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# Dharma Connection

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## August 2025

- 3 9:00am Family Dharma Service  
Speaker: Aryn Ishikawa
- 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 9:00am Family Night Pizza Party—Hosted by Jr. YBA
- 24 9:00am Family Dharma Service
- 31 9:00am Family Dharma Service  
Guest Speaker: Alex King  
Dharma School Rally Day

## September 2025

- 7 9:00am Family Dharma Service and Dharma  
School
- 14 9:00am Joint Memorial and Family  
Dharma Service
- 14 10:15am BWA Meeting
- 21 9:00am Peace Day Service and Dharma School
- 20 & 21 9am ChoralFest 2025 at Hawaii Betsuin
- 28 9:00am Autumn Ohigan Service and Dharma  
School  
Speaker: Rev. Thomas Okano

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



## Sadako Sasaki's Paper Cranes

Aloha, Mililani Hongwanji 'Ohana,

It has now been a year since I transferred from Hilo Betsuin to Mililani Hongwanji last August. I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude for the warm support my family and I have received since our move. Thanks to your kindness, we have been able to settle smoothly into our new life here in Mililani.

I am especially grateful that my son, Yuma, was able to complete his junior year happily at Mililani High School. Before we moved, my wife Minako and I were a bit concerned about Yuma transferring from Waiakea High School. But he made good friends and truly enjoyed his school life, especially playing the violin in the symphony orchestra. After the summer break, he will begin his senior year. With graduation approaching, he is now seriously thinking about his future. We sincerely ask for your continued support and guidance.

Last summer, before our move to Mililani, Yuma and I had a special opportunity to participate in the YBICSE (Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange) program in Japan. We attended 6 a.m. morning services at Honzan Hongwanji and visited several Hongwanji-related sites, including Hiroshima Betsuin and Tsukiji Hongwanji.

While in Hiroshima, we also visited the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, where we learned the story of Sadako Sasaki, a 12-year-old victim of the atomic bombing, and her thousand paper cranes. I took some photos of the actual origami cranes folded by Sadako.

The explanation in front of Sadako's origami cranes read:

In early August 1955, Sadako heard the saying, "If you fold 1,000 paper cranes, your wish will come true." She began folding cranes using medicine wrappers and any scrap paper she could find. It is said that she folded 1,000 in less than a month. Toward the end of August, Sadako's condition worsened. She became too weak to sit up but continued folding cranes from her bed. When her fingers grew too weak, she used a needle to fold even smaller cranes.

Reading this explanation helped me understand why her cranes are so small, and why people from around the world bring 1,000 paper cranes to her statue in Hiroshima. Children and adults alike fold origami cranes as symbols of peace and hope for a more harmonious world.

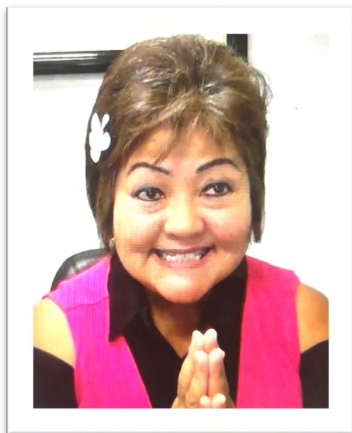
In closing, I would like to share these touching words from *Sadako's Origami*:

"To fold a paper crane is to convey a compassionate heart — wholeheartedly, for you, and for anyone in the world who may be suffering. To fold a paper crane is to say, 'Thank you' — wholeheartedly, to you and to the peoples of the world, that we may become one. 'May everyone on Earth have everlasting happiness.' Our wish is to keep folding, with this prayer held fast in our hearts."

On the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, let us seek to deepen our understanding and commitment to peace. Let us learn from the past so that we share new ideas of the future.



