

## *Eitaikyo Service*

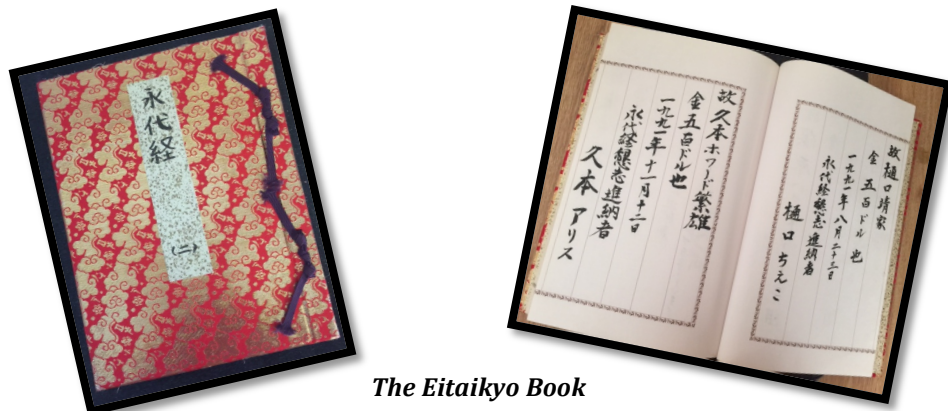
Eitaikyo is a Japanese Buddhist observance that allows us to remember those who have come before us to share the Nembutsu teachings. We traditionally celebrate Eitaikyo each year in November. This year WHM will observe Eitaikyo on Sunday, November 13, at 9am.

**English Translation of “Eitaikyo.”** The direct translation of Eitaikyo is “*Perpetual Sutra Chanting*.” This phrase suggests our participation with past and future generations that allow us to hear the Buddha’s teachings. The Eitaikyo Service then brings past, present, and future together as we celebrate the memories of our ancestors, while creating new memories with family and friends.

**Eitaikyo List and Eitaikyo Fund.** Central to the observance is the *Eitaikyo List* and *Eitaikyo Fund*. A *Sutra* is chanted as an expression of gratitude from the family who has made a request that their Loved One be placed in the *Eitaikyo Book* and that a *Sutra* be chanted perpetually. The family’s request is usually accompanied by an offering of dana towards the *Eitaikyo Perpetual Fund*.

The *Eitaikyo List* records members and their families who have donated to the Eitaikyo Fund. The *Eitaikyo Fund* provides a stand-alone fund for preservation of the temple in the face of emergencies or other situations. (It is not used for ordinary operating expenses of the temple.) Each year this list is read as part of the Eitaikyo Service as family members come forward to offer incense.

**Donation to the Eitaikyo Perpetual Fund.** A donation to the Eitaikyo Perpetual Fund will preserve the memory of a Loved One forever at the temple. To arrange to make a donation for a deceased member of your family, please contact the WHM office at 622.4320. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon.



*The Eitaikyo Book*

## Reverend's Message

### HONGWANJI



Do you know why we call our association "HONGWANJI"? **Hongwan** means true wish and **Ji** means temple. I would like to explain **Hongwan** first. It means **Amida's wish**. Hearing Amida Buddha's wish is primal Jodo Shinshu teaching. What is Amida Buddha's wish? Amida Buddha wishes us to realize true happiness and to be born in the Pure Land where there is no suffering.

We hear Amida Buddha's wish and realize that what Amida Buddha wishes for us is true happiness. Amida Buddha also embraces us all the time wherever and whenever we have things happen to us.

Let me share this story:

There was a couple who did not have a baby for a long time. They were strong Jodo Shinshu Buddhists. One day, the wife finally became pregnant. They were so happy, but there was a big problem when they visited the doctor. The doctor said, "Your wife has developed complications. I am sorry, but she cannot give birth safely. You must decide to choose either your wife's life or the baby's life." They were shocked. When they returned home, the wife begged her husband to allow her to give birth, saying, "I know what will happen. I will be okay because I know Amida's wish. I want my baby to also have a chance to hear and learn the Nembutsu teachings well. I will wait for him until we meet again in the Pure Land. So please take the baby to the temple to learn the Nembutsu teachings." And so she gave birth and died. Her husband took their baby to the temple often, but when he became a teenager, he did not go to the temple because he was busy with studies and playing sports. At that time, his father explained why his mother passed away and her wish for him. After he heard this, he realized his mother's wish was always embracing him and decided to go back to the temple.

This story tells us that true wish never changes no matter how we change. **Hongwan** means Amida's wish and also our loved ones' wish. So, Hongwanji is the temple where we hear the Buddha's wish and our loved ones' wish. We are so lucky to be a member of Hongwanji because we always feel the connection with others at the temple even though we cannot always see them.

