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WE ARE FULLY OPEN

Welcome back! We are continuing our traditional Sunday Services. With the end of the mask mandate for indoor activities, our Sunday Services will include singing, chanting, and socializing in temple facilities. This has been a long time coming and many have not been to temple in awhile. **Due to the recent rise in COVID cases, we are highly recommending the use of masks.** Other temple activities are starting up again however, you should contact your program coordinators for specific details.

Namo Amida Butsu

January 2023 February 2023

- 1 10am- New Year's Day—Open House
11:30am
- 8 9:00am Joint Memorial and Family Service,
Installation of Kyodan Board &
BWA Officers for 2023
- 8 10:15am BWA Meeting
- 15 9:00am Ho'onko (Shinran Shonin's Memo-
rial Service) and Dharma School.
Guest Speaker: Rev. Blayne Higa,
Kona Hongwanji, BWA to serve
Zenzai
- 22 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma
School
- 29 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma
School, Guest Speaker: Mr. Pieper
Toyama

- 5 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma
School
- 12 9:00am Joint Memorial and Family Dharma
Service
- 12 10:15am BWA Meeting
- 18 8:00am Adopt-A-Highway Project
- 19 9:00am Dharma School Zoom Gathering
- 19 9:00am Family Dharma Service
- 26 9:00am Family Dharma Service & Dharma
School





New Year's Greeting

Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

In view of the Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022, as Nembutsu followers who have deeply inscribed in our hearts and minds Shinran Shonin's message of "May there be peace in the world," we firmly stand against the military infringement of the other nation's sovereignty, and also aspire for immediate return of peace in Ukraine.

Over the last year, COVID-19 continues to be a global pandemic. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to those who fell victim to the disease and express my sympathies to those who are undergoing treatment. I would also like to express my respect and sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and other frontline medical professionals who have been engaging in the treatment of infected people, as well as all essential workers who have made it possible for us to continue with our lives.

The pandemic has forced us to learn firsthand that we will continue to be confronted by unexpected situations even in modern times despite technologies both in science and medical fields being highly developed. Sakyamuni Buddha, who passed on the Dharma to us, made clear that there is no life nor entity in this world that lasts forever. This truth, the principle of impermanence, has never changed even in this time and age approximately 2500 years since his time. Another fact that does not change is our inability to accept this truth as it is, and because of this, we continue struggling.

This is the very reason why, regardless of the pandemic, we can rely on the Jodo Shinshu teaching clarified by Shinran Shonin, which guides us as a spiritual foundation that enables us to move forward even when being overwhelmed with difficulties. A gathering at the temple with Amida Buddha as its center provides a great opportunity to receive the Dharma as well as an occasion in which people can support and reassure one another as fellow practitioners who follow the same teaching.

I hope you will continue to share the teaching within the greater society through various ways and your temple will or continue to serve as a place where people can gather and find comfort in its activities. I humbly ask for your understanding and cooperation in support of your temples. I would like to conclude my new year's greeting with my heartfelt appreciation to you all.

January 1, 2023

OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

2023 Bishop's New Year's Message

My New Year's Resolution is...

Let me take this precious opportunity to wish you a sincere "Happy New Year!" More than any other time of the year, the start of the year is a time we are filled with hope and expectation for a brighter and better year.

While, we may have personal desires and goals for myself, let us not forget to also have more inclusive aspirations and goals which embraces all others. In the words of Mitsuo Aida, whose calligraphy piece for Gan (or Negai in vernacular Japanese) is reproduced here, he says very different from personal wishes centered only on oneself are wishes such as: may there be no wars, aspiring for peace and harmony in the world, and may our human contrivances not contribute further to the contamination of our natural environment of the land, sea, and air. When we sincerely embrace these sorts of wishes, they are referred to as "Gan" (or aspirations or vows). If held deeply in our hearts, even the tiniest aspiration will be reflected in our eyes and faces. May we embrace vows and aspirations within our means and contribute to a brighter prospect for our future.