# ***Rene's Review***



**President  
Rene Mansho**

**Aloha Friends!**

It seems that in our crazy world today, the **FOUR NOBLE TRUTHS** are reminding us of the suffering around us. It's not just about physical pain but also includes the discomfort of impermanence, change, and the unsatisfactoriness of worldly things. Also, identifies the root cause of suffering as craving or attachment; and suffering can be overcome through the cessation of craving. To end suffering, follow the **EIGHT-FOLD PATH** -a practical guide consisting of right understanding, thought, speech, action, livelihood, effort, mindfulness, and concentration. Well, if you can, it's a start. For me, it's the people at temple who provide care and comfort. Caring people and old friends.

With much gratitude, let's all take the time to appreciate the many blessings at Mililani Hongwanji: \* Rev. Joshin Kamuro smiling and greeting you to Sunday service, \* the Dana Ohana volunteers who open the temple

7:30 on Sunday mornings, opening windows, making coffee, setting up the tables for refreshments, taking out the gatha and service books, Kansho bell ringer, organist, and MC preparing for the service, \*members collecting books after service and moving tables and chairs for everyone to enjoy the refreshments provided by volunteers. \* Mrs. Minako Kamuro teaching calligraphy and preparing flower arrangements for the altar every Sunday, \*Yuma Kamuro teaching Japanese classes after Sunday services, \*the BWA members helping everywhere, and \* the Thursday Gang volunteers maintaining our property and facilities, and \*the Board of Directors who meet to help plan and care for the facilities, programs, membership, the future!

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and the Peace Day Committee are inviting everyone to the **"80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** of the end of **WORLD WAR II**, a **Hiroshima Hibakusha Exhibition**, **Atomic Bomb Photo Poster Exhibition**, and a **Commemoration Service** at 5:00 PM, and meet guest speaker **Hiroshima Bombing survivor**, **Mrs. Kasae Kasaoka**, who was 12 years old and about 2 miles from the center of the bomb explosion. What a great reminder of the horrors of war and that we must never let it happen again. Thanks to Bishop Umitani, the posters were purchased and available for temples and members who want to provide an exhibition in their neighborhoods.

Much Mahalo to the **Blood Bank of Hawaii** who meets monthly to receive blood donations at our Education Building, setting up at 5:30 AM, and closing at 1:00 PM. Updated schedule: Sept.13, Oct. 11, Nov. 15, and Dec. 20, **PLEASE CALL (808) 848-4770, SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT AND SAVE A LIFE! MAHALO!**

Finally, I know I'll be seeing all of you at our annual fundraiser, our **MILILANI BON DANCE**, on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 15 &16, 5:30 to 10:00 PM! Thanks to your support, we are able to keep our temple open for Sunday Services, provide quality Adult Day Care Programs, Judo and Aikido Classes, Parkinsons Support Group, Crocheting, Ikebana, Calligraphy, Japanese Classes, Meditation, Boy Scouts Troop 164 and Girl Scouts Troop 150, BWA , Jr. YBA, Dharma School. I'm volunteering at the Andagi Booth, the First Aid Booth, keeping the restrooms stocked with paper towels, soap, and toilet paper. Of course, I can't wait to try our new signature food item, **"GYUDON"** tasty beef with onions on rice. Enjoy our homemade goodies at the Country Store, real deals at the Silent Auction, and discover new handmade items at our Craft Fair, and food trucks with their specialties. See you there! **NAMO AMIDA BUTSU!**

