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Life and Death

By Rev. Gyomay Kubose

Translated from the book, *Soto yori Uchi e*

By Marvin Harada

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Life and death is the greatest problem for human beings. Religion is what enables us to resolve that problem. That is what is Buddhism. Everyone seeks life, but despises death. Religion begins when we seriously think about what is life and death.

In this world, one wonders if those who have no opinions in life and who don't work are dead or alive. In Japanese poetry like *Haiku* or *Waka*, they use the expression, this poem is "alive", or this poem is "dead." This expression of being "alive" or "dead," refers to the dynamic nature of the poem, and whether it's existence has value or not. In that sense, we too must ask ourselves if we are dead or alive.

Buddhism teaches resolving the problem of life and death. Most people do not want to die. They fear death. When we come to understand Buddhism, then death no longer becomes a problem. Death no longer becoming a problem means that if I die it's okay, if I don't die it's okay. Whenever death comes, I am able to smile and die. Buddhism teaches that whenever I die, it's okay, because I am living everyday completely.

Whenever I die, it's okay, means that there must not be things that I feel that I have to do yet, otherwise I wouldn't be able to say, whenever I die, it's okay. Therefore, the question

of life and death is directly related to the question of, are there things yet that I have to do. When the things that I have to do are all gone, then whenever I die, it's okay. In other words, I must know clearly, what I have to do yet, which means that life must become the problem. In order to resolve the problem of death, we must resolve the problem of life.

Everyday of my life, am I doing what I must do? Just to eat and work everyday is that really living? When we begin to understand Buddhism, then we begin to see clearly, what it is that we must do in life. The yes and no choices of life become clear, and we begin to fulfill what it is in life that we must do.

Each day of our life, we accomplish what it is that we must do. When we begin to live life completely in that manner, then there is the world of, "whenever I die, it's okay." When one lives everyday completely, then everyday is a fulfillment, and there is no regret. It is a world full of life. For those who truly live completely, there is no death, therefore, whenever I die, it's okay. Those who awaken to "whenever I die, it's okay," live a

very complete life. Life and death are in oneness. Although they seem like two separate entities, life and death are one reality. A life of the fulfillment of one's deepest wish, is a life of birth in the Pure Land, it is a life in which life and death no longer are a problem. There is only bright and shining life.



EITAIKYO SERVICE

November 23, 2014 — The Eitaikyo Service is a memorial service for people who have handed down the teaching of the Nembutsu to us.

SPEAKER FOR NOVEMBER 2

Dr. Patrick Jichaku, a licensed clinical psychologist and a formally trained Zen practitioner with 35 years of experience will be the speaker on November 2.

This meditation is a new and developing form of mindfulness meditation adapted for Shin Buddhists. Mindfulness meditation has received remarkable support in the West via recent scientific research showing that it changes brain structure in healthy ways. Thus, learning mindfulness meditation will improve not just concentration and attention, but the ability to learn, remember, and to connect to others and to one's activities.

Dr. Patrick conducts meditation classes every first and third Wednesday of the month at the Buddhist Study Center.

Submitted by Rod Moriyama



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President's Message

Glenn Hamamura

I have been preparing to run two workshops for the Hawaii Kyodan that will have been completed by the time this newsletter arrives – a Leadership Workshop for temple leaders and future leaders, and a Facilitator training workshop to develop small group facilitators to assist in the workshops. We are all undergoing significant transition at the temples – the responsibilities are moving from one generation to the next, and external forces are affecting all of us – other interests, primarily in the community and society that compete with our mission and vision. The Leadership Workshop is a first attempt to develop a cohesive leadership training program for temples. If there are temple members who are interested in this, but could not attend, let me know, we can always do something at Wahiawa. Here is the model that will be the basis of the training, based on the United States Baldrige National Quality model.

The critical factors of the model include understanding the customer [members] planning, and leadership effectiveness, among other areas.

We continue with key programs at the temple. The board is pushing ahead to install photovoltaic units to support the temple, office, and residence. This was the easier of the projects – the kitchen, social hall, and school required more capital investment than we are willing to pay at this point, as we are still paying down our loan for roof repair through the capital campaign. Because of the size of the temple campus, we have three electrical meters, and so we will be working to reduce expenses with the meter connected to the temple and residence. This project will not require capital investment, as it will be financed by a third party that will own the panels, and sell us back electricity at a lower rate. We will be able to buy the panels after about 6 years.

