well guess what? You can purchase one from Jr. YBA! As an on-going fundraiser, we are selling sterling steel utensil sets which includes a fork, spoon, knife and chopsticks. The carrying case comes in red, blue, or black. Each set is \$7. Please contact a Jr. YBA member if you would like to purchase one of these sets! We want to encourage you to bring your own utensils and plate (or bento box or bowl, etc) for after service refreshments on Sunday. Available while supplies

last!

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 Aryn Ishikawa (advisor) at arynn.m.ishikawa@gmail.com if you'd like more information.

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



CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

We are having a
50th
Anniversary
LOGO Contest!



SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED

SEPTEMBER 1 – NOVEMBER 30, 2024

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

Logo Guidelines:

Must include reference to the 50th Anniversary

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

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

For more information: Contact Aryn Ishikawa

Keirokei



The Keirokei committee is making an early call for members of Mililani Hongwanji who will be 80 years of age this 2024 calendar year! The Keirokei Recognition Program will be held on Sunday, November

3, 2024, where we celebrate, honor, and show our gratitude to our Keirokei honorees.

If you know of a member who has reached or will be 80 this year, please contact Diane Yoza at di-ane.yoza@gmail.com or by phone at (808) 342-1629.

3rd Quarter 2024

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN UP

**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 24, 2024
8:00am**

Please see sign up sheet
on the temple's bulletin
board. Or email
tylerkoshiro@gmail.com
if you can attend!



Commission on Buddhist Education &
the Buddhist Study Center Committee

Sharing Your NEMBUTSU MOMENTS

2024 HONGWANJI SLOGAN
"Sharing Nembutsu Moments"

WHAT IS A "NEMBUTSU MOMENT?"

When you see or hear or experience something so beautiful, touching and profound that it leaves you speechless and all you can say is "Wow!" After that, as one continues to be in awe of that life changing encounter, you continue to say "Wow." This moment is explained in The Collected Works of Shinran, Volume Two as "...the moment of awakening of shinjin (True Entrusting) and saying the nembutsu is a moment both in and out of time.

---Reverend Eric Matsumoto

**WE WILL SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES
IN THE KA LEO KAHEA, TEMPLE
NEWSLETTERS OR IN A COLLECTION
FOR A BOOK.**

SUBMIT YOUR EXPERIENCE HERE!
<https://forms.gle/6cVKBwqszaYg5XrHA>

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Bon Dance



Silent Auction

Mililani Hongwanji's World Famous Silent Auction is once again happily slated to happen on Friday, August 16th and Saturday, August 17th. We've got a 7 night hotel room stay on Kauai, a Las Vegas Hotel package, restaurant and store gift certificates, and the wonderful healthy plants from the Yamauchis (always a generous donor) as well as household goods and appliances for all to bid on. A Wyland print in a heavy koa frame, jewelry, and unique one of a kind items including collectable toys and dolls are looking for bidders too! We can't do all of this alone, so please don't be shy in contacting Charijeane Watanabe, Chair at charijeane@aol.com or texting 808.223.6077 for your donation. We'll be preparing for the Bon Dance on **Thursday, August 15th** from 5:00 p.m. so feel free to drop off your special donations then. All monies help support the programs and operations of Mililani Hongwanji Buddhist temple. Please join in the excitement and surprises at the famous Silent Auction. Mahalo!

Bon Is Here!

The Country Store will be exciting with many of your delicious treats of homemade baked goods, jams, sekihan rice, tsukemono, takuan, craft items, garden plants and vegetables, and interesting finds of beautiful kimonos, yukatas, and happi coats! We welcome your generous donations, and we could not do this without all of your support and the many years of your donations!

Please price items in dollar amounts before bringing your items. We will be located in the temple building alongside the Silent Auction!

The drop-off times are:

- **Thursday, August 15,** 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- **Friday, August 16,** 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, August 17,** 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Please sign up on the church bulletin board. Contact Diane Yoza at (808) 342-1629, email Diane at diane.yoza@gmail.com, or Claire Doi at (808) 372-2198. See you all soon, at Bon!

August Memorials

Those who have passed during the month.

Jerry Akasaki
Hyokichi Ando
Naka Ando
Kame Fukuda
Eleanor Hashimoto
Eileen Hayase
Natsuyo Hayase
Momono Hayashida
Harry Hirotsu
Sadoo Honda
James Iwai
Joy Kamiya
Ayako Katakura
Kayono Koike
Horace Kushimi
Tomoyo Matsumiya
Kikuyo Matsushige
Shiho Morishige

Tomoko Nakaji
Nora Nakamura
Kazuo Nishimoto
Charles Nishioaka
Masao Obata
Vivian Oishi
Richard Okada
Itsuno Ota
Jason Sato
Bertha Sen
Kichiji Soyejima
Masami Tanabe
Seiichi Tanabe
Senichi Tanisue
Ayako Tsugawa
Toshiyuki Yamamoto
Albert Yoshii
Kiku Yoshino

Please call (808) 625-0925 and/or email

dharm.connection@gmail.com if there are corrections or additions to the published list. Families may call the minister to schedule special family memorial services for their loved ones. For 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	

Help Decorate Our Yagura



We will be decorating the yagura on Friday, **August 16th at 9:00am**. Looking for **flowers and greenery** to make our yagura look awesome! Will also need about 5-6 able bodied people who can help hang the yagura skirt. Questions? Contact Joyce, Lani or Carrie.

