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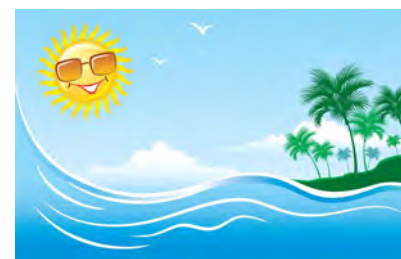
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6 9:00am Family Dharma Service

Speaker: Rev. Earl Ikeda

13 9:00am Joint Memorial and Family Dharma Service

13 10:15am BWA Meeting

20 9:00am Family Dharma Service

27 9:00am Family Dharma Service

August 2025

3 9:00am Family Dharma Service

10 9:00am Joint Memorial and Obon Family Dharma Service
Speaker: Rev. Toyokazu Hagio

10 10:15am BWA Meeting

10 4:00pm Hatsubon Service

15 & 16 7pm Bon Dance

17 9:00am Bon Clean Up—(No Service)

23 5:00pm Family Night Pizza Party-Hosted by Jr. YBA

24 9:00am Family Dharma Service and Dharma School Rally Day

31 9:00am Family Dharma Service
Guest Speaker: Alex King

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



New Book for Use in Services: *Readings in Shin Buddhist Teachings*

Mililani Hongwanji received 50 copies of *Readings in Shin Buddhist Teachings* last month. This book was translated and published by the Propagation Committee of the Hawaii Honpa Hongwanji Ministers Association, which I currently chair. We collaborated with Professor Dennis Hirota—who served as the head translator for *The Collected Works of Shinran*—to revise and finalize the translation. His expertise helped us find expressions that sound natural and appropriate for English-speaking readers.

The foreword was graciously offered by Professor Hirota. He wrote:

“This booklet is a stepping stone to Shinran’s writings on the Shin Buddhist path. It is meant to help Shin Buddhists enter the world of Shinran’s own words. ... We read Shinran not simply to gain knowledge of the Pure Land teaching or come to an acceptance of it in our minds. Rather, our hope is to hear in his words the emergence of what is true and real, and in this way to touch what is of genuine worth in the depths of our lives.”

We, the committee members, are deeply grateful for Professor Hirota’s kind guidance and contribution. He was also my academic advisor when I was a graduate student at Ryukoku University from 2009 to 2014.

As Professor Hirota expressed, I, too, hope *Readings in Shin Buddhist Teachings* will be read, recited, and heard during Buddhist services and times of quiet reflection on the true essence of the Shin Buddhist path. I began using this book for Sunday services in June. As the number of copies is limited, please let me know if you would like to borrow one—I would be happy to lend it to you.

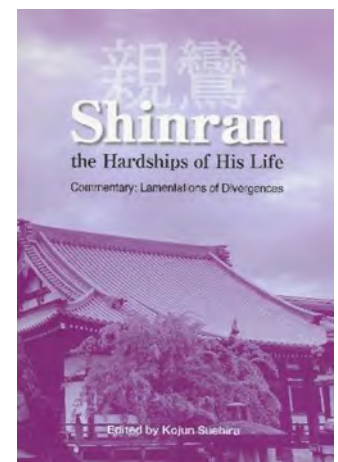
On another note, Rev. Kojun Suehira, the first resident minister of Mililani Hongwanji, sent 170 copies of *Shinran: the Hardships of His Life* to all Gojikai members last year. However, only 122 arrived from Hiroshima, Japan. Forty-eight copies were missing, as the package arrived damaged. Therefore, Rev. Suehira kindly resent 44 additional copies to us. As soon as they arrive, I will distribute them to all our Gojikai members. I sincerely encourage you to read this book alongside *Readings in Shin Buddhist Teachings*.



On December 17, 2013, Professor Dennis Hirota (second from the right) gave a special lecture at Ryukoku University in Kyoto prior to his retirement.