The capital campaign continues, and we truly appreciate your support in this fund raising

effort. We are maintaining the temple for the next generation, and have made investments into the roofing infrastructure that had not been redone in many decades. This project also uncovered a need for emergency treatment for termites that were discovered when we were reroofing. We still have a significant debt that we are paying down [about \$200,000], and so your continued participation in the campaign is requested.



We are deferring maintenance where possible to focus on paying down the loan, and so there may be some inconveniences in the use of the facilities that we hope will not be major concerns for our members.

I'd like to highlight and thank Charlene Acohido and Damon Bender again for their work on Buddhist Education. If you are interested in learning how to reduce your daily stress, I highly recommend you attend one of Damon's mindfulness meditation sessions held on alternate Thursday nights.

We are headed into a busy time for us – December is our next major fund raiser – the mochi sale and kadomatsu sale. We may have issues getting some of the materials for kadomatsu this year, and so stay tuned to see if we can continue this activity. Rest up, we're going to need your help.

— In Gassho —



Glenn Hamamura



REVEREND'S MESSAGE

Dharma Talk Theme for this month is Ryo-Ge "Realization"

Someone is watching

Recently my mother sent a toy to my children. This toy is to protect them from kidnapping. I understand that there are many kidnapping incidences in Japan. I think it is the same here in America. When I go to shopping at Walmart, I notice many posters for young people who are missing.

In Japan, there are many technologies to protect a person from being kidnapped. As an example, most of the Japanese children have cell-phones in which the GPS is installed. The parents know exactly where their children are.

There were kidnappings from long ago, but it was not as often as it is now. I think the main reason was that everyone was watching out for each other. Today, especially in the cities, nobody knows who is living next door. They do not show an interest in their neighbors, because they are too busy. This is one reason why crime is increasing.

Let me share a story with you.

The man's name was Dharmanichanda, a hard working man. One day when he came back home, he noticed that he did not have enough rice to have

his dinner in his storeroom. So, he asked next door to his neighbor, Ganzzi, "Could you give me ten pounds of rice? I will surely return the rice some day."

Ganzzi was eating a dinner, but he accepted his request readily and he passed the storeroom key to Dharmanichanda. After awhile, Ganzzi started to doubt Dharmanichanda's honesty: he might take more than ten pounds of rice. So, he went to his



storeroom, hid behind a box, and watched Dharmanichanda.

He heard that Dharmanichanda says "Someone is watching me. Someone is watching me"

Ganzzi was surprised that Dharmanichanda had noticed him. Ganzzi went back his in home in hurry and had his dinner. When Dharmanichanda was going home, Ganzzi stopped him and said that he heard Dharmanichanda say "Someone is watching me.

Someone is watching me. Did you notice that I was watching you?"

Dharmanichanda responded "No".

Ganzzi inquired "Why did you say such words?"

Dharmanichanda laughed and answer. "I said that to myself, because if I did not say those words, I might take more than ten pounds of rice. That is why I was saying that someone was watching me. I meant Bud-dha was watching me."

Do you remember I once talked about your thumb? We call the thumb Öya-Yubi." Only the thumb faces to other fingers. That means Oya is always watching to the child. Japanese people also call Amida Buddha, Oya-sama.

If we think that someone is watching us, we will never do bad thing. We can feel relieved that someone or Amida Buddha is always watching us wherever we are. That means we are always with Amida Buddha.

Please think about this. If this thought spreads to the world, we can welcome true peace.

In Gassho,
Rev Kojun

Buddhist Thoughts

Six Realms of Existence

In day two of the 2014 Summer Session, Reverend Marvin Harada began his lecture by reviewing the previous evening's lesson and summarizing by saying:

"Death really gives meaning to life! Our time is limited. Our search is for the deepest meaning of our life."

He then described the Six Realms of Existence:

Samsara (Delusion, Suffering, Ego, etc)	Nirvana
Heaven – State of Temporary Bliss	Wisdom/ Compassion
Human – Reason, Logic, Reflection	Truth, Enlightenment
Animal - Ignorance	Beyond the Ego
Fighting Demon – Anger	
Hungry Ghost – Greed	
Hell – Extreme Suffering	

When I was growing up, I always thought that in Buddhism, we believed in reincarnation, and these Six Realms of Existence was about the reincarnation cycles. That is, if we didn't live a "good" life, our karmic destiny was to be reincarnated into something like a "cockroach" (assuming of course that cockroaches are considered "lower" than humans).