So, together, let us all hear the true wish--Amida's wish and our loved ones' wish.

In Gassho,



Reverend Hashimoto



## President's Report

It is already the end of October and near the end of the year. I must be having fun as time moves at a very fast pace. Election day is just around the corner and we'll be electing a new President of the United States. Surrounding all of this is clear evidence of humans behaving like humans. Let's remind ourselves that the teachings of the Buddha surround us every day and give us a chance for deep reflection. Please make sure your opinions are clearly heard by voting for what you believe to be best for the country!



October started with a very interesting meeting of the Central Research and Planning Committee of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission. We are so fortunate that we have such strategic thinkers in this committee. The committee is tasked with looking for long term alternative sources of income for the entire membership while sharing ideas about how membership can be grown.

We talked about creating an endowment fund as part of the Eitaikyo memorial event. Wahiawa already has something like this in place. We are urging people to donate to the Perpetual Eitaikyo fund as an endowment to sustain the memories of those who have passed.

In a Dharma talk recently, Reverend Hashimoto reminded us that services such as the Tsuito-E Service, Memorial Services, and Eitaikyo Service provide a chance for families to come together to remember and sustain the stories of ancestors long passed. It is each member's "job" to share this "JOY" as a vital part of our Jodo-Shinshu tradition. Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission is over 100 years old, and many sacrifices during the Depression and many wars were made to sustain these traditions. What will we share with our next generation?

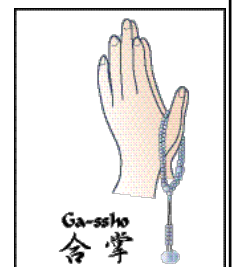
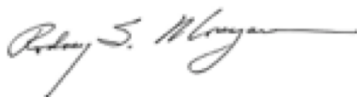
### Board highlights:

- Dharma Shaka had a great time at the Pumpkin Patch on October 15.
- Four banners will be made to attract nonmembers and members to participate in Wahiawa Hongwanji activities and posted up front during certain services.
- Wahiawa Hongwanji members played a big part in facilitating the "Personal Buddhism" seminar at Pearl City Hongwanji on October 29.
- Veterans Day parade will be on November 11. Reverend Hashimoto will be opening the formal ceremonies at the Wahiawa District Park following the parade.
- Eitaikyo Service will be on November 13. Please urge your families to attend.
- Temple Cleanup and General Membership Meeting will be on November 20. We will hold our general elections for Board officers and members at that time.
- Statewide Bodhi Day service will be on December 4. Because of the distance going to the statewide event, we will have our own Bodhi Day Service at WHM at 9:00 am on the same day.
- Because Christmas and New Year's Day fall on a Sunday, there will be no service on those days. The temple will be open from 5:00-7:00 pm, New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31, for those wishing to ring the Bonsho and offer incense in the temple.

Let's have a wonderful, fun-filled holiday season!

Namo Amida Butsu!

In gassho,





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## NEW CLASSES

### **CALLIGRAPHY CLASS**

Mondays  
9:00-10:00a  
BWA Room



### **CONVERSATIONAL JAPANESE CLASS**

Mondays  
10:00-11:00am-BWA Room  
Wednesdays  
6:00-7:00pm-BWA Room



### **CLASS TUITION:**

WHM member: \$25.00  
Non-member: \$37.50

Interested parties can call the temple office,  
M-F, 8am-12pm.

## NOTICE about MOCHI MAKING 2016



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Due to decreasing demand and resources, we are foregoing mochi making for this year. We hope that in 2017, we can have training classes to increase our trained resources for this event. We apologize to all who count on WHM annually for your mochi.

- Calls were made to Tamura's, Don Quijote and Marukai to find out about their mochi sales. None of the stores have word yet on when they might begin to take orders for their fresh ko mochi for New Years. They suggest that you call or check the papers. Frozen mochi can usually be found year round at any one of these stores."

## SOCIAL CONCERNS FUND DRIVE

Let's celebrate gratitude in this month of November.

The Thanksgiving holiday and the Eitaikyo observance are reminders of the countless blessings in our lives and how we live deeply connected to the world around us.

In this spirit we begin our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive.



Your kokua is greatly appreciated (an envelope is enclosed for your convenience).



## A TRIP TO THE PUMPKIN PATCH

On October 15 Dharma Shaka learned about interdependence by taking a trip to the pumpkin patch. First we travelled around the patch in a trailer pulled by a tractor. On our trip we saw hundreds of others also looking for that perfect pumpkin, beehives (critical for pollination), and corn—rows and rows of corn. Once off the tractor the kids split off in all four directions in search of their own perfect pumpkin. Amazingly, each of us found our perfect pumpkin and all were different. On our way out we asked a random gentleman to take our picture. Come to find out, he was a photographer!

