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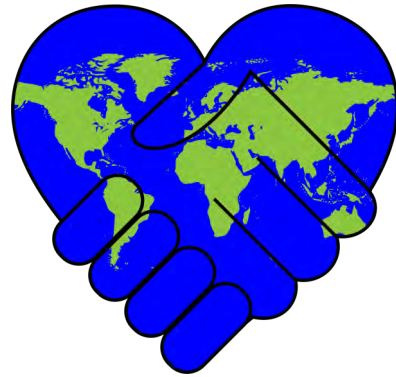
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October 2025

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

- 5 9:00am Family Dharma Service and Dharma School
- 12 9:00am Joint Memorial & Family Dharma Service
- 12 10:15am BWA Meeting
- 19 9:00am Family Dharma Service and Dharma School
- 26 9:00am Family Dharma Service and 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

by Reverend Joshin Kamuro



What Is Your Goal in Life?

My son Yuma, now a senior at Mililani High School, took on his first marathon challenge at the *Hawai'i Kai Ultra Run* on July 26, 2025. It was a full marathon—26.2 miles, or 42.195 kilometers. According to him, the first half went smoothly. But in the second half, pain began to build at the base of his big toe, and eventually he could no longer run. Still, he did not give up. Step by step, he kept walking until he finally crossed the finish line—with a time of 6 hours and 1 minute.

As I listened to him, I thought to myself: He was able to endure the pain and keep moving forward because he knew the marathon finish line was at 26.2 miles, and he was certain that every step was bringing him closer to it. He also knew that people were cheering for him and waiting at the finish line. But what if he hadn't known where the marathon ended, or how far he had to go—what if he had simply been told to “just keep running”? Surely, his spirit would have been broken along the way. I realized then how much our state of mind depends on whether we know—or do not know—where the finish line is.

And isn't this also true of our lives? When everything goes smoothly, we feel as though we can keep moving forward endlessly. But when headwinds blow, when illness or hardship strikes, we need something to sustain us. For my son, that support was “knowing where the finish line was.” In our own lives, too, knowing—or not knowing—the goal makes all the difference in how we live.

So then, what is your goal in life?

Some years ago, I listened online to a special lecture by Rev. Risho Ota at Honzan Hongwanji in Kyoto, Japan. He began his lecture with these words:

“True listening is to clearly recognize the meaning of life.”

Then he introduced a poem:

“With a single flower adorning my room, again today, I continue my journey to the Pure Land.”

He explained, “Step by step on the journey to the Pure Land—that itself is the meaning of life.” So today is a day leading to the Pure Land; today's step is a step toward the Other Shore. A journey without a destination, without a place to return to, leaves us anxious and unable to enjoy the present moment. But when we know our destination, when we know there is a place to return to, we can live each moment with peace of mind. And walking each step with us are Amida Buddha and Hongwanji members who rejoice in the Nembutsu teaching here and now. In such company, there is no loneliness, no isolation.

This year's keynote speaker for the Autumn *Ohigan* Service will be Rev. Thomas Okano, Minister Emeritus of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i. The service will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Please join us for this special occasion.

During this *Ohigan* season, let us listen together to the truth that the goal of our life is Amida Buddha's Pure Land—the Other Shore (*Ohigan*). Namo Amida Butsu.



Yuma with Dr. Benjamin Bruch and his daughter, Ellen, at the Hawai'i Kai Ultra Run (July 26, 2025)

Rehe's Review



President
Rene Mansho

Aloha Friends!

First and foremost, Domo Arigato! Muchas Gracias! Merci! Danke! Grazie! Obrigado! Xie Xie! Kamsahamnida! Salamat po! Mahalo! To all volunteers, dancers, shoppers, families and friends, we offer our heartfelt thanks for supporting our annual community extravaganza! Your participation is truly the golden gift in planning and hard work in executing our Obon Festival! Thanks to the leadership of our Obon Co-Chairpersons, Cliff Togo, Warren Hahn, and Stan Sasaki, our Mililani members and friends, worked tirelessly to help make it a huge success. People will be talking about the great food, large crowds, awesome Country Store, Silent Auction, and Craft Fair, the new Gyu-don, Kona Ice, and the ever popular, never-ending long lines for da

Andagi Guy's Andagi!