"If you don't behave, you will live your next life as a _____! You'll never reach Nirvana!"

Rev. Harada says that Shakyamuni Buddha determined that all realms are *within us* in a psychological sense. Harada added however, that there are other Buddhists who take these realms quite literally, just as I was led to believe in my youth.

Since, in Shin Buddhism, our "Enlightenment or Nirvana" is assured through Amida Buddha, it makes sense that our struggle in this life is truly living and experiencing Samsara through the many cycles of the Six Realms. The focus is on the here and now.

This morning's paper mentioned an unfortunate accident where, due to copper thieves, the lighting on the Ka Uka exit was down. Driving in that dark environment, this person turned into the exit of the H2 freeway thinking it was the entry way. A head-on collision resulted killing

another person. The driver who made this erroneous turn himself suffered severely and was in a coma for a month before learning what had happened. The family of the victim wanted the maximum penalty of five years in prison. He was given 4 years on probation. There was no evidence of driving under the influence or negligent behavior. He just couldn't see the correct entry way. It could have happened to anyone.

How do BOTH families continue to live out their lives? Do they carry the baggage of anger and resentment, as well as regret, in what happened? Do they remain in that particular realm of Samsara, or do they forgive and move on with their lives. Buddhism teaches us how to manage these situations. This is the spiritual teaching we experience through sharing in our quest for greater compassion and wisdom. Does this make sense?

In reality, we live in Samsara and Nirvana at the same time. Moment to moment, we cycle through glimpses of all of these states. Can we think of a way in which we actually stay in Nirvana all the time when so many are still in Samsara? This is what happened to Shakyamuni Buddha. Attaining Enlightenment, he returned to help the rest of human kind. What can we say about us attaining Nirvana in this "light?"

Namo Amida Butsu...

In Gassho,

Rod Moriyama





Sustainability 2009-2014

In 2009, Mr. Glenn Hamamura, a retired consultant from IBM, assumed the presidency. Well respected as a strategic planning and quality consultant in Hawaii and nationally, Mr. Hamamura was instrumental in making dramatic changes in strategic planning, and documenting processes throughout the Wahiawa Hongwanji to enhance communications and collaboration. He recruited Rod Moriyama, retired IBM, Queen's Health Systems, and Department of Education executive to help in the process of improvements. For the next 5 years, Glenn and Rod provided leadership at Wahiawa as well as throughout the Honpa Hongwanji system. Vice Presidents, Dale Shimaura and Carolyn Uchiyama were also trained in the implementation of process improvement. Dale and Carolyn, with Jimmy Iha, Yuki Kitagawa, Elaine Kawamoto, Alfred Paulino, and Calvin Takeshita manage the day to day operations and major projects of the temple including the services, dharma school, memorial services and funerals, major services, membership, mochi and kadomatsu making and of course, Obon. In each area, processes were documented and feedback solicited by all who participated. Improvements were instituted where possible.

Past President, Yuki Kitagawa, manage the Hoshu Kai group of committed members who come to maintain the temple and grounds twice a month. Elaine Kawamoto and Alfred Paulino are the key focal points for providing meals and refreshments for the myriad activities taking place. A special focus is given to being open and welcoming to every visitor attending the services on Sundays by Doris Matsuoka and Mary Kawane. Meditation and Dharma discussions are lead by Roy and Barbara Higa. Roy also took on the responsibility of the monthly newsletter publication. Orientation classes on Buddhism are held periodically for anyone interested. Barbara Ladao took over as the temple historian in 2008. Maintenance and facilities leadership is provided by Alfred Paulino and Calvin Takeshita. Finances were managed by Alan Kakazu, Brian Kimura, and Vernon Yamamoto.

In 2012, after ten years in Wahiawa, Rev. Kevin was promoted to become the Executive Director of the Buddhist Study Center. For more than six months, the Sangha at Wahiawa held services on their own without a minister. Of course, periodically, visiting ministers did come as well. Carolyn Uchiyama managed the services by scheduling different masters of ceremonies and having different groups of people lead the sutra chanting and service in general. Various Dharma talks were also given by selected speakers within and outside the Wahiawa Hongwanji membership. They were enjoyed by all who attended. It was a testimony that the temple could sustain itself and provide continuity even in the absence of a minister.

