



The Messenger

Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity & Openness

Calendar of Events

<p>October 2022</p> <p>02 Sun 10:00 am Tsuito-E Service</p> <p>09 Sun 9:30 am - 10:30am Food Drive</p> <p>09 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service</p> <p>16 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service</p> <p>23 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service & Activity with Mililani Hongwanji Dharma School</p> <p>30 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service</p>	<p>November 2022</p> <p>06 Sun 10:00 am Sunday Service</p> <p>06 Sun 9:30 am - 10:30am Food Drive</p> <p>13 Sun 9:00 am No Service - Clean Up</p> <p>13 Sun WHM Board Meeting - after clean-up</p> <p>20 Sun 9:00 am Eitaikyo Service - Rev. Thomas Okano</p> <p>27 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service & Activity</p>
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Temple and Campus Clean Up

It has been almost 3 years since we've held our annual temple and campus clean up. To catch up, we've devoted 2 Sundays to cleaning this year. We hope you and your family will be able to help. It's a great time to see old friends or make a new friend! Here's our schedule for each day.

<p>Sunday November 13th</p> <p>9:00 am - 11:00 am Clean Up</p> <p>11:00 am - noon Lunch</p> <p>Noon WHM Executive Board Meeting</p>	<p>Sunday, December 11th</p> <p>9:00 am - 11:00 am Clean Up</p> <p>11:00 am - 11:30 am WHM General Membership Meeting</p> <p>11:30 am Lunch</p>
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If you and/or your family are able to help on one or both of our cleaning days, please call the WHM office at 808-622-4320 or sign up online at <https://bit.ly/3Dx3t3B>

Social Concerns

The Committee on Social Concerns (CSC) was established by the Gisekai (Legislative Assembly) to advise the Bishop on social issues and to collect and disburse funds to support organizations and/or programs that promote peace, alleviate suffering, and advocate for the welfare of the disadvantaged, disabled, or discriminated against. The Committee is also tasked with disbursing funds to aid individuals or groups affected by major disasters. The Committee on Social Concerns is composed of ministers and laypersons who research and study contemporary social issues relevant to the Shin Buddhist community in Hawaii and makes recommendations on social action by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH).

The above is a summary of the Social Concerns Committee charter for Honpa Hongwanji. We are part of this effort to be more cognizant of our environment, both social and physical, and the potential to bettering humankind.

During the following months, our country will enter another important period of decisions relating to our role in this world. We will be coming out of our efforts to hold down the spread of COVID 19 and opening our temples and activities. We will also be VOTING for leadership in our state and in our country. How we responsibly participate is our opportunity to show what the teachings (Dharma) and the membership (Sangha), two of the Three Treasures, are all about. You will be asked to make a donation toward social concerns but more importantly, consider your ACTIONS as a citizen of this state, our country, and the world.

Namo Amida Butsu!

Minister's Message - How Can We Explain our Buddhism

How can you explain or describe Buddhism when someone asks you about it? Here is my explanation with Japanese Kanji “仏教” and “仏慶.”. Both Kanji have the same pronunciation. We call it “Bukkyo”. These Kanji show and explain about Buddhism.

Original Kanji is “仏教”. “仏” means Buddha. “教” means the teaching. Buddhism means that we listen to the Buddhist teaching, or we listen to the teaching to become a Buddha. This is a fundamental Buddhist thought. However, as you know there are various Buddhist sects in the world and each teaching is slightly different.

For instance, some sect's teaching says that monks have to do some hard practices. In contrast, our founder Shinran Shonin said that we just listen to the teachings of the Buddha and recite the Nembutsu. Why are our teachings so easy compared to another sect's teaching? The key is “慶.” “慶” means joy, ease, or pleased. “仏慶” means we share our joy with others by the Buddha or the Buddhist teaching.

Shinran Shonin said to Nembutsu followers.

If you feel happy, you should remember that someone is always with you. If you feel happiness with someone, you should remember that one more person feels happiness with you. That person is me, Shinran.

Quotation from Gorinmatu no Gosho

I think he wanted to say how wonderful we are connected under the Buddha or the Nembutsu teaching. He explained a part of “慶” (joy or gratitude) in the Nembutsu teaching,

Jodo Shinshu association became the biggest Buddhist association in the world because we share our joy with others. We feel the temple is a place where we feel joy and gratitude. If someone asks you what Buddhism is, you can say that our Buddhism is sharing our joy or gratitude with others.

Namo Amida Butsu

In Gassho,



Reverend Kojun Hashimoto



September 18th Service

Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki and his wife, Dayle visited Wahiawa Hongwanji. It was nice to see them again and listen to Rev. Kuniyuki's Dharma talk.



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.