Time flies, and it seems our new name change is a comfortable fit while welcoming visitors who may be curious about Buddhist customs and practices, and that we have a friendly and fun Sangha! Much thanks and appreciation to the happy smiles and aloha from our minister Rev. Joshin Kamuro, and Mrs. Minako! No matter how you say it, "*Mililani Buddhist Temple*" is a happy place for all!

This 80th Commemoration of the End of WWII brought back vivid memories when I saw Mayor Blangiardi on tv presenting a wreath in Hiroshima at the 80th Anniversary of the Atomic Bomb Memorial, because in 1995, I did the exact thing, representing our Sister City of Honolulu at the 50th Anniversary, walking with fellow Sister Cities of Mayors of Volgograd, Russia, Hanover, Germany, and China. It was a chilling experience as I was the only invited Elected Official from the United States, and it was our bomb. I attended many serious government meetings reminiscing the events on August 6 and 9, in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Thankfully, then Mayor Takashi Hiraoka was a gracious host during my visit, and also helped me find my Hiroshima roots, to meet my father's Nishimoto Family in Hongo Cho, and my mother's Takimoto family in Itsukaichi for the very first time. I couldn't stop crying meeting my aunts, uncles and cousins because they greatly resembled my Hawaii families!

On August 14th, I spoke with our guest speaker, Mrs. Sadae Kasaoka, who was so happy to be invited to Hawaii, and her robust and strong message of peace and hope was powerful. She had a strong grip and kept thanking me and will continue to share her message of war, suffering, peace and hope for the future.

I'm looking forward to our BIG HAWAII STATE LAY ASSOCIATION CONVENTION! It will be another great opportunity for us to concentrate on planning for our future. I remember joining Hongwanji when we had over 10,000 members, and scared that today we have about 3,000 members. We need to do all we can to help our organization. We need ministers, volunteers, friends and families to help us survive and thrive, because I don't want us to shut down like others. We need our State Ministers and leaders to direct our vision and realistic budgets, with proud temples with active ministers and lay leaders helping hand-in-hand. Membership is a start, but participation and people attending services and temple projects and activities are equally important to keep our temples thriving. Feel free to share your concerns with us. We can do it!

Remember to sign up for "RING YOUR BELL FOR PEACE DAY!" Monday, Sept. 22, 8:30-9:30 AM.

It's on Zoom! Hope to see you there! bit.ly/PeaceDay2025

NAMO AMIDA BUTSU!