In July 2012, Rev. Kojun Hashimoto became the thirteenth minister for Wahiawa Hongwanji. He was previously on the island of Kauai for

nine years. His wife, Takako, and children, Kano and Shoshi brought a whole new perspective to the temple. Their family orientation also changed the format of the services as every first Sunday of the month is devoted to and led by the children of the Dharma School.

Takako, herself a "tokudo" minister, provides leadership in a number of popular activities such as Conversational Japanese, Shodo (Japanese Calligraphy), and the very popular, Take-Daiko attracting many participants young and old.

Major maintenance and construction projects during this period included:

- Complete renovation of the minister's residence
- Replacement of the Social Hall and columbarium roofs
- Termite treatment of the temple, residence and office
- Investigating and implementing energy efficient alternatives
- Capital fund raising
- Financial investment alternatives

Some of the key activities as well as new ones emerged. They were:

- New Year's party (Shinnen -Enkai and Keirokai)
- Hoshu Kai
- Club Asoka activities
- Fujinkai activities
- Home visitations
- Temple visitation both on and off island
- Fourth of July celebration
- District Song Festival
- District Sangha Day
- Sangha Strummers
- Peace Day celebration
- Veteran's Day parade
- Dharma Shaka - family activities group – outings targeted for young families to enjoy as a group

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- Movie nights
- Obon festival
 - Original happi coat and towel designs by Neal Tomita
 - Silent auction
 - Partnering with Marian’s and the Andagi groups
 - Mochi and shave ice
 - Chow fun, saimin, BBQ meat, kalua pork and cabbage, tai-yaki, yaki-tori, multi-flavored shave-ice, musubi, sushi etc
- Country store
- Bookstore
- Temple orientation
- Meditation and Dharma discussion group
- Quilting and mahjong
- Monthly newsletter
- HOZO , a quarterly Shin-Buddhist publication started by Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki

On January 1, 2013, after over 100 years, Kahuku Hongwanji closed. Their members were invited to join Wahiawa or other temples. Those who came to Wahiawa were welcome additions and continue to

participate in our many activities.

The next generation of young leaders was identified. They were Damon and Lana Bender, Amy Kanemaru, James and Karen Hirai, Jon and Charlene Acohido, JoAnn Nagatori, Karen Pang, Luanne Bongiorno , Henry Kitagawa and others. These individuals are being groomed for more responsible positions in major activities and the board.

Glenn Hamamura also created a Governance Committee of the board to focus on the strategic direction of the temple as well as to formalize the relationship with the minister for performance planning. Individuals on the Governance Committee are: Glenn Hamamura, Yukio Kitagawa, Neal Tomita, and Rod Moriyama.

For the first time, due to low interest rates in a depressed economy, financial loans were secured to pay for the repairs and maintenance of the temple and the community center. In addition to the capital campaign led by Carolyn Uchiyama, James Hirai, and Treasurer, Vernon Yamamoto is leading an effort to

better invest our current monies for better returns creating an alternative revenue stream for the temple.

In 2013, Dale Shimauro, sparkplug of leadership for Obon, memorial services, funerals, and a number of other activities, was elected President of the Buddhist Women’s Association. This has provided renewed interest by the younger women to participate.

Mr. Iha’s dream of “fun with a little religion” is working for Wahiawa. In the near future, changes to the service format promoting greater participation and involvement should provide greater interest in Wahiawa Hongwanji. Despite the older generation quietly passing on, our membership remains steady. To promote sustainability, the challenge for the future is to systematically improve the activities of the temple independent of personalities and to identify members of the younger generation to embrace the teachings of Shinran Shonin. As we submit this document, we approach the new Obon season with a new outlook and optimism.



Namu Amida Butsu....
In Gassho,
Rod
Moriyama

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BWA BRIEFS

Continued from last month's photos

Wahiawa BWA ladies played "tourists for a day," as they accompanied Fukumi, 2014 Exchange Student from Japan, on a whirlwind tour of the countryside.

Starting with breakfast at 8:00am at Zippy's in Wahiawa, then a train ride at the Dole Plantation, down to Matsumoto Shave Ice in Haleiwa, back up the hill to Shige's for Saimin and hamburgers, to Waipahu where Takako Hashimoto put on her tour guide apron and took the group on a tour of the Plantation Village.

