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### Mililani Hongwanji

## BON DANCE



**August 16 & 17, 2024, Friday & Saturday**

<p><b>August 16, Friday</b></p> <p>5:30 p.m. Food Trucks, Country Store, Craft Fair &amp; Silent Auction Opens</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Lantern Parade</p> <p>6:55 p.m. Opening Ceremony</p> <p>7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Bon Dance</p>	<p><b>August 17, Saturday</b></p> <p>5:30 p.m. Food Trucks, Country Store, Craft Fair &amp; Silent Auction Opens</p> <p>6:55 p.m. Opening Ceremony</p> <p>7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Bon Dance</p>
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**Country Store**

August 11th, Sunday:  
9:00 a.m. Obon Service  
Hatsubon Service Arranged



Mililani Hongwanji, 95-257 Kaloapau St.  
Next to Mililani Rec. Ctr. III, No Pets Allowed.  
For more info call 625-0925 or  
[www.mililanihongwanji.org](http://www.mililanihongwanji.org)

**Silent Auction**

Bon Dance Practice:  
Jul 30, Aug 6, 12, 13, 14  
(7:00 - 9:00 p.m.)  
Subject to Change

# July 2024 August 2024

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| <p>7 9:00 am Family Dharma Service</p> <p>14 9:00 am Joint Memorial &amp; Family Dharma Service</p> <p>14 10:15 am BWA Monthly Meeting</p> <p>21 9:00 am Family Dharma Service</p> <p>28 9:00 am Family Dharma Service</p> | <p>4 9:00 am Family Dharma Service</p> <p>11 9:00 am Joint Memorial &amp; Obon Family Dharma Service</p> <p>11 10:15 am BWA Monthly Meeting</p> <p>11 4:00 pm Hatsubon Service</p> <p>18 8:00 am No Service (Obon Clean-up)</p> <p>25 9:00 am Family Dharma Service and Dharma School Rally Day</p> |
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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

## The Golden Rule

“Do unto others what you want others to do unto you” Or stating it in the negative way: “*Don't do unto others what you don't want others to do unto you*”

Most people are familiar with this saying as the “Golden Rule”, a concept that describes a reciprocal or two way relationship between one's self and others that involves both sides equally and in a mutual fashion. The golden rule, with roots in a wide range of world cultures, is well suited to be a standard that different cultures can appeal to in resolving conflicts or misunderstanding and it is endorsed by all the great world religions, including Buddhism. It is often regarded as the most direct and general principle of ethics. All the world's major religions have quotations that state the golden rule, in different words, but nevertheless the meaning is the same. Buddhism has several versions of this ethical statement, among which are: “Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful” “Comparing oneself to others in such terms as 'Just as I am so are they, just as they are so am I,' he should neither kill nor cause others to kill.” And, a direct quotation from Shakyamuni Buddha Himself: “One should seek for others the happiness one desires for himself.”

Perhaps its simplicity is what gives the Golden Rule its universal appeal and acceptance. Unfortunately, due to our blind passions and imperfection as unenlightened beings, the Golden Rule is as often violated as it is practiced. Due to greed, anger, ignorance, pride, jealousy and other forms of poisonous passions, it is an unfortunate reality that the base of human behavior is centered upon the gratification of the self or the ego. Religion or education in ethics and morality may help curb excessive self centered desires but when the right causes and conditions are present, we are capable of inflicting pain and suffering, both physical and emotional, on others to meet the demands of our ego self. The golden rule here doesn't apply, we will do as we please without consideration for the feelings of others.

It is always wise to reflect on the fundamental Buddhist teaching of the law of cause and effect, that we reap the consequences of our actions, wholesome or unwholesome, in one way or another in a future time. The Golden Rule in both its positive and negative affirmation, serves as a useful guide in our actions towards our fellow human beings. To apply it requires us to know what effects our actions have on the lives of others, to be able to imagine ourselves accurately on the other person's place on the receiving end of the acts we do. We like to be respected by others, to be treated with kindness and consideration, so we should do the same. We dislike to be hurt, to be judged unfairly, to be manipulated or controlled maliciously, or our privacy intruded upon, therefore we should strive never to do the same to others. To violate the Golden Rule is going against fairness and concern that lie at the heart of morality.

*Namo Amida Butsu!*



**Rev. Sol Kalu**

# Rehe's Review

## “Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments!”

Aloha Friends!

