



The Messenger

Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity & Openness

Calendar of Events

December

06 Sun 8:30am-9:30am Food Drive

06 Sun No Sunday Service

06 Sun 10:00am Online WHM General Membership Meeting on Zoom - See below for link information.

13 Sun 9:00am Online WHM Bodhi Day Service - See below for online link

20 Sun 9:00am Online Dharma Message - See below for online link

20 Sun 10:00am Online WHM Executive Board Meeting

27 Sun 9:00am Online Year End Dharma Message - See below for online link

31 Thu 5-7:00pm New Year's Eve - Bonsho Ringing (You must wear a mask, maintain social distancing, and sanitize hands before ringing bonsho)

January 2021

01 Fri New Year's Day

03 Sun 8:30am-9:30am Food Drive

03 Sun 10:00am Online Installation of Kyodan Officers

17 Sun Online Exec Bd Mtg-10am

24 Sun Online Hoonko Service

General Membership Meeting Online

December 6, 2020 10:00 AM

It's time for our General Membership Meeting where we officially elect our members and officers of the Board of Directors. It will also be a time for gaining your concurrence to hold official meetings electronically, recap the year, and updating our By-Laws and Handbook. If you would like to participate please email us at wahiawahongwanji808@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link. Should you have any questions, please call us at 808-622-4320. We look forward to seeing you via Zoom!

Online Dharma Messages and Services

Links to weekly online Sunday Dharma Messages can be found at our website <https://www.wahiawashinbuddhists.org/> or you can view them on YouTube at your convenience. These Dharma messages are given by Rev. Hashimoto and Honpa Hongwanji of Hawaii ministers throughout the state each Sunday.

In addition, Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission is also offering major, important and special services online.

Please check our calendar of events and our website for links to these services. If you have any questions, please call the temple office at (808) 622-4320.



Minister's Message

The Nembutsu is a Mirror

Former Monshu Koshin Otani wrote about the introduction to Buddhism in 2004. The title was "Ichinichi gohun gokan wo togisumaseyo." (Five minutes each day, sharpen the five senses) I would like to share a part of his article.



As a part of my daily routine, I entrust myself completely to Amida Buddha, Namo Amidabutsu, and the nembutsu that intone is intended as a greeting to Amida Buddha. Although Namo means "I believe in you," it has the same origin as the word Namaste that is used in India and Nepal, which means Hello. For those who feel an inhibition toward intoning the Nembutsu, I suggest that they have a time for five to ten minutes which they do not do anything each day and endeavor to sharpen their five senses. This may lead to small change in them, for they were concerned about their own self only.

It is said that life is a journey in which you encounter your own self. Forgetting to take even a mere five to ten minutes for the sake of one's own self is a man of today. People tend to seek a long life, holding many titles, and receiving many certificates of recognition and appreciation. The life that we lead is different. No matter what kind of life that may be, we all want to live a life that we can say has been meaningful. The way to do that is to have a mirror that reflects who we truly are.

We should have a room in our heart even for five minutes.

Namo Amida Butsu

In Gassho,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kojun Hashimoto".

Reverend Kojun Hashimoto

Columbarium Flowers Dec. 23 - Jan. 1.

During the holiday season, families may bring flowers to the columbarium between December 23rd - January 1st. Please observe all posted rules during your visit. You must wear a face mask at all times and sanitize your hands before and after going into the columbarium, sink and vase areas.



Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission Office Hours: By appointment 808-622-4320
NEW Columbarium Hours: Daily 10:00am - 3:00pm

President: Rod Moriyama

Minister: Reverend Kojun Hashimoto

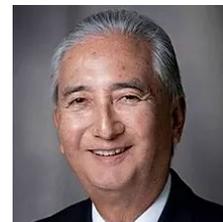
Vice Presidents (alphabetically): Karen Pang
Dale Shimaura
Carolyn Uchiyama

Secretary: Amy Kanemaru

Treasurer: Alan Kakazu

President's Report

Joe Biden is the new President-elect of the United States! After an entire week of fluctuating and anticipation, all of the mail-in ballots have been counted that substantiate the victory. Over 75 million people voted for the new president-elect. It's been a tremendous outburst of participation at the polls setting record levels. Hopefully, we can finally start the healing process to unify the country on major issues regarding COVID-19, the economy, foreign policies, racial/gender equity, climate change, and health care accessibility.



On top of all the excitement with the Elections, COVID-19 reporting, and the Level 2 tier of opening the Hawaii economy continues to proceed as planned. We have not received word of further relaxation of the rules and remain cautious in our opening. The first visitors from Japan are also arriving.

Life continues to go on. In our discussions on Sunday via Zoom, one of the topics involved funeral planning. I have been recently looking into putting something together ahead of time. I'm sure many of you have already planned something but do your children know your plans? As a veteran, I also contacted the National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) to learn that only niches are still available, You can apply in advance so all the paperwork will be ready to go.