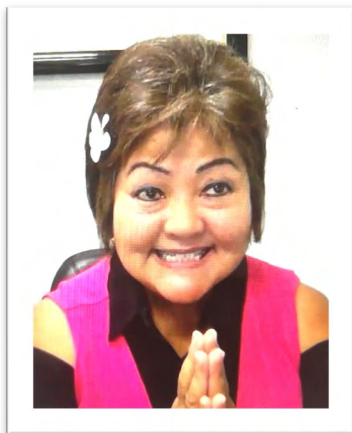


Readings in Shin Buddhist Teachings



Shinran: the Hardships of His Life

Rene's Review



**President
Rene Mansho**

Aloha Friends!

Everyone is enjoying reading personal testimonials in the book **SHARING NEMBUTSU MOMENTS**, and readers are moved with touching stories of compassion, gratitude, kindness, and community. It's amazing how the sharing of personal experiences inspire others to say, "Wow, that was such a wonderful experience!" that makes us take time to appreciate the more simple things in life, and to stop and smell the roses!

A very special thanks to the 40 volunteers who participated in the 2025 Pan Pacific Festival Parade, led by our Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani, Reverend Yuika Hasebe, Reverend Charlene Kihara, Reverend Joshin Kamuro and families and friends of our Hongwanji Ohana, **HONPA HONGWANJI HAWAII BETSUIN, JIKOEN HONGWANJI, AIEA HONGWANJI, MILILANI HONGWANJI** members Georgiana Kobayashi, Stephen

Chinen, my daughter Selena and her family, and me, and a special thanks to

our community partners, the Hawaii Lions Clubs from **KOKO HEAD LIONS, HAWAII KAI LIONS, LEEWARD LIONS, MOANALUA LIONS, CHINATOWN LIONS, and WAHIAWA LIONS CLUBS!** The magic of this parade was the enthusiasm of everyone waving and saying "aloha!" to the parade watchers, and because the parade was on a Sunday afternoon, there were so many local families sitting along the parade route and waving and cheering and calling out our names! Some watchers would make gassho, bow, and say, "Namo Amida Butsu" as we passed by! We were also shouting out, "HAPPY FATHERS' DAY!" and got lots of thumbs up! In other words, our Hongwanji Ohana made a great impression as an active community partner! Just as importantly, we loved the open air trolley ride from Honpa to Waikiki and back. The trolley even dropped off our members to go shopping at Ala Moana Shopping Center! You can find the entire Parade video on **YOU TUBE**, and also on our Honpa website, or click on this link for a short video by Dave Atcheson:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1U_Xbk_CI-3UKetUj6mpTKC7Y-U7oydCg/view?usp=drive_link

You also know that it is **OBON TIME!** We are all looking forward to our major fundraiser for Mililani Hongwanji that funds all of our operations during the year, so you know that we depend on the support from our members, friends, and community to come out and dance to honor our ancestors, shop at our Country Store and Craft Fair, Silent Auction, Food and Beverage Booths, and just have some fun! Our **SIGNATURE ITEM** this year will be the **KAMURO SECRET FAMILY RECIPE – "GYUDON!"** You gotta come out and try it!

Hope to see you all on Friday and Saturday nights, Aug. 15 & 16, buy your new Obon Towels, shop at our bookstore, ask for a tour of Mililani Hongwanji with Reverend Kamuro, visit the Philippine Nurses Association at our First Aid Booth, say "hi" to the Mililani and Wahiawa Lions who are handling parking and traffic control. The Jr. YBA students have all the beverages you want, the Judo and Aikido Clubs are also selling food.

Finally, Bishop Umitani is asking for help in setting up a special display commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the end of WWII, where we will have a Hiroshima Posters Display open to the public, On Thursday August 14, 2025, 10:00 AM, and the display opens at 12 noon, there will be a 5:00 PM Service, and display closing at 7:00 PM. Please let me know if you can help in any way. Hope to see you at the "Peace on Your Wings" show at the UH Kennedy Theater on July 13 and 14, Matinee 2:00 PM or evening performances! Our local performers are off to Hiroshima and Fukuoka to perform and share Sadako's story in Japan, how's that? Namo Amida Butsu.