Last stop of the day was Paradise Cove where everyone got involved in Hawaiian arts and crafts, sports and games. Some even braved canoeing. All this was followed by dinner (real "ono" Hawaiian food!) and entertainment.

But as they say, all good things must come to an end, which it finally did at 9:00pm! And not a minute too soon, as most were "running on empty" by that point!

That was back in July, and some are still recovering. Others think life will never be the same again for them. But all agree that "we are just too old to do too much of this again"!!!

HAWAII FEDERATION OF BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION **STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO JAPAN**

Who: Women, Ages 17 – 23 years old
What: Be one of two exchange students from Hawaii to Japan
When: 14 days (late July to early August 2015)
Why: Be exposed to Buddhist and Asian culture, Be a missionary of good will

- Obtain applications from temple offices or www.hawaiibwa.org/Student_Exchange/student_exchange.htm
- Submit completed applications to:
Student Exchange Committee Chairperson
Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813
*Applications must be received at the address above by October 31, 2014.

COMMISSION ON BUDDHIST EDUCATION

New 2015 - 2019 theme and slogan for Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

- 2015 - Embrace Change - Awareness (Seek Opportunities)
- 2016 - Embrace Change - New Vision (Create Engagement)
- 2017 - Embrace Change - Action (Open Communication)
- 2018 - Embrace Change - Harmony (Accept Differences)
- 2019 - Embrace Change - Transformation (Walk in Peace)

BWA BRIEFS

Fifteen BWA ladies from Wahiawa attended the 56th Annual Convention of the Oahu United Honpa Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association at Pearl City on October 4th. The day's schedule included a Memorial Service, General Meeting, Installation of 2015 Officers, guest speaker, lunch and closing ceremony.

Doris Matsuoka represented Wahiawa in the Offering of Candle Light (Kento), Lana Bender in the Offering of Flowers (Kenka), and Dale Shimaura in the Offering of Incense (Oshoko).

Wahiawa BWA lost three members from 8/1/2013 to 7/31/2014, but also gained four new members during this same period. This marks the second year Wahiawa can boast the most new members among the other temples. Previously, Wahiawa had thirteen new members.

June Asato from Mililani Hongwanji will serve a second term as Oahu United President, while Dale Shimaura from Wahiawa was installed as Vice President for a third term.

Guest speaker was Joan Masaki from Pearl City Hongwanji on the topic of "Quilting in Japanese & Buddhist History." Joan is a member of the Hawaii Quilt Guild and travels to the neighbor islands, the mainland and Japan to attend shows and festivals and also to shop for fabrics and quilting supplies. She is especially proud of a blue ribbon awarded her for a miniature quilt, and for the selection of one of her quilts in the 2013 Island Heritage Quilt Calendar. A very impressive array of her work graced the walls of the meeting room.

Finally lunch, the time for catching up with old friends before the close of the event. All in all, a worthwhile day, learning and sharing the Dharma with new friends, as well as with old acquaintances.



2014 Tsuito-E Service—Day after the convention, on Oct. 5th, BWA Tsuito-Service was held to honor all deceased BWA members who came before us. Several new changes were made this year in an effort to streamline the service. All are proving to be successful judging by the positive comments still coming in. Thank you to Judi Kakazu and her committee for their great work.



The Segawa Family



Rev. Hashimoto



Caity Ohashi, Lana Bender, Cindy Kimoto

Slate of Officers for 2015—This committee is already working to come up with a slate for next year's officers. The goal is to present the slate and have an election at the November meeting, and installation in December, so the new officers will be in place to serve at the start of the new year. Any member wishing to serve as an officer is asked to please contact Tsuki Kitagawa or Judi Kakazu immediately.

SUCCESSFUL RUMMAGE SALE HELD—

Thanks go out to the families of the Dharma Shaka who spearheaded our temple Rummage Sale, lead by the Bender family. A long line of people formed outside the social hall from as early as 8:00 am, prompting the decision to open the doors at 8:50am for early pre-sale. Brisk sales continued throughout the day, leaving the check-out line with no break for the first 4-hours. At the close of the sale, few items remained on the four rows of tables that lined the social hall.