When I look at Mitsuo Aida's calligraphy above, I am reminded of Amida Buddha's 48 Vows especially the Great Compassion of Amida Buddha which promises "If those who entrust themselves to my Vow should not be born [in my (Pure) land], I shall not become Buddha." which expresses Amida Buddha great aspiration by conditioning the Buddha's own Supreme Enlightenment with the Enlightenment of all others including you and me. Could there be a greater wish or aspiration? Please reflect on this matter.

Further, let us make manifest our Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Theme & Slogan for 2023 which is "Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together." As Shinran Shonin rejoiced in one of his poems, *The light of compassion illumines from afar; Those beings it reaches, it is taught, Attain the Joy of the Dharma, So take refuge in Amida, the great consolation.*

Do not keep that joy and happiness of the Nembutsu hidden within you. Culturally, for many of us, being reserved and somewhat stoic is a culturally emphasized trait, but when it comes to the Joy of Buddha-Dharma, "No enryo (Don't hesitate)" would be my recommendation. Let it flow from the depths of your being outward and allow it to be known to others. This is, one way, we are able to share our joy. Needless to say, this "Sharing Joy Together" is not limited to our close circle of family and friends, but it does start with them.

To conclude, once again, I hope you detached Gomonshu's "Our Pledge" from last year's Hawaii Kyodan Calendar and have it where you and others can see and recite it daily as it shares how we can live our life together. As I express my best wishes to you for a happy, joyous and meaningful New Year, please join me in awareness, joy and gratitude of Great Wisdom and Compassion which guides, nurtures, and embraces us (eventually transforms with birth in the Pure Land of Enlightenment), to recite Namo Amida Butsu or The Buddha's Name Which I Call (in gratitude) in response to Namo Amida Butsu or The Buddha's Name That Calls Me (to entrust). Namo Amida Butsu. Thank you and, once again, "Happy New Year" from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's Office of the Bishop.

In gassho/anjali, Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop
January 1, 2023

President's New Year's Message for 2023
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

Happy New Year! Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu! Hauoli Makahiki Hou!

I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and in good spirits as we enter the New Year, 2023. The COVID-19 situation in the USA has improved over the past year with the development of effective and safe vaccines and antiviral treatments. However, over 1 million Americans (and much more worldwide) have died since the pandemic started in 2020. The COVID-19 virus still results in serious illness and death for susceptible people. Therefore, we must continue to be cautious and respectful of others. Simple guidelines that we can follow include vaccination, staying home when sick, handwashing and wearing masks when close to others. Please try to be safe as we re-open our temples.



As we move into the new year, we will reflect often on our theme and slogan for 2023, "**Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together**". As we reflect, let us remember the concept of **ondobo-ondogyo** as a guide to our thoughts and action. Shinran used this phrase to explain that we are all fellow travelers, or companions on the Nembutsu path. Shinran saw himself as an ordinary person, a *bombu* (foolish person) walking the Nembutsu path along with his Dharma friends. In Shinran's view, we are all equal. As fellow travelers, we share each other's joys and sorrows, each other's burdens and celebrations. In **ondobo-ondogyo**, there is a profound sense that we are equal and interdependent. Also, with the spirit of **ondobo-ondogyo** there is a natural experience of gratitude as we give support, and we are in turn supported by the presence of our fellow travelers.

As we look back on our journey for the past few years, let us express our appreciation to our ministers and temple leaders for their dedication, resilience and creativity in sharing the Nembutsu teachings with our community under difficult circumstances. And, let us continue on our journey in joy and gratitude for Amida's universal and unconditional compassion for all.

With Gassho,

Warren Tamamoto



Minister's Message



New Year's Message: Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together

Happy New Years Everyone! For many of us, as we greet the new year, there is a sense of much expectations and excitement. Personally, for me, there is much to look forward to this year.



The 2023 Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's Slogan and Theme is "Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together. Joy, as Shinran understood it, is this feeling one gets as one hears the Name Namo Amida Butsu. In hearing the Name, one realizes the gift of the entrusting heart from Amida Buddha and the end result is a surge of joy.