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Summary of June 11, 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 May 31, 2025 Financial Report was presented. Income from the Spring Fling were reflected along with BWA's donation to the Kyodan from the Country Store proceeds. Cost of the Bon Dance towels for two years were incurred.

Minister's Report: (Rev. Kamuro) Written report received showing various meetings, services, seminars, and other activities for the current and future month. Will be using "Readings in Shin Buddhist Teachings" book during Buddhist services. Rev. Kamuro will be Wahiawa Hongwanji's guest speaker for their Obon Service on Aug. 3. Ms. Minako Kamuro will be officiating service. Ministerial assignments: Lihue Hongwanji minister Rev. Shawn Yagi will oversee Kapaa Hongwanji, Rev. Daido Baba will serve Kamuela, Honokaa, Kohala, and Paauilo Hongwanjis, Rev. Blayne Higa will be part-time Dir. of the Buddhist Study Center while continuing his duties at Kona Hongwanji, Rev. Sol Kalu retiring at the end of July, Rev. Shingo Furusawa will be assigned as liaison minister for Windward Buddhist Temple, Rev. Shindo Nishiyama of Jikoen Hongwanji will retire at the end of August.

President's Report: (Rene M) Bishop Umitani met with all Oahu District presidents and had an open and frank discussion on issues and concerns. Lots was learned about our sister temples. Bishop Umitani will take what was shared as he leads the HHMH in the years ahead. Attended various temple and community events representing Mililani Hongwanji.

VP Operations: (Kevin A) A Community event on temple grounds on hold until informed of specific plans. Use of commercial kitchen in July for local mobile food vendor.

VP Facilities: (Steve K) Emergency reroofing of the Ed. Bldg. completed and approved by the Board. (CIP funds). Leaking urinal in men's bathroom in the Ed Bldg repaired. Planning for the installation of a new ice machine in the same location. Mahalo to the Thursday Lunch Crew (TLC) for providing lunch once a month for the Thursday Gang. Receive donated "usu" (mochi pounding stone) from Stan Sasaki for temple garden. Plan to purchase plastic tables to replace old ones for general temple use.

VP Religious & Temple Activities: (Dean S) Temple calendars (bulletin board & online) updated to reflect temple activities. Reminder to post events as soon as possible. Dharma School on summer break and planning for next school year will begin shortly. Congratulations to Yuya Fukutomi who was selected to participate in the Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange (YBICSE) this summer. Enjoy Japan and learn more about Jodo Shinshu! Approved to pay SongFest participant's registration fees.

BWA Report: (Lani Y) Restructured membership categories and dues. Ehime Maru cleanup - Nov. 1, C.A.R.E Day - Oct. 10, members attended and enjoyed the "Celebration of Peace" event at Wahiawa Hongwanji, will be serving lunch for the Yagura "rollout" day on July 19. Note: Project DANA will be conducting a "Personal Care Training" on June 28th, 10:00 am Ed Bldg.

Jr. YBA: (Gay T) Diandra Thomson graduated from Mililani High School and plans to attend UH-West Oahu. Jr.'s helped with Wahiawa Hongwanji's graveyard cleaning at several gravesites in former plantation communities. Fun activity at Coral Crater Adventure Park on June 1, assisting with Wahiawa Bon Dance and other temples if asked in the Oahu District. Jr. YBA Federation Convention will be at the Ala Moana Hotel, June 20-22.

50th Anniversary (June & Mel) 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. All kinds of program and activities are being planned.

Community Engagement and Outreach Work (Ty Wakahiro) Approved to move forward with a sandwich board sign to promote Mililani Buddhist Temple.

