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

December 2025

- 2 6-9pm BWA Membership Dinner Meeting
- 7 9:00am HBC Bodhi Day (Service at MH pending, see Dec. Newsletter)
- 14 9:00am Bodhi Day (Family Dharma Service and Dharma School) and Joint Memorial and General Membership Meeting
- 21 9:00am Family Dharma Service and Dharma School
- 28 9:00am Annual Temple Clean Up
NO SERVICE
- 31 9:00am New Year's Eve Service

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



“Who is a Bonbu? Learning from Saichi’s True Self”

Two months ago, we held our Autumn Ohigan Service with Rev. Thomas Okano. We were deeply grateful to hear his Dharma message on *bonbu*—foolish beings.

Who is a *bonbu*, a foolish person? Both Honen Shonin and Shinran Shonin taught that we ourselves are *bonbu*—foolish beings filled with the three poisons of greed, anger, and ignorance.

There is a well-known story about Saichi Asahara (1850-1932), a *myōkōnin*—a deeply devout Shin Buddhist—lived a life reflecting a profound entrusting heart (*shinjin*). Saichi always recited the Nembutsu and attended temple services faithfully. When he was seventy, a local artist painted his portrait. The finished painting showed him sitting in *gassho*—calm, peaceful, and grateful. Everyone who saw it said, “It looks just like him!”

However, Saichi himself was not satisfied. He said,

“I am not a person with such a Buddha-like, peaceful face. In truth, I have a demon-like heart that pushes others away and even wishes them harm.”

He then asked the artist to add a pair of demon’s horns to the portrait. When he saw the revised version, Saichi said, “Yes, this is my true self.”

Hearing someone say, “You’re like a demon,” would usually be painful. It is difficult to live with that kind of self-awareness. Yet, despite recognizing his “demon heart,” Saichi lived joyfully, reciting the Nembutsu each day. He wrote:

“Here is Saichi—where am I? Having received the Pure Land, I live right here in this world, the Saha world of endurance. That is my joy—Namo Amida Butsu.”

Saichi teaches us that when we are embraced by Amida’s Primal Vow, we are already assured of birth in the Pure Land. He did not deny his ego, anger, or selfishness, but saw clearly that Amida’s Compassion accepts him just as he is. Through that awareness, this world itself became the place where he lived as one already on the path to the Pure Land.

Amida’s Primal Vow was made for people like us—those who cannot help but see the world through self-centered eyes. Even with our “demon hearts,” our lives become a journey toward the Pure Land, guided by Amida’s wisdom and compassion.



Shinran Shonin expressed this insight in the postscript of the *Tannishō* (*A Record in Lament of Divergences*):

“When I consider deeply the Vow of Amida, which arose from five kalpas of profound thought, I realize that it was entirely for the sake of myself alone! Then how I am filled with gratitude for the Primal Vow, in which Amida resolved to save me, though I am burdened with such heavy karma.”

Shinran Shonin realized that Amida’s Vow was made entirely for him—for one burdened with the weight of his deeds. Through his words, I can feel the same: Amida’s Vow is for me—this foolish being, filled with greed, anger, and ignorance.

Even as foolish beings, walking the Nembutsu path brings the joy of Dharma into our daily lives. A life of Nembutsu is lived with sincere remorse and deep gratitude, fully embraced by Amida’s boundless compassion.

Please join us for the Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial) Service on Sunday, November 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., with Rev. Ryoso Toshima, Minister Emeritus of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai’i. Together, we will chant the *Hymn of True Entrusting in the Nembutsu* (*Shōshinge*) and reflect on who we truly are.

Rehe's Review



President
Rene Mansho

Aloha Friends!

Something new! **SHINING SPIRIT AWARD!** Please send me your YOUTH nominees by Nov. 12th.

To recognize youth in Hawaii for their outstanding community service and embodying the spirit of selfless giving. Our aim is to inspire the next generation to understand and embrace the importance of serving and contributing to the greater good of society. With this honor, we believe these young individuals will continue to grow into Living Treasures in our community. Must be 10-20 years old, Legal resident of Hawaii, Engaged in activity for at least 12 months prior to date of application.