In this realizing this joy, we also realize that we are not alone. Others too may feel this joy, or we may aspire others to realize this same joy. This aspiration is important in our tradition as we realize the entrusting heart and, in that joy, we aspire others to realize that joy also.

Recently, someone donated some books and in rummaging through the books, someone asked me if I read a certain book. I replied that I didn't and so she had commented that she had read this book when she was going through a bad time in her life, and it really helped her to cope with her situation.

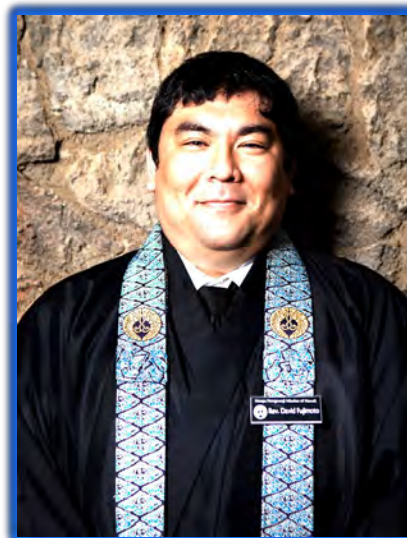
I had a sudden curiosity as to why this was such. So in a matter of several nights, I read the book and felt, while that feeling she had, cannot be replicated in me, I felt the embrace of the compassion of Amida in me.

To me, that is a prime example of the theme and slogan, It is the idea that we are not alone in this world and how we should be positively nurturing others to feel that embrace of Amida, and in that, together we share that joy together, just as she did with me, so that we can aspire others.

This year in Kyoto, we will be celebrating the 800th Anniversary of the establishment of the Jōdo Shinshū Teaching. As we celebrate this momentous event, let us together share in the Teachings of Shinran, and create an environment in which we can build a great Sangha that we be nurtured in the joy of the gift of the entrusting heart rooted in Infinite Wisdom and Incomprehensible Compassion.



Once again, Happy New Years Everyone! Lets have a great year together in the Nembutsu!



Rev. David Fujimoto

President's Corner

Happy New Year!

A big Mahalo to our Sangha for pulling together for another banner year Mililani Hongwanji in 2022 as we celebrated our 45th Anniversary. To our innovative and bold leaders, Rev. David Fujimoto and President Dean Sakamoto—Great job! To our affiliates, committees, Dharma School and volunteer groups—Great job! To our community partners—Adult Day Care, Kumon and MTA—gratitude and let's continue to enjoy this great community. To all of you—we ask for your continued support in 2023.

As your president for 2023 I am looking forward to seeing you all back on our temple campus as we kick off planning for Mililani Hongwanji's 50th year in 2027. Some of us will journey to Japan in the spring to visit the Mother Temple for the 850th memorial for our founder, Shinran Shonin, for the 800th Anniversary of the founding of the Hongwanji and for the 17th World BWA Convention. See you around and call me about your goals and aspirations for Mililani Hongwanji for 2023 and beyond!



June Asato

Metta, June Asato

Summary of December 14, 2022

Kyodan Board Meeting

- The Mililani Hongwanji Board of Directors met via ZOOM with a quorum. President Dean Sakamoto conducted the meeting from CA.
- Welcomed 2023 newly elected Board member Brad Wakahiro and new advisor Masami Nishimoto.
- Treasurer's Report presented for the month ending November 30, 2022. Final quarterly Hawaii Kyodan Assessment was made in November. Noted that 2023 Assessment is anticipated to increase by about \$10K. Utilities cost have been steadily increasing. 2023 Minister's salary and FB will likely increase with new salary schedule based on inflationary rate.
- New Hall Rental Policy/Form to be reviewed by VPs for Operations and Facilities and recommend any changes if any.
- Updated contact information for new Board will be forwarded to HHMH.
- New Board orientation to be provided to new members.
- Bon Committee will be ordering 1,000 bon dance towels with a new design. Should be enough for 2 years.
- New Adult Day Center contract signed and filed.
- BWA, Diane Yoza: Held final dinner meeting on Dec. 9th, will be serving Zenzai after Ho'onko Service, hosting Oahu United BWA meeting Feb. 5., DANA Day Feb. 12.
- Temple Clean Up, December 18, 9:00 am.