Other Reports or Announcements:

Bon Dance: (Cliff T, Warren H, Stan S) Committees and assignments made with tasks to be performed. New ice making machine is partially delivered, to be installed shortly. Gyu-Don (beef bowl) will be cooked and sold by the temple, Lester O, Rev. & Minako Kamuro will take the lead. New speakers will be purchased to improve sound system. Roger B will check with MTA if tennis court lights will be available due to construction. Judo & Aikido will sell food items from the kitchen. Jr YBA will be selling drinks. Country Store and Silent Auction are seeking donations to sell. 4 Food & 2 desserts trucks will be operating. The "Andagi Guy" will be there. Mahalo to the many volunteers who have stepped up (again) to help make Mililani Hongwanji's Bon Dance a huge success! Next General Bon Dance meeting July 30, 7:00 pm.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 7:00 pm via ZOOM. (All meetings are usually on the 2nd Wednesday of the month via Zoom)



BWA News

YAGURA setup and lunch is planned for July 19, Saturday at 8 am. The BWA will provide sandwiches for the volunteers. A signup sheet is available for sides, salads, and desserts. Serving and clean-up help is also needed.

MAHALO to Luana Fukutomi for chairing the Zippy's Fundraiser. 500 tickets were sold by BWA members to raise funds to support our many programs including the BWA's \$1500 scholarship, awarded to Deandra Thomson, daughter of David and Madonna, at the Baccalaureate Service.

A change to the Rules and Regulations concerning membership dues was proposed and passed. Members 80 years and older will be designated as Honorary Active Members and pay reduced dues. An R&R insert will be given out at the next meeting.

Oahu District Movie Night was hosted by Aiea Hongwanji on June 8. Reverend Eric Matsumoto and Project Dana Executive Director, Maria Morales, were featured speakers. Ten commercials filmed in Thailand relating to Buddhist values were shown and was followed by a potluck dinner.

C.A.R.E. Day will be held on **Friday, October 10, 2025**, at our own Mililani Hale-Adult Day Care Center from 9-11 am. There will be a full program of singing, flower arrangement, and watercolor painting for the clients.

EVERYONE is invited to participate in the next cleanup of the Ehime-Maru Memorial Monument in Kakaako Park on November 1, 2025.

OHANA ARTS was awarded the Eshinni-Kakushinni offertory to continue their work with youth in the Performing Arts. OA's musical, *Peace On Your Wings* premiered on November 20, 2014, at Leeward Community College. It was inspired by the real-life story of Sadako Sasaki who lived in Hiroshima when the Atomic bomb was dropped and developed leukemia. She believed that if she folded 1000 paper cranes her wish for PEACE all over the world would be granted. POYW has appeared on stages at the neighbor islands, New York, and California and will be playing to audiences in Hiroshima and Fukuoka, Japan, this summer.

A Celebration of Peace was held at Wahiawa Hongwanji. The story of Atomic Bomb survivor, Larry Miwa, told in *Gambare Hiroshima – Don't Give Up!* was presented by his son and author, Stephen Miwa. Ohana Arts students and the Royal Hawaiian Band performed familiar melodies and songs of peace.

The State Membership Conference will be held on **March 28-29, 2026**, at the Ala Moana Hotel and is open to any interested BWA or new member. You may choose among 4 workshops offered: Digitizing Temple Records, Healing with Gratitude, A Community Collaboration Program for People with Parkinson's, and Making A Card In Gratitude. Diane Yoza will be seeking help with the goodie bags. Sign-up will be held in December, 2025. A subsidy for the registration fee will be decided later.

August 15, 16 - Obon Country Store is seeking baked goods, tsukemono, energy bars, and manpower.

Thank you to Ann Ishikawa who organized a 100-Year Celebration lunch for Karen Oda at the Plaza-Moanalua on June 8.

The 2027 World Convention venue has been changed to the Hilton Hawaiian Village with events to be held in the Tapa Tower Meeting Rooms.

July 13 – BWA Meeting
MC June Asato





Dharma School

Dharma School ended with a fun pizza party and Sargeant Rainbow pulling names to win many donated prizes. Everyone went home with enough to share! Thank you Sargeant Rainbow for reminding us to breathe through all of life's ups and downs and providing fun incentives to offer incense (oshoko), memorize The Golden Chain of Love, and practice our belly breathing daily.