**Two Pot Luck Lunches! Please join us! Sign up, or just come and bring your favorite dish!**

- **Mahalo to Rev. Sol Kalu July 28<sup>th</sup>, after service**  
Come and thank Sensei, and congratulate him as the new Resident Minister at Windward Buddhist Temple. Everyone just raves about his fabulous Dharma Messages! We will miss him!
- **Aloha to Rev. Joshin Kamuro, August 4<sup>th</sup>, after service**  
Of course, you want to meet the new celebrities in town! Straight from Hilo Betsuin to Mililani!  
Let's welcome the Kamuro Ohana to the Mililani Hongwanji Ohana!

### **Welcome to our new minister, Reverend Joshin Kamuro and Family – effective August 1, 2024!**

Rev. Joshin Kamuro is from Aso, Kumamoto in southern Japan. He is from a temple family. After graduating from Ryukoku University in Kyoto with the Bachelor's Degree in Shin Buddhist Studies in 2001, he worked at the EKŌ-House of Japanese Culture, a division of BUKKYŌ DENDŌ KYŌKAI (Society for the Promotion of Buddhism) in Düsseldorf, Germany from 2001 to 2006. He returned to Japan in 2007 to further his study at Ryukoku University and completed his Doctoral Program in Shin Buddhist Studies in 2014. He also studied at the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkley, California for 11 months in 2009 as an exchange student of Ryukoku University. He participated in the IMOP (International Ministerial Orientation Program) in Berkley, California in 2014. He received *gakkai hokyō* (Nishi Hongwanji's Rank of Shin Buddhist Studies) in 2015 and a *Fukyōshi* (Ministers learn about how to convey the Jōdo Shinshū teachings accurately at the *Dendō-in* consists of 100 days of training) in 2019 from Nishi Hongwanji. He came to Hawaii in October 2015. He worked at the Hawaii Betsuin in Honolulu for about four years. He has worked at the Hilo Betsuin since November 2019, total of 9 years in Hawaii! He and his wife, Minako, who teaches Japanese Language Classes and Calligraphy in Hilo, have their sixteen-year-old son, Yuma, a classical violinist, who will be attending Mililani High School as a Junior, and five-month-old daughter, Nanami. We are blessed to receive the Kamuro Family! We hope they enjoy their fully furnished parsonage prepared with lots of love!



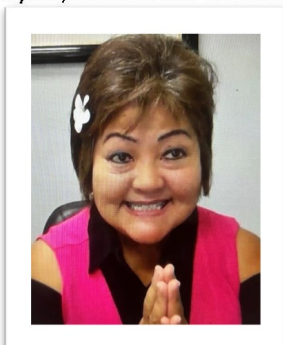
### **Nembutsu Moments are in the air!**

Congratulations to our new State Commissioner for Buddhist Education, Mr. Stephen Chinen, who just shared his recent nembutsu moment:

“It wasn't my first time enjoying their singing, but somehow, today (May 19) was extra special! Perhaps, it was because the 15 or so choir members were accompanied by the Ukulele Jammers. Or, perhaps it was the meaning of the wonderful song they were singing, “Listen to Amida with your heart....” Perhaps it was their joyful and heartwarming smiles, or their rhythmic side-to-side swaying.

No doubt, my Nembutsu Moment was due to all of the above – a feeling of joy and appreciation, which warmed not only my heart, but my entire being as I found myself begin to sway, too, while sitting in my chair! To the choir members and ukulele players, mahalo nui loa for my Nembutsu Moment!”

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**Rene Mansho, President**



**Blood Bank Hawaii Drive Finds a Home in Mililani!**

Due to a last minute Blood Drive cancellation, Mililani Hongwanji was able to step up to host a Blood Drive on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 AM – 2:00 PM in our Education Bldg. It was a huge success and we were noted as “being the beacon of HOPE that we all need in this chaotic world. Community organizations are the driving force that doesn’t just keep the Blood Bank afloat, but moves them toward a better tomorrow. We are appreciated deeply for making a commitment to saving lives and giving priceless moments to their local patients and their ohana.” The good news is that our Board of Directors have approved the Blood Bank of Hawaii’s request to have Mililani Hongwanji become the home for the Mililani Community Monthly Saturday Blood Drives: July 13, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 16, and Dec. 14. Hope to see you there and help us spread the word to save lives!

I look forward to continue receiving your ideas and requests to me at: 808-291-6151 or [renemansho@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:renemansho@hawaii.rr.com) NAMO AMIDA BUTSU.

