



# The Messenger

*Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity & Openness*

## Calendar of Events

**REVISED September 2023**

03 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service  
 10 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service  
 10 Sun following service Ko Discussion - Basics of Buddhism led by Rod Moriyama and Glenn Hamamura  
 12 Tue Zippy's Ticket Orders due to WHM office  
 17 Sun 9:00 am Fall Ohigan with Rev. Irene Nakamoto  
 21 Thurs 9:00 am Peace Day Bell Ringing  
 23 Sat 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Ohana Day at Loko I'a Pā'aiau Fishpond  
 24 Sun 9:00 am - 10:00 am Zippy's Ticket Order Pick Up  
 24 Sun 10:00 am Maui Memorial Wildfire Service (Viewing on Zoom at WHM in temple)  
 24 Sun 2:00 pm WHM Board Meeting on Zoom

**October 2023**

01 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service  
 18 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service  
 15 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service  
 22 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service  
 29 Sun 9:00 am Tsuito-E Service

## Foodland's Give Aloha Program Sept. 1-30



**Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission** is participating in *Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program*. From **September 1-30**, you may make a donation to Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission at any Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms checkout.

At checkout, present your Maika'i card (or provide your member number), or enter your phone number and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to **Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission** code number **79089**. Your donation will be added to your grocery purchase total. You may donate up to \$249 per organization; any portion exceeding \$249 will not be matched. The amount you donate and the name of our organization will appear on your receipt. Donations must be payable to Foodland or Sack N Save. Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match a portion of each donation. Individuals must use their own Maika'i membership to make a donation. Donations made without a Maika'i membership will not be matched.

Look for our banner in Wahiawa Foodland!

# Minister's Message - Tariki - Other Power

Shinran Shonin defines Other Power as the power of the Amida Buddha's primal Vow. The Primal Vow is Amida Buddha's aspiration which is directed toward all people. The Primal Vow is the assurance to guide all living beings in the world to the Pure Land.



In the Hymns of the Pure Land says:

*Seeing the sentient beings of the Nembutsu  
Throughout the worlds, countless as particles, in the ten quarters,  
The Buddha grasps and never abandons them,  
And therefore, is name "Amida"*

This tells that Amida Buddha is always with me no matter where I may be and never abandons me until I attain Buddhahood. Amida Buddha is the Buddha who is always with me. Amida Buddha calls out to me, "Come and be born in the world of the Truth."

Here is the poem written by Mr. Saichi Asahara who was a strong follower of Nembutsu.

*In the world, there is no such thing as Self-Power. However, my heart, itself, is nothing, but Self-Power.  
In having Self-Power become Other Power, I, now, together with you, intone the Nembutsu.*

The reason Saichi wrote "In having self-power become Other Power" is that the calling of Namo Amida Butsu shatters the shell of my doubt, tears apart my arrogant heart that depends on Self-Power, and enables me to awaken to the world of the Primal Vow and Other Power. In the world of Primal Vow and Other Power, being enabled to live means all I have to do is simply awaken to Amida Buddha's calling out to me that Amida Buddha will liberate me and entrust myself in gratitude.

Namo Amida Butsu

In Gassho,



Reverend Kojun Hashimoto



On August 20th, Rev. Jeffrey Soga delivered his Dharma Message at our Obon Service.



Rev. Hashimoto gave the invocation at the 6th Annual Wahiawa War Memorial Ceremony held on August 12th

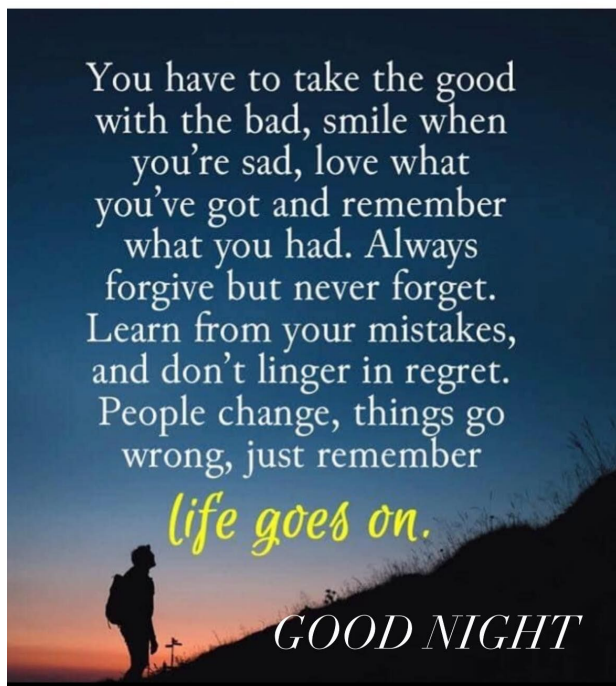
**Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 9:00am - noon**  
**808-622-4320**  
**www.wahiawashinbuddhists.org**  
**Columbarium Hours: Daily 10:00am - 3:00pm**

# President's Report



“It’s really bad...!” said Michael Munekiyo, a good friend and community leader on Maui, the morning of the terrible wildfire that destroyed Lahaina. This followed a hectic week with the Investiture of Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani and his Welcome lunch, and the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Annual Golf tournament. Life is truly a “bumpy road” with impermanence and interconnectedness along the journey.