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Summary of August 13, 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 July 31, 2025 Financial Report was presented. Monthly income was normal however donations reflected a spike resulting from a large contribution. Disbursements were high due to insurance expenses (to be adjusted due to billing error) and a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) to replace the ice maker machine.
- **Minister's Report:** (Rev. Kamuro) Written report received showing various meetings, services, seminars, and other activities for the current and future months. The front table for the altar arrived. It was brought over by Mrs. Kayoko Yoshii, Minako's mother from Osaka. The carved wooden chest will be up for bid at the Silent Auction. The Kokua Committee and Rev. revised the "Funeral Information" provided to families during funeral counseling. After reviewing similar materials from Aiea, Waipahu, Pearl City, and Wahiawa Hongwanji, the committee proposed updating the suggested amounts for Offering Dāna/Donation (Ofuse) and adding suggested amounts for Appreciation/Second Envelope (Horei). Shared FUKUOKA TNC NEWS VIDEO ABOUT PEACE ON YOUR WINGS The following is the link to it: <https://youtu.be/HOLyLKgmppo>
- **President's Report:** (Rene M) Attended: Rev. Alvarez's lecture on Buddhism in Europe, very informative and interesting, "Shikata Ga Nai" movie at Betsuin regarding 442nd soldiers experiencing PTSD. MC'd Bon and Hatsubon Services. With the consolidation of the Hawaii State Lay Association, the Oahu Lay Association has disbanded and will informally meet as the Oahu Lay Caucus. HSLA Convention will be Sept. 12-13, 2025.
- **VP Operations:** (Kevin A excused, June A) Notified by our insurance agent that our current insurance company will not be renewing our temple insurance policy and that another insurance company will need to be found. Temples will be apprised of insurance issues by the State Insurance Commissioner at the Hawaii State Lay Association (HSLA) Convention in September.
- **VP Facilities:** (Steve K) Preparing for Bon Dance activities. Parsonage repairs for refrigerator ice maker and replaced washing machine. Various fire systems and equipment passed inspection. The Board of Health also approved commercial kitchen inspection. Dean and Doreen S updated the internal security camera system.
- **VP Religious & Temple Activities:** (Dean S) Emcee scripts have been updated so MCs should review before service. The Committee is utilizing an online calendar for planning of future services and activities. Keirokai Service on November 30th. (Alex K) Dharma School posters to be displayed at Bon Dance. Plans and preparations in progress for the upcoming school year.
- **BWA Report:** (Lani Y) Mahalo to those who provided snacks for Rev. Alvarez's lecture at Mililani. Encouraging members to watch the newly released movie "Shikata Ga Nai". Members are getting ready for O-Bon by baking/making various goods that the Country Store is known for (Diane Y & Claire D, co-chairs). The OUHHBWA are currently planning their annual conference scheduled for Saturday, October 18th, Aiea Hongwanji. Third Qtr OUHHBWA meeting will focus on the State BWA Conference in March 2026.
- **Jr. YBA:** (Gay T) Helped at the Pearl City and Aiea Bon Dances. Preparing to sell drinks in two locations at Mililani Bon Dance. Various volunteer groups will be helping out. Hosting a post Mililani Bon Dance "Bingo, Bites & Bonding" on Aug 23rd, 5:30. An event to express gratitude and to promote the Jr YBA program.
- **50th Anniversary** (June & Mel) \$1 Million Fund Raising Campaign will be launched in September or October. Committees are busy meeting and planning for the big event in 2027. If you would like to get involved, please contact June A or Mel H. Various programs and activities are being planned.
- **Community Engagement and Outreach Work** (Ty Wakahiro) Provided data on various Mililani Hongwanji social media and online services. Will be passing out flyers at Bon Dance to promote Buddhist and youth programs. Will present a Final Report at the Sept. Board meeting.
- **Other Reports or Announcements:**
 - **Hawaii State Lay Association (HSLA):** (Dean S) Moved and approved two Mililani Resolutions to the HSLA to 1) Promote Jodo Shinshu Teachings in Hawaii and Grow Hongwanji Temples and to 2) Assist and Sustain and Keep Hongwanji Temples in Hawaii Open.
 - **Kokua Committee:** (Mel H) A revision to the temple's Handbook, Attachment A, Funeral and Related Services was proposed and approved. Offering/DANA guidelines were approved with changes to the "suggested donations" amounts and schedule. The term "fee" is no longer used and the "Minister's Appreciation Donation aka 2nd Envelope" was reworded for appropriateness and clarification.
 - **Bon Dance:** (Cliff T, Warren H, Stan S) Preparation and planning in full swing for this weekend's Bon Dance. It is anticipated that there will be a large attendance. Grateful for Sangha members and community members who come out and support this wonderful community event. Revenues help support the operations of the temple.
 - **Mark your Calendar:**
 - Sept. 6, 8:00 am - (Tyler Oshiro) Adopt-A-Highway, Support our Community!
 - Sept. 17, 7:00 pm - Bon Dance Wrap Up & Evaluation meeting (Bento provided)