BWA News



With 2023, Year of the Rabbit upon us, here's wishing you all a Happy New Year, full of good health, happiness, and peace. The years have a way of zipping by, so cherish every day, make each hour count, and remember to live a life of gratitude.

The BWA celebrated the end of 2022 with our annual meeting and potluck dinner. We started with an ice breaker, then enjoyed a bountiful dinner, held our monthly meeting, introduced two guests, Mari Wakahiro and Chie Shiotsuga, stuck our hands in a bag to retrieve a "naughty or nice"

favor, sang Christmas carols, and ended the evening by singing "The Twelve Days of Christmas", Hawaiian style, led by Rene Mansho. We also recognized two members who had perfect attendance -- "congratulations" to Diane and Joyce O.



The Mililani Adult Day Care requested entertainment for their Thanksgiving potluck, so 3 members, Rene, Diane, and June, attended, and entertained them with songs. The staff was very grateful and looks forward to more activities with the BWA.



We'd like to acknowledge Joyce Ogawa for organizing volunteers who make lunch for the Thursday Crew, which consists of men who maintain the temple grounds by cleaning, painting, mowing, landscaping, etc. They work tirelessly under the, sometimes, brutally hot sun, so the BWA will be preparing a meal once a month for them. Diane has made an appeal to all members to make greater effort to attend our activities, such as Ehime Maru cleanup and the Kupuna activities. Any organization is made stronger by the participation of its members.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on January 8, 2023, at 10:15 am.

Mililani Hongwanji BWA Scholarship

The Mililani Hongwanji BWA is offering a \$1,500 scholarship to post high schooling and training. Members of the BWA, their children and grandchildren may apply.

The scholarship is one of the major programs of the BWA, which has awarded scholarships to over 16 applicants.

Application forms are available on line at the Mililani Hongwanji website. Go to [Mililani Hongwanji.org](http://MililaniHongwanji.org), click on Activities and Organizations. Then click on Buddhist Women's Association and go to BWA Scholarship. Deadline to submit application is March 6. If you have any questions, email Diane Yoza (chairperson) at diane.yoza@gmail.com.





Dharma School

Happy 2023, The Year of the Rabbit! Wishing a very good year especially for those born in 2011 and celebrating their second Rabbit year since their birth.

We only had one class on December 4th, due to the holidays. We ended 2022 with a book reading from our guest teacher, Lani Yamami. Ms. Lani read “Stone Soup,” one of several popular versions of the classic story. We appreciate Ms. Lani taking the time to read the wonderful story for us. In the spirit of sharing, the students then made a trail mix with ingredients each person brought it. The ingredients, when combined, made a



yummy trail mix for all to share. We also had visitors from Waipahu Hongwanji—Kara and her daughter Liana. We hope they visit us again soon.

But the book reading and trail mix making weren't the only activities on the schedule for our last class of the year. The students took part in Knockerball fun, thanks to Ms. Gay and the Oahu Jr. YBA. Everyone who participated (and the people who just watched too) had a fun time!

We have a great schedule planned for the rest of the 2022-2023 Dharma School year. Here is our schedule for the month of January:

Sunday, January 15th, 10am: “Rainbow & Me” – Part 1

Sunday, January 22nd, 10am: “Rainbow & Me” – Part 2

Sunday, January 29th, 10am: Introduce the 2023 Oahu District Poster Contest

We will not be meeting on January 1st in observance of New Year's Day. Instead, we hope our Dharma School families will visit the temple for the walk-through New Year's Day activity—offer incense, ring the temple bell, and get some goodies to start off 2023. And as usual, we don't have class on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

If you know a student (preschool to high school), in Mililani, Hawaii, or even on the mainland, who would like to join in on our sessions, please contact Claire Doi at claire-doi@hawaiiantel.net to be added to our email list to get our meeting agendas and links. Or please feel to contact us if you have any questions or need more info about our Dharma School sessions.



Open Invitation to All...

