



# The Messenger

*Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity & Openness*

## Calendar of Events

### UPDATED April 2022

- 03 Sun 9:30 am Viewing of the Hawaii Buddhist Council Hanamatsuri Zoom Service at WHM
- 03 Sun 9:30 am - 10:30am Food Drive
- 10 Sun 9:00 am WHM Buddha Day/Hanamatsuri Service
- 17 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service & Activity
- 24 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
- 30 Sat 9:00-11:00 am 2022 Spring Virtual Nembutsu Seminar with Rev. Blayne Higa of Kona Hongwanji

### May 2022

- 01 Sun 9:00 Baccalaureate Service
- 01 Sun 9:30 am - 10:30am Food Drive
- 08 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service (Mother's Day)
- 15 Sun 9:00 am Gotan-E Service
- 15 Sun 10:00 WHM Board Meeting
- 22 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service (Activity)
- 29 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service

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<http://bit.ly/eWHMsakura>

Are you looking for something special for your home or as a gift? This month we are featuring a few treasures that are currently for sale. Please contact the WHM office 808-622-4320 if you are interested in any of these items. To see all the items currently for sale, please visit our website at <http://bit.ly/eWHMsakura>



Plates, set of 5, \$15      Blue vase \$50

## 2022 Baccalaureate Service

If you know of a Spring 2022 high school, college or technical school graduate that would like to participate in our Baccalaureate Service on May 1st, please contact Amy Kanemaru at 808-621-889 or email [amy.kanemaru@gmail.com](mailto:amy.kanemaru@gmail.com) by April 9th.



## Hanamatsuri Flowers Needed

We are in need of flowers to decorate our hanamido for Hanamatsuri. If you are able to, please drop off the flowers at the WHM Social Hall on Saturday, April 9 from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm. If you are unable to come at this time, please contact Amy at 808-621-8893 or Karen at 808-622-3068 to make other arrangements. Thank you!

# Minister's Message - Rabbit in the Moon



We celebrate Buddha Day which means the Birth of Baby Buddha in April. I would like to share an interesting Jataka Tale. The Jataka Tales are a voluminous body of literature native to India concerning the previous births of Gautama Buddha in both human and animal form. The future Buddha may appear as a king, an outcast, a god, an elephant—but, in whatever form, he exhibits some virtue that the tale thereby inculcates.

This is a tale.

A monkey, an otter, and rabbit resolved to practice charity on the day of the full moon. They saw a very old beggar, who was begging for food. “Poor beggar,” they thought. “He looks hungry and has no food.”

First, the monkey plucked some fruits from the trees. He brought the fruits and laid them in front of the old beggar.

Next, the otter collected some fish and brought them to the old beggar.

The rabbit did not know what to get for the old beggar. He was not good at catching animals or fish, nor could he scale trees and get fruits. He only knew how to gather grass, but humans did not eat grass. He sat in a corner unhappily. Suddenly he remembered that humans like to eat meat. So he got up happily, prepared a fire and jumped into it.

But what was this! The fire did not burn the rabbit!

The old man revealed himself to be Sakra, the ruler of Gods. “You have been very kind and selfless.” He said to the rabbit.

Touched by the rabbit’s selflessness and virtue, he drew the likeness of the rabbit on the moon.

“Henceforth, for all ages, all those who will look at the moon, will see your shape in it and remember your kindness.” He spoke.

Quoted by “The Moon Rabbit” a Jataka Tale

This tale is telling how we can feel Buddhism in our daily life. In this tale, the rabbit was expressed as Buddha and his kindness expressed as Buddha’s compassion. In the end the tale mentioned, “the rabbit’s shape in the moon.” That is a way that we can feel Buddhism every day.

In the teachings of the Buddha,

“People call one phase of the moon a full moon, they call another phase a crescent moon. In reality, the moon is always perfectly round, neither waxing or waning. Buddha is precisely like the moon. In the eyes of men, Buddha may seem to change in appearance, but in truth, Buddha does not change.”

When we see the moon, we can feel Buddha’s compassion. It is always shining upon us and his compassion never disappears.

Namo Amida Butsu

In Gassho,



Reverend Kojun Hashimoto

## White Way Radio Program

White Way is a public service radio program of Moiliili Hongwanji. The programs are on KZOO radio 1210AM or Spectrum channel 888 on Saturdays from 7:45am-8:00am.