October 2022

1 Rev. Kerry Kiyohara
8 Rev. Shinkai Murakami
5 Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani
22 Mrs. Debbie Kubota
29 Kuikawa Kahu Sherman
Thompson

November 2022

5 Mr. Blayne Nakasone
12 Rev. Alan Urasaki
19 Rev. Kazunori
Takahashi
26 Rev. Joshin Kamuro

President's Report



"I hate that they're so good, but I also hate that they're all so nice. Their coach Gerald is so great. Their kids are so well-mannered and very respectful. They're great." Tennessee manager, Randy Huth

The Little League World Series was an excellent example of sportsmanship, humility, discipline, and Aloha. The Honolulu team was a shining example of how the world can be and was led by Gerald Oda, a Buddhist walking this life with purpose and a very positive attitude for everyone. With so many negative examples and suffering all over the world, this was something to truly celebrate!

We had our quarterly Kyodan Board meeting on September 10. Some of the highlights were:

- Bishop stressed the shortage of ministers throughout the state as more ministers are retiring. The strategy is to have more trained Minister's Lay Assistants to fill in where ministers are stretched. The Minister's Lay Assistant Retreat will be on October 7-9. We are all urged to participate where possible.
- BWA 14th State Membership Conference was held on Maui in May
- Jr. YBA State Convention was held in Hilo in June. Jr. YBA is expanding its view of the world. They are accepting membership to Jr. YBA WITHOUT being members of the temple. They are being very sensitive to accepting a gender-neutral, safe environment. Their new motto is: "Entrust, Learn, Give-Back."
- The State Lay Convention was held online on September 16-17 with keynote speaker, Dr. Michael Cheang. Dr. Cheang stressed the importance of understanding values and linking our ACTIONS to our Values.
- The next Kyodan Board Meeting and Giseikai for 2023 will be an in-person, hybrid meeting.

The month of September is marked by two occasions for ringing the Bonsho. On September 11, we had our service at the Bonsho at 9:00 AM. On September 21, International Peace Day, bells rang throughout the state and the world. Peace Day crane bouquets were distributed at Kilani Bakery, Duke's, and Tanya's. This Peace Day bell ringing has connected over a thousand people all over the world.

The Wahiawa Hongwanji has sustained itself for over 110 years. It is through the efforts of so many volunteers who have contributed their time and monies to continue the legacy of what our ancestors have brought. Serving on the leadership team provides an opportunity to hone/improve skills while helping the temple. As a business organization, we are challenged with many issues that build our experiences and contacts in the community. The Hongwanji provides a safe environment to try techniques and creative ideas. **Please consider contributing your time as a member of the board as we enter the final quarter of 2022.**

Thank you for your ideas on how we can provide spiritual and fun activities to enliven your family's meaningful contribution to the community. Our path toward self-actualization is a part of our never-ending journey in this life. Please contact me directly at 808-721-0092 or email: rmoriyama@gmail.com

In gassho (gratitude),



Rodney S. Moriyama, President

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www.wahiawashinbuddhists.org

Columbarium Hours: Daily 10:00am - 3:00pm



Hitting the Pause Button on Clothing and Household Goods Donations

Due to your generations donations, our storage areas are full and we can no longer accept donations of clothing and household goods. Thank you for your generosity! We will let you know in a future newsletter when we will be able to accept donations of clothing and household goods.

Happenings at Wahiawa Hongwanji

By Carolyn Uchiyama



Activity #1 – Origami Peace Crane Bouquets

The last several months temple members have been folding origami cranes for Peace Day in September. On August 28th, temple members gathered to create the origami peace crane bouquet. Under the crane's wings was placed a sticker that identified Wahiawa Hongwanji as the creator of the presentation. The crane was stapled to a straw and placed in a ceramic holder with an explanation of Peace Day.

The purpose of the project is to familiarize the community with Peace Day. The bouquet of cranes will be on display at three businesses in Wahiawa. They will be at Tanya's Grill & Pies, Kilani Bakery, and Duke's Clothing from September 14 till September 21, Peace Day. Customers are welcome to take a crane.

The resolution presented by the Jr. YBA passed the Legislature and was signed by Governor Linda Lingle in 2007. Hawaii is the only state in the union that celebrates Peace Day.

Mahalo to all the crane folders and participants at the Sunday activity that created such a beautiful display. The photos attest to the wonderful work that everyone performed for this worthwhile endeavor for Peace Day on September 21.

Activity #2 – Wahiawa Hongwanji Food Drive

On September 4th, Wahiawa Hongwanji held their monthly Food Drive. We continue to collect donations for St. Stephen's Church. People often ask what kind of products would be appropriate. The answer is that anything is accepted. We just received toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss. We also received canned goods like spam, tuna, and vegetables. The total was **85** items and **15** pounds of rice.

We accept with gratitude and appreciation the monthly donations from temple members throughout this pandemic.