Please join me on Monthly Memorial Sundays as our families who lost a loved one in their respective months. During the service, Reverend Kamuro reads the names of the deceased, and family and friends can participate in the service offering incense, chanting, and express gratitude for the loved ones who have played and integral part in our lives and continue to influence our lives. The service provides an opportunity to keep memories alive and express appreciation.

Special thanks to our Mililani Jammers who enjoy sharing their joy of playing the ukulele with the families and congregation on Memorial Sundays. BTW, anyone can join our Jammers, just gotta have fun and play ukulele with us after some Sunday services. If you want to learn, we share the chords chart and you can just try to play along. No stress, just fun! Just come and hang out with us.

Please share your happy thoughts as we remember the 121 year legacy of Waianae Hongwanji as they close their doors in November. The Japanese immigrants built this spiritual community center that served so many historical events and memories to last forever. Hopefully, the next property owner will continue to provide valuable services for the community members on the West side and offer a gathering place for residents and visitors to live, work, and play.

Many thanks to generous blood donors who visit the Blood Bank every month at our Education Building, because ever pint of blood donated saves 3 lives. An average of 30 or more folks donate blood every month at Mililani Hongwanji so in the month of October, 84 lives were saved! Hooray! Check out our website for 2025 and 2026 Mililani Blood Bank Calendar of Dates. Help us save lives.

“HONORING the SACRIFICE” is the theme for the “79th Annual Wahiawa Lions Veterans Day Parade” on November 11, 2025, 10:00 AM starting at the Wahiawa District Park. YOUR PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED to show our gratitude to our precious Veterans and dedicated military families who sacrificed for us. Dean Sakamoto will be leading our group. Sign up here to walk or ride in the parade: bit.ly/VeteransParade2025 Share our pride and support our own Mililani High School graduate, Class of 1985 who is the Parade Grand Marshal, Brigadier General Tyson Tahara, Commander of the Hawaii National Guard. We want our Veterans to know that we will never forget and always remember their sacrifices. So please join us and walk or ride our open air trolley to support all Veterans! Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, JRTOC, hula halaus, so many supporting Veterans.

Remember when we celebrated peace on September 21st, where 1,627 people signed up to “Ring Your Bell for Peace Day” and now you can view the event on line. It was pure awesomeness, see it: <https://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/2025/10/02/ring-your-bell-for-peace-day-2025-recording/>

Our country needs all of us to stay engaged and pay attention to the atrocities happening around us. We will fight for Peace, Freedom, and Democracy. Let's sing the song composed by our own Jodo Shinshu member, BJ Soriano, let's “Live Peace, Live Aloha, Live as One in the Nembutsu”! NAMO AMIDA BUTSU! Ph: 808-291-6151 / renemansho@hawaii.rr.com