Thanks to the hard work of bees, farmers and a random photographer, we each found pumpkins that were “perfect.” As importantly, because each of us was willing to see “perfection” in the imperfect world of pumpkins, each of us left the patch with a feeling of fulfillment.



The  
Pumpkin Patch



## NOVEMBER 2016

05 Sat	7:00a	Temple/Columbarium Cleaning
06 Sun	9:00a	Food Drop-off for Pantry
	10:00a	Buddhist Education for Children
	10:00a	Sangha Strummers (BWA Rm)
08 Tue		<b>Election Day – WHM Office Closed</b>
	10:00a	Waialua Monthly Service
09 Wed	7:30a	Columbarium Cleaning
10 Thu	7:30a	Hosha Kai
11 Fri	8:00a	Veterans Day Parade
12 Sat	7:00a	Temple/Columbarium Cleaning
13 Sun	9:00a	Eitaikyo Service
17 Thu	11:00a	Hospital Visitation (Project Dana)
20 Sun		<b>No Sunday Service</b>
	8 00a	Temple Cleanup/General Membership Meeting
23 Wed	7:30a	Columbarium Cleaning
	7:30a	Hosha Kai
24 Thu		<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>
26 Sat	7:00a	Temple/Columbarium Cleaning
27 Sun	9:00a	Sunday Service
	10:00a	Buddhist Education for Adults
	10:00a	Sangha Strummers (BWA Rm)
30 Wed	7:30a	Columbarium Cleaning

## DECEMBER 2016

03 Sat	7:00a	Temple/Columbarium Cleaning
04 Sun	9:00a	WHM Bodhi Day Service
	(TBA)	State Bodhi Day Service
	10:00a	Holiday Singing w/ Sangha Strummers-SH
		Food Drop-off for Pantry
07 Wed	7:30a	Columbarium Cleaning
08 Thu	7:30a	Hosha Kai
10 Sat	7:00a	Temple/Columbarium Cleaning
11 Sun	9:00a	Sunday Service
	10:00a	BWA Meeting-BWA Rm
14 Wed	7:30a	Columbarium Cleaning
13 Tue	10:00a	Waialua Monthly Service
15 Thu	11:00a	Hospital Visitation-Project Dana
17 Sat	7:00a	Temple/Columbarium Cleaning
18 Sun	9:00a	Last 2016 Sunday Service/Installation of 2017 Kyodan Officers
21 Wed	7:30a	Columbarium Cleaning
22 Thu	7:30a	Hosha Kai
25 Sun		<b>No Sunday Service</b>
28 Wed	7:30a	Columbarium Cleaning

## NOTES

There will be no Sunday Service on January 1, 2017. However, the temple will be open on, Saturday, December 31, 2016, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm to allow members to ring the bonsho and offer incense.



## Weekly Activities

Mon	9:00a	Calligraphy, BWA
	10:00a	Conversational Japanese, BWA
	6:30p	Tai Chi for Health, SH
	7:45p	Mindful/Guided Meditation, Temple
Wed	7:00p	Kendo, SH
	6:00p	Conversational Japanese, BWA
Thu	6:00p	Aikido, SH
	7:00p	Dancersize, BWA
Fri	1:00p	Mahjong, BWA

## Bi-Weekly

Fri	8:30a	Quilting, BWA
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## Acknowledgements

### Columbarium

Charles Akagawa  
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Tomoe Kajiware IMO Kaoru Sunahara  
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Osaisen dep dtd 9.29.2016  
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### Ohigan-Fall

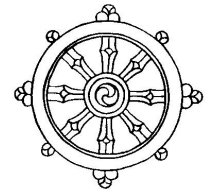
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## 2016 VETERANS' DAY PARADE

*The 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Lion's Club Veterans' Day Parade* will be held on **Friday, November 11, 2016**. It's going to be pretty exciting for WHM members this year with Rev. Hashimoto invited to open the ceremony at District Park following the parade. And, Rev. Hashimoto is asking for help with the opening ceremony from all participating temple members. Also, we are honored that this year marching with us again will be Bishop Eric Matsumoto and son, Caden. Additionally, we have several members from some of the Honolulu temples who will be joining us for the parade and for fellowship back at the temple afterwards.



To get a headcount, we are asking all marchers and cheerleaders to please **sign up at the temple office today**.

To keep it simple, we are asking everyone to wear a **solid red shirt, a solid white shirt or a solid blue shirt**. Wear comfortable walking shoes, put on some sunscreen, and bring a hat. Cheerleaders don't forget your beach/lawn chairs.

Marchers check in at the temple by **8:00am**. Cheerleaders can check in at 8:30am in order to reserve a choice spot at the temple entrance.

Everyone is invited to join us for lunch in the social hall following the ceremony at the park. And again, please **sign up at the office so we can get an accurate headcount**.