BWA News

Amid colorful lanterns and a Cho-Chin with revolving lights, the members of Mililani Hongwanji went into HIGH GEAR a week prior to their OBon festival, August 15-16. They were blessed with OBon guest speaker, Reverend Toyokazu Hagio, who reminded us gently of Amida Buddha's infinite wisdom and compassion and to appreciate family and friends who bind us together in the past, present, and future. He lovingly mentioned his two adult children, 2 grandchildren, and wife, Junko, who was seated in the audience. (Mrs. Hagio also shares her time and knowledge teaching Ikebana twice a month at Mililani Hongwanji.) He also touched upon minister re-assignments, and extended our appreciation to newly retired ministers, Reverend Sol Kalu of Kailua Hongwanji and Reverend Shindo Nishiyama of Jikoen Temple for their years of dedication in promoting Jodo-Shinshu.

Many "firsts" for this year's OBon. Mililani Hongwanji offered "GYUDON", a tasty beef and onion dish developed by Mrs. Minako Kamuro and Les Ogawa. Thank you to members who came out to prep, cook, and sell the rice bowls on both nights. Hopefully, GYUDON will become Mililani Hongwanji's signature dish. There was also a "Shop & Bid", a new concept offered in lieu of the Silent Auction. This was the chance for members and the public to buy outright, without bidding, selected kitchen appliances and household items. We shall miss ChariJean Watanabe's enthusiasm and leadership! Dancers also heard the enhanced sound system featuring new BOSE Speakers and KUDOS to the Thursday GANG for installing a new Ice Machine.

Also another first, Yuma Kamuro planned a "Bingo, Bites, & Bonding" night on August 23. This was an opportunity for members to unwind and celebrate a job "Well Done" after OBon. Open to all, admission was \$8 but FREE if you brought along 2 family members or friends. A children's movie, adult games, and an optional potluck was planned.

Heart-felt thank you messages were read from Sharon Kaneko (on her recent accident), Carrie Kawamoto, and Yuma Kamuro (for YESS Camp subsidy). Co-chair Diane Yoza also expressed her thanks for homemade baked goods, tsukemono, plants, vintage kimonos, and obis that were donated to the BWA Country Store.

Coordinator Ty Oshiro will be seeking your help at the Quarterly Adopt-A-Highway cleanup scheduled for Saturday, September 16 at 8 am. Requirements are that you be 12 years or older, able-bodied, and wear shoes. Trash bags, disposable gloves, and florescent vests will be provided for your safety.

A sign-up sheet was circulated for the showing of "Hamilton" on September 5. A musical about a founding father of the United States who served as an aide to George Washington during the Revolutionary War. He is remembered for his duel with Aaron Burr. The play explores themes of ambition, love, and betrayal set during the age of our young nation. Hamilton is a musical treat of hip-hop, rhythm & blues, and rap.

Event Schedule

October 10 . . . C.A.R.E. Day at Mililani Hale-Adult Day Care. Carrie Kawamoto is seeking medium-size pill containers for flower arranging.

October 18 . . . Oahu United BWA Annual Conference at Aiea Hongwanji.

November 1 . . . Ehime Maru Monument clean-up at Kakaako Park. Meet at 9 am at the Temple to carpool. Lunch will be optional.

March 28-29, 2026 . . State Membership Conference at the Ala Moana Hotel. Some members are planning a stay-over.

Next Up:

BWA meeting, September 14, in the Ed Bldg after Family Service.

Co-MCs will be Janice Yasunaga and Debbie Hiyakumoto



Reverend Enrique



Country Store at Obon



Dharma School

Thank you to everyone who visited the Dharma School table at this year's Obon Festival! We passed out flyers for our first day of Dharma School, called Rally Day, and we're looking forward to seeing our regular families and possibly some new ones!