4th VIRTUAL STATE DHARMA SCHOOL GATHERING

Sunday, February 19, 2023

9:00 am – 12 noon



“Sharing Joy
Together”

2023 Honpa Hongwanji of Hawaii Slogan



9:00 AM: SERVICE
Dharma Message by
Acting Rimban Yuika
Hasebe of Honpa
Hongwanji Hawaii
Betsuin

**9:40 AM: DHARMA
SCHOOL & ADULT
BREAKOUT ROOMS**

10:30 – 11:00 AM:
MAIN ROOM –
DS/Adult Groups

11:00 AM:
**DS FAMILY
SESSION ENDS**

**11:10 AM: DS
TEACHERS/
EDUCATORS
SESSION:**
Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki
presents a new
Dharma School
Resource/Open
Sharing of successful
DS activities

12:00 PM: END



**RSVP Deadline
is February 4.**

Click on the following link to
register:

<https://forms.gle/a8XYUgWvQsAWZ53k>

Any Questions? Please contact: Debbie
Kubota: dekub88@gmail.com

Gathering Zoom Link will
be emailed to participants
by Friday, **February 17.**

A Commission on
Buddhist Education
(CBE) Project of
Honpa Hongwanji
Mission of Hawaii

2023 Gojikai (Dues) Pledges



Gojikai members should have received their Annual Pledge Renewal Letters for 2023. Your generous support of Mililani Hongwanji will help to spread the teachings of the Buddha and fund the operations of the temple.

If you have not submitted your pledge letters, please do so by January 15, 2023.

If you have not received your pledge letter or would like to enroll as a Gojikai member, please contact President: June Asato or Treasurer: Cliff Togo or email a request to:

dharma.connection@gmail.com

In Gassho, Namo Amida Butsu



Social Concerns Fund Drive

Mahalo to all of you who have responded to our solicitation of the HHMH Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive.

Because of your commitment to promoting the Buddhist values of compassion and loving kindness, we are able to lend our support to organizations such as Project Dana, MA'O Farms, the American Red Cross Pacific Region, Ohana Arts, A Cup of Cold Water and various food banks on each island.

If you have not made your contributions, or know of others who would like to contribute to this fund raising effort, please make checks payable to Mililani Hongwanji and mail to P O Box 893308, Mililani, HI 96789. Mililani Hongwanji will then send a check to HHMH on your behalf. Mahalo for your generosity.

*Hurray for
the return of...*

2023 Oahu District Poster Contest

Sponsored by the Oahu District Buddhist Education Committee (ODBEC)



- Theme:** “Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together”
This is the Hongwanji’s 2023 Theme and Slogan
- Materials:** 12"x18" paper will be provided.
- Media:** All forms (ink, crayon, pencil, paint, pen, charcoal, collage, computer-generated graphics) will be accepted. Entries must be relatively flat, easily transportable, and not fragile.
- Message:** Encourage each child to include a message, title or caption on their poster.
- Entries:** No limit on the number of entries per Dharma School. Entries will also be accepted from children of temple families who are not in a Dharma School.
- Categories:**
- | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Division I | Pre-school, Kindergarten |
| Division II | Grades 1 - 2 |
| Division III | Grades 3 - 5 |
| Division IV | Grades 6 - 8 |
| Division V | Grades 9 - 12 |
- Awards:** For each division as follows:
- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| First place | \$25 |
| Second place | \$20 |
| Third place | \$10 |
| Honorable Mention | \$5 (optional award at judges' discretion) |
- Judges:** Three people selected by the ODBEC will judge all poster entries.
- Deadline:** All entries should be submitted by **March 5, 2023** at Sangha Day or dropped off prior to the deadline at Wahiawa Hongwanji.
- Identification:** Each entry should have the student’s information on the back bottom middle of their poster (cut below and affix to the back of the poster).