### April 2022

2 Rev. Yuika Hasebe  
9 Rev. Sol Kalu  
16 Mr. Alan Goto  
23 Rev. Daido Baba  
30 Bishop Tatsuya Aoki

### May 2022

7 Rev. Shindo Nishiyama  
14 Rev. David Nakamoto  
21 Mrs. Irene Nakamoto  
28 Ms. JoAnn Yosemite

# President's Report



The month of March began with a very successful Sangha Day Event put on by Aiea Hongwanji. It was held at Neal S. Blaisdell Park. The day was perfect! We visited the Peace Bell, watched a live performance preview of the Pacific Buddhist Academy Taiko Festival, painted Peace. Rocks and other crafts, and finally BINGO! The bento lunches were excellent and everyone had a very good time! It was so good to see friends from all over the west side of Oahu. It brought memories of my own childhood picnics run by the Kumiai at Wahiawa.

On March 13, our Ohigan service had two parts to it. First, we had our live service where I was the guest speaker talking about the Four Marks of Life. The ideas of Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka from his latest book, *Jewels*, was presented. These ideas centered around Shakyamuni Buddha, his effort to share his “enlightenment” to the world, and how these basic principles lead to the practice of the Middle Way and having balance in our lives. Ohigan is a service that recognizes the duality of our lives and recognizes the Middle Way.

Following the service, we had a Zoom Talk Story which engaged both people who attended the service, and others who joined us later. Dr. Tanaka provides an easy way to practice the Eightfold Path by **Thinking BIIG!**

- Life is a **Bumpy road!**
- Life is **Interconnected.**
- Life is **Impermanent.**
- Life is **Great!!**

Each participant shared their stories of “Life being a Bumpy Road, Interconnectedness, and Impermanence. We are all part of this journey through life together and the more we share our experiences (Talk Story), the more we grow both mentally and spiritually. The role of the Hongwanji is to sustain and grow this spiritual value which minimizes the ups and downs of the bumpy road. It is a lifetime journey where sharing can be accomplished in a safe environment.

April is tax time! It is a reminder that our donations to the temple can be a smart way to “save.”

- Gifting appreciated assets, like stocks or mutual fund shares that have increased in value, can offer savings on both capital gains and income taxes.
- If you are 70 ½ (if born before July 1, 1949) or 72, you can make a tax-free gift directly to the Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). This type of gift can offer better tax savings than taking the required minimum distribution and giving cash.

Thank you for your generous donations as we continue to sustain our temple and members!

In gassho (gratitude),

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rodney S. Moriyama".

Rodney S. Moriyama, President

**Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission Office Hours: By appointment 808-622-4320**  
**www.wahiawashinbuddhists.org**  
**Columbarium Hours: Daily 10:00am - 3:00pm**

# Happenings at Wahiawa Hongwanji

By Carolyn Uchiyama

## Activity 1: Oahu Hongwanji Council Sangha Day

Oahu Hongwanji Council sponsors Sangha Day on the first Sunday in March and this year it was held on March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Neal Blaisdell Park hosted by Aiea Hongwanji. This is the first event, since COVID began, that it was held in person with the gathering of members from the various temples. The theme of the event was “Fellowship for Peace.”

The Sangha Day location was chosen because of a Peace Bell located at the Diamond Head corner of the park with the intention of restoring it. The bell was donated by Japanese Buddhist Bishop Ekan Ikeguchi of Kagoshima, Japan. The bell was erected in 1991 to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Two craftsmen arrived from Japan to assemble the structure without any nails but with interlocking lumber. Due to neglect and vandalism, the bell is in disrepair.

The Oahu Council hopes to restore the Peace Bell with the help of temples in concert with Hongwanji affiliates and community groups. We hope that the work may be completed by Peace Day, September 21, 2022.

On this beautiful sunny day, members and their families enjoyed meeting their friends again as well as participate in activities like painting a Peace Rock or making luggage tags. While eating our delicious bento from Mamaya, we played Bingo and won prizes galore! Everyone had 2, 3, or even 4 prizes such as the usual toilet paper and paper towel to hot sauce, chips, popcorn and other snacks. The fellowship shared that day warmed everyone’s heart.

## Activity 2: Wahiawa Hongwanji Food Drive

Due to Sangha Day, the Food Drive was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate your continued support of the program as does St. Stephen’s Church.

