



Wahiaawa Hongwanji Mission

October 2025

The Messenger

Nurturing Nembutsu: Cultivating Awareness

Calendar of Events

October 2025

05 Sun NO Sunday Service
12 Sun 9:00am Sunday Service
19 Sun 9:00am Tsuito-E Service with Rev.
Irene Nakamoto
26 Sun 9:00am Sunday Service

November 2025

02 Sun 9:00am Eitaikyo Service with Rev. David Nakamoto
09 Sun 9:00am No service (Temple leaders attending Waianae
Hongwanji Closing service)
11 Tues 9:00am Veteran's Day Parade
16 Sun 9:00am Sunday Service
16 Sun 10:00am - 3:00 pm Blood Drive
23 Sun 9:00am Sunday Service
30 Sun 9:00am Sunday Service

Upcoming Events

December 14 9:00 am temple clean-up and general membership meeting

BWA Tsuito-E Service

The annual Tsuito-E Service honors all deceased members of the Wahiaawa Hongwanji Mission Buddhist Women's Association. This year's Tsuito-E service will be on Sunday, October 19h at 9:00 am. This year's speaker will be Rev. Irene Nakamoto.

If you have any questions or need additional information about this BWA service, please contact Dale Shimaura at 808-392-3253 or email her at dshimaura@yahoo.com



Wahiaawa Hongwanji Mission Annual Eitaikyo Service Sunday, November 2nd

The Wahiaawa Hongwanji Mission will hold its annual Eitaikyo Service on Sunday, November 2nd at 9:00 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Rev. David Nakamoto.

Eitaikyo is a Japanese Buddhist tradition that honors the continuous chanting of sutras, Buddha's teachings, ensuring they are passed down through generations. A dedicated fund helps sustain this practice and supports the long-term future of the temple.

Families may make special donations to the Eitaikyo Fund in memory of loved ones. While donations are accepted year-round, many choose to contribute during the annual service. Donors who give \$300 or more by one week before the service will have their loved one's name called during the ceremony, and family members will be invited to offer incense.

Minister's Message - Right Livelihood



I would like to share my thoughts about Right Livelihood, which is the fifth step of the Eightfold Path. Right Livelihood means avoiding any way of life that brings shame.

What are shameful things in life?

First, avoid doing things that could get you arrested by the police.

Second, do not complain or use abusive words.

Third, do not let anger control you.

Right Livelihood is like the other steps on the path that I mentioned before. As Buddhists, we reflect on what is considered shameful in life, not just from our own perspective, but through mindfulness and awareness in the present moment.

Shakyamuni Buddha said:

"Do not follow the past. Do not seek the future. The past is already gone. The future has not yet come."

These words remind us to live in the present moment.

Let me share a story.

There is a writer named Hiroshi Abe. He was once a member of the Yakuza. When he was in jail, his mother came to visit him. He expected her to scold him or express disappointment. He felt ashamed and prepared himself for her anger.

But when she saw him, she simply said,

"Because you are here, I was able to see the inside of a jail. Thank you."

He was shocked by her words. If she had criticized or complained, he might never have changed his life. But she didn't. Instead, she said "thank you."

She accepted the present moment and didn't dwell on the past. She knew that reminding him of his past mistakes would not help. Her words gave him the strength to reclaim his life.

We often regret things: *"I should have done that,"* or *"I shouldn't have done this."* These thoughts are natural, but before regret, we should accept our experiences.

As Buddhists, we turn to Amida Buddha's words, no matter what happens. Amida Buddha said:

"You are as you are."

Not forgetting these words, and putting our hands together in gassho (a gesture of respect and gratitude), is how we live with Right Livelihood as Buddhists.

Namu Amida Butsu

In Gassho,
Rev. Kojun Hashimoto

Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 9:00am - noon
(Appointments are highly recommended)

Phone: 808-622-4320

Email: office@wahiawahongwanji.org (allow 48 hours for email response)
www.wahiawashinbuddhists.org

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

Presidents' Corner



We have a very important event occurring in November. Wahiawa Hongwanji and Hoala School will be sponsoring a blood drive for the Blood Bank of Hawaii on November 16, 2025, from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm in the Wahiawa Hongwanji parking lot. The Blood Bank of Hawaii explained why blood donations are critical for everyone in Hawaii. Every two seconds someone is in need of blood. A friend, a son, a daughter, a mother of a newborn, and a cancer patient. . . the list goes on and on. General medical patients comprise 36% of the blood, followed by cancer patients at 20%, then general surgery patients at 16%, next heart patients at 15%, and finally, emergency & trauma patients at 11%.

It's important that the quota is met daily to ensure an ample supply of blood. Blood cannot be bought or manufactured. The only way it is obtained is through donation.

You can save a life by signing up. Please look at the flyer on the last page and scan the QR code to select an appointment time. Our goal is to fill all 40 slots.

Thank you very much for your support in this campaign. Even if you are unable to donate, please help us spread the word about the blood drive by sharing the enclosed with your family and friends. We can all be a part of making a valuable contribution to our community and state. Together we can save lives!