**Summary of June 12, 2024  
Mililani Hongwanji Board Meeting**

- The Mililani Hongwanji Board of Directors met via Zoom with a quorum. President Rene Mansho presided. Minutes of May 8, 2024 meeting were approved.
- Treasurer’s Report: (Dennis O. for Cliff T) – Finances are keeping pace with budget for both Expenditure and Income Reports. Generous donations being received. Report was accepted subject to audit.
- Minister’s Report: Rev. Sol Kalu submitted written report on his activities performing bedside and funeral services. Bon Dance Committee Meeting held, but sad that he won’t be able to attend our Bon Dance. Hatsubon Service has been scheduled for Aug. 11, 2024, 4:00 PM.
- Rev. Kamuro requested a Pre-Move Meeting at our temple on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Parsonage Rental Agreement has been signed by Rev. Kamuro with new provisions including a security deposit, never done before, but times have changed and lessons learned. 2024 Peace Day Committee is planning on 2 activities: “Ring Your Bells for Peace” on Sept. 20, 8:30 AM on Zoom, and Public Gathering on Sept. 21 in the afternoon. Received a request from Girl Scouts Troop 150 for sponsorship that will be considered in the agenda. Raimi Okazaki and Tehani Diaz are Troop Leaders.
- VP Operations (Kevin) reported one rental in May, received \$200.00
- VP Facilities (Stephen) Extensive repairs in the parsonage daily- major floor damage in need of replacement, new appliances and furniture needed, receiving donations from temple members and friends for furnishings, etc. Plumber called for leaking pipe near entrance. AED Battery replaced. Fire alarm upgrade estimate in the works.
- VP Programs (Ann) Written report submitted, for Religious Services Committee, Dharma School and Education Committee
- BWA (Lani) Written report submitted, Nora and Aileen requesting donations for the parsonage and in need of lunches for the men and women who are repairing and restoring the parsonage. Sharon Kaneko’s committee delivered toiletries to the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. 3 dates: Oct. 26 at Mililani Hongwanji United Annual Conference, Mar. 28-29, 2026, State BWA Conference at Ala Moana Hotel, Sept. 11-12, 2027, World BWA Convention at Hawaii Convention Center.
- Columbarium Committee-Janice Y.- Membership updated, niches available for sale.
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee- June and Mel-June 14 meeting flyer distributed, monthly meetings thereafter in 2024.
- New Business – a) Girls Scouts Troop 150 Consideration of Future Sponsorship use of facilities, approved. b) Rene requested assistance for “Talk Story with Rev. Akahoshi,” at Mililani Hongwanji on Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1-3 PM.
- Unfinished Business- Minister Transition Committee working on documents, including minister duties. Bon Dance food Vendors spots have all been filled.
- Announcements: June 14- Aiea Hongwanji, “Carving the Divide”  
Aug. 3 – Mililani Hongwanji “Buddhism: Clear & Simply” Rev. Kenji Akahoshi
- Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 7:00 PM on Zoom





# BWA News

We welcome O-Bon season with much anticipation, with its festive atmosphere of dancing, camaraderie, andagi, shaved ice, food, Silent Auction, and the Country Store. Speaking of Country Store, members will be asked to do baking and cooking to sell them in the Country Store. Please contribute what you can, as all proceeds go toward the benefitting the BWA and the kyodan. Although O-Bon conjures up a time of merriment, let us not forget the reason for commemorating O-Bon, which is to honor the memory of our ancestors.

Nora Hahn and Aileen Sato continue to request help from the membership to provide lunches for the hard-working men who work 6 days a week to prepare the parsonage for Rev. Kamuro and his family. Everyone has generously brought either home-made meals or bentos for the workers, so we thank them for doing so. A final cleaning will be done in July by the BWA once the men have completed the renovation.

Several members attended Session 1 of Dharma Centered Living 101, with presenter, Trinidad Hunt, granddaughter of Dorothy Hunt, creator of The Golden Chain of Love. Attendees participated in interactive play to demonstrate good listening, and its importance in fostering positive relationships between friends and family. Please consider attending Session #2, which is scheduled for Aug. 3 at the Hawaii Betsuin. Ms. Hunt will focus on Kindness and Caring. Register by July 13 at <https://forms.gle/cnFBVHart3FCBS6z8>

In October, members, under Carrie Kawamoto's direction, will be resuming C.A.R.E. day, **C**ompassion and **A**ssistance in **R**esponse to **E**lders. This program was created at the 12th World Buddhist Women's Convention at Sao Paulo, Brazil in 2002, and is meant to show awareness of the need to have compassion and respect to our kupuna.

