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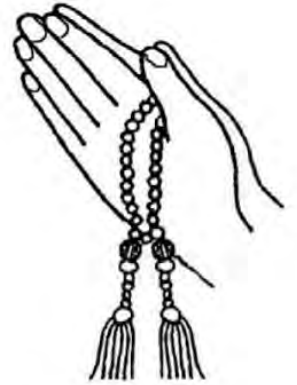
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- 2 6-9pm BWA Membership Dinner Meeting
- 7 9:00am Family Dharma Service and Dharma School.
- 14 9:00am Bodhi Day (Family Dharma Service and Dharma School) and Joint Memorial and General Membership Meeting
- 21 9:00am Family Dharma Service and Dharma School
- 28 9:00am Annual Temple Clean Up
NO SERVICE
- 31 3:00pm New Year's Eve Service

January 2026

- 1 10am New Year's Day Service
- 4 9:00am Family Dharma Service and Installation of Officers and Dharma School
- 11 9:00am Joint Memorial and Family Dharma Service
- 11 10:15am BWA Meeting
- 18 9:00am Family Dharma Service and Dharma School
- 25 9:00am Shinran's Memorial Service (Ho'onko) Family Dharma Service and Dharma School. BWA to serve Zenzai. Guest Speaker: Rev. Shigenori Makino

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

"Carrying Forward the Heart of Waianae Hongwanji"



On November 9, our president, Ms. Rene Mansho, my family, and I attended the Final Service of Waianae Hongwanji. It was a deeply moving and sorrowful occasion. For 122 years, Waianae Hongwanji has been supported and sustained by dedicated ministers and devoted members. However, due to declining membership, unfilled Board positions, and a lack of manpower to maintain the temple, it will close at the end of this year.

Whenever I think of Waianae Hongwanji, I am reminded of a family photo and an article featuring Mr. Shigeo Murota, who once served as the temple president. I discovered both in the 1958 issue of *Faith (Shinkō)*, a magazine published by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. The article stated: "Although we have freedom of religion, parents and children, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters are united in practicing the nembutsu together. This is the greatest happiness of life... Mr. Murota worked tirelessly to revive the temple after the war when there was no resident minister. Today, he continues to demonstrate his devotion as president, handling everything from adorning the altar to weeding the temple garden, truly living his faith."



As the article describes, the Murota family nurtured the Nembutsu together before their family altar (*obutsudan*). Mr. Murota devotedly supported Waianae Hongwanji and lived fully in the Nembutsu. Although the temple will close, his legacy will continue to live on in our hearts.

On November 13, the Thursday Gang—Mr. Lester Ogawa, Mr. Stanley Sasaki, Mr. Warren Hahn, Mr. Clifford Togo, Mrs. Claire Matsumoto, and I—visited Waianae Hongwanji to receive Buddhist altar items that are no longer needed. These included altar cloths, sutra tables, a cauldron-shaped gong, service books, Bon lanterns, and several other items. We are sincerely grateful for the generosity of Waianae Hongwanji in offering these items for use at Mililani Hongwanji. We will treasure them with deep appreciation.

As we enter the final month of the year, we are reminded that all things are constantly changing and do not remain the same even for a single moment. Let us continue to nurture the Nembutsu and cultivate awareness by sharing moments of Nembutsu with others throughout the remainder of this year. Namo Amida Butsu.



Rehe's Review



President
Rene Mansho

Aloha Friends!

My word for the month of December is "Inspiration". Yes, look around you, everywhere, you will find a reason to be inspired. Looking forward, I hope you will join us on Saturday, December 6th, for a movie matinee at Mililani Hongwanji, 1:00 PM to remember the 80th Anniversary of the End of WWII. You will be in awe of our local talent in the movie, "SHIKATA GA NAI". A Japanese saying for "It could not be helped," is the title of a fictional tale inspired by real events. The movie tells the story of a Hawaii veteran, Tatsuo Kaneshiro, a member of the 442nd RCT, who in 1999, is still haunted by visions of something he did in the war, for which he has never told his family. To sign up on our link: bit.ly/Shikataganai2025 or just email me or text or call me. renemansho@hawaii.rr.com, 808-291-6151. Donation of \$10.00 to pay on site, cash or checks to: Nisei Veterans Legacy. You will truly be inspired.