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# Summary of July 9, 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 excused, Dennis O) The June 30, 2025 Financial Report was presented. Major disbursements were: 2nd quarter Kyodan Assessment, Ed Bldg roof repairs (CIP), Speakers (CIP), Replacement Plastic Tables (CIP), Social Concerns Fund Transfer to HHMH (non-operating). Temple insurance bill just received and will be paid in July. The basic insurance premiums are much more than budgeted and does not include Hurricane coverage. Temples statewide are experiencing the same situation.
- **Minister's Report:** (Rev. Kamuro) Written report received showing various meetings, services, seminars, and other activities for the current and future month. A combined Hatsubon Service will be held on Sunday, August 10th, 4:00 pm. Thanks to Diane Yoza who sent letters to 16 families who lost loved ones this past year. Mililani Hongwanji will host a session with Rev. Dr. Enrique Galvan-Alvarez from the United Kingdom on Friday, August 1, 6:30 pm on "The Past, Present, and Future of Jodo Shinshu in Europe." Keirokai Recognition will be on Sunday, November 30th. Please notify Rev. Kamuro if you or anyone you know will be 80 years of age in 2025.
- **President's Report:** (Rene M) There will be a Commemorative Service on the 80th Anniversary of Hiroshima bombing at Betsuin on August 14th, 5:00 pm. It will be also be on Zoom.
- **VP Operations:** (Kevin A excused, June A) There was a rental of facilities on a previous Saturday that went very well. Blood Bank continues to use Ed Bldg once a month on a Saturday. Insurance agent was not able to quote hurricane insurance for the temple.
- **VP Facilities:** (Steve K) Preparing for Bon Dance activities. Will be repairing a broken refrigerator. Dean and Doreen S will be working on temple security system while in Hawaii.
- **VP Religious & Temple Activities:** (Dean S) No report. (Alex K) Dharma School still on summer break and planning for next school year will be completed by July 20th.
- **BWA Report:** (Lani Y) Members are getting ready for O-Bon by baking/making various goods that the Country Store is known for (Diane Y & Claire D, co-chairs). OUHHBWA currently planning their annual conference scheduled for Saturday, October 18th, Aiea Hongwanji. Encourage members to attend Oahu District seminar featuring Dr. Enrique Galvan-Alvarez. Third Qtr OUHHBWA meeting will focus on the State BWA Conference in March 2026.
- **Jr. YBA:** (Gay T) Jrs helped at the Wahiawa Hongwanji Bon Dance FiSH POND The Jr. YBA State Convention was hosted by Honolulu and held at the BSC, Moiliili Hongwanji, and Ala Moana Hotel. Theme "Hello Kitty and Friends". Yuma (Mililani) and Jamelyn (Aiea) got the Oahu United Outstanding Jr. awards. Yuma won first place both in the oratorical and written essay categories.
- **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) Have had 14.8K views on social media and 630 followers.
- **Other Reports or Announcements:**
- **Green Hongwanji:** Held another successful Plant Share event.
- **Kokua Committee:** Funeral Service at temple, July 12, 2-4pm
- **Bon Dance:** (Cliff T, Warren H, Stan S) FYI: New BOSE speakers were recently purchased to enhance sound quality especially in the food truck area. The new Ice Machine to be installed shortly in same location. 4 Food Trucks and 2 dessert trucks (max) will be present for both nights. The Andagi Guy will be here again. Andagi volunteers Contact Mel. Jr. YBA will be selling drinks in two locations (garage and outside near columbarium). Craft booths have all been reserved. Emphasis on "handcrafted items" items. Silent Auction is preparing for another "work day" to set up items to be sold. Country Store is soliciting items for sale. Ewa Fukushima and the Okinawan group will be performing live. Lantern Parade will be coordinated by Jrs. starting along adjacent park on Friday, 6:30 pm. Judo and Aikido will also be selling food items (TBD) from the kitchen. Mililani Kyodan with help of the Kamuros & Lester will be selling Gyu-Don (beef bowl) from the carport. Choba (donations) and towels sales are ready. Dharma Store will be open and Temple Tours will be provided. First Aid volunteers have been confirmed. (3) HPD off duty officers being hired for both nights. MTA Tennis court lights will NOT be on due to renovations. Alternative lighting will be provided. Limited parking available in MTA parking lot. Lions Club and other temple volunteers needed to help with traffic/pedestrian control (Contact Dennis O.) Dance instructors are learning new & popular songs. (See practice schedule) The Yagura will have a new roof. August 4, 7:00 pm - Bon Dance Committee meeting in-person.
- **Mark your Calendar:** August 14, 9:00 am - Thursday Gang needs help setting up tables, chairs, lights, ramp, signs, Yagura skirt, etc.
- August 15, 9:00am - Everyone putting on final touches, hang Chochins, flower decorations for Yagura, set up food booths, set up PA system, chill drinks, food prep. Light lunch provided.
- August 17, 9:00am - Clean Up and put everything away, No Service.
- Sept. 17, 7:00 pm - Final Wrap Up & Evaluation meeting (Bento provided).