Our next meeting is on July 14, so we hope to see you there.





# Dharma School

The Dharma School 'Ohana closed the 2023-2024 year with Sgt. Rainbow and our Dharma students leading our temple members with belly breathing exercises at our temple service on May 26<sup>th</sup>! We enjoyed sharing this with everyone! We had a wonderful year, and this could only be possible with the participation of our Dharma students and their families, Reverend Kalu and Reverend Fujimoto, and Dharma School teachers - our beloved Aunty Susan, Aunty Ann, Jill, Gay, and Claire, and Sgt. Rainbow! Thank you also to Ms. Carolyn Uchiyama, who made a special trip to our temple that day and joined us in the Ed bldg. to award our 2024 Oahu District Poster Contest Winners, "Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments," "I Say Thank You for This Moment." Congratulations to all of our Dharma School students who participated!

## Division I Pre-School and Kindergarten

- First Place: Skylar Oshiro, Wahiawa Hongwanji
- Second Place: Hinata Kagawa, Aiea Hongwanji
- Third Place: Sueko Quinn, Aiea Hongwanji
- Honorable Mention: Akemi Quinn, Aiea Hongwanji

## Division III Grades 3-5

- First Place: Erin Wakahiro, Mililani Hongwanji
- Second Place: Julia King, Mililani Hongwanji
- Third Place: William Agader, Wahiawa Hongwanji
- Honorable Mention: Tanner Nakamoto, Mililani Hongwanji

## Division IV Grades 6-8

- First Place: Emma Agader, Wahiawa Hongwanji
- Second Place: Dayton Uehara, Mililani Hongwanji
- Third Place: Brennan Uehara, Mililani Hongwanji
- Honorable Mention: Mari Nakamoto, Mililani Hongwanji

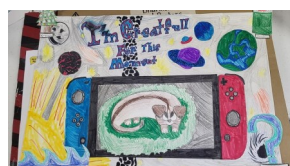
## Division V Grades 9-12

- First Place: Courtney Uehara, Mililani Hongwanji
- Second Place: Maya Nakamoto, Mililani Hongwanji



The winning posters will be circulated at the Oahu Temple Bon Dances!

**Dharma School is on vacation until Rally Day/Registration, Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>!** Have a wonderful summer, everyone!





# Jr. YBA Happenings

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**Upcoming Meeting: Sunday, July 21, 11:30am at Aiea Hongwanji**



As mentioned last month, we had a few juniors attend Young Enthusiastic Shinshu Seekers (Y.E.S.S.) Camp on Friday-Sunday, May 25-27. There were many icebreakers and activities that allowed the teens to learn about each other and forge friendships. They had fun making connections with neighbor island teens and several of the attendees were not involved in a temple but they enjoyed YESS Camp!

Four of our members attended the 67<sup>th</sup> State Convention in Maui June 21-23. We had a wonderful experience and we always enjoy connecting with our friends across the state.

It's BON DANCE season and we are looking for some additional help for our District's bon dances:

- Waipahu Hongwanji – July 13
- Waianae Hongwanji – July 20. Looking for help in the food booth.
- Pearl City Hongwanji – August 10
- Mililani Hongwanji – August 16 & 17. We will have 2 beverage locations this year.
- Aiea Hongwanji – August 24. We will be running the shave ice booth.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Aunty Aryn (information below) and she will put you in touch with Ty and Diandra who will be organizing our volunteers.



Do you have a set of reuseable flatware? No? Well guess what? You can purchase one from Jr. YBA! As an on-going fundraiser, we are selling sterling steel utensil sets which includes a fork, spoon, knife and chopsticks. The carrying case comes in red, blue, or black. Each set is \$7. Please contact a Jr. YBA member if you would like to purchase one of these sets! We want to encourage you to bring your own utensils and plate (or bento box or bowl, etc) for after service refreshments on Sunday. Available while supplies last!

We would also like to encourage you to attend the Triple Celebration in September! We want as many young people to attend as possible so please let us know if you are interested. We are having a Panda Express Fundraiser on Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> to help our Juniors attend. Please see the flyer in the newsletter and Thank you for all your support!