I am also inspired that since I joined Mililani Hongwanji in 1978 after my family just moved into our new home in Mililani, Reverend Kojun Suehira knocked on my door to invite us to visit the temple on Sunday, and since I was teaching at Mililani Uka Elementary School, and my families were Buddhist, I was curious and decided to drop in, and it was the beginning of a new world for me.

Well, we are celebrating our 50th Anniversary in 2027, so I am inspired to generate activities and funds to prepare for a memorable celebration. Please purchase a \$20.00 Mari's Gardens Poinsettia Plant to support our 50th Anniversary, pick up on Dec. 6th at the Shikata Ga Nai Movie site.

To order: <https://bit.ly/PoinsettiaSale25> Pay cash/check to Mari's Gardens.

Next, I will be emailing you about our December Mari's Gardens Kadomatsu Fundraiser at MH!

Why do we spend so much time and energy on remembering the past, the service of our veterans and our military while we face many challenges currently that need our attention? The answer is simple -We Care- that our future generations need to learn by example of the adults' actions, that war, killing, racial prejudice, pride in our nation as American citizens, protecting peace and caring and kindness are important values that every American needs to do. I experienced it recently in the 79th Wahiawa Lions Veterans Day Parade. I was in shock: the military pulled out of their own parade after 79 years, due to the Government Shutdown. I went on the tv news to rally the community to join the parade to thank our veterans for their service and sacrifice. The best part is that the community did a fine job marching for our Veterans: Lions, Rotarians, JROTC, Schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Churches, Veterans Organizations, hula halaus, many local businesses, and traditional groups. We also need to continue to support our Pledge of Allegiance and our National Anthem as they did in the parade and are not just for football games. I am inspired that the military leaders and community want to start planning for our 80th Veterans Day Parade to make sure we include special features. Thanks to our Mililani members Rev. Kamuro and his son Yuma, Gay Tanaka, Dean and Doreen Sakamoto, Lani Yamami, Aileen Sato, Carrie Kawamoto, Nora and Warren Hahn for honoring our Veterans!

Finally, please join us to say farewell to 2025 on Wednesday, New Year's Eve Service at 3:00 PM and get your good luck soba for the New Year, and join us to Welcome the New Year on Thursday morning at 10:00 AM for ozone and sake. We were all inspired with an amazing year full of surprises and wonder and we are very anxious to see what's in store for us in 2026!

NAMU AMIDA BUTSU!