# BWA News

To BWA members who are involved or interested, please enter these important meeting dates into your calendars:

October 18, 2025 . . . . . United Annual Education Seminar/Conference (Aiea Hongwanji)

March 28-29, 2026. . . . . State Membership Conference (Ala Moana Hotel)

September 11-12, 2027. . . World Convention (Hilton Hawaiian Village)

The United meeting (OUHHBWA), chaired by June Asato, will be held on Saturday, October 18 at Aiea Hongwanji. Linda Nagai, Federation President, will be the special speaker at the Memorial Service. We will be asking for volunteer carpooling.

"Let's attend and have FUN reconnecting with our Jodo-Shinshu sisters."

Thank You to Reverend Joshin Kamuro and members who visited Karen Oda at The Plaza-Moanalua. Karen was a long-time member of Mililani BWA who volunteered at many leadership levels. She promoted the card game of Hanafuda as a way for multi-generations to gather and have FUN!

Diane Yoza announced a tentative slate for 2026 BWA Officers. We are deeply grateful to the nominees for volunteering to serve as our leaders. Members were also given a printed update to our Rules & Regulations, revised in July 2025.

The next Ehime Maru Monument cleanup at Kakaako Waterfront Park is scheduled for Saturday, November 1, 2025. Co-chairs Debbie Hiyakumoto and Janice Yasunaga welcome your suggestions for a lunch site.

The Toiletries Committee, led by Carol Kakehi, recently sorted and bagged samples for the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. Please continue to donate your toiletries and place them in the plastic bins provided on the back counter of the Temple.

OBON NEWS: The BWA will need help installing the Yagura skirt on Thursday, August 14. Donations of flowers and greenery can be brought the next day on August 15. Both events start at 9 am. The Country Store is seeking manpower and donations of food from your kitchens, e.g. baked goods, energy bars, and tsukemono.

Please attend on Friday, August 1, 6:30-8 PM to hear Special Speaker, Dr. Enrique Galvan-Alvarez. A signup sheet was circulated for light refreshments.

A reminder from Carrie Kawamoto that C.A.R.E. Day is scheduled for Friday, October 10 at our very own Mililani Hale-Adult Day Care Center. A program of singing, water color painting, and flower arranging is being planned.

Next BWA Meeting: August 10, 10:15 am, in the Educational Building  
Family Service MC will be Rene Mansho.

## 2025 Obon Service Speaker

This year's keynote speaker for the Joint Memorial & OBON Family Dharma Service on Sunday, August 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., will be Reverend Toyokazu Hagio, Minister Emeritus of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i. Reverend Hagio was born in Kumamoto, Japan, and graduated from Ryukoku University. He came to Hawai'i in 1980 and was first assigned to Wai'alua Hongwanji. Over the years, he also served at Honomū, Wailuku, Waipahu, and later became Rimban at both Hilo Betsuin and Hawai'i Betsuin. He retired in December 2021. Reverend Hagio is married to Junko and has two children and two grandchildren. Please join us for this special service.





# Dharma School

We hope everyone has been enjoying the summer!

The Dharma School teachers and Reverend Kamuro met to decide on the first semester of Dharma School lessons and activities - and we're excited for what we have planned! The first day of Dharma School will be on August 31st and we'll be making mochi! There will be different fillings the kids can choose from to make their mochi. This will also be the day to sign up kids for the Dharma School year. The first day is always called Rally Day as a way to get excited about the upcoming year!