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

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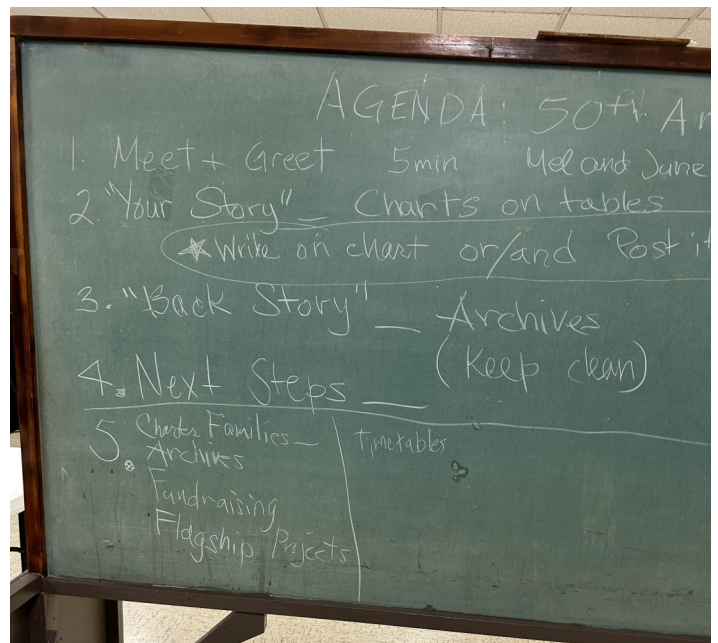
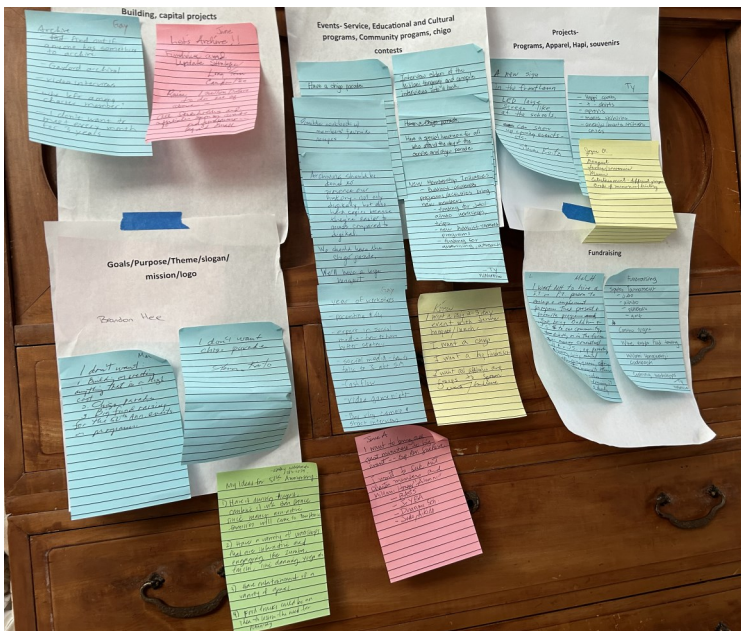
## Mililani Hongwanji Wants Your Participation

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Updates and Proposals Coffee Hour Meet and Greet to Get Your Ideas for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Year in 2027

The 8 individuals who made it to the first Coffee Hour Meet and Greet on Friday, June 14 from 6-8 PM had a productive and enjoyable evening and shared “Their Story” to their comfort levels! Their ideas are here and this board is the only record of the meeting. The dialogue continued on Sunday, July 16 and more shared. If you missed sharing your story or getting the lowdown on the “Back Story” or perusing the wagon load of “archives”, come to temple or contact June or Mel. Drop your ideas and wants into the kakimochi jar. Doesn’t have to be original. Look at the board and write “I want that too”. June and Mel have this evolving board available whenever you see us. Add more sheets anytime. Look for the kakimochi jar.

June and Mel and others are available to host these at your request—over the next few months and decisions will be made on all ideas and events and projects before the end of the year. Come look at the board and add your story.

Examples: 4 people want a chigo parade, 2 people don’t want a chigo parade. How about you and your family? What are our “Flagship Events”—Service and luncheon? Entertainment program? Go on a trip? Build something? How will we fund these events and projects to build a Resilient and Sustainable Mililani Hongwanji for the next 50 years and beyond. Get your post-it sheet(s) on the chart. One person wants to do a cookbook to fundraise.