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Summary of November 12, 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 October 31, 2025 Financial Report was presented. Income has been fairly on target with 91% of the Budget received YTD. Gojikai dues/pledges for 2026 have started to come in. Expenses for the Minister's payroll and fringe benefits, utilities, and building committee (R/M) were major expenditure costs. Expenses are also on target with 89% of the Budget spent YTD. Social Concerns donations are being received and coordinated by Steven Yamami. Expenditures related to the plumbing repairs in the parsonage were reimbursed by Rev. Kamuro's insurance policy. Dennis O. continues to work with BoH to set up a special account for the 50th Anniversary.
- **Minister's Report:** (Rev. Kamuro) Written report received showing various meetings, services, seminars, and other activities for the current and future months. With the closing of Waianae Hongwanji, he along with the Thursday Gang will pick up items that Mililani Hongwanji could use. The Archives Workshop will be held at the Buddhist Study Center and via Zoom on Sunday, November 16, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. UH Manoa Archivist Helen Wong Smith will be the guest speaker. He completed distributing Rev. Suehira's book, along with the old brown Gatha Book (*Praises of the Buddha*), to all Gojikai members. To express our appreciation to Rev. Suehira, he sent a thank-you letter last May, together with Kona coffee, Hawaiian tea, and a cooler bag from Mililani Hongwanji. 30 POSTERS ABOUT THE BOMBINGS OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI will be displayed as we plan to show the movie "Shikata ga Nai" on December 6, 2025, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Education Building. On leave in 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) Attended with Rev. Kamuro the final closing service at Waianae Hongwanji. Participated with several other temple members in the Veteran's Day Parade on Nov. 11th. Supports the Bodhi Day Service at Higashi Hongwanji and will also have Family Service on Dec. 14th at Mililani Buddhist Temple. Approved use of the temple for KITA Training classes on Fridays, 1:00-4:00pm. Chartering of Cub Scout Pack 564 deferred.
- **VP Operations:** (Kevin A) Two short term facility rentals this month. Blood Bank of Hawaii will be here on Nov. 15th. Dean S. to draft Facilities Use Agreement with KITA. Collumbarium (Janice Y) will review and update the Collumbarium niches for availability.
- **VP Facilities:** (Steve K, excused) Sign in front lawn removed due to wood rot. Options for a replacement are being considered. Thursday Gang to help bring items from Waianae Hongwanji to Mililani. Temple ceiling tiles replaced. Ice Machine enclosure & storage closet completed. Received a donated refrigerator currently stored in the garage.
- **VP Religious & Temple Activities:** (Dean S) Upcoming events: Bodhi Day Service (at Higashi Hongwanji), Etaikyo, Keirokai (7 honorees), New Year's Eve and Day Service with mochi & ozoni, Sangha Day-Mililani hosting. (Alex K) Dharma School preparations for next session in progress.
- **BWA Report:** (Lani Y) Mahalo to Patsy H and Janice Y for organizing the Ehime Maru service project. Thanks also to Carrie K who helps with the CARE Day. Oahu United BWA membership conference held in October at Aiea Hongwanji. Encourage participation in Veteran's Day Parade. Looking forward to year end holiday dinner on Dec. 2nd. Congrats to newly elected officers for 2026!
- **Jr. YBA:** (Gay T) Fed meeting held at Aiea. Activities and events: Ewa train ride, Haunted House, Veteran's Day Parade, Toys for Tots, and Food Drive to support those affected by federal shutdown.
- **50th Anniversary** (June A) \$1 Million Fund Raising Campaign will be launched soon. Brad W presented plans (by Yagi) and designs for Hogan Garden. PV/Solar project to proceed. Logo approved. Various committees continue to work on projects. If you would like to get involved, please contact June A or Mel H.
- **Other Reports or Announcements:**
- **Sharing Spirit Youth Award:** New HHMH Youth Program. Mililani to submit a nomination for the award.
- **Hawaii State Lay Association (HSLA) & Legislative Assembly (Giseikai):** (Rene M) Encouraged participation to those interested in leadership roles or just to learn more about the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii organization. Mililani to submit 2 Resolutions to grow and sustain Hawaii temples.
- **Mari's Garden Bon Dance:** (Rene M) Group met with Mari's Garden on a possible community event with Mililani Hongwanji to include a Bon Dance on the garden site. Plans for Holiday Poinsettia and Kadomatsu sale.
- **Disaster Preparedness:** (Dean S) Involved with plans to assist temples/community in disaster preparedness.
- **Going Green** E-waste & Metal Recycling at MH, Nov. 29th.
- **Dec 10th Board Meeting will be In-Person.**
- **Annual Temple Clean Up:** Dec. 28th (No Service)



BWA News

It was a poignant moment as Nanami Kamuro laid a single, yellow chrysanthemum at the foot of the Ehime Maru Memorial. The monument is located at Kak'aako Waterfront Park and honors the Ehime Maru Japanese Fishery vessel that sank off Oahu's coast on February 9, 2001. This senseless tragedy occurred when the USN Submarine Greeneville did a surface maneuver and collided with the fishing vessel, killing 9 of its 35 members who were on a training mission.

Reverend Joshin Kamuro set up an altar and conducted a Memorial Service for the 9 students, teachers, and crew who died 25 years ago. Thank you to our BWA members for their clean-up visit and for keeping their memories alive.

Reverend Kamuro has requested that members interested in attending the November 16 Archives Workshop on how to preserve and organize Temple and family records to see him. It was held at the Buddhist Study Center or offered on Zoom. Guest speaker was UH Manoa Archivist, Helen Wong.

The Holiday Dinner/Membership Drive and BWA meeting is fast approaching on Tuesday, December 2. Chair Aileen Sato reminded us to bring a wrapped grab-bag under \$15 (participation is voluntary) and to partner with someone for your potluck contribution. Active Members (up to age 79) will review their registration and liability forms and pay dues of \$25. Active members, age 80 or above, will have reduced dues. Dues will be waived for Associate members who are no longer able to participate in BWA activities. Please see Joyce Ogawa with any questions.