What to expect Dharma School lessons to look like: We begin with a short lesson and then move on to an activity that relates to what we went over. Like last school year, we will have toys and coloring pages for the younger students to utilize during our class time. The train set was always a big hit with the little ones! This year we will also have books that the kids will be able to borrow.

We strive to make Dharma School engaging for students of all ages. The dharma is for everyone and we hope to give students happy and fun memories when they think of Buddhism. We're looking forward to this school year!

In Gassho, Your Dharma School Ohana.

## Dharma School Schedule:

**August 31:** Dharma School Rally Day  
Making mochi and signing up for the Dharma School year.

**September 7:** Peace Day Lesson  
Walking meditation and chocolate meditation.

**September 14:** No Dharma School

**September 21:** History of Ohigan Day Lesson  
Origami including the two headed bird.



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# Jr. YBA Happenings

Big shout out to the United of Honolulu for successful Jr. YBA State Convention! We had a great time and were glad that they brought back some timeless favorite activities like the auction and Saturday evening banquet. The theme was Hello Kitty & Friends and we had engaging workshops. We made Hello Kitty themed pizza, or whatever you wanted to make. Everyone was so creative! We also made wrist onenju and made new friends exchanging onenju with someone we met at convention. We also had a guest speaker, Stacey Hayashi, a local author and award winning filmmaker known for her expertise on Japanese American WWII veterans. Her film, Go For Broke: An Origin Story was about the true stories of Hawaii heroes who founded the 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team and Military Intelligence Services. She talked to us about her latest book, The Story of Lucy, about the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT medic's mascot puppy named Lucy. During the Q&A portion we found out that our very own United President, Yuma Kamuro was in the Go For Broke movie as one of the school children.



Congratulations are in order for our members! Yuma won the Essay and Oratoracle contests while Amane and Yuma were recognized by our Advisors for the Outstanding Jr. YBA Award. Diandra and Taylor were re-elected to the Federation Executive board as the Vice President and Secretary, respectively.

After a busy convention weekend, we took some time to celebrate Diandra Thomson's graduation and took her to dinner at Black Angus where we all got steak dinners and enjoyed each other's company. It was an enjoyable night getting to talk with one another and sharing all the appetizers and desserts!

We also chose United officers for next year. Our new officers are:

- President – Yuma Kamuro, Mililani Hongwanji
- Vice President – Diandra Thomson, Mililani Hongwanji
- Secretary – Taylor Kunimitsu, Aiea Hongwanji
- Treasurer – Amane Tomori, Aiea Hongwanji.

Our installation of officers will be before our next meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations on a year well done and we look forward to the year to come!

As our summer obon season starts winding down we still have a few more bon dances to go to! If you are looking to get service hours or would like to volunteer at any of our other district bon dances check your calendars for the dates remaining. 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! We've had such a fun time so far helping at Wahiawa and dancing at Ewa, Waipahu, and Waianae. The schedule for the remaining bon dances are as follows:

- July 26 – Aiea Hongwanji (shave ice booth)
- August 9 – Pearl City Hongwanji (helping the food concession)
- August 15 and 16 – Mililani Hongwanji (Lantern Parade and beverage booths – 2 locations)

The week after Mililani Hongwanji's obon weekend, on Saturday, August 23, the Juniors would like to invite any youth and families to join us at the temple for a Movie, Games and Pizza night! Open to any families; you don't need to be a temple member to attend. See flyer for more information and RSVP QR Code. You can also RSVP via contact information at the end of newsletter article.



