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February 2024

- 1 10:00am New Year Day Service
- 7 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School (Guest Speaker: Ty Wakahiro)
- 14 9:00am Joint Memorial & Family Dharma Service & Installation of Officers
- 14 10:15am BWA Monthly Meeting
- 21 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School
- 28 9:00am Ho'onko (Shinran Shonin's Memorial) Family Dharma Service & Dharma School

- 4 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School
- 4 After Service Appreciation and Aloha Party Honoring Rev. David Fujimoto
- 11 9:00am Joint Memorial & Dana Day Family Dharma Service
- 11 10:15am BWA Monthly Meeting
- 18 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma School
- 24 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



New Year's Message

Happy New Year Everyone!

I would like to take this opportunity at the beginning of the year, to express my deepest gratitude to you all. 2023 was quite a year filled with different emotions. As I look back to 2023, I am reminded of the last stanza of the New *Ryōgemon*, which reads:

*Living with the Dharma as my guide
Softens my rigid heart and mind.
Gratitude for the gift of life I have received,
Frees me from becoming lost in greed and anger,
And allows me to share a warm smile and speak gentle words.
Sharing in the joy and sadness of others,
I shall strive to live each day to its fullest.*



The New *Ryōgemon*, which was written by our current Monshu, is a testament to our gratitude to the Teachings, and it is his hopes that all of us to memorize and recite it at many of our occasions, such as Sunday Services, to remind ourselves to nurture *Namo Amida Butsu*, not only within ourselves, but with those who we are surrounded by and the future generations.

What leads you to say *Namo Amida Butsu*? This year's Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i Theme and Slogan, "Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing *Nembutsu* Moments", explores those moments in which we utter *Namo Amida Butsu*, whether under our breaths, or as one big collective in a service.



Recently, I was having a bad day. Not to mention, I had received some bad news. I made a stop at Starbucks, and when I received my order, inscribed on the lid of my drink was the words, "Happy Friday!" Two simple words, and yet it had such a profound meaning for me at that moment. It was a moment of self-reflection that made me realize how feeble my thinking was. In that moment, *Namo Amida Butsu* quietly came out of my mouth. It was my action and yet at the same time, it was Amida's Calling Voice to me.

Nembutsu Moments are genuine, real, and fleeting. It may happen with us not even noticing. It's never forced, and yet it is a very significant part of our spiritual and religious practice, which is why I asked that very question, "What leads you to say *Namo Amida Butsu*?" When we begin to understand that question, then another question arises, "How do we share it?" How do we share something that is so intimate, and yet, should not be ashamed to share? Often it is shared in our actions, in our words, and in our deeds.

If we can encourage more *Nembutsu* Moments and less moments filled with ignorance, anger, greed, and selfishness, we are able to build a healthy sangha for generations to come. As we begin a new year. Let us all rally around this year's theme and slogan and live with the *Nembutsu* in our hearts, and with the Dharma as our guide.



Namo Amida Butsu

Rev. David Fujimoto

Rene's Review

“Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments!”

Aloha Friends!

Shinnen Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu! Maligayang bagon taon! Naimbag a Paskua kenayayo! Saehae bog manhi bad euseyo! Xin nian kuai le! Kung Hei Fat Choi! Feliz Ano Nuevo! Bonne annee! Frohes neues Jahr! Hauoli Makahiki Hou! Yes, we enjoy being international citizens of the world!

First of all, thank you for this opportunity to serve as your 2024 Mililani Hongwanji Kyodan Board President! Let us all thank our Immediate Past President June Asato for her leadership, her time and sacrifice, and her passion in planning for our temple's 50th Anniversary.

I am energized by our Board Members who enthusiastically volunteered to embrace the following leadership roles and we are happy to depend on their commitment to serve: Vice President of Religious Services: Ann Ishikawa, Vice President of Operations: Kevin Asato, Vice President of Facilities: Stephen Koito, Secretary: Roger Babcock, Treasurer: Clifford Togo, Finance Chairperson: Dennis Oshita, Auditors: Janice Yasunaga, Brad Wakahiro, Social Media Director: Gay Tanaka, Kokua Committee Chairperson: Nora Hahn, Green Hongwanji Committee Chairperson: David Thomson, and Advisor and 50th Anniversary Committee Co-Chair: Mel Hayase. Advisor: Dean Sakamoto. We are all looking forward to “Sharing Nembutsu Moments”!