Summary of October 8, 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 September 30, 2025 Financial Report was presented. September's income was fairly normal as late income from Bon Dance trickled in. Pledges, donations, and rental income continue to provide the majority of revenues. Other than the normal expenses, utility expenses were slightly higher as a result of the Bon Dance in August, the 3rd Qtr Kyodan Assessment from HHMH was paid and a replacement desktop computer for the Business Office was purchased. Dennis O. will be opening a separate BOH checking account for the 50th Anniversary and donations previously collected for that purpose will be transferred to the new account.
- **Minister's Report:** (Rev. Kamuro) Written report received showing various meetings, services, seminars, and other activities for the current and future months. JSCC Instructor for the 2025 Fall Semester, he has two students this semester teaching a Jodo Shinshu correspondence course offered by the Jodo Shinshu International Office (JSIO). On leave in late November, Rev. Eric Matsumoto from Aiea Hongwanji will cover ministerial matters during his absence. Rev. Matsumoto can be reached at (808) 488-5685.
- **President's Report:** (Rene M) Reported the results of Foodland's Give Aloha program that ended on September 30, 2025. Thank you to all who made a donation. Promoted "Honoring the Sacrifice" Veteran's Day Parade, Nov. 11, 10:00am, starts at Wahiawa District Park. Promoted "Shikata Ga Nai" a movie on memories of WWII and the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Playing at Mililani Hongwanji, Dec 6, 1:00pm. Promoted "Going Green" recycle day at Mililani Hongwanji on November 29th, 9:00-11:00am. "Ring your Bell for Peace Day" was another success on Monday, September 22, 9:01am.
- **VP Operations:** (Kevin A, excused) Dean S. proposed and Board approved to move forward with hall rental agreement to provide space for various health and safety (First Aid, CPR, AED, etc) training by a private contractor. Details to be worked on. Janice Y. will review and update the Collumbarium files as needed.
- **VP Facilities:** (Steve K) Private contract plumber hired to clean out the drainage pipes in the temple building. This was done as a result of a backup/blockage experienced last month. Damaged ceiling tiles have been replaced. The enclosure for the new ice maker is complete. The refrigerator in the temple kitchen was replaced with a newer one. The old refrigerator thermostat control for the freezer was not functioning properly.
- **VP Religious & Temple Activities:** (Dean S) Dharma School, there will be a Statewide Dharma School virtual gathering on Oct 19th. Keirokai Service will be on November 30th. Etaikyo (Perpetual Memorial) Service with Guest Speaker Ryoso Toshima on November 16th.
- **BWA Report:** (Lani Y) Mahalo to Diane Y and Claire D for organizing the Country Store during O-Bon. Thanks also to all who donated various items that were sold. Annual membership conference is in mid-October. Many BWA members enjoyed Choralfest 2025 after a 7 year hiatus. Thanks to Gail T for teaching the choir 5 new songs. Looking forward to another Choralfest in 2 years.
- **Jr. YBA:** (Gay T) Thank you for your support of the United Jr. YBA of Oahu's Manju Fundraiser. A total of 320 orders were made totalling 1,600 manjus! The Jr.'s worked independently without the presence of two advisors (Gay & Arynn) and they did very well. Congrats.
- **50th Anniversary** (June & Mel) \$1 Million Fund Raising Campaign will be launched soon. Mel is soliciting for people interested in the "landscaping" project to volunteer to be on the planning committee. If you would like to get involved, please contact June A or Mel H. Various programs and activities are being planned.
- **Other Reports or Announcements:**
- **Hawaii State Lay Association (HSLA):** Rene M is Mililani Hongwanji's representative on the HSLA Board. Dean & Cliff continue to serve on the Records Committee.
- **Bon Dance:** (Cliff T) Bon Dance Committee met on September 17th. Reports from Committees received and discussed various suggestions and recommendations. Succession planning was emphasized for smooth transitions. Due to the success of the Gyu-Don, it will probably be done again next year. Cliff T, Warren H, and Stan S have agreed to co-chair next year's Bon Dance.
- **Nominations Committee:** Slate of Nominees will be posted on the bulletin board and in the next issue of the Dharma Connection.
- **Gojikai Pledge Letter:** To be mailed out early November along with Social Concerns Fund drive. As a guide, suggested pledge amount is 1% of taxable income (Line #15 on IRS Form 1040), pledge what you can afford. Other Hawaii Hongwanji temples use this as a guide.



BWA News

We were treated to many music events in October that included the Choral Fest 2025, the Mililani Hongwanji Choir, and a Fall Concert at Mililani High School!

Choral Fest 2025 returned from a 7-year COVID hiatus and was held at Honpa Hongwanji Betsuin. Singers gathered from all the Islands, Colorado, Washington State, and Japan.

Over 100 voices sang five choral selections under Director Nola Nahulu with Pianist Francis Okano. A crowd favorite was "Where, Oh Where?" that answered the question of where Buddha can be found. . . "in trees, clouds, and the grassy shade. Buddha is truly here, there, and everywhere, caring for us just as we are". The Dharma Message was given by Rimban Yuika Hasebe who likened singers to precious jewels that produce precious harmony.