## Upcoming Important Dates:

**Next Meeting: Sunday, August 3, at Aiea Hongwanji at 1:00pm**

**Family Movie, Games and Pizza Night! Saturday, August 23, 5:30pm-8:30pm at Mililani Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, 95-257 Kaloapau St., Mililani, 96789**

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

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

Follow us on Instagram! @jrybaofoahu and @hawaiiifedjryba



## Silent Auction Donations

Often, change is good in our lives - our dynamic Silent Auction Committee has decided to go hybrid. We will be selling some goods like a retail store yet keeping half our inventory as the Silent Auction. You can purchase outright many new and exciting items at \$5, \$10, and \$20, while at the same time participating in the simultaneous Auction. Your generosity has allowed us over the year to evolve into a major profit center and we appreciate it!

We continue to welcome gift certificates, new appliances, vintage clothing, household items and any other good quality items you may have. We will have something for everyone, so please stop by and see us.

Still have items to donate? Please drop off on Thursday, 8/14 from 5pm. If you can't make it please see Claire Doi at church. You can also reach Chari-jean Watanage at 808-223-6077 or chari-jean@aol.com. Make it a feel good summer - donate and buy! Mahalo to all.

## August Memorial

*Those who have passed during the month.*

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

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

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[dharma.connection@gmail.com](mailto:dharma.connection@gmail.com) if there are corrections or additions to the published list. Families may call the minister to schedule special family memorial services for their loved ones. For 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	

## Mililani Buddhist Temple

### BON DANCE

August 15 & 16, 2025, Friday & Saturday

#### 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 Bon Dance  
10:00 p.m.

**Country Store**

August 10th, Sunday:  
9:00 a.m. Obon Service  
4:00 p.m. Hatsuon 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](http://www.mililanihongwanji.org)

#### 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 Bon Dance  
10:00 p.m.

**SILENT AUCTION**

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

## BON COUNTRY STORE

Bon is here! In a few weeks the Country Store will be bustling with people full of anticipation, making decisions on what homemade goods of pizzelles, banana bread, mochi, energy bars, healthy trail mixes, delicious jams, jellies, sekihan, tsukemono, takuan, boiled peanuts, kettle corn popcorn and many other treats to buy! Your thoughtful creations of craft items, homegrown plants, vegetables, and the beautiful donations of happi coats, yukatas, and kimonos are very much appreciated!

We are very grateful for the time you take to prepare all of your donations for everyone to enjoy! 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](mailto:diane.yoza@gmail.com) or Claire Doi at (808)372-2198.

See you all at Bon!



## 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!

Light refreshments will be provided

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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## IN REMEMBRANCE AND REFLECTION Commemorating 80 Years Since the End of World War II

### A Narrative from a Hiroshima Hibakusha & an Exhibition on the Atomic Bombing

On the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, we gather in solemn remembrance of all those whose lives were profoundly affected by the consequences of war. We reflect on the immense human cost of conflict, and through the preservation of historical memory, we seek to deepen our understanding and commitment to peace.

Guided by the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha, we rededicate ourselves to building a community—and a world—where every life is equally valued and embraced. May this gathering inspire us to walk together on the path toward a more peaceful and harmonious society.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025**

### COMMEMORATION SERVICE

At 5:00 p.m.

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin  
(Access to parking is from 1742 Lusitana Street)

Guest Speaker: Ms. Sadae Kasaoka

Ms. Kasaoka was exposed to the atomic bomb when she was 12 years old in her first year of girls' high school. At the moment of the explosion, she was at home, which was 3.5 km (2.2 miles) away from the hypocenter.

### ATOMIC BOMB PHOTO POSTER EXHIBITION

In the Hawaii Betsuin Social Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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Event Organizers:

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii—Office of the Bishop and Peace Day Committee  
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin  
Honolulu District Ministers Association

With special cooperation from the  
Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation and Ms. Sadae Kasaoka

Namo Amida Butsu

### Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up on September 6<sup>th</sup>!

By: Tyler Oshiro, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator

Mark your calendars and make your plans to join our Sangha members for this important community service project! Our 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](mailto:tylerkoshiro@gmail.com). Thank you!