With the rummage sale now over, the two rooms downstairs below the temple where the sale items were kept can now be converted into meeting rooms for future use. It also brought in some \$800.00 in revenue. And, though it was hard work, it was also a fun activity for the children, as well as the parents of the Dharma Shaka. Thank you to all who participated, and thank you to all donors who made this event possible.

2014 Rummage Sale



Korean Cooking Class - To Be Rescheduled. Due to Hurricane Ana, our Korean cooking class was postponed and will be rescheduled for another day. All those signed up will be notified of the new date. Anyone else interested in joining the class may do so by contacting Doris Matsuoka. Tentative plans are to learn how to prepare a bulgogi or bulgogi/BBQ chicken meal, which all participants in the class will then consume and enjoy while watching Korean drama movies. This in preparation for our upcoming Korean plate fundraiser, in support of our activities for 2015.

2015 Program of Events—Wahiawa BWA's Program Committee takes center stage as it begins planning for 2015. Any member with a request for a specific activity should bring it to the attention of the committee now for possible inclusion in next year's program.

IN WAKE OF HURRICANE ANA—Taking Rev. Hashimoto's lead, the women of the BWA who were available on short notice, gathered to make lists of all activities scheduled to take place at the temple over the weekend. This included Saturday morning temple cleaning, social hall cleaning, Takedaiko class, BWA cooking class, scheduled Memorial Services and even Sunday Service. These lists were consolidated, as many people were involved in several activities, and then divided among the ladies present. And then the calls were made.

The goal was to reach as many of our older temple members, and members living alone, to check up on them and to make sure they were prepared for the possible hurricane. Fortunately all reported to be okay and ready for whatever might come our way. Still we left phone numbers for them to call in the event of any emergency. At the discretion of the temple Board, others were informed of cancelled activities and also cancelled Sunday service. Memorial services were rescheduled.

Wish to thank all BWA ladies and friends of the BWA who helped in this effort, especially Doris Matsuoka, who as the chairperson of our temple Welcome Committee, is most familiar with those who attend Sunday Service. Also a big mahalo to Betty Miyamoto, who is probably the person most familiar with our temple members with her many years of service in the temple office. Both ladies played key roles in putting together our calling lists.

The lists that were compiled and calls made were done so very hurriedly, and in so doing, we may have overlooked some people, for which we humbly apologize. If anyone wishes to be placed on this list, or if you want to check to see if your family member/s or friends are on the list, please call the temple office (622-4320), or call Dale (392-3253). Those wishing will be placed on the list for future emergencies such as what we just experienced with Hurricane Ana.

FAMILY PROMISE OF HAWAII:
PRACTICING DANA (SELFLESS GIVING)

In August 2011, members of the Honolulu Hongwanji Council (composed of members from Hawaii Betsuin, Kailua Hongwanji, Jikoen Hongwanji and Moiliili Hongwanji) decided to engage in the efforts of Family Promise of Hawaii as another expression of “Dana”. Family Promise’s mission and what it does are consistent with the Dharma (teachings) and our commitment to contribute to a better community.

FAMILY PROMISE OF HAWAII – “Our mission is to mobilize existing community resources to aid families with children experiencing homelessness and help them transition to sustainable independence.” “We do this by developing, training, and supporting a network of interfaith congregations whom host families quarterly. Each host site provides a safe place to sleep, good food, and generous hospitality. Guests stay at a host site for a week, then move on to the next host site.”

Family Promise of Hawaii has developed a network of 56 host and

supporting faith organizations that assist guest families. Once a quarter, Honolulu Hongwanji Council members engage with Family Promise guests for one week (Sunday to Sunday). With each engagement, the efforts of about 60 volunteers are coordinated among the four temples. Hawaii Betsuin, Jikoen and Moiliili provide safe havens for families to sleep. Volunteers from these temples, Kailua Hongwanji Sangha and Oahu Jewish Ohana prepare and serve breakfast, dinner and provide nightly sleep-over (toban) volunteer(s) during our guests’ stay. In addition, volunteers usually furnish books, games, and activities for the guest children.

Family Promise volunteers engage with guest family members in a face-to-face manner. They have an opportunity to directly assist families in need of housing for a brief moment. They provide personal committed effort (energy and time) to families going through a period of transition. They choose to directly demonstrate compassion and loving-kindness. They do more than simply make monetary

donations to help people in need. Volunteers are grateful for the opportunity to help and guest families wholeheartedly express their sincere gratitude for the help received. And we celebrate when guest families find homes and leave the program.