Thank you to our enthusiastic and wonderful Dharma School leaders, Crystal and Alex King! And thank you to all the Dharma School teachers and students for making it a memorable Dharma School year full of learning and fun. We had many wonderful entries for the Oahu Buddhist Education Poster Contest. The theme this year was "Sharing My Gratitude to Others." Congratulations to the following participants:

Division I: Preschool/Kindergarten

First Place: Hinata Kagawa - Aiea Hongwanji
Second Place: Aiko Rubin-Taira – Mililani Hongwanji
Third Place: Ren Rubin-Taira – Mililani Hongwanji
Honorable Mention: Hiro Rubin-Taira – Mililani Hongwanji

Division II: Grades 1 – 2

First Place: Skylar Oshiro – Wahiawa Hongwanji
Second Place: Robbie King – Mililani Hongwanji

Division III: Grades 3 – 5

First Place: Erin Wakahiro – Mililani Hongwanji
Second Place: Julia King – Mililani Hongwanji
Third Place: Kelia Prentice – Mililani Hongwanji

Division IV: Grades 6 – 8

First Place: Dayton Uehara – Mililani Hongwanji

Enjoy your summer and we look forward to seeing you at Mililani Hongwanji's Bon Dance on August 15 and 16! And stay tuned for the start of the new Dharma School 2025-26.

In Gassho, Your Dharma School 'Ohana



Jr. YBA Happenings

Our United had a really fun time at Coral Crater Adventure Park where we did the Adventure Course high up in the air. It was such a fun experience being harnessed and learning to hook onto the cables and move through the obstacles. There were several moments of nervousness, but we all worked hard to overcome the obstacles. Yuma and Auntie Gay completed both sets of obstacles, Auntie Arynn had to get rescued and Jamelyn and Diandra did a couple sections of the upper obstacles. It was a fun activity and we learned we can do more than we think we can. We would love to do this again so join us for the next one!



We had a successful Jr. YBA State Convention at the Ala Moana Hotel and Buddhist Study Center on June 20- June 22. This year's Convention was hosted by the United of Honolulu and the theme was Hello Kitty & Friends. We will share the results of the contests and photos in the next newsletter.

We started our busy weekend Bon Dance season! Several of us were able to go to Wahiawa Hongwanji Bon Dance where we helped run the fishing pond game for children both nights. It was not too busy but stayed very steady throughout the night. We also were able to see some of our former Jr. YBA members too! It was great to see Kano and Shoshi helping out with the Taiyaki booth and Chihiro and Ty playing taiko with the Ewa Fukushima Bon Dance Club. The second night brought more of our past members, Kenji, Koji, and Kana Suzuki and Jenna Takara. Auntie Arynn helped MC on Friday night too!

If you are available and want to volunteer for any of our other district bon dances, please be sure to check your calendars and come out to whatever bon dance you can help at! We also encourage you to bring your friends to experience bon dance. They are not obligated to work a shift, but they can if they want! The schedule is as follows:

- July 5 – Waipahu Hongwanji
- July 19 – Waianae Hongwanji
- July 26 – Aiea Hongwanji (shave ice booth)
- August 9 – Pearl City Hongwanji (food booth)
- August 15 and 16 – Mililani Hongwanji (beverage booth – 2 locations)

Upcoming Important Dates:

Next Meeting: Sunday, July 6, at Wahiawa Hongwanji at 1:00pm (location is still to be confirmed)

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



Silent Auction Donations

Mahalo to All members who brought donations to the silent auction last month. The response was so overwhelming that we have decided to have another session of pricing on Sunday, July 13.

We've collected a myriad of gas gift cards, grocery gift cards, Collectibles, Jewelry, Vintage clothing, kitchen Appliances, and other such unique items for our guests to bid on.

We also continue to seek more volunteers. If you'd like to donate and are unable to attend, please email: chariJean@aol.com. Her cell 808-223-6077. Claire Doi will also graciously accept your donations. Mahalo!



