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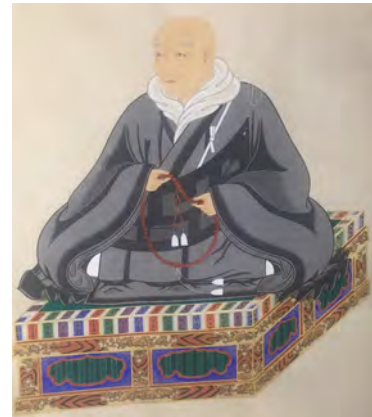
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# Dharma Connection

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## May 2025

- 4 9:00am Family Dharma Service and Dharma School. Speaker: Rev. Sol Kalu
- 11 9:00am Joint Memorial and Family Dharma Service
- 11 10:15am BWA Meeting
- 18 9:00am Baccalaureate Service and Luncheon  
Speaker: Gay Tanaka
- 25 9:00am Shinran's Birthday (Gotan-e)  
Family Dharma Service and last day  
of Dharma School

## June 2025

- 1 9:00am Family Dharma Service
- 8 9:00am Joint Memorial and Family Dharma Service
- 8 10:15am BWA Meeting
- 15 9:00am Family Dharma Service
- 22 9:00am Family Dharma Service  
Speaker: Steve Chinen
- 29 9:00am Family Dharma Service  
Speaker: Brandon Hee

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



## “Let Us Place the Buddhist Flag in Mililani”

Six years ago, my father visited the Buddhist country, Sri Lanka. After returning to Japan, he was so excited to share his experience in Sri Lanka with me. He showed me many pictures that he took when he went to see the Perahera Festival in Colombo, which was held to pay homage to the sacred tooth relic of Buddha. My father was surprised to see that Buddhist flags were everywhere in the city.

The Buddhist Flag was designed in 1885 by the American Buddhist scholar, Henry Steele Olcott, and Hikkaduwe Sri Sumangala Thera of Sri Lanka. It has been adopted by all Buddhists as the flag of international Buddhism. The flag is made up of six colors, which the sutras say emanated from the head of Shakyamuni Buddha soon after his awakening and again on his deathbed. It consists of vertical stripes of blue, yellow, red, white, and ochre (old Buddhist flag = green, yellow, red, white, and purple), and a sixth stripe incorporating the five other colors in horizontal bars, to make up a stripe of “non-color.”

We, Shin Buddhists, are reminded of the “Amida Sutra,” which states, “There are lotus flowers, as large as chariot wheels, growing in the pools. Those of blue color emit blue radiance; those of yellow color emit yellow radiance; those of red color emit red radiance; those of white color emit white radiance. They are exquisite, wonderful, fragrant and pure.” Also, in the “Larger Sutra,” it says, “Moreover, lotus flowers made of all kinds of jewels are strewn everywhere in that world. Each jeweled flower has hundred thousand kotis of petals, sending out rays of light of countless kinds colors. Those of blue color emit blue radiance; those of white color emit white radiance. Likewise, the black, yellow, red, and purple ones each emit their own color of light.”

In each case, it is explained how each lotus of the Pure Land shines brilliantly in its respective color. We who are the same in practicing the nembutsu will eventually be born from that pure lotus. I would like to put up the Buddhist Flag at every major service at Mililani Hongwanji, and Hanamatsuri (Buddha’s birthday) and Bodhi Day services. Our next major service is Shinran Shonin’s Birthday (Gotane) Service on Sunday, May 25. Let us look at the Buddhist Flag fluttering in the wind and think of the lotuses shining in the Pure Land.