Mililani High School Gymnasium was the site for the Music Department's Fall Concert with orchestra and band students. Mililani Hongwanji's Yuma Kamuro is a violinist with the MHS Symphonic Orchestra. The musicians played to a Full House of proud and supportive parents, friends, and students.

The members of Mililani Hongwanji's Choir, under the tutelage of Gail Taira performed at Sunday Service on September 28 singing "Gratefulness II" and "Where, Oh Where?".

Carrie Kawamoto thanked everyone who came and supported the C.A.R.E. Day Project on Friday, October 10, at Na Lima Kokua, Mililani Hongwanji's adult day-care center. Approximately 25 clients were led by BWA members in singing, water coloring, and flower arranging. In his report, Reverend Kamuro thanked members for their Dana, the spirit of giving and sharing.

The Annual OUHHBWA Conference on October 18 was attended by our group. The special speaker was Linda Nagai from Kona Hongwanji who spoke of her journey in Jodo Shinshu beginning at Mililani Hongwanji as a Dharma School teacher. She has served in many volunteer positions in the community and Statewide and received her Tokudo ordination in December, 2023. Linda is studying for her Master's Degree in Jodo Shinshu Studies while serving as a Minister's Assistant at Puna Hongwanji. We wish Linda success and happiness in all her future endeavors!

Offertory in the Memory of Deceased BWA members and donations to the Ministerial Training Fund were presented at the Rengo conference. Special speakers were Keali'i Lopez with AARP Hawai'i and Roy Arakaki of the Aiea Body and Brain Center. Keali'i spoke on Federal updates that may impact Kapunas' taxes and that the current health care income deduction may phase out in 2028. Roy Arakaki is a fitness expert who advocated 150 minutes of body movement a week. This can be physical activity such as household chores, gardening, baby sitting, and caregiving, to maintain brain and body health to keep the mind sharp and lower stress.

Program Chair Aileen Sato discussed the upcoming Holiday Dinner and Membership Drive for December 2. Please pair with someone for potluck to avoid the problem of having too much food. Also bring a grab-bag (under the price of \$15) for Santa Claus to hand out to Good Girls and Boys. If you are inviting interested persons (potential members, all genders) to this membership drive event, please inform Aileen and Joyce.

The State Membership Convention is rapidly approaching on March 28-29, 2026 at the Ala Moana Hotel. Registrations are to be done online. June Asato will email the necessary forms. Please book your reservations directly with the hotel as special room rates are available for BWA members and their guests. Deadline to register is **December, 1, 2025**. Open now. See June Asato or Diane Yoza with questions.

Montoshikisho for the 2027 World Convention can be ordered from Rene Mansho. Pre-convention cost is \$50. Mrs. Minako Kamuro served on the Design Committee. The new Montoshikisho, made of blue brocade, will have Red Lehua Blossoms, symbolizing resilience and the cycle of life.

****Coming Up:****

November 1 -- Ehime Maru Cleanup at Kakaako Park. Meet at Temple for carpooling at 9:15 AM. Janice and Debbie will select a lunch venue.

November 2 -- Joint Memorial and Family Service with MC Joyce Ogawa. BWA meeting, moved to this ****first Sunday****, will follow.

November 18-28 -- Reverend, Minako, and Nanami will on travel to Japan. Contact Reverend Eric Matsumoto of Aiea Hongwanji for emergencies.

November 30 -- Keirokai Recognition Service and Lunch honoring 6 Keiroshas. Signup for refreshments circulated.

December 2 -- Potluck Membership Dinner Meeting.



Dharma School

We've had a wonderful time at Dharma School!

This is what we were busy doing in October:

October 5: Daruma Doll Activity

Wonderful Daruma Doll activity lead by Sargeant Rainbow.

October 19: State Dharma School Gathering, "Nurturing Nembutsu: Cultivating Awareness"

We had lessons and interactive online sessions within age groups with Dharma School students and teachers across the State of Hawaii.

October 26: Keirokai Honorees Talk Story/Project: Favorite Recipe

We had a "Talk Story" session with our Keirosha honorees. We had fun getting to know them!