Mililani Buddhist Temple

BON DANCE

August 15, Friday

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

6:30 p.m. Lantern Parade

6:55 p.m. Opening Ceremony

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Bon Dance

Country Store

August 16, Saturday

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

6:55 p.m. Opening Ceremony

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Bon Dance

SILENT AUCTION

August 10th, Sunday:
9:00 a.m. Obon Service
4:00 p.m. Hatsubon Service

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

Bon Dance Practice:
Jul 29, Aug 5, 11, 12, 13
(7:00 - 9:00 p.m.)
Subject to Change

BON COUNTRY STORE

We are excited! Bon will be here soon! The Country Store, full of anticipation, is looking forward to the generous donations of homemade baked goods and craft items, as well as homegrown garden plants and vegetables, by our donors! Donations of happi coats, yukatas, and kimonos are all welcome!

Our community, over the years, has enjoyed your ever-so-delicious jams, jellies, tsukemono, takuan, pizzelles, sekihan, mochi, banana bread, energy bars, trail mixes, popcorn, boiled peanuts, creative craft items, and the many other assortments of donations! Thank you so much for your generosity!

Please price items in dollar amounts before bringing them.

We will be located in the temple building next to the Silent Auction!

The drop off times are: Thursday, August 14, 5:00-7:00 PM
Friday, August 15, 4:00-5:00 PM
Saturday, August 16, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

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

July Memorials

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

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 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	

Keirokai Recognition 2025



The Keirokai committee is making an early call for members of Mililani Hongwanji who will be 80 years of age this 2025 calendar year! The Keirokai Recognition Program will be held on Sunday, November 30, 2025, where we celebrate, honor, and show our gratitude to our Keirosha honorees.

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



OAHU DISTRICT SEMINAR

THE PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE OF JODO SHINSHU IN EUROPE

With Rev. Dr. Enrique Galvan-Alvarez
a Shin Buddhist Minister from the UK

Friday, August 1, 2025 | 6:30-8:00pm | FREE

Everyone is welcome!

In-person at Mililani Buddhist Temple (Mililani Hongwanji)
95-257 Kaloapau St, Mililani, HI 96789



About Enrique Galvan-Alvarez

Rev. Dr. Enrique Galvan-Alvarez was born in the Canary Islands but has spent most of his adult life in the UK. In 2011 he obtained a PhD in Modern Languages and is now Associate Professor at the (all-online) Universidad Internacional de La Rioja. He first practiced Buddhism under Tibetan teachers, later encountering Shinran Shonin's teaching and the writings of Rev. Dr. Al Bloom, with whom he sustained a five-year-long correspondence.

In 2019, Rev. Dr. Galvan-Alvarez was ordained at Nishi Hongwanji. Since then, he has been actively spreading the Dharma, both in English and in Spanish. He was certified as Kyōshi minister in January 2025 and is currently organizing the 21st European Shin Conference, which will take place in Oxford in September 2025.



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Compassion.



Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up on September 6th!

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 third quarterly clean-up of 2025 will be shortly after Obon season on:

Saturday, September 6, 2025

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. The clean-up usually runs for about an hour. Upon return to the temple, water, coffee, and a light breakfast will be provided.

We will also have the final cleanup of the year on *Saturday, November 15, 2025*. These cleanups are a great opportunity to help beautify our community and spend time with members of our Sangha. Please mark your calendars if you are interested in helping out. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at tylerkoshiro@gmail.com. Thank you!

Mahalo for your DANA

(May 11, 2025 to June 7, 2025)

50th Anniversary Celebration

Mililani Hongwanji BWA

Yuma Kamuro

Funeral

Faye Rodriguez

General Donation

Mililani Support Group

Steven & Sadako Shintaku

Clifford Togo

Gotan-E Service

Janet Abe

June Asato

Roger Babcock & Jill Kyhos

Claire Doi

Sharon Freitas

Myra Fujino

Luana Fukutomi

Warren & Nora Hahn

Melvin Hayase

Karl & Carol Ann Kakehi

Sharon Kaneko

Carrie Kawamoto

Claire Matsumoto

James Nakasone

Masami & Joyce Nishimoto

Joyce Nishioka

Frances Saito

Aileen Sato

Christine Sato & Richard Lightner

Nancy Tanaka

Hiro Yoshi & Satoko Terao

Gordon & Lyn Watanabe

Steven & Lani Yamami

Diane Yoza

Memorial Service

Twila Castellucci

Myra Fujino

Myra Fujino

George Horibata

Sharon Kaneko

Ken & Diane Matsuzaki

Carl & Mona Nii

Richard & Gail Taira

Social Concerns(HQ)

Mamoru Kawahara

Kenneth Y. & Joan Y. Kitagawa

From Spring Fling

In appreciation, Japanese Language Class Sensei

IMO Robert Nishihira

In appreciation for altar received

In Deep Gratitude.