June Asato has kindly offered to help members with on-line registration for the State Membership Conference to be held on March 28-29, 2026. Please call in your reservation to The Ala Moana Hotel if planning to stay overnight. Keynote speaker on March 28 will be Michiko Inanaga. You will have your choice of workshops to attend in the afternoon. Sunday will feature a panel discussion moderated by Caroline Otani on "The Role of Women In Society 2026". Women leaders on the panel will be Lt. Governor Sylvia Luke, Supreme Court Justice Sabrina McKenna, Kehaulani Lum, and Lori Teranishi. Early registration deadline is December 1, 2025. The registration fee of \$200 will be partially subsidized by Mililani Hongwanji BWA and includes 3 meals. You may give your check to Diane Yoza.

Election of 2026 officers was held: President - Joyce Ogawa, Vice-President - Diane Yoza, Secretary - Claire Doi, Ass't Secretary - Susan Kakuda, Treasurer - Twila Castellucci, Ass't Treasurer - Luana Fukutomi, Auditor 1 - Christine Sato-Lightner, Auditor 2 - Lani Yamami. Thank you, ladies, for your commitment to a vital and vibrant BWA and agreeing to serve as our leaders!

Mahalo to Joyce Ogawa, who served as MC on November 2. It was a busy month for all with Eitaikyo Service and the Keirokai Recognition and Luncheon, which honored 6 Keiroshas who have attained the young age of 80.

Announcements:

BWA Meeting/Membership Drive and Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner

Tuesday, December 2 from 6-9 pm

(2026 Dues will be collected)

Please KOKUA - General Temple Cleanup on Sunday, December 28
(no service)

Oahu United BWA officers for 2026 - From left to right: June Asato, outgoing President, Susan Morishige, Corresponding Secretary, Diane Yoza, Recording Secretary, Joyce Ogawa, Treasurer, Susan Kakuda, Ass't Treasurer, Yumi Suzuki, President, Tamayo Matsumoto, Vice-President, Janet Kaya, Auditor



Warren, Aileen, Lani and Nora on the Wahiawa Veteran's Day Parade Trolley





Dharma School

Our theme for the month of November was "Gratefulness." The Dharma School students engaged in multiple activities throughout the month and the fall semester to show their appreciation and gratitude to our temple, Reverend Kamuro and his family, and our Sangha!

Our creative Dharma students drew pictures describing how they are grateful for the support of our minister, Reverend Kamuro, during an activity for Clergy Appreciation Month, usually celebrated and recognized in October to show gratitude and support of our ministers!

Students from our Dharma School and the Jr. YBA have been offering flowers and incense (Oshoko) at the altar for the six major services during the year, one of which is the Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial) service in November. They have been doing wonderfully, demonstrating respect and gratitude for the teachings.

We also participated in an intergenerational lunch for the Appreciation of our Distinguished Elders (Keirokai) Recognition Service on November 30th! We are truly grateful for our honorees, our temple, and our sangha!

Our students started preparing for a wonderfully scripted and written play by Auntie Gay Tanaka, on the story of Buddha's enlightenment, which will be performed after the temple service on December 21st! Please come and see the talents of our Dharma School students!

Our upcoming December schedule:

12/07: HBC Bodhi Day Service / No Dharma School - Families encouraged to attend the HBC (Hawaii Buddhist Council) Bodhi Day Service at Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii in Honolulu from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Address: 1685 Alaneo St., Honolulu, HI 96817

Website: <https://www.betsuin.hhbt-hi.org/>

12/14: Lesson: Bodhi Day Keiki Play - Preparation.

12/21: Performance Day! Bodhi Day Keiki Play in the temple, right after service.

12/28: Annual TEMPLE & Dharma School Clean-Up Day.

Dharma School families and volunteers are welcome.

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

Happy Bodhi Day and Happy Holiday Season! We hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving!

We wanted to do a Haunted House again this year so Yuma, Ruby and Auntie Gay went to the Trial of Fears, which is an interactive haunted house that has an escape room feel to it. It was fun but wasn't as spooky as expected. Pretty sure if Auntie Arynn was there she would say otherwise.



Yuma represented the United of Oahu at Waianae Hongwanji's final service. It was a beautiful service and we are sad to see this temple close. Waianae Hongwanji has so much history to share and we hope that their members will continue to participate in activities that the other temples do throughout the year. We know many of our Jr. YBA alumni have so many good memories from this temple.