On our first day of Dharma School, on August 31st, we'll be making mochi! There will be different fillings for everyone to choose from. This is also the day to sign up your kids for the Dharma School year.

What to expect Dharma School lessons to look like:

We'll begin each class with a short teaching, then move on to a hands-on activity. For our younger students, we'll continue to have toys and coloring pages available during class, including the popular train set. This year, we're also excited to add a collection of books that students can borrow!

This year, students will learn about observances such as Peace Day and Ohigan Day before the sangha has these services. Our hope is that this will help them better connect with and remember what these important days are all about. We also want to help our students understand Jodo Shinshu's place among other Buddhist traditions. To do this, we'll have lessons on other forms of Buddhism, such as exploring Zen Buddhism on Peace Day.

We want to make Dharma School a fun and engaging place for students of all ages. The dharma is for everyone, and we hope to create positive memories that will stay with them for years to come. We can't wait to start the school year!

In Gassho, Your Dharma School Ohana.

Dharma School Schedule:

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

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

September 14: No Dharma School

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



Jr. YBA Happenings

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Thank you to all who supported the United of Oahu by buying shave ice at Aiea Hongwanji's Bon Dance and by buying drinks at Mililani Hongwanji's Bon Dance! We worked very hard and made a lot of sales. Also, we'd like to thank all the past Jr. YBA members who came out to help us as well as the scouts at Aiea and Mililani High School's Japanese Club. We wouldn't have been able to do this without you!



The week after Mililani Hongwanji's obon weekend, on Saturday, August 23, the Juniors hosted "Bingo, Bites and Bonding". It was open to any families and youth. We'd like to thank everyone who attended and also thank you to the Mililani BWA members who donated their time and provided dinner enhancements to go with the pizza party. We had so much fun and are thinking about possibly making this an annual event.

Congratulations to the officers for next year! We had our installation service before our meeting on September 7 followed by an escape room activity. Our new officers are:

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

Upcoming Important Dates:

Next Meeting: Sunday, September 7, at Mililani Hongwanji at 1:00pm



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

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



Aiea Bon Dance

Pearl City Bon Dance



Silent Auction Mahalo!

It's always a busy, happy time for the Silent Auction Committee as we gather to present all of your donations at the annual Bon Dance. A big shout to Yamauchi Nursery LLC for their annual, GENEROUS donation of beautiful, healthy, commercial grade plants, always the foundation for our Committee. And a big shout out to Akamai Glass for their GENEROUS contributions to the silent auction.

We tried a new format this year - selling half of our goods as a retail store might do - and plan to change the format in the future to make life a little easier. We had many positive comments as many do not like to wait for the Auction results. A grateful Mahalo for the ladies and gentlemen who helped us gather, store, price and then set up so we could do our best.

We are always looking for volunteers - so please don't hesitate in the future!



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BLOOD DRIVE

September 13	October 11	November 15	REVISED DATE December 20
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6:30 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Education Building


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APPOINTMENTS APPRECIATED | WALK-INS ACCEPTED AS AVAILABLE

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THANK YOU SO MUCH!

From the BON COUNTRY STORE

We are so grateful to everyone—our members and our community—for your many wonderful Country Store donations of baked goods, tsukemono, rice dishes, homegrown fruits and plants, homemade pickled mango and radish, prune mui, and your many donations of creative craft items! It was amazing! We had a large variety of kimono, yukatas, happi coats, and a wide assortment of beautiful obis!

It was so nice to see the young generation rummaging through these selections, trying them on, and picking the perfect match to wear and dance throughout the night!

Thank you also to all of our volunteers who helped man the Country Store! We could not have done this without all of your help and support!

With much appreciation and gratitude for another successful BON Country Store event! In gassho, Diane Yoza and Claire Doi

September Memorial

Those who have passed during the month.