**The Power of the Vow works in mysterious ways that we may never understand but it is always working 🙏🙏🙏**



This message was posted on the Lahaina Hongwanji Temple Facebook website. It reminds us of our teachings to reflect and learn from this tragedy.

To their credit, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii reacted very quickly by issuing a Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund for all to contribute.

At Wahiawa, we discussed how our focus can be more targeted to helping Rev. Ai Hironaka’s family and Lahaina temple members. We asked for people’s input on how they would like to help. The temple at Lahaina was a beautiful landmark destroyed. Ironically nearby, a newly built Nokotsudo (columbarium) was untouched.

This tragedy is also an opportunity to bring the community and the Hongwanji family together. It will be a test of our resolve and commitment to rebuild and invest.

Please go to: [Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii – Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in the Islands \(hongwanjihawaii.com\)](https://hongwanjihawaii.com)

On September 10, we will be starting a “Ko” Discussion group. Our first discussion will be on the “Basics of Buddhism” as covered by Rev. Kojun Hashimoto and Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki earlier this summer

In gassho (gratitude),

Rodney S. Moriyama, President

## Maui Wildfires Memorial Service

Date: Sunday September 24, 2023      Time: 10:00 a.m.      Place: Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin  
Platform: In-Person and Zoom      Dharma Talk: Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

WHM will be showing the service on Zoom in our temple. If you wish to view the service on Zoom at home, please email [amy.kanemaru@wahiawahongwanji.org](mailto:amy.kanemaru@wahiawahongwanji.org) for registration information. All donations from the service will go to the HHMH Maui Wildfire Relief Fund.



# ZIPPY'S



Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission is participating in Zippy's Fundraiser Program to raise money to repair our aging campus. Our campus needs repairs to our plumbing and areas with termite damage. One of our main goals is to repair our plumbing so we will be able to open our restrooms to the public for large events (such as bon dance) and not need to rent portable toilets.

Each ticket purchased may be redeemed at any Zippy's location until **NOVEMBER 5, 2023** for one of the following:

- Meat & Egg Breakfast with Small Coffee or Regular Soft Drink (redeemable during breakfast hours only. Orange Bang and Lilikoi drinks are not included.)
- Cornbread (5 pieces)
- Portuguese Bean Soup (1.5 lbs.)
- Zippy's Chili in Original, Vegetarian or No-Bean (1.5 lbs.)

If you wish to purchase tickets please submit the order form below and your payment. If you have any questions please call (808)255-5758 or email carolyn2048@gmail.com . Thank you for your support!

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## Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission Fundraiser – Zippy's Ticket Order Form Deadline to order is **September 12, 2023**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Last)

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

# of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_ total amount for tickets

Donation to WHM (optional): \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

### Please check one below

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my tickets at Wahiawa Hongwanji on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th at 9:00am-10:00am**

\_\_\_\_\_ Please call me at the telephone number listed above to arrange a pick up time.

Office Use Only

Date received \_\_\_\_\_ Cash/Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Check \_\_\_\_\_ Received by \_\_\_\_\_



# E Ho`ohanohano i ke Ola o Mary Mikahala Foster



Please join us for a  
twilight concert honoring  
Mary Mikahala Foster

Sponsored by the Honolulu District  
Hongwanji Buddhist Temples and  
Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens  
at the Foster Botanical Garden, Daibutsu area

## September 8, 2023

### 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Donate here!



Free admission; donations welcome  
Picnics permitted / no alcoholic beverages  
Bring beach chairs and mats

Performers include: Nola Nahulu Choral Group; Udi Bar-David (Cellist,  
Philadelphia Symphony); Herb Lee Trio (Hawaiian Slack Key); Lehua Matsuoka (Halau  
Hula o Lehua o Nana'ihale); Katsumi Takemoto (Shakuhachi Japanese Flute); Pacific  
Buddhist Academy (Taiko Drummers)

For more information, please contact Jon Matsuoka at (808)536-7044 or [jmatsuoka@hawaiibetsuin.org](mailto:jmatsuoka@hawaiibetsuin.org)



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MISSION

To promote Peace  
Day in Hawaii -

September 21st

Temple activities to  
promote peace and  
harmony in the world

**PEACE DAY**  
Hawaii September 21st

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

## 2023 PEACE DAY IN HAWAII

International Day of Peace

### *You're Invited!*

**"RING YOUR BELLS for PEACE DAY"**  
Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023 - 8:30 AM-HST  
Register here: [bit.ly/PeaceDay2023](http://bit.ly/PeaceDay2023)

In the spirit of promoting Peace Day in Hawaii and throughout the world, we invite the world to join us in ringing bells for PEACE DAY, Thursday, September 21st at 9:01 AM.