(Shinran Shonin explained “*pure lotus*” as follows, the lotus appearing when Amida attained Buddhahood. The sentient beings who come to be born from this lotus are the same in practicing the nembutsu and follow no other way. *The Collected Works of Shinran*, P. 364)



Courtesy of Rev. Kodo Kamuro  
Perahera Festival in Colombo,  
Sri Lanka in February 2019

# ***Rene's Review***

**Aloha Friends!**

**BIG, BIG, BIG MAHALO TO BOY SCOUT TROOP 164 and Eagle Scout Candidate, Mr. Dane Nakayama, for painting the exterior of our temple building! Scoutmaster John Guris must be so proud!**

**They wanted to show their appreciation for allowing them to meet on Monday evenings in our temple. Can you tell how wonderful the fresh coat of paint makes a difference! We will continue to support the mission of the Boy Scouts of America trained in responsible citizenship, character development, and self-reliance through participation in a wide range of activities and educational programs. All we can say is, that we are “blessed, fortunate” to be able to enjoy life’s many adventures along the way. We always say, “Okagesama de” because of you, our ancestors, our predecessors, our family, friends and colleagues, that enable us to live such full and interesting lives, right? Mililani Hongwanji is a**



**President  
Rene Mansho**

**friendly and happy place where you can meet up with old friends and make new friends, and who knows what’s next.**

**Everyone enjoyed the Happy Buddha Day ceremonies, the Hanamatsuri Celebration of Buddha’s Birth, and the beautiful blossoms of his birth in Lumbini Garden and sweet tea pouring over the infant Buddha statue, representing that sweet tea was raining at his birth. I was honored to be asked to be the guest speaker for Hanamatsuri at Jikoen Hongwanji. Most memorable to be in such a historic temple and grand social hall where their members cook for Sunday refreshments, hot dogs and corn chowder was on the menu, but the best part was that I brought our Mililani Sangha with me. Yup, I shared the famous signature treats of our Sangha, the famous Joyce Nishioka freshly baked, Pizelle cookies! Joyce made a ton of cookies to eat, share, and take home at Jikoen. Everyone was so happy! Lucky me receiving their thanks for Joyce’s goodies!**

**Good news coming soon! If you enjoyed our Mililani Spring Fling Craft Fair, wait until you experience our first Mililani Family Fun Day! Details in the planning, let us know if you have any suggestions to make this another community signature event like our Annual Bon Dance.**

**In the meantime, please support our Honpa Peace Day Committee project “Partners for Peace” on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-4:00 PM, at Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission, FREE ADMISSION. Author Stephen Miwa and the Larry Miwa Foundation will be donating all proceeds for sale of his book, “Ganbare! Hiroshima, Never Give Up!” , to “*Peace on Your Wings*” for their summer performances in Hiroshima to promote Peace. He is having a book-signing, and we will hear some songs from the musical *Peace on Your Wings*. In addition, the Royal Hawaiian Band will play Songs of Peace, and we’ll also be selling KC Waffle Dogs for Peace! I will have free tickets for reserved seats. Call, text, or email me to reserve your tickets to enjoy the program which starts promptly at 2:00 PM.**

**Finally, please come on May 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service where our Guest Speaker will be Rev. Sol Kalu, whom we hold very dear in our hearts because when we had no minister last year, Rev. Sol came to our rescue for 5 months until our resident minister Rev. Kamuro arrived in August. We had so much fun with Rev. Sol, and especially when he sang to us his favorite song, “Dahil Sayo,” He is also officially retiring from Honpa Hongwanji June 30<sup>th</sup>. Now he can really enjoy life and be that awesome free spirit! Please com on May 4<sup>th</sup> to say hello as we honor and thank him for his years of service.**

**Please continue to ask me questions and/or share your ideas!**

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**Me ke aloha pumehana and Ki wo tsukete!**