This truly is a momentous time for our temple and we would like to hear from you for our Mililani Hongwanji 2024 Wish List. Please email or text me with your wish or suggestion that you would like to see happening in 2024 at Mililani Hongwanji- ph: 808-291-6151 or renemansho@hawaii.rr.com. What direction would you like to see our temple taking for today and into our bright future? Engaging younger people? Getting involved more in the community? Hosting more public events? Bringing back some old traditions? Looking forward to receiving your thoughts, all in the interest of “Building a Healthy Sangha through Sharing Nembutsu Moments!” Mahalo and In gassho.



Rene Mansho

Summary of December 13, 2023

Kyodan Board Meeting

- The Mililani Hongwanji Board of Directors met in person with a quorum. President June Asato arranged for a pre-meeting dinner. Minutes of previous month's meeting was approved.
- Treasurer's Report: (Cliff) Distributed the 2023 Financial Operating Report. This report was also distributed at the Annual General Membership meeting on December 10, after service. The report included actual figures up through November 30, with projections for the month of December. Major categories of income and expenses were highlighted. The net operating results were favorable in that income exceeded budget, and expenditures were less than budget. Listed other temple asset accounts and the estimated current balances. Moved and approved that excess checking account cash be transferred to higher rate of return accounts. Also approved the purchase of online QuickBooks financial software for temple finances. 2024 Gojikai Pledge Letters and HHMH Social Concerns Fund Drive Letters were mailed in November. If you did not receive one, contact Cliff. Dennis O. will be working on the Kyodan budget for 2024 in January.
- President's Report: (June) Expressed gratitude and appreciation to the Board as she concludes her 3rd non-consecutive term as president, encouraged board & non-board members to step up and take leadership roles to sustain and grow the temple in the years ahead. Bishop Umitani announced that Reverend Fujimoto has been assigned to Moiliili Hongwanji effective 3/1/24. He will also continue to serve Ewa Hongwanji. A transition team has been named to address interim procedures. No minister has been assigned to Mililani Hongwanji. Looking for members who may be interested in attending the Giseikai and Lay Convention. Early registration discounts encouraged. Subsidies may be available for participants. 50th Anniversary Committee are soliciting ideas for the milestone celebration.
- Minister's Report: (Rev. Fujimoto) Flyers and registration forms are out for the Triple Celebration in September. See insert for more info. 2024 HHMH calendars will be distributed to members and remaining will be mailed to members address.
- VP Operations: (Kevin excused) No Report.
- VP Facilities: (Stephen) Continue to work on improving temple safety systems along with Brad Wakahiro.
- VP Religious Services (Brandon) Service schedule for 2024 completed, will be busy assisting with various temple activities during minister's vacancy period.
- Jr. YBA: (Gay) Manju Fundraiser at Mililani will be on February 18th, Sunday. Pre-order forms will be out shortly. See insert form to order you manjus. Ty Wakahiro will be guest speaker on January 7th.
- BWA: (Diane) Request no activities in the Temple Bldg. during the week of Bazaar, March 18-23. Planning by co-chairs are in full swing and donations are welcome, please support the newly elected officers, had a successful membership pot luck dinner with lots of fun entertainment.
- Election of Officers for 2024: President-Rene Mansho, VP Operations-Kevin Asato, VP Facilities-Stephen Koito, VP Religious Services-Ann Ishikawa, Secretary-Roger Babcock, Treasurer-Cliff Togo, Immediate Past Pres.-June Asato, Auditors-Janice Yasunaga and Brad Wakahiro, Directors-Dennis Oshita (Finance Comm.), Gay Tanaka, David Thomson, and Nora Hahn. Advisors-Dean Sakamoto and Mel Hayase, Minister-Rev. David Fujimoto, BWA Representative-Lani Yamami.
- Announcements: President-elect Mansho will continue ZOOM Board meetings on the 2nd Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00pm. Susan Oshiro will be preparing the Dharma Connection newsletter starting with the February issue relieving Cliff. Temple Clean-Up on Dec. 17, 9:00am.



BWA News

Wishing all of you warm, heartfelt wishes for a wonderful year ahead, and one filled with peace, happiness, and joy. We at the BWA look forward to events that will bring us all together as we commemorate such activities as Dana Day, Eshinni-Kakushinni Day, the Country Store and Bazaar, community support in the form of cleaning the Ehime Maru Memorial, plus many more. We invite all of you to join us at these events.