# Mahalo for your DANA

(June 8, 2025 to July 12, 2025)

## Funeral

Lynn Cortez  
Margaret Kayatani  
Thelma Kimura

For Milton Cortez  
For Albert Kayatani  
Funeral & Inurnment for Shuzo Kimura

## General Donation

Anonymous (2)  
Lotus Connection Group  
Mililani Hongwanji Mahjong Players  
Mililani Support Group  
Allan & Helen Hasegawa  
James & Karen Nakasone

Vases

Monpo Appreciation

## General Donation (Bon Dance)

Terry & Patricia Matsumoto

Gyu-Don donation

## Gotan-E Service

Harley & Martha Ishii

## Memorial Service

Michie Ando  
June Asato  
Arynn Ishikawa  
Arynn Ishikawa  
Georgiana Kobayashi  
Thelma Kushimi  
Thelma Kushimi  
Tom & Denise Kutsunai  
Elsie Morikawa  
Ann Nakagawa  
Joyce Nishioka  
Nancy Tanaka  
Dorrie Tobita  
Clifford Togo  
Joan Tsukiyama  
Gordon & Lyn Watanabe  
Diane Yoza

IMO Yutaka Nishihara  
IMO Bob Asato  
IMO Kenji Blanchard  
IMO Bob Asato, Fae Togo, Noboru Yoza  
IMO George Masami Tachibana  
IMO Thomas Kushimi  
IMO Thomas Kushimi (1 year)  
IMO George Masami Tachibana  
IMO Akira Hayashida  
IMO Fae Togo  
IMO Isaburo Iida  
IMO Asayo Tanaka  
IMO Fae Togo  
IMO Fae Togo  
IMO Edward Suematsu (1 year)  
IMO Kimi & Miyuki Watanabe  
IMO Noboru Yoza

**In Deep Gratitude.**

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





# Photo Gallery



**Mililani Hongwanji BWA**



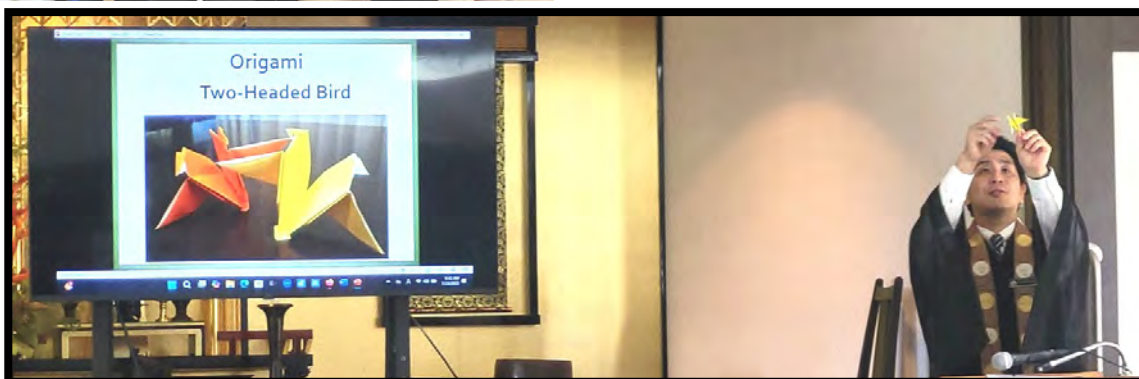
**Rev. Earl Ikeda**



**Steve Chinen Dharma Talk**



**Yuya's YBICSE Presentation**



**Reverend Kamuro's  
Two-Headed Bird  
Dharma Message.**

**Origami by Minako san.**





# FYI.....



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## **Adult Day Center at Mililani Hongwanji**

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

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

## **Memorial Services**

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

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

## **Monthly Joint Memorial Service**

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

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

**For those who wish to add or remove family members or friends from the published list, please email [dharmaconnection@gmail.com](mailto: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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## NEWSLETTER

Aug 2025

### Calendar

Aug 20 (Wed) 9:00am-12:00pm Before Service Cleanup

24 (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

This month marks 15 years since I became a minister here in Hawai'i. When I contemplate this, I have come to the conclusion that it's really a celebration of not only me, but also the celebration of the countless karmic conditions that have played out for me to even be in this position. From the many people that have come in and out of my life, to the sacrifices that have been made, it's really a moment of okage sama de, I am who I am because of you and the many *kage*, the unseen things, that have played out.