**Rene**



## Summary of April 9, 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 March 31, 2025 Financial Report was presented. The report reflects the actual amounts for March with budget allocations included. Net Operating Results (NOR) was positive for the month of March. Major sources of income continue to be from ADC, Pledges (dues), Donations, and Other Rental income. Major expenses were Minister's Salary and FB, Utilities, Office & Altar, and Building Committee R&M. Report accepted, subject to audit.
- **Minister's Report:** (Rev. Kamuro) Written report received showing various meetings, services, seminars, and other activities for the current and future months. Received shipment of Rev. Suehira's book "Shinran: the Hardships of His Life." Rev. Suehira wrote in the afterword of the book, "It is my sincere hope that this work will help the members of Mililani Hongwanji and Hawaii Hongwanji understand Jodo Shinshu." Rev. Kamuro is distributing copies to Mililani Hongwanji Gojikai members. Rev. Sol Kalu (Windward Buddhist Temple) will be retiring on July 31, 2025. Mililani Hongwanji will express appreciation for his services during the temple's ministerial transition period. Rev. Sol Kalu will be our guest speaker for the Family Dharma Service on May 4, 2025. Members are encouraged to attend and give him a warm Aloha in his retirement. Rev. Kamuro expressed appreciation to those who decorated the beautiful "Hanamido" for Buddha's Birthday (Hanamatsuri) Service.
- **President's Report:** (Rene M) Participated in the Wahiawa Pineapple Festival, invited by Rev. Nishiyama to be a guest speaker at the Jikoen Hongwanji Mission. The Hawaii State Lay Association (HSLA) will be coming out with its first Bulletin to announce the upcoming Convention on Sept. 12-13 at the Betsuin. Participation is encouraged from Mililani Hongwanji.
- **BWA Report:** (Lani Y) Held its annual Spring Luncheon at Gyotaku on April 6. Twenty-eight members and guests attended. Special speaker was Karen Oshiro who talked about home safety. Everyone went home with nice gifts and prizes. Next function: Eshinni-Kakushinni Service. Guest speaker will be Edythe Vassall from Hilo Betsuin. Light lunch will be provided. Ehime-Marui cleaning on April 6, with lunch at Rinka to follow. In the process of reviewing two applicants for the BWA Scholarship. Mahalo to Luana Fukutomi who coordinated the successful Zippy's Fundraiser. The World BWA Convention was going to be at the Hawaii Convention Center but may need to be relocated due to upcoming renovations.
- **VP Operations:** (Kevin A) Approved by the Board to move forward in planning for a Community event on MHM property with a local restaurateur. Further approvals will be needed as plans are solidified. May be seeking quotes from other insurers for both temple and hurricane policies.
- **VP Facilities:** (Steve K) Flag pole rope replaced and flags are being flown for special services and major temple activities. Repaired Ed Bldg kitchen faucet and cabinets. Prepping for Boy Scout's Eagle Project to repaint 1st floor exterior of the Temple Building. Planting various tropical flowering plants along back fence to be used for altar decoration.
- **VP Religious & Temple Activities:** (Dean S) Continue to update calendar for service MCs, guest speakers, etc. Dharma School is doing well with Alex and Crystal King on board. Alex and Steven C will be attending a mainland conference representing Mililani and other Hawaii temples. Yuma Kamuro and Minako Kamuro have started their Japanese Language and calligraphy classes respectively.
- **Jr. YBA:** (Gay T) Thanks for donating pet items for the Oahu SPCA, support was overwhelming. Filled 104 manju orders made at Waipahu Hongwanji. Manjus were sold out at Mililani Hongwanji's "Spring Fling". President Yuma Kamuro is doing a great job leading the Oahu United. Preparing for State Convention in June hosted by Honolulu United.
- **Other Reports or Announcements:**
  - David Thomson - Solar Proposal deferred, as more data is being reviewed by contractor
  - June Asato - Kyodan Scholarship applications are currently being accepted.
  - Eagle Scout Project - Scout (Dane N) will coordinate lower temple building repainting in April.
  - MTA cell tower contractor trenching power line along property boarder. Lester O coordinator.
  - Mililani Hongwanji Mission registered trade name "Mililani Buddhist Temple" with the DCCA for 5 years.
  - MTA Senior Fair, May 2, Rec Ctr 5, Affiliated organizations and temple groups will be participating.
  - Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 7:00pm via ZOOM. (All meetings are usually on the 2nd Wednesday of the month via Zoom)



# BWA News

Gyotaku-Waimalu was the site of our annual BWA Membership Meeting and Spring Luncheon on Sunday, April 6. It was attended by 26 members who enjoyed great fellowship and delicious food.