Thank you so much for your generous donations and time!

Mahalo for your DANA

(June 9, 2024 to July 16, 2024)

General Donation

All volunteer workers and lunch preparers for Parsonage Refurbishment.	
Lotus Connection Group	
Mililani Crafters	
Janet Abe	Parsonage refurbishment
Claire Doi	Parsonage refurbishment
Myra Fujino	Parsonage refurbishment
Warren & Nora Hahn	Parsonage refurbishment
Melvin Hayase	Parsonage refurbishment
Theodine Hirai	Parsonage refurbishment
Carol Chinen (thru Joann Hirata)	Parsonage refurbishment
Harley & Martha Ishii	Parsonage renovation
Arynn Ishikawa	Parsonage refurbishment
Sharon Kaneko	Parsonage refurbishment
Dennis & Carrie Kawamoto	Parsonage refurbishment
Georgiana Kobayashi	
Georgiana Kobayashi	Parsonage refurbishment
James & Karen Nakasone	
Lawrence & Joyce Nishioka	Parsonage refurbishment
Saxon & Linda Nishioka	Parsonage refurbishment
Lester & Joyce Ogawa	Parsonage refurbishment
Alex Ozawa	
Aileen Sato	Parsonage refurbishment
Christine & Richard Lightner Sato	Parsonage refurbishment
Frances Saito	Parsonage refurbishment
Richard & Gail Taira	Parsonage refurbishment
Gay M. Tanaka	Parsonage refurbishment
Nancy Tanaka	Kokua Committee
Clifford Togo	Parsonage refurbishment
Keith & Lea Uehara	Parsonage refurbishment
Chris & Karla Voss	Parsonage refurbishment
Brad & Mari Wakahiro	Parsonage refurbishment
Charijean Watanabe (Akamai Glass)	Parsonage refurbishment
Gordon & Lyn Watanabe	Parsonage refurbishment
Steven & Lani Yamami	Parsonage refurbishment
Ethel Yamashige	Parsonage refurbishment
Tomeo Yoshizawa	
Tomeo Yoshizawa	
Diane Yoza	Parsonage refurbishment

Memorial Service

Trudy Akamine	IMO Tsune Ueki
Trudy Akamine	IMO Toku Hayase
Twila Castellucci	IMO Henry Meyer
Nicholle & Lynne Hasegawa	IMO Asayo Yamashita
Melvin Hayase	IMO Tsune Ueki
Harley & Martha Ishii	IMO Yoshio Fuke
Harley & Martha Ishii	IMO Jerald Sumida & Yoshio Fuke
	IMO Bob Asato, Fae Togo, Noboru Yoza
Arynn Ishikawa	
	IMO Kenji Blanchard
Arynn Ishikawa	IMO Shigeto Matsuda
Carl & Aileen Matsuda	IMO Akira Hayashida
Elsie Morikawa	IMO Toshio Miyamoto
Amy Nakamura	IMO Isaburo Iida
Lawrence & Joyce Nishioka	IMO Corwin Otsuka
Edith Otsuka	IMO Tsutomu Otsuka
Edith Otsuka	IMO Alden Otsuka
Margaret Tanabe	IMO James & Beatrice Young
Dennis Tanaka	IMO Kikuyo Tanaka
Nancy Tanaka	IMO Asayo Yamashita (25th Yr)
Hiroyoshi & Satoko Terao	IMO Jiro Sugita
Clifford Togo	IMO Fae Togo
George & Irene Toguchi	IMO Akira Hayashida
Gordon & Lyn Watanabe	IMO Ukichi Sakutori
Gordon & Lyn Watanabe	IMO Kimi & Miyuki Watanabe
Diane Yoza	IMO Noboru Yoza

Social Concerns(HQ)

Charles & June Shimata



give aloha

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Photo Gallery



Thursday Gang

A BIG MAHALO -

To the Thursday Gang and others who went beyond the call to refurbish the parsonage. A monumental task done with a lot of strength, sweat, and determination. Thanks to the ladies who provided lunch for the hardworking laborers and the donors who helped furnish the minister's residence.

In Gassho





FYI.....



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 Brad Wakahiro
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 Immed. Past Pres.-
 June Asato
 Directors-
 Dennis Oshita
 Gay Tanaka
 David Thomson
 Diane Yoza
 Advisors-
 Melvin Hayase
 Dean Sakamoto
 Minister-
 Rev. Joshin Kamuro

Adult Day Center at Mililani Hongwanji

Aloha! We would like to let everyone know that we are accepting applications for Adult Day Center enrollment. Do you know anyone caring for a loved one that needs respite or help caring for their loved one throughout the day? We are welcoming new clients in our **air-conditioned** facility.

For any interested new applicants, we are offering tuition assistance. Please contact our ADC Director Trece Scott for more information at (808) 561-2147. We are OPEN 5 Days a week Monday thru Fridays from 8am-5pm, and early drop off can be arranged beginning at 7am.