In Gassho,
Venus and Carolyn
Co-Presidents

Jr. YBA Happenings

October is Hawaii Buddhist Youth (HBY) Month and the charity that we chose at our summer convention to support this year is Coral Reef Alliance. We will be making manju for our HBY month fundraiser so we truly appreciate all of you who placed orders. We are excited to make our yummy manju for you! Photos will be in the next newsletter.

We will be making our way out west to Waianae Hongwanji's final service on November 9 at 10:00am so we encourage everyone to come out to show your gratitude for one of the oldest temples in our district. There is so much history at this temple and we are sure to hear some wonderful stories. This is a great opportunity to talk story between the generations and it will be a true nembutsu moment.

After last year's successful Toys for Tots drive, we have decided to do it again this year so please keep your eyes out for more information in the next newsletter!

Upcoming Important Dates:

Manju Making: Saturday, October 4, at Waipahu Hongwanji at 9:00am

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 12, at Aiea Hongwanji at 1:00pm

Federation Meeting: Saturday, October 18 time TBD but plan for an all day event (meeting and activity)



We welcome any youth who are entering 6th grade through 2 years after high school graduation are welcome to join Jr. YBA! You do not need to be a member of a temple so bring your friends! Please contact a Jr. YBA member or Auntie Arynn Ishikawa (advisor) at arynn.m.ishikawa@gmail.com or jrybafoahu@gmail.com if you have questions or for more information.

2025 Wahiawa Hongwanji Eitaikyo Service Response Form

Sunday, November 2, 2025

You may complete this form electronically at bit.ly/whmE2025 or by using the QR code



1. Name of person completing the form: _____

2. Mailing Address: _____

3. Best contact phone number (if we have any questions): _____

4. Who is/are your honoree(s)?

Please list your honoree(s) below. Providing all names ensures that each honoree will be recognized during the Eitaikyo Service.

	Honoree Name Last Name, First Name , optional Middle Name or nickname (Example: First name is Sachiko, but was also known as Sally)	Are you the point of contact for the honoree?
1		☐ Yes ☐ No
2		☐ Yes ☐ No
3		☐ Yes ☐ No
4		☐ Yes ☐ No
5		☐ Yes ☐ No

Kindly let us know if you will attend	Number of People
5. Including yourself, how many of your family members and/or friends will be attending the Eitaikyo service ?	
6. Including yourself, how many of your family members and/or friends will be attending the Eitaikyo reception (following the service) ?	

Please return this form to Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission - Eitaikyo, 1067 California Avenue, Wahiawa, HI 96786 by **Saturday 12 noon, October 25th**.
For questions, contact us at office@wahiawahongwanji.org

🇺🇸 Join Us to Honor Our Veterans! 🇺🇸

March with us in the **79th Wahiawa Lions Club Veterans Day Parade!**

📅 **Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2025**

🕒 **Parade starts at 10:00 AM**

📍 Starts at Wahiawa District Park, ends at Kaala Elementary School

🎉 Veterans Day Celebration to follow at Kaala Elementary School from 10:30 AM–2:00 PM

👟 Wear comfy shoes & a purple shirt if you can

🕒 Be at Wahiawa District Park by **9:00 AM**

✉ Sign up: **office@wahiawahongwanji.org**

Let's march in honor of those who served! 💜🇺🇸



Veterans Day Parade 2024

"FAREWELL TO MANZANAR" FILM SCREENING OCTOBER 19TH AT HAWAII BETSUIN

Farewell to Manzanar is a 1976 made-for-television film based on the book by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston. The movie tells the story of Jeanne Wakatsuki's experiences as a Japanese American child imprisoned with her family at Manzanar during World War II, exploring themes of resilience, identity, and family.

In today's context, it is essential for those in our community to remember and understand what occurred in the U.S, including Hawai'i, at another time in history: the forced removal and incarceration of Japanese Americans by federal agents.

Please join us for a free film screening of Farewell to Manzanar on Sunday, October 19, 2025, in the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Social Hall. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., screening at 5 p.m. Refreshments provided. RSVP at honpahi.link/manzanar or email wesleyumchawaii@gmail.com.



A panel discussion follows the film with Josh Houston, son of the filmmaker; Tina Sablan, an immigrant advocate; Carole Hayashino, President Emerita, JCCH; Ken Inouye, 442nd Legacy Center; and Logan Narikawa, moderator.

Event sponsors are HHMH Committee on Social Concerns, Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, and Wesley United Methodist Church. Co-sponsors are Allies in Resistance, JACL Honolulu, UH Retirees Ohana, Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, and Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce.





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**Hawaii needs more
than 200 blood donors
*every day.***



Did you know that all 18 of Hawaii's civilian hospitals rely on our donors to provide blood for everything ranging from cancer and burn treatments to surgeries and transplants. Your neighbors on every island need your support.

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WITH HO'ALA SCHOOL ID#3482

Sunday November 16, 2025

10:00am to 3:00pm



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Wahiawa, HI 96786

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talk to your Lifesaver Club coordinator,
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