President Lani Yamami welcomed members and led them in reciting the BWA Pledge. Reverend Joshin Kamuro followed with Words of Thanksgiving

"It takes a village to organize our event," said Spring Luncheon Chair, Aileen Sato. Aileen is extremely grateful and thanks the following volunteers and donors for making the Spring Luncheon a success:

Speaker - Karen Oshiro

Carpool Drivers - June Asato, Luana Fukutomi, Warren Hahn, Susan Kakuda, Aileen Sato, and Lani Yamami

Sharon Kaneko for the beautiful purple origami boxes

Claire Doi- senbei and snacks

Christine Sato-Lightner - scrubbies for dish washing and crochet bottle openers

Lani - webbed material for bottle openers

Lenora Inoue - wrapping materials and game

June Asato, Joyce Ogawa, and Nora Hahn for door prizes

Twila Castellucci and Joyce O. for their financial expertise

Mahalo to MHBWA for taking care of the tax and tip

Karen Oshiro, MHBWA Member and Assistive Technology Professional spoke on "SAFE AT HOME". Many in the audience felt a personal connection as they serve as caregivers to Kapunas and Keikis in their homes. Handrails, exterior and interior ramps, and a safe environment in the home were just a few of the many concerns that were addressed. "Little thought is given to having a service technician check out large appliances in the home(washer-dryers, air conditioners, stove, water heaters, etc.) for safety. "We thank Karen for her thought-provoking speech and for sharing handwouts of Safe At Home Checklists to identify home safety, fall prevention, and accessibility modifications.

Lenora's game "Who Am I" was fun with 25 mind-boggling and hilarious clues to match up with names of BWA members.

Some examples: Bidens's first name + lower part of the leg (Joe + shin) = Joshin Kamuro Sound of a hard "C" + animals' den (C + lair) = Claire Doi. Sixth note of the musical scale and where the patella is located (la + knee) =Lani Yamami Yourself + rap on the door (me + knock) = Minako Happiness + sound of a snake (joy + hiss) = Joyce Nishioka

Thank you Lenora for challenging our minds. June Asato was the big WINNER identifying 23 of 25 members.

Our deepest appreciation is sent to Spring Luncheon Chair, Aileen Sato and her committee of Joyce O., Chris, Lani, Diane Yoza, and Nora for their hard work.

Eshinni-Kakushinni Service - April 20. MC was Carrie Kawamoto.

Ehime Maru Clean-up - Saturday, April 26 was followed by lunch at Rinka's Restaurant. Co-chairs were Debbie Hiyakumoto and Janice Yasunaga.

Happy May Birthday wishes go out to Ann Ishikawa (23), Luana Fukutomi (27), Rene Mansho (28), and Carol Kakehi(30). "May's child is fair of face and enjoys interactions with friend. They are sought out for their thoughts."

Next BWA meeting - May 11

MC will be Diane Yoza







# Dharma School

Over the last month, Dharma School has covered the Noble Eightfold Path, Amida Buddha, Sukhavati, and the Nembutsu. We have also been doing activities such as working together to think of what a perfect world would look like and showing how our thoughts manifest in our physical world. Our facilitators were Crystal King, Alex King, and Sgt. Rainbow (Stephen Chinen).

We enjoy having a wide range of ages in our Dharma School! New coloring pages of a Hanamido and Daruma Dolls are available for our Dharma School students.

Thank you to Ms. Carolyn Uchiyama, from Wahiawa Hongwanji, for visiting us at Dharma School and presenting the certificates and prize money to the winners of the Oahu District Poster Contest, "Sharing My Gratitude to Others!" Congratulations to all of the students who won a prize and a big mahalo to everyone for participating. Everyone's poster will rotate between the different Hongwanji temples.

At the end of April, Gay Tanaka will lead the class on engaged Buddhism with an activity reinforcing the importance of each of us making the changes we want to see in the world.

In May, Crystal King will go over Shinjin and lead the class in tie dying. Please have your Dharma school students bring a shirt to tie dye for the May 4th Dharma class. A 100% natural white fabric, like cotton, is ideal for tie dying. All other supplies will be provided.