We'd like to express a very special THANK YOU to Diane Yoza, who is stepping down from the BWA presidency after for 7 years!! She did a superb job leading us and keeping us on track. 2024's slate of officers are as follows:



- Lani Yamami, President
- Aileen Sato, Vice-President
- Secretary, Claire Doi
- Ass't Secretary, Chris Sato-Lightner
- Treasurer, Lenora Inoue
- Ass't Treasurer, Arynn Ishikawa
- Auditors, Twila Castellucci and Nora Hahn

The BWA held its annual dinner-meeting in December, at which time, we enjoyed a gathering that included an ice-breaker, a fun tribute to Diane, a great (as usual), buffet, and sing-along. Thank you to Rene for leading as MC.

Membership dues for 2024 are due by January 31, so if yours are still outstanding, please send your \$25 check, payable to:

Mililani Hongwanji BWA
 c/o Joyce Ogawa
 94-056 Hukupalemo St.
 Mililani, HI 96789



In observance of Ho'onko, January 28, the BWA will be serving zenzai, which is said to be one of Shinran Shonin's favorite foods. Joyce Ogawa and Joyce Nishioka are co-chairs. Please come for spiritual and physical nourishment.

One of our first events of the year will be held on Feb. 11, when we observe Dana Day, with a food drive. Also on that a day, we will have Ms. Martha Samson, Project Dana Advisory Council Chair, as our special Dana Day speaker, who will talk about Project Dana and former First Lady Rosalynn Carter's connection to Project Dana and caregiving. We urge your attendance and donation of any canned or non-perishable foods for Hawaii Foodbank, on that day.

Please calendarize Saturday, March 23, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, when the BWA holds its bazaar and rummage sale. Diane Y., Claire, D., Nora and Warren H. are in charge. Detailed information is in this newsletter.





Dharma School

Happy 2024—Year of the Dragon! We hope everyone had a good holiday season and happy and safe New Year!

We were happy to receive many thank you's for our Golden Chain of Love lesson's kindness activity—giving out snack bags with kindness cards on November 26th. We are always grateful for the Sangha's support of our Dharma School and families.

We had just one class in December, on the 3rd. Students and adults made beautiful holiday candle holders filled with a little tea light and sand. Thanks go out to our resident crafter Aunty Gay for leading the class. And a big round of applause for student Julia K. for emceeing service on December 3rd and representing the Dharma School. Julia did a great job for a first-timer and is excited to emcee again!



The Dharma School teachers met in December and planned a full schedule of lessons and activities for the rest of the 2023-2024 school year (that ends in May). Here's what we have planned for January:

- Sunday, January 7th, 10am: Mochi Making
- Sunday, January 21st, 10am: 2024 Oahu district poster contest intro/draft
- Sunday, January 26th, 10am: Continue working on poster contest entries

Sangha breakfast is back! Please mark Sunday, January 21st, 8:00am on your calendars. The Dharma School 'ohana would like to show its appreciation to the Sangha by preparing a delicious breakfast including eggs, sausage, rice, fruits, and other yummy items. So, skip breakfast at home on the 21st and come early to temple and have breakfast with your fellow temple members.



If you know a student (preschool to high school) who would like to join our classes, please contact Claire Doi at clairedoi@hawaiiantel.net to be added to our email list to get our meeting agendas. Or please feel to contact us if you have any questions or need more info about our Dharma School sessions.





FYI.....



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2024 Temple Board

President-Rene Mansho
 VP Fac.-Stephen Koito
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 David Thomson
 Advisors-Melvin Hayase
 Dean Sakamoto
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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 let Rev. Fujimoto know as soon as possible to ensure proper action.

Minister's Private Visitation

Are you unable to come to the temple? Please call Rev. David Fujimoto at 808.625.0925 to request a private visit. The minister would love to reach out to you and be the bridge between you, the temple and the sangha!



United Jr. YBA of Oahu HBY Month Fundraiser



In October, the United Jr. YBA of Oahu baked Manju filled with Koshian (red bean paste) to fundraise for our HBY (Hawaii Buddhist Youth) Month project. This year, we will be donating a portion of proceeds to Honpa Hongwanji's Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund and/ or Reverend Ai Hironaka and his family.