Each temple’s Sangha develops and maintains a Family Promise volunteer group and furnishes monetary and in-kind resources. At Hawaii Betsuin, Board members, Buddhist Women Association (BWA) members, Dharma School parents and students, Boy and Girl Scouts and Hongwanji Mission School parents and students prepare and serve meals. By participating in Family Promise, volunteers experience service to our community with our hands, minds, and hearts.

Our engagement with Family Promise has given us the opportunity to practice Dana, to become truly aware of the interdependent nature of life, and to be directly engaged in our community. In a small, but significant way, we demonstrate the living teachings of Jodo Shin Buddhism.



Project Dana 25th Anniversary —Wahiawa & Waialua Hongwanji Mission
Bruce Shimada, Rev Kojun Hashimoto, Tony Baccay, Ethel & Rusty Nakagawa, Cindy & Reggie Kimoto
Mildred Segawa, Doris Matsuoka, Florence Matsuda, Taeko Nakasone, Elaine Kawamoto, Donald Matsumoto



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TAKEDAICO CLASS SCHEDULE:

Takedaiko classes are held every Sunday from 1:00pm - 2:00pm in the Social Hall.

Class tuition: Wahiawa Hongwanji Member
\$25.00 (5 classes)
Non-Member \$50.00 (5 classes)

Interested parties can call the temple office at 622-4320, Mondays through Fridays from 8:30am to 12:00pm to sign up.

No experience needed. It's good fun and good exercise!



Calligraphy Day Class
Schedule:

Tuesdays @ 11:00am - 12:00pm in the Fujinkai Room
1) November 18, 2014
2) November 25, 2014
3) December 02, 2014
4) December 09, 2014

Calligraphy Night Class
Schedule:

Wednesdays @ 7:30pm - 8:30pm in the Fujinkai Room
1) November 05, 2014
2) November 12, 2014
3) November 19, 2014
4) December 03, 2014
5) December 10, 2014

Conversational Japanese Night Class
Schedule:

Wednesdays @ 6:00pm - 7:00pm in the Fujinkai Room
1) November 05, 2014
2) November 12, 2014
3) November 19, 2014
4) December 03, 2014
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Schedule:

Thursdays @ 9:30am - 10:30am in the Fujinkai Room
1) November 06, 2014
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SPEAKER: REV. GRANT MASAMI IKUTA

TOPIC: Embracing Change – The Quantum Mechanics of Buddhism

WHEN: Saturday, November 22, 2014 8:00 am to 1:00 pm
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2 8:50am-10am Children Conduct Service 9am-10am Food Drop-Off for Food Pantry 9am-10am Sunday Service 10am-11am Sangha Strummers 10am-11am Medicare Seminar (Social Hall)	3	4 Election Day 	5	6 7:30pm-9pm The Bombu Academy (Buddhist Adult Ed.) Aloha Visitation-Waiialua	7 8:30am-10:30am Quilt Club (BWA Room) 1pm-4pm Mahjong (BWA Room)	8
9 9am-10am Sunday Service 10am-12pm BWA Meeting (BWA Room)	10	11 Veterans' Day Wahiawa Veterans Day Parade 	12	13 7:30am-10:30am Hosha Kai 7pm-8pm Club Asoka Meeting BWA Room 7:30pm-9pm The Bombu Academy Readings (Buddhist Adult Ed.)	14 1pm-4pm Mahjong (BWA Room)	15
16 9am-10am Malie Practice Service 10:30am-12pm WHM Board meeting	17	18 Aloha Visitation-Wahiawa	19	20 11am-12pm Hospital Visitation (PD) 7:30pm-9pm The Bombu Academy (Buddhist Adult Ed.)	21 8:30am-10:30am Quilt Club (BWA Room) 1pm-4pm Mahjong (BWA Room)	22 7:30am-8:30am Altar Awareness
23 9am-11am Eitaikyo Service 10am-11am Sangha Strummers 10am-11am School for Aware Youth (Buddhist Youth Education)	24	25 Aloha Visitation- Others	26	27 Thanksgiving Day 	28 7:30am-10:30am Hosha Kai 1pm-4pm Mahjong (BWA Room)	29