We are nearing the end of the Dharma School year! Students are still able to earn tickets for the gratitude bowl by attending temple service, doing oshoko, attending dharma school, and reciting the Golden Chain of Love. Tickets for prizes will be drawn at our last day of Dharma School party!

## Save these Sunday Dates:

April 27: Gay Tanaka, Engaged Buddhism

May 4: Crystal King, Shinjin - Students, bring a shirt to tie dye

May 18: Baccalaureate Service and Luncheon for Diandra Thomson

May 25: Last Day of Dharma School Party for Students

Thank you to Rev. Karumo and our teachers: co leaders Alex and Crystal King, Ann Ishikawa, Jill Kyhos, Stephen Chinen, Gay Tanaka, Mari Wakahiro (assistant), and Claire Doi.

Thank you Dharma School students, families, and the Sangha, for your support!

In gassho, your Dharma School 'Ohana.



# Jr. YBA Happenings

The Juniors ran the Hanamatsuri Service at Aiea Hongwanji on April 13. Taylor and Amane did a wonderful job of MC and Yuma graced us with his violin playing accompanying Auntie Claire who was the organist for service. Reverend Eric had a nice dharma message and we even watched a video about the Buddha's life. Thank you so much to Aiea Hongwanji for hosting the Jr. YBA and for the delicious refreshments and lunch after service.



During our united meeting after the service, we had a guest, Dr. Chie Honda who is a researcher at Musasino-gakuin University and is studying the history of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and its members. We are honored that she attended the Hanamatsuri Service and stayed for our meeting. She interviewed the juniors about their experiences in Jr. YBA and why we chose to be a part of this organization. She also asked us questions about Japanese culture and Buddhism. We were able to learn about each other's views on the teachings and shared these views with Dr. Honda.

The Jr. YBA State Convention registration ended on March 31 so I hope that you all were able to get registered. Just a reminder, convention will be held in Honolulu June 20-June 22, 2025. For information, go to the convention website: <http://bit.ly/jrybaconvention2025> If you are still interested in attending convention, please speak with one of the United advisors as soon as possible! Any Oahu United member attending will have a subsidy to assist with the registration fees.

It's Graduation time! This year Diandra Thomson will be graduating from Mililani High School. MHS graduation will be on Sunday, May 25 however, we will be celebrating Diandra at Mililani Hongwanji's Baccalaureate service the week prior, on May 18. Service will be at 9:00am with a program and lunch to follow. Please let Auntie Arynn or Auntie Gay know if you will be coming so that we can include you in the lunch count. It is a potluck so you can also bring a dish to share!

## Upcoming Important Dates:

**Next Meeting: Sunday, May 4, at Mililani Hongwanji at 12:30pm**

**Mililani Hongwanji Baccalaureate Service & Luncheon: Sunday, May 18, at Mililani Hongwanji at 9:00am.**

**Saturday, May 24, 8:00am: Graveyard Cleaning with Wahiawa Hongwanji. We will meet at Wahiawa Hongwanji to carpool. Please wear shoes/ clothes you are ok to get dirty, bring yard cleaning tools, gloves, sunscreen and water.**

**SAVE THE DATE! Saturday June 7, 4:00pm. We have rescheduled our outing to Coral Crater Adventure Park. We will meet at the park (91-1780 Midway Street, Kapolei, 96707). We need your RSVP by our next meeting. Cost will be \$10 per person with \$50 covered by the United.**

We welcome any 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 Auntie Arynn Ishikawa (advisor) at [arynn.m.ishikawa@gmail.com](mailto:arynn.m.ishikawa@gmail.com) or [jrybafoahu@gmail.com](mailto:jrybafoahu@gmail.com) if you have questions or for more information.