The information we gathered on them will be presented at our very special Keirokai Luncheon on Sunday, November 30.

Upcoming classes and events in November:

November 2: No Dharma School

November 9: Clergy Appreciation Activity

November 16: Bodhi Day Keiki Play Preparation

We will be reading through the story of Buddha's enlightenment, selecting parts and doing some prep for the play! A Gay Tanaka original masterpiece!

November 23: Bodhi Day Keiki Play Preparation

November 30: Kerokai Luncheon and Presentations of Keirosha

No Dharma School; Please attend the luncheon and honor our Keirosha!

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

In Gassho,

Your Dharma School 'Ohana



Jr. YBA Happenings

Thank you to all of you who made orders for our Manju Fundraiser for Hawaii Buddhist Youth (HBY) Month! Our Juniors handmade and baked over 1600 pieces of manju to fulfill over 300 orders and we know many of you really enjoy this treat. A portion of the proceeds will be going to the charity that was chosen at our summer convention, Coral Reef Alliance, which works locally, regionally, and globally to save coral reefs and keep them healthy. We wanted to support their work especially since we are surrounded by coral reefs.



We had a really great time at our Fall Federation meeting on October 18th. We were able to discuss some important upcoming dates for 2026 and spend some time with our Jr. YBA friends from neighbor islands and Honolulu. We had an afternoon ride on the Historic Train from Ewa Beach to Kahe Point with a stop in Ko Olina where we were able to disembark. Some people got treats from Starbucks and others got ice cream from Black Sheep Creamery. We ended the day with a little shopping at Ka Makana Ali'i before our friends went back to the Big Island and Maui.

After last year's successful Toys for Tots drive, we have decided to do it again this year! Please see the flyer in the newsletter. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys throughout the month of November. We will not be accepting any large donations such as bicycles or instruments.

Upcoming Events:

Wahiawa Veteran's Day Parade: Tuesday, November 11 – more information will be given at the next meeting.

Upcoming Important Dates:

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 2, at Mililani Hongwanji at 1:00pm

SAVE THE DATE!

Winter Federation Meeting: Saturday, January 24, 2026 – Sunday, January 25, 2026.

**Young Enthusiastic Shinshu Seekers (YESS) Camp: Friday, April 3-5, 2026 in Kona.
Theme: Star Wars**



Scan QR Code for Serendipity Federation Newsletter or [CLICK HERE](#)

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

United Jr. YBA of O'ahu



TOYS FOR TOTS

THE JUNIOR YOUNG BUDDHIST
ASSOCIATION OF O'AHU IS
COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR THE
UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON!

- Toys must be new and unwrapped
- Refrain from large items (bicycles, musical instruments, etc.)
- Age range from Pre-school to High School



Drop-off locations:

Oahu District Buddhist Temples:
Alea, Ewa, Pearl City, Mililani, Wahiawa, Waipahu

Questions? email jrybafoahu@gmail.com

Accepting Donations through November 30





You're invited! *Movie Matinee*

Shikata Ga Nai

(It Cannot Be Helped)



DATE: Saturday, December 6, 2025
TIME: 1:00 PM (doors open: 12:00 PM)
PLACE: Mililani Buddhist Temple
 95-257 Kaloapau St.

Gratitude Donation: \$10 or more

Checks payable to: "NISEI VETERANS LEGACY"



*** Reservations: bit.ly/Shikataganai2025

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Synopsis: "It's 1999, and Tats is a WWII vet and member of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Tats spends his time gardening, watching TV, and talking with an old army buddy. But the quietude in his life conceals his inner struggle. The war has been over for 50 years, but Tats relives it every day due to a haunting secret about his time in battle. Inspired by the true life tendencies of many 442 veterans who have never shared their war experiences with family, Shikata Ga Nai shines a light on the interior battles that these aging heroes have had to face on their own."

Writer, Director - Eric Nemoto

Actors - Dann Seki, Denise-Aiko Chinen, Devon Nekoba, Seth Okumura, Allan Okubo.

November Memorial

Those who have passed during the month.