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

Immediately following the minute of silence, bells will be rung by representatives at all the respective temples, churches, schools, and community organizations and individuals. They're our future in ensuring peace throughout the world.

We are also planning to capture the program and all participants on a Zoom Screen, simultaneously, so get your computers ready when you are sent the link to join the event.

**Please RSVP by Sept. 12, 2023**  
You may request a Participation Form to

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# Ohana Day

## O'AHU DISTRICT PEACE DAY FAMILY EVENT

SEPTEMBER 23, 2023, SATURDAY 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

WHERE: **LOKO I'A PĀ'ĀIAU FISHPOND** 122-184 MCGREW LOOP, ĀIEA HAWAIIAN PROTOCOL / HISTORY AT AN ANCIENT HAWAIIAN FISHPOND (paaiuu.org) AND WORKDAY FOR ALL AGES. PLEASE WEAR COVERED SHOES

Bring folding chairs, Sun screen and your energy!

Directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/5x6hqhqcHGJbjvkWRx9>  
 BE GREEN AND CARPOOL



## E KOMO MAI

This 400-year old royal Hawaiian fishpond, Loko I'a Pā'āiau, located in the Kalauao ahupua'a in the 'Ewa moku on the mokupuni of O'ahu, is a beautiful reminder of the peace, healing, and Iōkahi Hawai'i once had. It was home to Mo'i Wahine

Kalanimanuia, who reigned peacefully over the island of O'ahu in the 1400s. This 6.34 acre loko kuapā, located in the Pā'āiau 'ili of the Kalauao ahupua'a, is listed on the National Historic Register. The sacred site is currently stewarded and restored with the loving hands of many, as a community-based partnership between the U.S. Navy, the Ali'i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club, the 'Aiea Community Association, the descendants and residents of Pā'āiau, 'Aiea and Kalauao, and the larger community.

Ahu or altar where offerings are made by visitors to PĀ'ĀIAU. This can be anything: stone, greenery, fruit.



After registration and Hawaiian protocol, we will divide up into work groups to do special projects around the fishpond; weeding, planting, path building.



SUBMIT BENTO ORDERS by TEMPLE • Bento: Karaage Chicken, Teri-Beef, Fried Fish, Spam, White Rice, Takuan and Bottled Water • Cost \$12.00 each

To sign up for Ohana Day and place a bento order, please call the WHM office at **808-622-4320** by **September 9, 2023**

August 10, 2023

Dear Dharma Friends,

We have been watching in disbelief the tremendous destruction caused by the recent wildfires on Maui. The loss of life, livelihood, and property has been devastating. Lahaina Hongwanji and its Sangha were directly affected by the fires. The temple, columbarium, classroom building, and minister's residence were completely destroyed in the horrific fires that devastated historic Lahaina town. Many temple members were forced to evacuate, and many homes were burnt to the ground. Our hearts go out to all who have been impacted by this disaster. As residents and our fellow Sangha members begin the process of rebuilding and healing, Hawaii Kyodan is committed to supporting relief efforts on Maui.

In the spirit of compassionate action, we have established the **MAUI WILDFIRE DISASTER RELIEF FUND**. You can donate in the following ways:

1. **Online at [www.hongwanjihawaii.com](http://www.hongwanjihawaii.com) by clicking on the "Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief" button under the "Donate" tab.**
2. **Through GoFundMe at the following link: <https://gofundme.com/f77a520>**
3. **Check and cash donations can be sent directly to Hawaii Kyodan Headquarters. Please make check payable to HHMH and in the memo line designate "Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief" to ensure proper credit.**

**Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii**  
 1727 Pali Highway  
 Honolulu, HI 96813

All donations collected will go to support Lahaina Hongwanji and relief efforts on Maui. The Office of the Bishop and Committee on Social Concerns will prioritize addressing the immediate and short-term needs of temple families displaced by the fires and supporting the greater community as it rebuilds. The Committee will select reputable relief agencies and organizations to support in order to ensure our donations will directly aid those impacted by this disaster. Updates will be shared on our website at [www.hongwanjihawaii.com](http://www.hongwanjihawaii.com).

Mahalo for your generosity and support during this time of tragedy.

In Cassho,

Dr. Warren Tamamoto  
 President

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani  
 Bishop

Rev. Blayne Higa, Chair  
 Committee on Social Concerns

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