We also participated in this year's Wahiawa Veteran's Day Parade which was on Tuesday, November 11. Thank you to all the service members, especially our veterans for your service and dedication to maintaining the safety and freedom of our country. We appreciate all that you have done and are doing.

Thank you all very much for your generous donations in November toward our emergency Food Drive and Toys for Tots collection! We really appreciate the generosity of our members and are happy that we can give back to those who need it.

Upcoming Important Dates:

Next Meeting: Sunday, December 7, at Pearl City 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 jrybaofoahu@gmail.com if you have questions or for more information.

Follow us on Instagram! [@jrybaofoahu](#) and [@hawaiiifedjryba](#)



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Hawaii Buddhist Council

BODHI DAY SERVICE

Sunday, December 7, 2025, 9:30 AM

Venue: Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (Betsuin)
1685 Alaneo St., Honolulu, HI 96817 / Phone: (808) 531-9088

Guest Speaker: Bishop / Rinban Takami Inoue
(Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii)



Bishop / Rinban Takami Inoue

Bishop / Rinban Takami Inoue was born and raised in Nagano Prefecture, Japan. He graduated from Kyoto University in 1984 with a B.A. in Buddhist Studies and went on to receive an M.A. in Buddhist Studies from Otani University in 1991, followed by an M.A. in Religious Studies at UC Santa Barbara in 1994. From 1995 to 1999, he worked on his doctoral dissertation in Berkeley, CA, while also serving part-time with the Higashi Honganji North America District. In 1999, he returned to Japan and began his career as Secretary of the Eastern Buddhist Society in Kyoto. In 2003, he started teaching Shin Buddhist Studies as a lecturer at Otani University. In 2010, he earned his Ph. D. in Religious Studies at UC Santa Barbara. He became a Professor of Shin Buddhist Studies at Otani University in 2016. After retiring from Otani University in June 2025, then he was appointed as Rinban (head minister) of Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and Bishop of Higashi Honganji Hawaii District in September, 2025.

Namo Amida Butsu

December Memorial

Those who have passed during the month.

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| Richard Abe | Chiyoko Mutoke |
| Arnold Akamine | Ryujun Mutoke |
| Chiyoko Akasaki | Brian Nakamura |
| George Ando | Sadako Nakashima |
| Hatsune Araki | Seiji Nakatsu |
| Walter Fukuda | Charles Oishi |
| Grant Hirohata-Goto | Usuke Okada |
| Fuyu Hironaka | Kazuo Okino |
| Takezo Hironaka | Donald Saito |
| Glen Haruo Ishikawa | Thomas Sakurai |
| Tokiko Iwamasa | Yukino Sakurai |
| Mitsu Kaneko | Shigeru Shinsato |
| Toshio Kanno | Chizuko Takayama |
| Satoshi Kawahara | Sueo Tanabe |
| Toshiye Kiyota | Yuke-Hung Tengan |
| Ai Koito | Haruko Toma |
| Yoshie Kyhos | Chikaji Tsurusaki |
| Kay Macawile | Richard Uchima |
| Satoshi Matsumoto | Lillian Ukita |
| Yoshino Matsumoto | Fumie Watanabe |
| Tetsuichi Mitsuda | Kazuo Watanabe |
| Paul Morikawa | Masae Yamamoto |

Please call (808) 625-0925 and/or email dharm.connection@gmail.com if there are corrections or additions to the published list. Families may call the minister to schedule special family memorial services for their loved ones. For 2025, special memorial years are observed for loved ones who passed away in:

2024 1st Year	2013 13th Year	1993 33rd year
2023 3rd Year	2009 17th Year	1976 50th year
2019 7th Year	2001 25th year	

Adopt-A-Highway Thank You

By: Tyler Oshiro, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator

A big MAHALO to the volunteers who helped with the last Adopt-A-Highway clean-up for the year on Saturday, September 15th! The trash was no match for our fabulous crew — Brandon H, Claire M, Cliff T, Dennis O, Gay T, Lea U, Lester O, Mas N, Rev. Kamuro, Stan S, Warren H, and Wendell O. We'd also like to thank Claire, Lea, and Lester for providing snacks and hot coffee for us as part of the refreshments.

We are grateful for ALL 22 volunteers who participated in the clean ups this year! These cleanups are a great opportunity to help beautify our community and spend time with members of our Sangha.