Michie Aoki	Earl Onitsuka
Kenneth Enomoto	Robyn Saiiki
Matsumi Hamada	Chimo Sakutori
Yashiro Hayase	Roy Segami
Richard Inouye	Susie Suzuki
Aiko Iwamoto	Kan Tagami
Isao Kawamoto	Umeyo Tanioka
Cynthia Kitsu	Ronald Toma
Kazukiyo Kuwata	Shinji Toma
Rodney Mansho	Takijiro Ueki
Miles Migita	Hitoshi Yoshida
Sayo Miwao	Kanji Yoshino
Bobby Miyamoto	Katsumi Yoshino
June Mutoke	Santa Yoza
Grayce Nomura	Jitsuo Yukinaga

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

dharmaconection@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	

GOJIKAI MEMBERS:

Thank you for your payments. If you haven't paid your 2025 dues yet, please do so by the end of the year.

Mahalo!

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BLOOD DRIVES IN 2026 (SATURDAYS)

January 24	February 21	March 28	April 25
May 23	June 27	July 25	August 29
September 26	October 24	November 21	December 19

6:30 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Education Building

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE APPOINTMENTS APPRECIATED

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

Blood Bank of Hawaii
 For more information:
bbh.org | (808) 848-4770



@bloodbankhawaii



Keirokai Recognition Service 2025

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025:

Immediately after our morning service, join us to honor our 2025 Keirokai recipients!

Light lunch to follow!



MILILANI BUDDHIST TEMPLE GOING GREEN DAY #314 E-WASTE RECYCLING NOVEMBER 29, 2025

9:00-11:00 AM - 95-257 Kaloapau St.

Acceptable Items

- Computers, printers, scanners - no limit
- TVs, cell phones, toners, no limit
- METAL (refrigerators, file cabinets, etc.)
- HI-5 beverage containers
- ALL KINDS OF BATTERIES except LITHIUM
- Canned goods for Hawaii Food Bank
- Gently used clothing ONLY
- Used eye glasses and hearing aids
- Diapers & wipes for kupuna & keiki
- For pets - towels, blankets, food
- Free towing of unwanted cars, call 291-6151



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"Where there's a need, there's a Lion"



SOARES TRUCK RENTAL

HAWAIIAN MEMORIAL LIFE PLAN
 5070 WICK WORTHWAY DRIVE & KAPAL - HAWAIIAN MEMORIAL PARK

SORRY, WE CANNOT ACCEPT: TIRES, PAINT, COOKING OIL, MOTOR OIL, HAZARDOUS FLUIDS, CARDBOARD, PAPER, PLASTICS, WOOD, AND BULKY ITEMS. NO HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.

For questions contact: Rene Mansho @ 291-6151 / renemansho@hawaii.rr.com

Mahalo for recycling from the MILILANI BUDDHIST TEMPLE OHANA!

Nominating Committee Report

Mililani Hongwanji - 2026 Slate

10-19-2025

Position	Name
Minister *	Reverend Joshin Kamuro
Immediate Past President *	@ see remarks below
BWA Representative	TBD by BWA
1. President *	Fill from Director
2. VP (Operations) *	Fill from Director
3. VP (Facilities) *	Fill from Director
4. VP (Religious & Temple Act) *	Fill from Director
5. Secretary *	Fill from Director
6. Assistant Secretary	Fill from Director
7. Treasurer *	Fill from Director
8. Assistant Treasurer	Fill from Director
9. Auditor	Fill from Director
10. Auditor	Fill from Director
Advisor (non-voting member)	Melvin Hayase

* Executive Board member
Quorum = 8 Board members

@ June Asato or Rene Mansho
pending election results

Position	Name	Remarks
Director 1	Clifford Togo	New 2-year term
Director 2	Rene Mansho	New 2-year term
Director 3	Roger Babcock	New 2-year term
Director 4	Dennis Oshita	New 2-year term
Director 5	David Thomson	New 2-year term
Director 6	Alexander King	New 2-year term
Director 7	Stephen Koito	Elected in 2024 (2 nd year)
Director 8	Brad Wakahiro	Elected in 2024 (2 nd year)
Director 9	Janice Yasunaga	Elected in 2024 (2 nd year)
Director 10	Gay Tanaka	Elected in 2024 (2 nd year)
Director 11	Diane Yoza	Elected in 2024 (2 nd year)
Director 12	Dean Sakamoto	New 1-year term