Please see the information and order form below.

Thank you for your continued support!

ORDER DEADLINE: February 4, 2024

Please email orders to: jrybaofohu@gmail.com

(Include name, address, contact number, temple pickup location, and number of orders)
OR

Mail order form (bottom) to:

Mililani Hongwanji Mission, attn: Jr. YBA

P.O. Box 893308, Mililani, HI 96789

Pick-up/Delivery date: **Sunday February 18**

Pick-up locations: **TBD due to George Takei at Honpa Hongwanji service on Feb. 18th.**

Payment: Cash (exact change) or checks payable to United Jr. YBA of Oahu

Please enclose payment or pay at the time of pick up/delivery.

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

TEMPLE: _____ OR Delivery Address: _____



Manju: one order is 5 pc for \$5



TOTAL: ___ orders x \$5 = \$ _____

Payment enclosed: Yes ___ No ___

2024 Adopt-A-Highway Schedule

- February 17th
- May 18th
- August 24th
- November 16th



Meet at the temple at 8am to help with our quarterly Saturday trash pick up community service



Mililani Plant Share

January 13th 10-11am

Bring a Plant Take a Plant

Mililani Hongwanji
95-257 Kāloapau St



PLEASE JOIN US & GEORGE TAKEI AT HONPA HONGWANJI HAWAII BETSUIN HONDO

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2024

9:30am Special Service

"What Buddhism Means to Me"

(Free admission)

5pm "George Takei Reflects on Day of Remembrance"

followed by food & entertainment at Pacific Buddhist Academy

(Fundraising event - Tickets at \$150)

All proceeds will support social justice initiatives at the temple and other nonprofit organizations (including Spill the Tea)

Event presented by:

Honolulu Hongwanji Council
Pacific Buddhist Academy

Community partners:

Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center
Japanese American Citizens League, Honolulu Chapter
Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i
University of Hawai'i LGBTQIA+ Center



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
GEORGE TAKEI
ACTOR/CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST



[HHHB.LINK/TAKEI](https://www.honpa.org/HHHB.LINK/TAKEI)

For sponsorship information please contact: Jon Matsuoka at jmatsuoka@hawaiibetsuin.org

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November 20, 2023

Dear Ministers, Temple Presidents, and Affiliated Organization Leaders,

I hope this email finds you well.

We are pleased to inform you that the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Triple Celebration will be held on September 7 & 8, 2024.

The year 2023 will mark the 850th anniversary of the birth of Shinran Shonin, the founder of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist tradition, and 2024 will be the 800th anniversary of the establishment of the teaching and the 135th anniversary of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Accordingly in 2024, we will observe commemorative services and workshops for these occasions.

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Triple Celebration

Theme: Sharing the Joy of Nembutsu Together: Our Living Heart of Gratitude

Date: September 7 & 8, 2024

Place: Ala Moana Hotel

Please see attached Triple Celebration bulletin and registration form for more information.

If you have any questions, please e-mail triple.celebration@honpa.org or call Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii at (808)522-9200.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the celebration.

In Gassho,

See next page for more info.


Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani


Co-Chair Rev. Tomo Hojo

HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII
TRIPLE CELEBRATION
ONLINE BUDDHIST EDUCATION SERIES 2024

850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth
800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching
135th Anniversary of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

- 1** What is Mahayana Buddhism? **JANUARY 13, 10 AM**
DR. DAVID MATSUMOTO
- 2** What is Pure Land Buddhism? **JANUARY 20, 10 AM**
DR. MATSUMOTO
- 3** Development of Jodo Shinshu in Japan and Hawaii Part 1 **FEBRUARY 3, 2 PM**
PROF. MITSUYA DAKE
- 4** Development of Jodo Shinshu in Japan and Hawaii Part 2 **FEBRUARY 17, 2 PM**
PROF. DAKE
- 5** Significance of establishment of Jodo Shinshu Tradition **MARCH 16, 2 PM**
PROF. EISHO NASU
- 6** Kyogyoshinsho: Teaching **APRIL 13, 10 AM**
REV. MUTSUMI WONDRA
- 7** Kyogyoshinsho: Practice **MAY 18, 10 AM**
REV. YUKI SUGAHARA
- 8** Kyogyoshinsho: Entrusting Heart **JUNE 22, 10 AM**
REV. KIYONOBU KUWAHARA
- 9** Kyogyoshinsho: Realization **JULY 20, 10 AM**
REV. HENRY ADAMS
- 10** The world is waiting for Buddhism and Shinran Shonin: Joy of the Nembutsu **AUGUST 24, 2 PM**
REV. GENE SEKIYA