Be on the lookout for the 2026 quarterly clean up schedule coming soon, with the first cleanup of next year tentatively scheduled for mid-February.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at tylerkoshiro@gmail.com. Thank you!



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

The Mililani Hongwanji Judo Club participated in the 63rd Annual Honpa Hongwanji Judo Federation State Championships on November 8 at Salt Lake District Park. Mililani Hongwanji was proudly represented by 7 judoka who all made it to the podium with Paetyn Pinedo, Brayden Kikugawa, Naiya Higa and Shiloh Iokia earning Gold Medals; and Raylie Okazaki, Karly Tenn and Landon Kan-Switter taking home Silver Medals! There were several very close and exciting matches, and everyone competed graciously. This year's Championships were hosted by Pearl City Hongwanji. A total of 10 Hongwanji Judo Clubs competed, including 3 from Maui and 3 from the Big Island.

Standing (L-R): Karly, Landon, Paetyn,
Naiya, Shiloh

Kneeling (L-R): Raylie, Brayden



Altar Flowers

If you or someone you know have flowers and would like to share them to decorate the temple altar, please contact Mrs. Minako Kamuro, (808) 625-0925.



Flowers are needed every Sunday to decorate the altar. If you need help cutting the flowers, that can be arranged. Flowers should be dropped off by Saturday morning at 9:00 am near the outside backyard sink. Your DANA of altar flowers is greatly appreciated.



Mililani Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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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

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**MILILANI BUDDHIST TEMPLE
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

11/07/2025

WEEKLY	TIME	ACTIVITY	CONTACT	LOCATION	REMARKS
Mon & Wed	2:00 – 6:30 pm	Kumon	Dean Sakamoto	Temple	Instructor: Lance Miyahira (Hall Rental)
Thurs	2:00 – 5:00 pm				
Sat	8:00-10:30 am				
Mon	9:00-11:00 am	Crafters	Charlene Hayama	Temple	
Mon	6:45-8:30 pm	Boy Scouts	Rene Mansho	Temple	Temporary (MTA Rec 3 Renov)
Tues	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Bon Dance	Myra Fujino	Temple	
Thurs	7:30 am – 12:00 N	Thursday Gang	Lester Ogawa	Temple	
Thurs	6:30 – 9:00 pm	Mahjong	Ann Ishikawa	Temple	1 st & 3 rd Sun after service
Fri	6:30-8:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Raimi Okazaki	Temple	
MONTHLY	TIME	ACTIVITY	CONTACT	LOCATION	REMARKS
1 st & 3 rd Sun	After morning service	Mahjong	Ann Ishikawa	Temple	
2 nd Tues	8:30 am – 11:30 am	Mililani Support Group	Rev. Jan Youth	Temple	
1 st & 3 rd Tues	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	Ikebana Class	Carrie Kawamoto	Temple	
1 st & 3 rd Wed	10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Life Story Writing Class	Jill Kyhos	Temple	
1 st Fri	7:30 – 8:30 pm	Mindfulness Meditation	Mel Hayase	Temple	
2 nd & 4 th Fri	9:30 – 11:00 am	Calligraphy	Minako Kamuro	Temple	
4 th Fri	7:00 pm	Craft Night	Gay Tanaka	Temple	
Fri (check temple calendar)	1:00-4:00 pm	Health & Safety Training	Dean Sakamoto	Temple	KITA LLC Consultant: Gwen N. Klapperich (Hall Rental – start Jan 9, 2026)
2 nd Wed	7:00 pm	Temple Board Meeting	Rene Mansho	Online (Zoom)	

**MILILANI BUDDHIST TEMPLE
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

11/07/2025

DAILY	TIME	ACTIVITY	CONTACT	LOCATION	REMARKS
M-F & most Holidays	6:00 am – 5:00 pm	Na Lima Kokua Adult Day Center	Rene Mansho	Education Bldg	Director: Trece Scott (Hall Rental)
WEEKLY	TIME	ACTIVITY	CONTACT	LOCATION	REMARKS
Tues & Fri	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Judo	Kevin Funasaki	Education Bldg	
Mon & Thurs	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Aikido	Eric Nonaka	Education Bldg	
Sun	After morning service	Dharma School	Claire Doi	Education Bldg	
MONTHLY	TIME	ACTIVITY	CONTACT	LOCATION	REMARKS
2nd Sun	After morning service	BWA meeting	Lani Yamami	Education Bldg	
Sun	11:15-11:45 am	Japanese Language	Yuma Kamuro	Education Bldg	Per Instructor's schedule
1 st Sat	6:00 am – 5:00 pm	Na Lima Kokua Adult Day Center	Rene Mansho	Education Bldg	(Hall Rental – start Jan 3, 2026)
Sat	6:00 am - 2 pm	Blood Bank	Rene Mansho	Education Bldg	Per schedule with the Blood Bank of Hawaii