Nominating Committee (5 members)

Chair: Dean Sakamoto

Comm. members: Sharon Freitas, Claire Doi, Clifford Togo, Ann Ishikawa

Donations for 2026 Silent Auction/General Store

We have changed our name and format, but we remain committed to help raise funds for our temple.

We have started our search early and are looking for your donations of unique items to sell at the 2026 Bon Dance. Do you or your friends or family have items that have not been used for years and you don't want to donate them to just any charity organization? Or you may have a hobby or craft-making or some other skill that you might want to share. We can help you. This year, you can drop off these items early and we will store them until the Bon Dance.

We have found that items that were donated in the past have brought new people joy and happiness. It has been wonderful to see people happy to make these finds.

If you do have any items that you would like to donate you can contact us. Lea (808) 271-4839, Chari (808) 223-6077 or we will have our first drop off on Sunday, 2/8/26 after service with Claire Doi. Thank you!

Rev. Ryoso Toshima, Minister Emeritus of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i, will be the guest speaker for the Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial) Service on Sunday, November 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Toshima was born in Higashi-Hiroshima City in 1939. He graduated from Ryukoku University in 1961 with a degree in Classical Japanese Literature. From 1961 to 1971, he taught at Koryo High School in Hiroshima.

In 1972, Rev. Toshima came to Hawai'i and was first assigned to Hanapepe Hongwanji. He later served at Honokaa, Paauilo, Kamuela, and Kohala Hongwanji from 1975 to 1989, and at Waipahu, Ewa and Waianae Hongwanji from 1989 to 2002. He then served as Fuku-Rimban at Hawai'i Betsuin from 2002 to 2006, and Rimban (Chief Minister) from 2007 to 2012. He retired in 2012. Please join us for this special service.



Mahalo for your DANA

(September 14, 2025 to October 11, 2025)

General Donation

Lotus Connection Group
Mililani Hongwanji Mahjong Players
Sharon Freitas
Brian & Doris Frey
Luana Fukutomi
John K. & Ann Y.M. Ishikawa
Claire Matsumoto
Claire Matsumoto
Milton & Susan Migita
Saxon & Linda Nishioka
Fay Toyama
Tomeo Yoshizawa

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Steven & Lani Yamami
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In Deep Gratitude.

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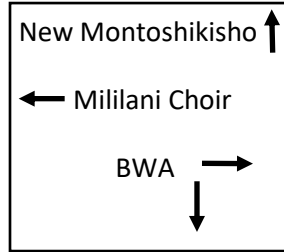
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November 2025

Calendar

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

16 (Sun)* 11:00am Eitaikyo Service (NOTE: change to 3rd Sunday)

Dec 17 (Wed) 9:00am-12:00pm Before Service Cleanup

21 (Sun)** 11:00am Bodhi Day Service (NOTE: change to 3rd Sunday)

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

Rev. David's Thoughts

Rev. David K. Fujimoto, BBC

I was recently listening to a podcast in which there was a discussion about when we speak, the words that come out of our mouths are what we believe in. "We are being priced out of paradise", "Our membership is declining" are some of the things we hear over and over again. We know this and yet we keep on saying it.

If we are to acknowledge the Teachings of the Buddha, especially the teaching of impermanence, we know that yes, things are always changing and nothing lasts forever, however there is something we can do about it. There are so many positive things going on in our temples and yet we are striving to look for that magical answer to solve everything.

There needs to be a shift in thinking, a paradigm shift, if you will. We need to celebrate what we do have and what is going on in the temples. Yes, people are coming through the temple doors; yes, people are interested in the events we all have. WHY? That is what we should be looking at. That is at the heart of the Buddha's Teachings, introspection.

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

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

Mahalo for your Donations

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