Scan to register  **September 7 & 8** TRIPLE CELEBRATION

Email: triple.celebration@honpahi.org

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**ONLINE BUDDHIST EDUCATION SERIES
JANUARY-MARCH**

SPEAKERS



Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto
INSITUTE OF BUDDHIST STUDIES
January 13 & 20
10 am
WHAT IS MAHAYANA BUDDHISM AND PURE LAND BUDDHISM?



Prof. Mitsuya Dake
RYUKOKU UNIVERSITY
February 3 & 17
2 pm
DEVELOPMENT OF JODO SHINSHU IN JAPAN AND HAWAII



Prof. Eisho Nasu
RYUKOKU UNIVERSITY
March 16
2 pm
SIGNIFICANCE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF JODO SHINSHU TRADITION

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ONLINE BUDDHIST EDUCATION SERIES APRIL-JULY

KYO: TEACHING

The Three Pure Land Sutras & the purport of the Larger Sutra.



Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra
April 13, 10 am

GYO: PRACTICE

"Nembutsu - Hearing what the Buddhas Enjoy."



Rev. Yuki Sugahara
May 18, 10 am

Kyogyoshinsho: Essence of Jodo Shinshu



Scan to register

SHIN: ENTRUSTING HEART

What Shinjin is & its connection with the nembutsu



Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara
June 22, 10 am

SHO: REALIZATION

What it means to be born in the Pure Land and how we attain it?



Rev. Henry Adams
July 20, 10 am

Email: triple.celebration@honpahi.org


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ONLINE BUDDHIST EDUCATION SERIES

"The world is waiting for Buddhism and Shinran Shonin: Joy of the Nembutsu"

August 24, 2 pm



Rev. Gene Sekiya

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Church BAZAAR



The Mililani Hongwanji BWA is planning a bazaar on **March 23, 2024!** There will be a rummage sale and country store! There might be other organizations selling food items, too! So watch for suggestions of what you can donate to the rummage sale and country store. There will be a sign-up sheet for the country store on our bulletin board in the temple. Call Diane Yoza (808-342-1629) if you have any questions.

It's back...

Sangha Breakfast

Sunday, January 21st, 8:00am

After a hiatus for many years, the Sangha breakfast is back! Come to temple early & have some yummy breakfast prepared by the Dharma School 'ohana.



Love to do crafting but can never find the time? Come to...

Friday Night Craft Night!

Friday, January 26, 7pm

Bring your craft supplies/projects, whatever they may be & gather in the temple building every 4th Friday evening with your fellow crafters! No rules, just fun & fellowship—come & go as you please.

Contact Gay Tanaka (808-349-7364) for more info.

January Memorials

Those who have passed during the month.

*Kazuko Ama
Barney Fujikawa
Yaeko Fukuda
Elsie Hamasaki
Wayne Hirata
Masayuki Honda
Kenjii Ishii
Hatsusaburo Kawachi
Haruko Kawamoto
Maki Matsumoto
Marion Matsumura
Morris Miura
Ushijima Miyashiro
Kametsuchi Morishige
Umataro Muramaru
Satoru Nakamura
Juno Nishida
Elsie Nishioka
Reginald Oka
Kazue Oshikata
Jane Oshita
Edwin Saito
Mitome Shimata
Matsue Sugita
Sadae Tagami
Kameko Taira
Matsu Taira
Usa Taira
Florence Tasato
Clark Toma
Masue Toma
Seiji Tsugawa
Lillian Ukita
Suyeno Ukita
Jiro Wakumoto
Toyoji Watanabe*

Please call the minister at (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	

Mahalo for your DANA

(November 15, 2023 to December 13, 2023)