From the lava flow that went through Pāhoa, the countless interactions with people, the novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic, and now the uncertainty of the world, each and every situation has formed and defined my ministry.

As you, we, reflect on our own lives, let us all contemplate the karmic conditions and live a life of appreciation and gratitude together in the Nembutsu. Thank you everyone for being a part of my journey. I truly appreciate it!

### Mahalo for your Kokua

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Bon Dance ~ we had a very successful event and we have all of our volunteers to be grateful and thankful for! Please let us know if you have any suggestions on how we can improve so that we can have an even better experience next year!



## Mahalo for your Donations

### **Ofuse**

Jean Abe ~ IMO James Abe, C.J. Abe & Izumihara Families  
 Layla & Sean Fujii ~ IMO Corinne Lariosa  
 May Gonzalez (Aiko Murakami) ~ IMO Chokichi & Tsugi Murakami  
 Melvin & Teri Hirano ~ IMO Katsuichi & Hisako Hirano  
 Rosie Itamoto ~ IMO Dickie Itamoto  
 Gail Nagamine ~ IMO Corinne Lariosa  
 Wayne Nagamine ~ IMO Corinne Lariosa  
 Lisa Wond ~ IMO Corinne Lariosa

### **Bon Dance Donations**

Jean Abe	Kona Hongwanji Taiko	Jeffrey Soga
Momi Aina	Group	Beryl Takabayashi
Dale Anzai	Kona Ice	Claudia Tokumoto
Carol Ann Cameron	Jayne Kurizaki	Gary Tsurumaki
Panapa Falealili	Eric Matsumoto	Carolyn Uchiyama
Richard & Joyce Fujimoto	Sarah Miyasaki	Guy Ujimori & Family
Warren & Nora Hahn	Milie Murakami	Allen & Ellen Ujimori
Charlotte Hamai	Oren & Mae Murakami	Rae Wakimura
Hawaii Eisa Shinyuu Kai	R Nagata	Ruth Wakimura
Dennis & Patsy Irie	Vaai Numata	Wakimura & Yamamoto
M/M Randy Itamoto	Myra Nohara	Families
Rosie Itamoto	Brian Okamura	Glenn Yasui
Caran Iwata	Saito Family	Shoso Yasui
Frances Kikuchi	William & Eloise Saito	Arnold Yoshioka
Yvonne Kishi	Senwa Kai LLC	

### **Bake Sale**

Aina, Momi  
 Irie, Patsy  
 Iwata, Caran  
 Matsufuru, Donna  
 Mishina, Matt  
 Santos, Fran  
 Schmoll, Karen  
 Soma, Aileen  
 Torda, Annie  
 Torda, Norma  
 Tsurumaki, Wendy  
 Yoshioka, Darlene

### **Windcatchers**

Anzai, Dale A.  
 Date, Brian  
 Gerard, Ronald  
 Irie, Patsy  
 Itamoto, Rosie  
 Iwata, Caran  
 Kikuchi, Frances  
 Kurizaki, Jayne  
 LaVigne, Susan  
 Matsukawa, Levin  
 Mishina, Matt  
 Murakami, Milie

Murakami, Pam  
 Nohara, Myra  
 Saito, Ross  
 Silva, Patricia  
 Tsurumaki, Gary  
 Wond, Lisa  
 Yasui, Shoso  
 Yoshioka, Arnold