Memorial Services

Mililani Hongwanji conducts memorial services in honor of those who have passed away. The Shotsuki Memorial Service is a general memorial service which are held monthly to remember members and friends who passed away during the month in which the memorial service is held. These services are held primarily for those individuals that do not fall in the yearly service interval cycle.

Nenki Hoyo Memorial Services are memorial services which are held separate from the monthly memorial services in yearly intervals. These separate private services can be held before, on or after the memorial dates. It is a personal opportunity to gather as a family to encounter and listen to the Buddha Dharma and remember your family members and friends who have passed on and through these services, we are able to reflect on all that we have received from them in our daily lives. It also gives families the opportunity to reconnect with members they otherwise would not see during the course of the year.

Monthly Joint Memorial Service

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

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

For those who wish to add or remove family members or friends from the published list, please email dharmaconnection@gmail.com as soon as possible to ensure proper action.

Minister's Private Visitation

Are you unable to come to the temple? Please call 808-625-0925 to request a private visit. The minister would love to reach out to you and be the bridge between you, the temple and the Sangha!





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Calendar

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

25 (Sun) 11:00 am Monthly Service

Wednesdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm -

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

Rev. David's Thoughts

Hello Everyone! By the time you receive this newsletter, many of you will have received your mail-in Primary Election ballots. The Hongwanji prohibits me from telling you who to vote for and or how to vote, but one thing that I do encourage you to do is participate in the opportunity to exercise your right to vote. If you are unsure about the candidates, you are encouraged to read up on them, what they stand for and if their ideology matches yours. Buddhism reminds us that we are a religion based on critical thinking and analysis. If you consider the Enlightenment of the Buddha, it was based on these principles, not based on what was heard, superstitions, revelations, or other teachings, it was based on his understanding and his search to find the answers for himself. It is our responsibility to keep on top of this, question things and discover what is right and ethical not only in politics, but in our daily lives also. So if you haven't already done so, please take the opportunity to vote, let your voice be heard.

President's Message

Aloha. I woke up late Sunday morning, July 21, 2024, with the newswires going "off the charts". It was saying that our President Biden had stepped aside to give a "hopefully" better chance to defeat Trump and keep Democracy going. What a noble thing to do. I try to resign every day, but Rev. David won't allow it. Fortunately, I consider the Ewa Hongwanji Staff all as Presidents. I just voice my opinions (like everyone), count the votes, and go with the majority. From there, we move on. Ewa can always use more Presidents. Again, Ewa Hongwanji thanks the Staff and Volunteers for our successful live Bon Dance. We are already talking about next year. Volunteers will be notified for a thank you luncheon "hopefully" in October 2024. Stay tuned. Have a good everyday, everybody.

In Gassho,
Craig T. Tsutsumi

Mahalo for your Donations

Ofuse

Oshiro, Patrick, Tyler & Chloe ~ IMO Susan Oshiro
Soma, Aileen ~ IMO Susan Oshiro
Wakimura, Ruth ~ IMO Ernest Wakimura
Wakimura, Ruth ~ IMO Riichi Yamamoto
Yoshioka, Arnold ~ IMO Susan Oshiro

Obon Donations

Abe, Jean
Anzai, Dale A.
Date, Brian
Fujimoto, Richard & Joyce
Garcia, Alphie
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Hahn, Warren & Nora
Hamai, Charlotte
Hawaii Eisa Shinyuu Kai
Higa, Peggy Ann
Hishinuma, Faith
Kealoha, Joann Miyata
Kikuchi, Frances
Kimoto, J
Kishi, Yvonne
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Kurizaki, Jayne
Mishina, Matthew
Miyasaki, Sarah
Murakami, Milicent
Murakami, Pamela
Nagamine, Glenn
Nohara, Myra
Silva, Patricia
Soga, Rev. Jeffrey
Sugiyama, Harley
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Teruya, Grace
Tokumoto, Claudia
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Wakimura, Ruth
Yasui, Glenn
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Yoshioka, Arnold

Hatsubon/Obon Service

Asato, Jan
Hattori, Jason & Jerilyn
Hirano, Melvin
Itamoto, Randy & Karen
Itamoto, Rosemary
Itamoto, Wayne & Raynette
Kubo, Candice
Martinez, Rowena
Murata, Nadine
Nakata, Ann
Nakata, Lynn
Okamura, Kelsie
Oshiro, Lianne
Oshiro, Taka & Nora
Oshita, Lisa
Wasa Uehisa, Iris

Obon Windcatchers

Anzai, Dale A.
Date, Brian
Fujimoto, David
Garcia, Alphie
Gerard, Ronald
Hashimoto, Michelle
Hirai, Geri
Irie, Patsy
Itamoto, Rosie
Iwata, Caran
Kikuchi, Frances
Kurizaki, Jayne
LaVigne, Susan
Mishina, Riley
Murakami, Milie
Nohara, Myra
Saito, Ross
Silva, Patricia
Yasui, Shoso
Yoshioka, Arnold

General

Abe, Jean