50th Anniversary Celebration

Sharon Kaneko

Bodhi Day Service

Janet Abe

Claire Doi

Sharon Freitas

Warren & Nora Hahn

Melvin Hayase

Theodine Hirai

Karl & Carol Ann Kakehi

Sharon Kaneko

Mamoru & Ethel Kawahara

Dennis & Carrie Kawamoto

Lester & Joyce Ogawa

Patrick & Susan Oshiro

Charles & June Shimata

Margaret Tanabe

Nancy Tanaka

Gordon & Lyn Watanabe

Diane Yoza

Eitaikyo Service

Christine Sato & Richard Lightner

Janet Abe

June Asato

Twila Castellucci

Claire Doi

Sharon Freitas

Richard & Joyce Fujimoto

Myra Fujino

Warren & Nora Hahn

Sharon Kaneko

Masami & Joyce Nishimoto

Lester & Joyce Ogawa

Patrick & Susan Oshiro

Charles & June Shimata

Margaret Tanabe

Nancy Tanaka

Gordon & Lyn Watanabe

Diane Yoza



In Deep Gratitude.

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

Mahalo for your DANA

(November 15, 2023 to December 13, 2023)

General Donation

Anonymous

Lotus Connection Group

Mililani Hongwanji Bon Dancercise Class

Mililani Hongwanji Mahjong Players

Mamoru & Ethel Kawahara

Annual Offertory

Steven & Charlotte Tsutsui

Donation for disposition of obutsudan

Ethel Yamashige

Various Service Donations

Memorial Service

Janet Abe

IMO Richard Abe, Kazuo Okino, Haruko Toma

Sharon Freitas

IMO Charles T. Oishi

John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa

IMO Faye Morimoto

Mamoru & Ethel Kawahara

IMO Satoshi Kawahara

Elsie Morikawa

IMO Paul Morikawa

Lester & Joyce Ogawa

IMO Hatsune Araki

Frances Saito

IMO Donald Saito, Chizuko Takayama

Raymond & Ethel Shiroma

IMO Haruko Kawamoto

Margaret Tanabe

IMO Sueo & Jean Tanabe

Margaret Tanabe

IMO Grayce Nomura

Diane Yoza

IMO Brian Nakamura

Other Donation

State Termite & Pest Control, Inc.

Special donation of pest control services (December 9, 2023)

Clifford Togo

12 Traffic Cones

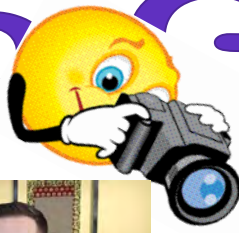
Thank you to all who have submitted your Gojikai (membership) pledge/dues for 2024. If you have not received a Pledge Letter and would like to become a member, please request at dharma.connection@gmail.com



In Deep Gratitude.

Namo Amida Butsu
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NEWSLETTER

January 2024

Calendar

Jan 1 (Mon) 8:00 am New Year's Day Service (Let's all ring the temple bell for 2024!)
 25 (Thu) 9:00 am Before service clean-up
 28 (Sun) 11:00 am Ho'onko Service

Thursdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Weekly hosha and Rev. Fujimoto's office hours

President's Message

Hi. Why am I stuck on the letter "H"? Maybe because there are important words to me that starts with that letter. Hawaii, Housing, Homeless. In the Sunday paper on 12/17/23, it says that Homeless in Hawaii and the world has been a society problem since the biblical times. A quote from the paper: "But (former Mayor) Caldwell doubts he would want the power to determine who should be taken off the streets against their will and forced into treatment". I'll be glad to take that power. I would gladly and forcefully bring ALL the Homeless to one area. BUT from there I would sort out EACH situation. If I were to become Homeless, I would want to go to a place of "sanctuary" where I can be safe, and people could come there to help me. Not hundreds of people searching for Homeless people. Out of sight, out of mind? NO! But this Homeless eyesore is becoming unbearable. This is my opinion only. What are you thinking? Have a good everyday, everybody.

In Gassho

Craig T. Tsutsumi

Mahalo for your Donations

General

Yvonne Kishi (Newsletter)
 Ross Saito
 Annette Sekine

Ofuse

Milton/Madelline Oshiro ~
 In memory of Matsusuke &
 Lillian S. Oshiro

Eitaikyo Service

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 Rae Wakimura
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 Amy Yamamoto
 Arnold Yoshioka

Bodhi Day Service

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Cane Tassels, Work Whistles, and Labor Day Carnivals

We still have a few books available for purchase ~ we are at the temple on Thursday mornings, 9:00 am-12:00 pm ~ give us a call if you'd like to drop by or if you want us to deliver.

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