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## Silent Auction Donations

Time flies! The Silent Auction Committee is seeking donations of antiques, vintage clothing, new and gently used appliances, gift certificates, jewelry and art work for our very special booth at this year's BonDance. Our first meeting will be on Sunday, June 8th, at the Education Building so if you'd like to donate, kindly bring your goodies in on that date. Or please contact Chair Charijean Watanabe at 808.223.6077 or at [chariyeen@aol.com](mailto:chariyeen@aol.com) and perhaps we can make special arrangements. Also, new volunteers are also welcomed.

Our booth generates a huge percentage of income for the Kyodan, thus your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Mahalo to all.

## Life Story Writing Class

I will be offering a Life Story Writing Class on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, from 10:30am – 12:30pm, in the temple building. Please sign up on the bulletin board or email, call, or text me to register. The 1<sup>st</sup> class will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

So many people think about writing down stories from their lives, but it feels overwhelming. I will provide structured topics or prompts for writing that you will work on at home and then share with the class.

My Mom wrote down her Life Story and my 2 sisters and I treasure these memories, stories and history. It is an amazing gift she left for us and many other family members, and I'd like to provide the opportunity for others to do the same. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Looking forward to it! Jill Kyhos

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## Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up on May 17<sup>th</sup>!

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 second quarterly clean-up of 2025 is coming up on:

**Saturday, May 17, 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.

This program is a great opportunity to help beautify our community and spend a Saturday morning with members of our Sangha. Please join us if you can and I will also provide the clean-up dates for the rest of 2025 in a future Dharma Connection article. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [tylerkoshiro@gmail.com](mailto:tylerkoshiro@gmail.com). Thank you!

## May Memorials

Mitsuo Fujimoto  
Harold Hanaoka  
George Harada  
Thomas Hashimoto  
Tsunehio Hashimoto  
Toku Hayase  
Goro Hirano  
Amy Horibata  
Kenneth Imamura  
Ann Kajiwaru  
Itsuyo Kaneshiro  
Masaru Kido  
Lynette Kimoto  
Hatsumi Kubota  
Misae Matsuzaki  
Marie Meyer

Bert Migita  
Gladys Naitoh  
Emery Nakashima  
Tsurukichi Nakaue  
Margaret Nishimura  
Mitsuko Okinaka  
Garrick Okumura  
Toni Suehiro  
Zenyee Taira  
Michiko Tashima  
Bessie Tsuyama  
Yoshino Tsuyama  
Yeiichi Ukita  
Helen Watanuki  
Tamotsu Yamaguchi  
Shigetoshi Yoshino

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



**Family Dharma Service for Sunday, May 4, 2025 with a Dharma Talk by guest speaker Rev. Sol M. Kalu from Windward Buddhist Temple.**

Rev. Kalu was born and grew up in the Republic of the Philippines. He received his BS in Nursing there in 1980 and served as a nurse in the

U.S. for many years, specializing in dialysis. On a visit to Kyoto, Rev. Kalu encountered the Jodo Shinshu Teachings and eventually followed the call to become a Buddhist minister. He received Tokudo ordination in 2007 and Kyoshi ordination in 2010. After serving two years at Hawaii Betsuin, Rev. Kalu was assigned to Makawao Hongwanji in 2012. His new assignment with Betsuin began in March 2017. Rev. Kalu has a facility for languages, speaks Filipino and English, and enjoys writing Kanji. He has many interests including snorkeling, martial arts, science, and travel.



# Mahalo for your DANA

(March 2, 2025 to April 10, 2025)

## Buddha Day Service (Hanamatsuri)

Janet Abe  
Trudy Akamine  
June Asato  
Myra Fujino  
Warren & Nora Hahn  
Melvin Hayase  
Karl & Carol Ann Kakehi  
Masami & Joyce Nishimoto  
Lester & Joyce Ogawa  
Frances Saito  
Charles & June Shimata



**In Deep Gratitude.**

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

## Funeral

Carrie Kawamoto

Funeral for Joyce Fumie Makino

## General Donation

Mililani Crafters  
Mililani Support Group  
James & Karen Nakasone  
James & Karen Nakasone  
Tomeo Yoshizawa