Activity #3 – Announcement

On October 23rd, we will have an art activity celebrating National Art Day. How is art related to Buddhism? Let me explain. The activity will use "washi" paper that is used for shoji screens. If we look deeper into the washi paper, we discover it is made of wood bark, boiled, and put in a water bath. Through a screening process, the fibers cling together to form washi paper. The fibers are being connected to form a bond for the paper. So as in Buddhism, all the plants, animals, and human beings are connected to create this world we live in.

We will have guests from Mililani Hongwanji Dharma School visiting us to listen to Rev. Hashimoto's dharma message and participate in the activity. Join us for a morning of dharma sharing and fun shoji art.

Upcoming

EVENTS

23rd ANNUAL BLOOM-FUTABA MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Futaba Lecture Series is endowed by Dr. Alfred Bloom to honor the memory of his friend and mentor, Professor Kenko Futaba. Dr. Futaba, a noted Shin Buddhist scholar, served as President of Kyoto's Ryukoku University from 1983 to 1995 and then became Chancellor of Kyoto Women's University. Dr. Bloom fervently hopes that this lecture series will be a continuing inspiration for the nurturing of American Buddhism and for the social participation of Buddhists in the quest of social justice and peace.

Date & Time: Friday, October 7 th, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (HST).

Place: Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Annex Temple & Zoom

Guest Lecturer: Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi

Topic: Meditation, Mindfulness & Gratitude - The natural path to awakening and joy

Free Registration: <https://forms.gle/kjSAZ3bCugc29ih97>

EMBRACING HOPE

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is supporting “Embracing Hope”, a free speaker series and workshop about Suicide Prevention and Hope.

The series is for people who feel ongoing distress from the pandemic, people contemplating suicide, and parents and youth in the community, and will culminate in a “Sources of Strength” suicide prevention training for youth. Inspired by Soul Shop, a national movement focused on helping faith communities develop skills and strategies for the prevention of suicide, all “Embracing Hope” events are free and open to the public. All are welcome.

Talk Story: Hope for Youth, Saturday, October 15th, 2022, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. HST by Zoom (**for high school and college students**)

Workshop: Embracing Strengths: Saturday, October 22nd, 2022, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. HST, Community of Christ Church, 2319 Rose Street, Honolulu (**for high school students**)

Register for both events at: embracinghope2022.eventbrite.com

2022 FALL NEMBUTSU SEMINAR (HONOLULU & OAHU HONGWANJI COUNCIL)

Honolulu & Oahu Hongwanji Councils and Office of Buddhist Education will sponsor an online Nembutsu seminar.

Date & Time: Sunday, October 23rd , 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. (HST)

Guest Speaker: Mr. Koichi Mizushima, Buddhist Church of Sacramento

Hawaii Panel Participants: Kieran Maesaka, Cristina Gervais, Brad and Joy Nakamura

Topic: Creating Dharma Moments Together: E KOMO MAI!

Free Registration: <https://forms.gle/L5HFbXeRQcEZ8789A> Registration Deadline: Sunday, October 16th 2022

KAUAI HONGWANJI COUNCIL NEMBUTSU SEMINAR

Kauai Hongwanji Council will host a Zoom Nembutsu seminar with Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji on Friday, November 18, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The topic is "A Look at Shinran Shonin's Life and Thought." Registration is required. Please go to the link (<https://forms.gle/52xuXUfLduCuXh1PA>) and fill out the information. When you complete the seminar registration, you will receive an automatic confirmation email from Google forms. Registration deadline is Friday, November 11. Maximum capacity is 100 people, first come first serve. We will email you a Zoom link three days prior to the seminar. Registration fee is free but donations can be made to "Kauai Hongwanji Council ". If you have any questions please contact any of the Kauai temples.



United Jr. YBA of Oahu HBY Month Fundraiser



In October, the United Jr. YBA of Oahu will sell Baked Manju filled with Koshian (red bean paste) to fundraise for our HBY (Hawaii Buddhist Youth) Month project. This year, we will be donating a portion of proceeds to the World Central Kitchen, a non-profit organization devoted to providing meals in the wake of natural and humanitarian disasters. Please see the information and order form below. Thank you for your continued support!

ORDER DEADLINE: October 9th, 2022

Please email any orders to: jrybafoahu@gmail.com

Please email any questions to: jrybafoahu@gmail.com or

call Aryn Ishikawa at (808)271-8254

(Include name, address, contact number, temple pickup location, and number of orders)

OR

Mail order form (bottom) to:

Mililani Hongwanji Mission, attn: Jr. YBA

95-257 Kaloapau St, Mililani, HI 96789

Pick-up date: October 23rd, 2022 (after service)

Pick-up locations: Aiea, Mililani, Pearl City, Wahiawa, or Waipahu Hongwanji

Payment: Cash (exact change) or checks payable to United Jr. YBA of Oahu

Please enclose payment or pay at the time of pick up/delivery.

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Pick up temple location: _____

OR

Delivery Address: _____



Manju: one order is 6 pc for \$5

TOTAL: ___ orders x \$5 = \$ _____

Payment enclosed: Yes ___ No ___