# July Memorials

Those who have passed during the month

Ricky Chinen	Hisao Miyasaki
April Doi	Shintaro Murata
Kodo Fujitani	Robert Nakata
Tsuruhiko Fukuda	Chiyoko Nomura
Clarence Funasaki	Katsuji Nomura
Nancy Higa	Kuraichi Nomura
Chiyono Hirano	Owen Okada
Gisaku Hironaka	Jitsuichi Ota
Katsunosuke Hiyakumoto	Corwin Otsuka
Beverly Ikemori	Richard Oya
Gwen Inouye	Ukichi Sakutori
Kay Iwai	Kazumi Sanehira
Hinayo Kawahara	June Sato
Shigeto Matsuda	Katsumi Shigehara
Yukiyo Matsumoto	Toyoko Shigehara
Teruo Matsumura	Jiro Sugita
Henry J. Meyer	Stanley Tamoyoshi
Toshio Miyamoto	Masao Tashima
	Junichi Ukita

Please call (808) 625-0925 and/or email [dharmaconnection@gmail.com](mailto:dharmaconnection@gmail.com) if there are corrections or additions to the published list. Families may call the minister to schedule special family memorial services for their loved ones. For 2024, special memorial years are observed for loved ones who passed away in:

2023 1st Year	2012 13th Year	1992 33rd year
2022 3rd Year	2008 17th Year	1975 50th year
2018 7th Year	2000 25th year	



*You're Invited!*  
**Reverend Kenji Akahoshi**  
 returns to Mililani!

**“Buddhism: Clear & Simply!”**  
 How to think of life with the  
**“Attitude of Gratitude”**  
 Shifting our perspective from ME to WE!

**DATE:** Saturday, August 3, 2024  
**TIME:** 1:00 - 3:00 PM  
**PLACE:** Mililani Hongwanji Buddhist Temple  
 95-257 Kaloapau St.  
**RSVP:** [renemansho@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:renemansho@hawaii.rr.com) or  
[bit.ly/TSREYAKA](http://bit.ly/TSREYAKA) or 808-291-6151  
**IT'S FREE!** Come talk story! Ask your questions!  
**BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!**

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 and Waipahu Hongwanji . MAHALO NUI LOA!

**Kindness**      **Caring**

Do pure & beautiful deeds      Say pure & beautiful words

Listening      Gratitude      Compassion



## Dharma-Centered Living 101

Learn how to:

- Nurture spiritual development through character building,
- Cultivate compassionate and resilient human beings, and
- Communicate your values through the mindful use of technology.



Join us for an engaging and hands-on workshop with **D. Trinidad Hunt**  
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A Workshop Series designed to empower parents, grandparents, & educators with tools & strategies to share life lessons and skills based on Shin Buddhist values.

**Session 2 - Saturday, August 3 -- 9:30 am-12:30 pm**  
 In-Person on Oahu at Hawaii Betsuin (1727 Pali Hwy, Honolulu)  
 OR Via ZOOM across the state: **one site per district**

**This session will include: Kindness and Caring**


Bring Your Cell Phones!

**PLEASE REGISTER BY SATURDAY, JULY 13**  
 REGISTRATION LINK:  
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Please contact **Debbie Kubota** ([dekub88@gmail.com](mailto:dekub88@gmail.com)) if any questions arise.



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**Please Join Us...**

**7th & FINAL Session- Virtual Study Guide for Dharma Educators & Minister Assistants**  
 Presented by:  
**Reverend Kevin Kuniyuki**

Review & study essential Buddhist and Shin Buddhist concepts.

**Sunday, July 14 - 2:30-4 pm**  
 via ZOOM:  
 Four Sufferings, The Evildoer, Shinjin & Nembutsu, Jinen

**REGISTRATION LINK:**  
<https://forms.gle/aWHqcwAdGBDwNCz8>  
**DEADLINE: JULY 10 2024**  
 QUESTIONS?? Debbie Kubota [dekub88@gmail.com](mailto:dekub88@gmail.com)



## Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up

By: Tyler Oshiro, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator

A big MAHALO to the volunteers who helped with the second Adopt-A-Highway clean-up for the year on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Although we had to reschedule our original date due to all the rainy days in mid-May, the trash was no match for our fabulous crew of regulars—Arynn I, Brandon H, Dennis O, Lester O, Mas N, Mel H, Stan S, Stephen C, Stephen K, and Warren H! And we welcomed first time volunteer Curt Mutoke, who found out about this clean-up by reading the Dharma Connection! We'd also like to thank Ann I, Arynn I, and Lester O for helping with the refreshments, which included freshly baked butter mochi from Ann!