## Higan Spring Service

Janet Abe  
June Asato  
Claire Doi  
Sharon Freitas  
Luana Fukutomi  
Warren & Nora Hahn  
Melvin Hayase  
Sharon Kaneko  
Carrie Kawamoto  
Georgiana Kobayashi  
Stanley & Sharon Kuboyama  
Thelma Kushimi  
Masami & Joyce Nishimoto  
Joyce Nishioka  
Lester & Joyce Ogawa  
Frances Saito  
Aileen Sato  
Christine & Richard Lightner Sato  
Charles & June Shimata  
Richard & Gail Taira  
Nancy Tanaka  
Hiroyoshi & Satoko Terao  
Gordon & Lyn Watanabe  
Diane Yoza

## Memorial Service

June Asato  
June Asato  
Sharon Kaneko  
Carl & Aileen Matsuda  
Amy Nakamura  
Doug Nishida  
Joyce Nishioka  
Dale & Russell Tanouye  
Rene Yoshida

## Social Concerns(HQ)

June Asato  
Carrie Kawamoto  
Claire Matsumoto  
Stanley & Carol Sasaki  
Ivan & Fay Toyama  
Keith & Lea Uehara



IMO Umataro Muramaru  
IMO Shigeyo Miyasaki  
IMO Chieko Sako  
IMO Matsuko Matsuda  
IMO Howard Nakamura  
IMO Raymond Nishida  
IMO Kikue Iida  
IMO Ethel Funasaki  
IMO Howard Nakamura



## Hoonko Service

June Asato



# Photo Gallery







# FYI.....



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## **Spring Fling Country Store A very big MAHALO!**

Thank you to everyone who generously contributed your time and specialty items, whether they be your baked goods, sekihan, takuan, tsukemono, pizzelles, handmade craft items, or healthy snacks; we enjoyed them all! We had an overwhelming amount of contributions, and we are so grateful to all of you! We did well! This will help towards our contribution to Mililani Hongwanji's upcoming 50th Anniversary Celebration!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

## **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 [dharm.connection@gmail.com](mailto:dharm.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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## NEWSLETTER

May 2025

### Calendar

May 21 (Wed) 9:00 am Before service cleanup  
25 (Sun) 11:00 am Gotan-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

Recently, former President Obama sent an "Earth Day" message. In it, he mentions that "Turning intention into action can be hard, especially with a task as daunting as protecting the one planet we've got." In recent months, I've been battling with a sore back. One in which I found out I had a kidney infection and also stress and trauma to my lower spine.

Obama goes on to mention that "you might be thinking about how you can live a more environmentally sustainable life and protect the ecosystems in your community." Our body is an ecosystem just as well, a system of checks and balances, and we should try to live a life that is sustainable, while protecting our body.

Just as the Calling Voice of Amida calls out to us, our body too, calls out to us, especially when we are out of kilter and need to be guided back to the "middle path." That voice of Amida, that voice of our body, often times goes unheard. As we celebrate the birth of Shinran this month, let us rededicate ourselves to hearing the Voice of Amida and our bodies so that we can live a life that protects us spiritually and physically

### Bon Dance - June 21, 2025

Reminder: Bon Dance is just around the corner! We could still use a few more volunteers so let us know if you are able to help. We will be setting up on Friday and Saturday mornings, and preparing food on Saturday from 4:00pm. Food booth shifts are 4:30-7:00 and 7:00-9:30. We will also be having a bake sale and will welcome baked goods packaged in \$3.00 bags (or priced as marked).

If you would like to order Windcatchers, please send in the name(s) of those who you would like to honor to [ewahm1901@gmail.com](mailto:ewahm1901@gmail.com) or mail in with your payment. Cost is \$10 per name and payment may be sent in to Ewa Hongwanji Mission, P.O.Box 60549, Ewa Beach HI 96706. Please order before June 9th.



### Ewa Hongwanji T-shirts (new design with "Est 1901" on back)

We are taking orders for the new Ewa Hongwanji T-shirts (purple with white print). Please visit our website for pricing and ordering: [bit.ly/3bKGt2f](https://bit.ly/3bKGt2f)



### Mahalo for your Donations

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