We were able to supply the Food Pantry with **156** items of canned goods, boxes of spaghetti and cans of sauce, and boxes of breakfast cereal. We also collected **50** pounds of rice.

Every amount brings us closer to the day no one will be hungry for food. Thank you for persevering in this time of need that continues to nourish Our Wahiawa.



# New Year's Party Bingo and Lucky Number Winners!

If you purchased a New Year's party bento, you should have received a lucky number ticket. Winners were announced during our Zoom Bingo game. Below are the last 3 digits of our winning tickets. If you are a winner, please call the WHM office at 808-622-4320 by April 15, 2022 to claim your prize!



Thank you to everyone who joined our online Bingo game on Zoom. We had tons of fun, and we hope you did too! Here are our winners! Please call the WHM office at 808-622-4320 by April 15, 2022 to claim your prize!

Lillian Oshiro's family member  
 Judi Kakazu  
 Krystal Perry (family of Lillian Oshiro)  
 Carolyn Uchiyama  
 Lillian Oshiro Family member

589	608	795	818
	655	798	839
	691		844
			853

Hawaii  
 Buddhist  
 Council  
 2022  
 Buddha Day Service  
**"Hanamatsuri"**  
 & Memorial Service  
 for the Victims of COVID-19



**DATE**

Sunday, April 3, 2022  
 09:30 AM  
 (HST)

**SPEAKER**

Dr. Glenda Nogami Streufert  
 Former Manager,  
 Kauai Civil Defense Agency

- Theme -

**"Adapting & Responding to uncertain situations – Interaction with others"**

Dr. Glenda Nogami Streufert grew up on the Island of Lanai before moving to the Midwest, to Germany and later to Washington DC, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. She has worked in both academic and governmental positions in Germany and the U.S. Since retiring to Kauai, she has managed the Kauai Civil Defense Agency (now Kauai Emergency Management Agency) and served on the County Planning Commission & on Board of Hawaii Health Services Corporation. She holds a Ph.D. from Purdue University.

Zoom Link  
 Meeting ID: **881 7684 8159**  
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## FROM VALUES TO ACTIONS: WORKING TOWARDS A PURPOSEFUL LIFE



Are you looking to create a healthy family environment?  
 Do you want to align your actions with your values?



Dr. Michael Cheang

Join us for our second CAN DO seminar with Dr. Michael Cheang! This session will explore:

- How our values drive our feelings, attitudes, actions and behaviors,
- How values are seldom clarified, if ever,
- How unclarified values may lead to misguided goals, and
- The disconnect between what we say we believe or care about, and what we do.

- Doctorate in Public Health
- 25+ years teaching Family Resource Management & Family Public Policy
- Partnered with county offices and non profits to provide training for those who work with our kupuna

**APRIL 2ND, 3 - 5 PM HST  
 ONLINE VIA ZOOM  
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2022 SPRING VIRTUAL NEMBUTSU SEMINAR

Sponsored by the Honolulu & Oahu Hongwanji Councils and the Office of Buddhist Education

# Building Sangha Together: *Nurturing Dharma - Centered Communities*

Saturday April 30 | 9a - 11a (HST)

Community has always been a strength of Shin Buddhism in America. Innovative and responsive community building grounded in the Dharma has enabled temples to thrive for more than a century. However, the traditional ways of building Sangha have been less effective as we face new challenges during this time of pandemic. Rev. Blayne will explore what it means to be Sangha in today's world. How do we journey together as spiritual friends? And how can we nurture an authentic community of fellow travelers inspired by the Buddha's teachings? Participants will have an opportunity to cultivate Sangha through a facilitated group discussion.



Reverend Blayne Higa  
Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

“Bring your whole self as we learn & grow in the Dharma together.”

## AGENDA

9:00am - 9:05am:  
Welcome

9:05am - 9:45am:  
Guest Speaker Rev. Higa

9:45am - 9:55am:  
Q & A Session

9:55am - 10:00am: Break

10:00am - 10:30am:  
Breakout Group Discussion

10:30am - 10:55am:  
Breakout Group Sharing

10:55am - 11:00am:  
Closing

Until 11:30am: Free “Talk Story” Time

### REGISTRATION IS FREE | Deadline April 22, 2022

Please note that the seminar will be recorded & uploaded. If you do not wish to be shown, please keep your video off during the seminar.

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Please contact Mililani Hongwanji office (808) 625-0925.

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