Lawrence Akasaki	Torakichi Miyasaki
Raymond Asato	James Nakashima
Karl Chikazawa	Takino Nomura
Jhoane Fukunaga	Norman Okino
Richard Fukunaga	Rumi Sagara
Charles Hamasaki	Sally Sakaida
Jack Masao Hayase	Kotaro Sako
Chiemi Hiyakumoto	Tadayoshi Sako
Naoki Honda	Ronald Sato
Uichiro Honda	Toshio Sugita
Haruko Iwamoto	Marsha Tagami
Jay Izuo	Kelsey Takara
Sharon Kai	Haruyuki Tamamoto
Kenya Kanagawa	Itsue Tamamoto
Yumiko Kanagawa	Fusayo Tanabe
Dennis Fumio	Ernest Takumi Tanaka
Kawamoto	Dennis Tanaka
Robert Kimoto	Emily Tanisue
Yoshio Kunimitsu	Nobuya Tashima
Ayame Matsumoto	Genchu Tonaki
Mitsue Miyamoto	

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	



SAVE the DATE! Keirokai Recognition 2025

The Keirokai committee is making a call for members of Mililani Hongwanji who will be 80 years of age this 2025 calendar year! We would love for you to participate in this special event!

The Keirokai Recognition Program will be held on *Sunday, November 30, 2025, where we celebrate, honor, and show our gratitude to our Keirosha honorees.

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

2026 HHMH Theme/Slogan POSTER CONTEST

NURTURING NEMBUTSU: SHARING GRATITUDE

The winning entry will be featured on a statewide poster!

ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED BETWEEN
AUGUST 31 – NOVEMBER 15, 2025

POSTER GUIDELINES - [LINK](#) to detailed guidelines

- Visually express the theme/slogan "Nurturing Nembutsu: Sharing Gratitude"
- How do we express gratitude in our daily lives?
- How does saying Namo Amida Butsu help us recognize the kindness we receive?
- What do we receive by sharing gratitude?
- Through your art, reflect on what it means to share gratitude with your family, friends, and the world around you
- Poster can be created using any medium (e.g., painting, drawing, digital art, photography) but must be submitted as a high-resolution digital file (JPEG, PNG, or PDF).
- Dimensions: Standard poster size (24" x 36" or equivalent in digital format).
- Be original and do not include any copyrighted images or text.

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Prizes will be
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TOP 5 POSTERS

QUESTIONS?

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United Jr. YBA of Oahu HBY Month Fundraiser



In October, the United Jr. YBA of Oahu will sell Baked Manju filled with Koshian (red bean paste) to fundraise for our HBY (Hawaii Buddhist Youth) Month. This year we are supporting the Coral Reef Alliance. Please see the information and order form below. Thank you for your continued support!

ORDER DEADLINE: September 21, 2025

Please email orders to: jrybaofaahu@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: October 5, 2025

Must be postmarked by September 21, 2025

Pick-up locations: Aiea, Mililani, Wahiawa, or Waipahu Hongwanji.

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.

For any questions regarding order or delivery, contact Yuma Kamuro at (808) 229-6706

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Pick up temple location: _____

OR

Delivery Address: _____



Manju: one order is 5 pc for \$5

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

Payment enclosed: Yes _____ No _____

2025 Ohigan Service Speaker

Rev. Thomas R. Okano, Minister Emeritus of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i, will be the speaker for the Autumn Ohigan Service on Sunday, September 28, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Born in Pearl City, Hawaii, Rev. Okano is the first son of Rev. and Mrs. Ryoshin Okano. He graduated from Waipahu High School (1956), the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (1960), and Ryukoku University (1964, Ph.D. course in Shin Buddhism). He completed the Fukyoshi Course at Dendo-in in 1967.

He served at Mō'ili'ili, Lihue, and Wahiawa Hongwanji, later becoming Rimban at Hilo Betsuin, director of the Buddhist Study Center in Honolulu, and the 15th Bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i. He retired in 2011 after 43 years of service.