Name _____ Grade _____

Temple _____ Division _____

Sangha Day

Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission

March 5, 2023

8:00 am to 1:00 pm



Sustainability:

Ancient Practices in a Modern World

Bento Choices (\$12.00)

- Bento 1: Teri Beef, Fried Chicken, Fish Tempura, White Rice, Shoyu long rice, Corn niblets
- Bento 2: Vegetarian Maki & Oshi Sushi, Sweet Potato Tempura, Vegetable Nishime, Yaki Tofu Steak, Namasu, and Hijiki (black seaweed mix)

Sign up for your choices with your temple. Each temple will be sending in the total order by February 5, 2023 to carolyn2048@gmail.com. Payment will be collected on March 5, 2023.

Speakers:

Steven Bolosan
Ku'uipo Garrido



Please return this bottom section with payment to Mililani Hongwanji's Sangha Day Coordinator, June Asato, by Sunday, January 29, 2023. Make check payable to Mililani Hongwanji. Please use this form to RSVP even if you are not ordering a bento.

Mililani Hongwanji will submit the number of participants and one payment (check) to Wahiawa Hongwanji.

Contact Person: _____ Phone #: _____

attending: high school or adults: _____
of students in Pre-K to grade 2: _____
of students grade 3 to 5: _____
of students grade 6 to 8: _____

Bento Order

Bento 1 _____ X \$12 = \$ _____
Bento 2 _____ X \$12 = \$ _____
Total _____ \$ _____

January Memorials

Those who have passed during the month of January.

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

Please call the minister at (808) 625-0925 and/or email dharm.connection@gmail.com if there are corrections or additions to the published list. Families may call the minister to schedule special family memorial services for their loved ones. For 2023, special memorial years are observed for loved ones who passed away in:

2022 1st Year	2007 17th Year	1991 33rd year
2021 3rd Year	1992 23rd Year	1974 50th year
2017 7th Year	1999 25th year	1924 100th year
2011 13th Year		



RAIN, AND MORE RAIN: NO PROBLEM

What turned out to be a rainy START to our annual temple clean-up, 2022, turned out to also be a rainy END to our annual temple clean-up. But rain or shine, mostly rain, the approximately 29 brave souls, who magically appeared, did a marvelous job of cleaning the temple and educational buildings.

Our eager youngsters, Maya and Tanner Nakamoto, encouraged the adults to match their enthusiasm and willingness to get in the "dirt" and make the temple sparkle once more.

Thank you to all who braved the elements and came to clean "our spiritual home." You all deserve a medal of bravery and persistence.

2023 Adopt-A-Highway Schedule

- February 18th
- May 27th
- August 26th
- November 18th



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



FYI...



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2023 Temple Board

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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 let Rev. Fujimoto know as soon as possible to ensure proper action.

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 White for more information at (808) 561-2147. We are OPEN 5 Days a week Monday thru Fridays from 8am-5pm; most Saturdays upon availability with shortened hours. 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 Rev. David Fujimoto at 808.625.0925 to request a private visit. The minister would love to reach out to you and be the bridge between you, the temple and the sangha!



Mahalo for your DANA

(November 15, 2022 to December 12, 2022)

45th Anniversary Celebration

Janet Abe
Trudy Akamine
June Asato
Kevin Asato
Twila Castellucci
Claire Doi
Richard & Joyce Fujimoto
Warren & Nora Hahn
Arynn Ishikawa
Sharon Kaneko
Mamoru & Ethel Kawahara
Lawrence & Joyce Nishioka
Dean & Doreen Sakamoto
Stanley & Carol Sasaki
Charles & June Shimata
Clifford Togo
Gordon & Lyn Watanabe
Diane Yoza

50th Anniversary Celebration

June Asato
June Asato

Via Give Aloha

General Donation

Kenneth & Lynne Aoki
Earl & Cynthia Asato
Sharon Freitas
Mamoru & Ethel Kawahara
Wayne Morimoto
James & Karen Nakasone
Earl & Amy Nishimoto
Elena Tom

Dedication of new home
Going Green Donation
Via Give Aloha
Via Give Aloha

Via Give Aloha

Joint Memorial Service

Janet Abe
Sharon Freitas
Mamoru & Ethel Kawahara
Elsie Morikawa
Mace Mutobe
Mace Mutobe
Arnold & Sandra Okubo
Frances Saito
Raymond & Ethel Shiroma
Margaret Tanabe
Diane Yoza