Mark your calendars—the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter clean-up is scheduled for **Saturday, August 24, 2024, 8am**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [tylerkoshiro@gmail.com](mailto:tylerkoshiro@gmail.com).



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## BON Country Store

The Country Store is full of scrumptious donations of baked and homemade goods, handmade craft items, garden plants, and vegetables homegrown by our donors! Donations of happi coats, yukatas, and kimonos are all welcome!

We have so many members and our community enjoying your delicious jams, jellies, tsukemono, takuan, pizzelles, sekihan, mochi, banana bread, energy bars, trail mixes, popcorn, boiled peanuts, and many other assortments of goodies, and we really thank you for the many years of your donations!

Please price items in dollar amounts before bringing your items.

We will be located in the temple building alongside the Silent Auction!

**The Drop off Times are: Thursday, August 15, 5:00 – 7:00 PM**

**Friday, August 16, 4:00 – 5:00 PM**

**Saturday, August 17, 4:00 – 5:00 PM**

Please sign up on the church bulletin board. If you have any questions contact Diane Yoza at (808) 342-1629 or email Diane at

[diane.yoza@gmail.com](mailto:diane.yoza@gmail.com), or Claire Doi at (808) 372-2198. See you all at Bon!

## Keirokai Recognition 2024

The Keirokai committee is making an early call for members of Mililani Hongwanji who will be 80 years of age this 2024 calendar year! The Keirokai Recognition Program will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2024, 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 Diane Yoza at [diane.yoza@gmail.com](mailto:diane.yoza@gmail.com) or by phone at (808) 342-1629.



# Mahalo for your DANA

(May 14, 2024 to June 8, 2024 )

## Funeral

Jennifer Hermosura

For Evelyn Shizue Maebo Park

## General Donation

Mililani Support Group

Brandon Hee

Karl & Carol Ann Kakehi

Dennis & Carrie Kawamoto

Georgiana Kobayashi

Georgiana Kobayashi

James & Karen Nakasone

Altar flowers

Parsonage donation

6 major services

## Gotan-E Service

Janet Abe

June Asato

Claire Doi

Luana Fukutomi

Warren & Nora Hahn

Melvin Hayase

Harley & Martha Ishii

Karl & Carol Ann Kakehi

Sharon Kaneko

Dennis & Carrie Kawamoto

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## Donation

State Termite & Pest Control, Inc.

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# Photo Gallery







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## Adult Day Center at Mililani Hongwanji

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

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

## Memorial Services

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

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

## Monthly Joint Memorial Service

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

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

**For those who wish to add or remove family members or friends from the published list, please email [dharma.connection@gmail.com](mailto:dharma.connection@gmail.com) as soon as possible to ensure proper action.**

## Minister’s Private Visitation

Are you unable to come to the temple? Please call 808-625-0925 to request a private visit. The minister would love to reach out to you and be the bridge between you, the temple and the Sangha!







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### Calendar

July 24 (Wed) 9:00 am Before service clean-up

28 (Sun) 11:00 am Monthly Service

Wednesdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm -

weekly hosha and Rev. Fujimoto's office hours.

### Post Bon Dance Kansha ~ Rev. David Fujimoto

On behalf of the Ewa Hongwanji President, Craig Tsutsumi, and the Bon Dance Committee, I would like to extend my heartfelt *kansha* (appreciation and gratitude that encourages focus on what we have, rather than what we lack) to everyone who participated and volunteered their time, in various aspects, at our recent Ewa Hongwanji Bon Dance.

We could not have done it without you! You the community (both in and out of Ewa), friends and family came out in force to the first live bon dance in almost half a decade! That is the true meaning of a vibrant Sangha! Seeing familiar faces and meeting new faces, as I made my way through the crowd, to meet and greet you was really touching. Thank you very much, and hope to see you all next year!!! The bon season is still young, please go out and support our other temples!



### President's Message

Aloha. Our live Bon Dance finally happened on Saturday, June 15, after four years of Covid. A huge MAHALO to all that was involved. We have all heard the saying "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't force it to drink." And another one - "Change comes from within." I'm too tired to write my interpretation of these sayings. Maybe, later? Have a good everyday, everybody.

In Gassho,

Craig T. Tsutsumi

### Mahalo for your Donations

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