Rev. Okano is married to Michiko and has three children, all residing in Hawaii, and four granddaughters. Please join us for this special service.



Mahalo for your DANA

(July 13, 2025 to August 4, 2025)

Funeral

Sheila Ishikawa

Funeral service for Glen Haruo Ishikawa

General Donation

Lotus Connection Group

Mililani Crafters (x2)

Mililani Hongwanji Ikebana Class (x2)

Stephen Chinen

Appreciation for Obutsudan

James & Karen Nakasone

Irene Revilla

Dirk Yoshizawa

via Aloha United Way

General Donation (Bon Dance)

Claire Matsumoto

Lloyd & Janis Uradomo

Hatsubon Service

Rodney & Jane Nishihara

IMO Ronald T Nishihara

Inurnment Service

Sheila Ishikawa

For Glen H Ishikawa

Memorial Service

June Asato

IMO Hisao Miyasaki

Twila Castellucci

IMO Henry Meyer

Harley & Martha Ishii

IMO Jerald Sumida & Yoshio Fuke

Myles Iwamoto

IMO Pamela Iwamoto (1 yr)

Mamoru Kawahara

IMO Hanayo Kawahara

Wayne & Roberta Kishinami

IMO Robert Nakata

Stephen & Susan Koito

IMO Nora Abe

Carl & Aileen Matsuda

IMO Shigeto Matsuda

Amy Nakamura

IMO Toshio Miyamoto

Rodney & Jane Nishihara

IMO Ronald Tooru Nishihara (1 yr)

Muriel Okazaki

IMO Alvin Masatsune & Evelyn Arakaki

Dale & Russell Tanouye

IMO Clarence Funasaki

Hiro Yoshi & Satoko Terao

IMO Jiro Sugita

George & Irene Toguchi

IMO Akira Hayashida

Gordon & Lyn Watanabe

IMO Ukichi Sakutori

Ethel Yamashige

IMO Ryoichi & Shizue Nakamura

In Deep Gratitude.

Namo Amida Butsu

Namo Amida Butsu

Namo Amida Butsu



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

By: Tyler Oshiro, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator

Mark your calendars and make your plans to join our Sangha members for this important community service project! Our third quarterly clean-up of 2025 will be shortly after Obon season on:

Saturday, September 6, 2025

8:00 a.m.

Anyone 12 years of age and older are welcome to participate! Please arrive at the temple by 8:00 a.m. Please wear covered shoes. Trash bags, gloves, and safety vests will be provided. The clean-up usually runs for about an hour. Upon return to the temple, water, coffee, and a light breakfast will be provided.

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

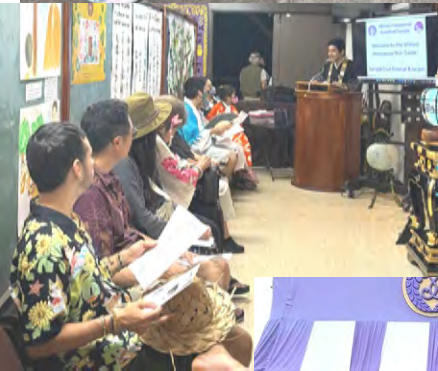
Photo Gallery



Mililani Hongwanji Bon Dance



Gyudon-making



Temple
Tour
with
Reverend
Kamuro



Yagura
Flowers

Silent Auction Team
(missing Mara & Claire)



Yagura
Set
Up





Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

2025 PEACE DAY IN HAWAII

International Day of Peace

You're Invited!

"RING YOUR BELL for PEACE DAY"

Monday, Sept. 22, 2025- 8:30-9:30 AM

Register here: bit.ly/PeaceDay2025

In the spirit of promoting Peace Day in Hawaii and throughout the world, we invite the world to join us in ringing bells for PEACE DAY, on Zoom.

Monday, September 22nd at 9:01 AM.

At 9:00 AM, we will have a minute of silence to honor all those who sacrificed for us to achieve peace.