A suggestion was made that we hold a Zoom presentation by different memorial parks so people can learn from their homes, the details of plans available. Because these plans are "ala carte," some time is needed to determine what is the correct one for you.

Our virtual Eitaikyo Service will be on November 22 with Rev. David Nakamoto. We will be recognizing those who have supported the temple through many generations. Please continue to contribute to the Eitaikyo Endowment Fund as we shoot for our \$1 M target.

We have sent out an opportunity to donate to Wahiawa Hongwanji as part of the Kahala Mall's Very Merry Event (VME) discount weekend from December 11-13. Tickets purchased for \$5 each will give you access to discounts, sales, and giveaways from participating shops and restaurants at Kahala Mall. The list of participating stores and restaurants are listed on the back of the enclosed flyer. These purchases are NOT gift cards, but they are a direct donation to the temple. The really great thing is that WHM keeps 100% of all ticket sales! So please feel free to share this opportunity with family, relatives, and friends. The more tickets sold the more the temple will benefit!

With the Holiday Season being kicked off on Thanksgiving, please be mindful of the deep appreciation we feel for you and the entire community. **Please stay safe, socially distanced but very CONNECTED!**

Namo Amida Butsu!

In gassho (gratitude),



Rodney S. Moriyama, President



A WHM Wedding!

Congratulations
Brandyn and
Ishtar!
October 30, 2020



Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission Fundraising Event

The Very Merry Event



Thank you to all who supported this successful fundraising event. The tickets you ordered can be picked up during the drive-through ticket pick-up on Sunday, November 29 between 9:00 - 10:00 am in the Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission Parking lot.

Happy shopping at Kahala Mall December 11 – 13.



Sharing with Our Wahiawa

By Carolyn Uchiyama

Wahiawa Hongwanji appreciates your efforts in the monthly food drive. On November 1st we collected **147** canned goods, bags of rice, and coffee for St. Stephen's Church. These items certainly help them feed people on their 2nd and 4th Wednesday drive-through at the church.

Kahu Kaleo Patterson commented that the amount of participants is growing and shows the difficult circumstances people are facing during this COVID-19 crisis.

Let us continue to be a community partner to help the people of Our Wahiawa. Our next food collection will be on December 6 at 8:30 am.

WHM On-Going Clothing Drive Fundraiser

By Dale Shimaura

Thank-you to all who have been using this “down-time” to do “Spring cleaning,” and then contributing all of your clothing, shoes, purses, towels, linen, bed spreads, blankets, jackets, curtains, etc. to our Clothing Drive Fundraiser. To the others who are still doing those 1,000-piece puzzles, we still have lots of space for your gently used items when you finally get around to house-cleaning! We especially appreciate those heavy items as we will be paid by weight.

Leave your tied bags of clothing under the tables in front of the Columbarium. Please put your name/phone number on a piece of paper in one of your bags.

Thank you in advance!



Christmas is but a few days away!

Are you stuck at home wondering what to get the Keiki for Christmas this year? No worries, Tutu has the answer!

Why not order a personalized Christmas stocking specially hand-made by Tutu (of WHM's Bon Dance Tutu's Kitchen) for those special people in your life. These keepsakes will be treasured by all who receive them and will be taken out and proudly displayed during this time every year.

So order your stockings for the keiki, and Mom and Dad too! Don't forget Grandma and Grandpa, and all your special friends too!

An order form is enclosed in this newsletter for you, and the phone number (754-8137) in case you have any questions too!

Christmas Fundraiser



Personalized Christmas Stockings: Wahiawa Hongwanji will receive 80% of all proceeds	Mail orders to: A. Kakazu 241 Thomas St. Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786		
	Make checks payable to Wahiawa Hongwanji		

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DEC 9 TO ENSURE DELIVERY	Two Sizes :	Large: approx. 17 1/2" tall	\$ 35
		Small: approx. 12.5" tall	\$ 30

Red or Green Felt Stocking, Fur Cuff with Name (Limited to 10 characters)
 If you don't see what you want, special requests accepted (additional cost if not in library of designs)

Request Form:	Your Name:		
	Your Phone Number:		
	Color:	Red:	Green:
	Size:	Large:	Small:

Name:										
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Design:

Any Specifications:

Hawaiian Oalf	Moana	Santa	Minnie	Surfing Stitch	The Child & Stitch
Poinsettia	Hello Kitty With Christmas (or Palm Tree please specify)	Specify Boy(blue) or Girl(pink) Specify birthdate	Sofia	Mickey	
				Tinkerbell	
				Frozen Elsa	
				Chicago Bears or U of H (not shown)	