Notes: Other committees and affiliate organizations (not all listed) also schedule meetings as needed. Please schedule meetings on the temple calendar. Activities listed above may be cancelled or rescheduled for a Mililani Hongwanji event. Example: shut down of activities during the week of Bon Dance.

Mahalo for your DANA

(October 12, 2025 to November 8, 2025)

50th Anniversary Celebration

June Asato
Kevin Asato

Via Give Aloha
Via Give Aloha

Funeral

Sadako Shintaku
Fay Toyama

Funeral Service for Steven Shintaku
Service for Ivan Toyama

General Donation

Anonymous
Mililani Crafters
Claire Doi
James & Karen Nakasone
Earl & Amy Nishimoto
Lester & Joyce Ogawa
Stanley & Carol Sasaki
Mieko Yamase

Via Give Aloha

Via Give Aloha

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Via Give Aloha

General Donation(Bon Dance)

Claire Matsumoto

Higan Fall Service

Twila Castellucci
Hiroyoshi & Satoko Terao

Inurnment Service

Sadako Shintaku

Inurnment for Steven Shintaku

Memorial Service

Anonymous
Janet Abe
Michie Ando
Takashi Ando
Warren & Nora Hahn
Hisako Igarashi
Arynn Ishikawa
Carrie Kawamoto
Georgiana Kobayashi
Rene Mansho
Carl & Aileen Matsuda
Jennifer McDonough
Joyce Nishioka
Beatrice Okino
Sadako Shintaku
Nancy Tanaka
Hiroyoshi & Satoko Terao
Gordon & Lyn Watanabe
Diane Yoza

IMO Dennis Kawamoto (1 Yr)
IMO Makiyo Okino
IMO Utako Ando
IMO Utako Ando
IMO Ronald & Shinji Toma
IMO Rev. Myokan Igarashi (25 Yr)
IMO Phyllis Tanaka
IMO Dennis Kawamoto (1 Yr)
IMO Florence Satoko Tachibana
IMO Rodney Mansho
IMO Sayoko Kuwata
49 Day Service - Steven Shintaku
49 Day Service - Steven Shintaku
IMO Earl Onitsuka
49 Day Service - Steven Shintaku
49 Day Service - Steven Shintaku
IMO Tasuke Terao
IMO Chimo Sakutori
IMO Santa Yoza

In Deep Gratitude.

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



Photo Gallery



Reverend Earl Ikeda



Ehime Maru Cleaning



Veteran's Day Parade



Keirokai Talk Story with Keirosha Diane Yoza



Eitai-kyo Service with Reverend Ryoso Toshima



FYI.....

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Na Lima Kokua 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.

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!



Monthly Joint Memorial Service

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

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

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



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NEWSLETTER

December 2025

Calendar

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

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

Jan 1 (Thu) 8:00 am New Year's Day Service (Let's all ring the temple bell for 2026!)

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

Another year is ending. How will you remember this year? So much has happened here locally and around the world. In Buddhism, we understand that the world is in constant flux, and nothing ever stays the same. However, one thing that is constant is the Buddha Dharma that acts as a guide in our daily lives and the gratitude and appreciation that we are always surrounded by.

On behalf of all the members of 'Ewa Hongwanji, I'd like to extend my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for all the support you have given to 'Ewa Hongwanji this year and hope for your continued support in the new year. We look forward to seeing you at our 125th Anniversary in 2026!

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.

T-Shirts and Ewa Plantation Book

Ewa Hongwanji T-Shirts and are still available for purchase - Dri-Fit or 50/50 Blend. "Cane Tassels, Work Whistles, and Labor Day Carnivals" book are also available for sale. Visit us on Wednesdays, 9:00am-12:00pm or leave a message at 808-681-5222

Mahalo for your Donations

English Service

Dale Anzai

Michael Sawamoto

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Dale Anzai

Caran Iwata

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