Immediately following the minute of silence, bells will be rung by representatives at all the respective temples, churches, schools, community organizations, individuals in their offices and homes. You are our future in ensuring peace in the world.

We are also planning to capture the program and all participants on a Zoom Screen, simultaneously, **Join Jake Shimabukuro, Hawaii's "Ambassador for Peace"**

Please RSVP by Sept. 18, 2025

You may request a Participation Form to

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MISSION

- To promote Peace Day in Hawaii - September 21st
- Temple activities to promote peace and harmony in the world

PEACE DAY
Hawaii September 21st



Reverend Hagio, Obon Service Speaker



Hatsubon Service



FYI...



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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.



Mililani Hongwanji Mission

Aloha Friends!

Thank you for your support and once again we ask for your consideration to support our participation in Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program. This program honors Foodland's founder, Maurice J. "Sully" Sullivan, and continues his legacy of giving back to the community.

How It Works

From September 1-30, customers are invited to make donations up to \$249 to participating Hawaii non-profit organizations including Mililani Hongwanji at checkout. Individuals must use their own Maika'i card to make a donation. Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match a portion of each donation made with a Maika'i card. It is very simple to sign up for a Maika'i Card at the register. Donations made without a Maika'i card will not be matched.

How to Donate

- At checkout, present your Maika'i card (or give your 10-digit number) and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to Mililani Hongwanji, code number 77543. If you do not have a Maika'i account, you may establish one by telling the cashier you would like to do so; you will need to give a unique 10-digit number (such as your phone number).
- Tell the cashier how much you would like to donate. Your donation will be added to your grocery purchase total.
- You may donate up to \$249 per organization (any amount in excess of \$249 will not be matched).
- Be sure the cashier reaffirms our organization's name and amount that you are donating.
- Any donation must be made payable to Foodland or Sack N Save.
- The name of our organization and the amount you donate will appear on your receipt.
- Donor names will not be released to our organization. If you would like us to know of your gift, please contact us directly so that we may properly acknowledge your gift. You may ask the cashier for a duplicate receipt to submit to us.
- You may donate up to a cumulative of \$249 per organization over the course of several store visits.
- You may make donations to more than one organization.

Are These Donations Tax Deductible?

YES! Please save your store receipt for tax purposes since it will be the only record you will have of your donation. You may ask the cashier for a duplicate receipt.

Your donations will be used to support our church programs such as scholarships, youth activities, community service projects, and basic maintenance of our temple in order to offer our facilities for adult day care services, judo and aikido, meditation, qi gong, a place for people to meet, learn about preserving our environment and promoting good health practices, and caring for one another. Thank you for your kindness.

Mahalo,

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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 who 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.



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NEWSLETTER

September 2025

Calendar

Sep 24 (Wed) 9:00am-12:00pm Before Service Cleanup

28 (Sun) 11:00am Higan-e Service

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

Rev. David's Thoughts

Rev. David K. Fujimoto, BBC

At the end of this month, three of our Hawai'i Kyodan members will be traveling to Kyoto to attend the Tokudo session, in the hopes that they will become Hawai'i's newest Tokudo Ministers. This will be a tremendous help for us, as we are facing a great shortage of ministers.

I had the great opportunity of helping them prepare for this initial ordination, in which they need to memorize the Shoshinge, the Tokudo pledge and be able to recite one of Rennyō's letters in the ritual style. It reminds me of the ending of the Sanbutsuge, in which it says, "Even though my body must bear great pain and suffering, I will persevere and strive, patiently without regret." Through all the trials and tribulations, they continued to study and memorize.

Let us all wish them the best and hope to see great things from them!

Ewa Hongwanji Mission's 125-year Celebration

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 on Sunday, March 8th. Please save the date as 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

English Service

Dale Anzai

Glenn Nagamine

Arnold Yoshioka

Bon Dance Donation

Rodney Takemoto