Namo Amida Butsu

Namo Amida Butsu

Namo Amida Butsu



IMO Marie Meyer

IMO Misae Matsuzaki

IMO Misae Matsuzaki (1 yr)

IMO Etsuko Horibata

IMO Misae Matsuzaki

IMO Misae Matsuzaki (1 yr)

IMO Misae Matsuzaki (1 yr)

IMO Zenyei Taira

Photo Gallery



Karen Oda
turns 100!

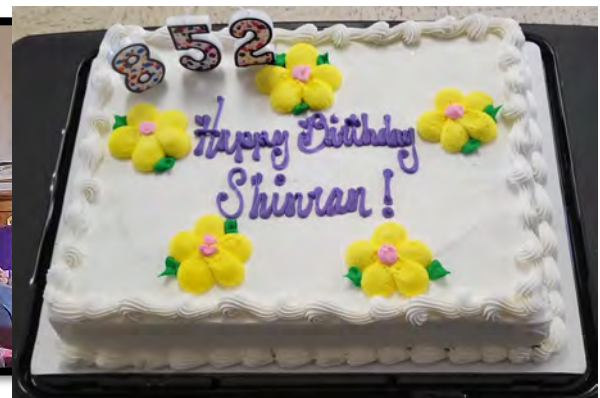


Zoey's
Graduation with
her twin brother.

Rev. Kamuro and
Yuma-san
playing and
singing Ode to
Joy.



Gotan-e Service





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NEWSLETTER

July 2025

Calendar

July 19 (Sat) 9:00am-11:00am Going Green (Parking lot)
24 (Wed) 9:00am-12:00pm Before Service Cleanup
27 (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

A few weeks ago, my wife and I had a chance to spend some time with my nephew, niece, and niece's fiancé. While they were here, we got to see a play, enjoyed some food, went to a concert at the Shell, enjoyed some food, went hiking, enjoyed some food, shopping, and did I mention enjoyed some food? During a car ride, my niece said, "Uncle are you rich?" I looked into the rear view mirror and saw the three of them, and mentioned, "Of course I am!" The life of a Nembutsu Traveler, no matter what, is rich. Maybe not financially rich, but through appreciation and gratitude, we are rich in love, being surrounded by our family and the embrace of Amida Buddha's Infinite Wisdom and Incomprehensible compassion. As we are now in Bon Season once again, let us reflect on just how rich we are, and continue to live as a Nembutsu Traveler, for then we will see, we are not traveling alone.

Going Green at Ewa Hongwanji

On Saturday, July 19, Ewa Hongwanji will again be hosting a Going Green event from 9:00am-11:00am in our parking lot. Bring your recycling items and recycle responsibly! If you would like to help us on that day, let us know and we will be happy to have some extra manpower! Bentos will be provided.

Accepted Items: Computers (and peripherals) / Televisions (and peripherals) / Mobile Devices
HI-5 beverage containers / AUTO BATTERIES ONLY / Canned goods / Gently used clothing ONLY
Used eye glasses and hearing aids / Diapers and wipes for keiki & kupuna
For pets - towels, blankets, food / Free towing of unwanted cars, call 291 6151

Not Accepted: SORRY, WE CANNOT ACCEPT: METAL, TIRES, PAINT, MICROWAVE OVENS,
COOKING OIL, MOTOR OIL, INK CARTRIDGES, TONERS, HAZARDOUS FLUIDS, CARDBOARD,
PAPER, PLASTICS, WOOD, AND BULKY ITEMS. NO HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, ONLY CLOTHING.

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