IMO Richard Abe, Kazuo Okino, Haruko Toma
IMO Charles Oishi
IMO Satoshi Kawahara
IMO Paul Morikawa
IMO Ryujin & Chiyoko
IMO June Mutobe
IMO Kiyoe Tanioka
IMO Chizuko Takayama, Donald Saito
IMO Isao & Haruko Kawamoto
IMO Sueo Tanabe
IMO Brian Nakamura

Memorial Service

June Ogawa

3rd Yr Memorial Service Wayne S Ogawa

Newsletter Donation

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Bodhi Day Service

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Eitaikyo Service

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Calendar

Jan	01 (Sun)	8:00 am	New Year's Service
	19 (Thu)	9:00 am	Before service clean-up
	22 (Sun)	11:00 am	Ho'onoko Service

President's Message

Hi. A decision must be made soon if we are going to have our Bon Dance on Saturday, June 17, 2023. We want it of course! But will we have enough volunteers for this to happen? Stay tuned. Our Senator Daniel Inouye passed away 10 years ago. To me, the newspaper article showed a good example of compromises, change, and hope. Ewa is now Ewa Beach. More houses and cars. Can I get used to it? Have a good everyday, everybody.

In Gassho,
Craig T. Tsutsumi

Temple Update

Our General Membership Meeting was held on Sunday, December 18th after our Bodhi Day Service. The amended bylaws have been approved, effective immediately.

Our lighting fixtures have been upgraded to LED through Hawaii Energy's Energy Advantage Program. AESolutions retrofitted all of our lighting fixtures at no cost to the temple ~ Mahalo!

Mahalo for your Donations

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Ms. Caran Iwata
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Ms. Rae Wakimura
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2023 Memorial Anniversaries

Nenki Hoyo Memorial Services are held during certain anniversary years for families to gather to encounter and listen to the Buddha Dharma and to remember family members and friends who have passed on. The following is a list of memorial anniversaries for 2023. If you would like to schedule a memorial service, please contact Rev. David Fujimoto at 808-625-0925. Services may be held in person (according to current social distancing protocols) or virtually.

1st Year ~ 2022

Apr 13 Beatrice Tashiro
Apr 19 Bertram Yasui
Jun 18 Miyoko Kaneshiro

3rd Year ~ 2021

Jan 8 Ernest Wakimura
Feb 16 Yemiko Yamamoto
Aug 22 Fujie Fukeda
Nov 20 Hakaru Tamura

7th Year ~ 2017

Jun 26 Masue Goto

13th Year ~ 2011

Jan 19 Dorothy Kawakami
Feb 6 Toshio Orita
Apr 20 Namie Iwata
May 26 Shizue Oshiro

17th Year ~ 2007

Jan 23 Masaye Murakami
Feb 12 Mitsue Kawamoto
Aug 24 Wataru Kidani
Oct 12 Edwin Kazunaga

25th Year ~ 1999

Jan 13 Elsie Itamoto
Jan 19 Lillian Kawakami
Mar 30 Takeo Yasui
Apr 14 Terry Kono
Apr 25 Clarence Hong
Jul 19 Matsuko Katakura
Aug 17 Wallace Kimura
Oct 23 Giukichi Oshiro
Dec 4 Kiyoshi Yasui

33rd Year ~ 1991

Jan 15 Toyo Nitani
Feb 11 Kazuo Izumihara
Apr 29 Eimatsu Tanouye
Apr 30 Fujie Fujiwara
Jun 6 Seishin Nagamine
Nov 14 Kenneth Terao

50th Year - 1974

Aug 30 Yoroazu Fujishige
Nov 7 Shigeno Kono

Rev. David Fujimoto's office hours at Ewa Hongwanji ~ Thursdays 9:00 am-11:00 am.
You may also contact him at 808-625-0925 (Mililani Hongwanji Office) or leave a message on Ewa Hongwanji's voicemail at 808-681-5222.

Keep informed of what's happening at Ewa Hongwanji - <https://bit.ly/3bKGt2f>