



The Messenger

Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity & Openness

Calendar of Events

REVISED November

05 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
 12 Sun 9:00 am Eitaikyo Service with Bishop Umitani
 19 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service - Lillian Lee, guest speaker
 19 Sun 10:00 am WHM Board Meeting
 26 Sun NO Sunday Service

December

03 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
 03 Sun 10:00 am Ko Discussion Group
 10 Sun 9:00 am Temple Clean Up and General Membership Meeting
 16 Sat 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Mochi sale pick up
 17 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
 24 Sun NO Sunday Service
 31 Sun 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Joya no Kane

Annual Memorial Service (Eitaikyo)

November 12th at 9:00 am



Please join us for this special service that pays homage to all who have passed before us. Families gather to express their gratitude to their parents, grandparents, siblings and friends.

Our Dharma speaker will be Bishop Umitani. This will be his first visit to Wahiawa since he was named Bishop.

We will be having a light reception following the service. We welcome donations of desserts for the reception. If you are able to donate a dessert, please call Amy at 808-621-8893 and leave a message or email

amy.kanemaru@wahiawahongwanji.org

To help pay for temple and maintenance expenses, the Eitaikyo Endowment Fund was created. We ask for your help in donating to this Endowment fund target of \$1 million by 2028.

Experience the profound feeling of togetherness and connectedness!

The Shakuhachi Club will be playing.



Yoga Class

Yoga class will be held in the Social Hall on Wednesdays at 9:00 am beginning Nov. 15th. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat or towel to use to lie on and sit on the floor. Donations to WHM will be accepted.



Veterans Day Parade

Let's salute and honor our veterans by marching in the 77th Wahiawa Lions Club Veterans Day parade. The parade is on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 10:00 am. This year the parade BEGINS at WAHIAWA DISTRICT PARK and ends at Kaala Elementary School.

Marchers, wear comfortable walking shoes and if possible, a WHM shirt or purple shirt. Parade coordinators are asking that marchers be at WAHIAWA DISTRICT PARK by 9:00 am.

Please sign-up by calling the WHM Office at 808-622-4320 by November 7th.



Congratulations

to Diana & Kyle who were married at WHM in September.

Minister's Message - Someone is Watching



When my children were small, my mother sent a toy to them. The toys were to protect from being kidnapped.

I understood that there were many kidnapping incidents in Japan. I thought that it was the same here in America. When I went shopping at Walmart, I noticed many posters for young people who were missing.

In Japan, there are many technologies to protect a person from being kidnapped. As an example, most Japanese children have cell phones with GPS installed. Their parents know exactly where their children are.

There were kidnappings from long ago, but it was not as often as it is now. I think the main reason was that everyone was watching out for each other. Today, especially in the cities, nobody knows who is living next door. They do not show an interest in their neighbors, because they are too busy. This is one reason why crime is increasing.

Let me share a story with you.

The man's name was Dharmanichanda, a hard-working man. One day when he came back home, he noticed that he did not have enough rice to have his dinner in his storeroom. So, he asked next door to his neighbor, Ganzzi, "Could you give me ten pounds of rice? I will surely return the rice some day."

Ganzzi was eating dinner, but he accepted his request readily and he passed the storeroom key to Dharmanichanda. After a while, Ganzzi started to doubt Dharmanichanda's honesty. He might take more than ten pounds of rice. So, he went to his storeroom, hid behind a box, and watched Dharmanichanda. He heard Dharmanichanda says "Someone is watching me. Someone is watching me."

Ganzzi was surprised that Dharmanichanda had noticed him. Ganzzi went back to his home in a hurry and pretended to have his dinner. When Dharmanichanda was going home, Ganzzi stopped him and said that he heard Dharmanichanda say "Someone is watching me. Someone is watching me. Did you notice that I was watching you?"

Dharmanichanda responded "No".

Ganzzi inquired "Why did you say such words?"

Dharmanichanda laughed and answered. "I said that to myself, because if I did not say those words, I might take more than ten pounds of rice. That is why I was saying that someone was watching me. I meant **Buddha** was watching me."

Do you remember I once talked about your thumb? We call the thumb Öya-Yubi." Only the thumb faces the other fingers. That means Oya is always watching the child. Japanese people also call Amida Buddha, Oya-Sama.


If we think that someone is watching us, we will never do a bad thing. We can feel relieved that someone or Amida Buddha is always watching us wherever we are. That means we are always with Amida Buddha.

Please think about this. If this thought spreads to the world, we could welcome true peace.

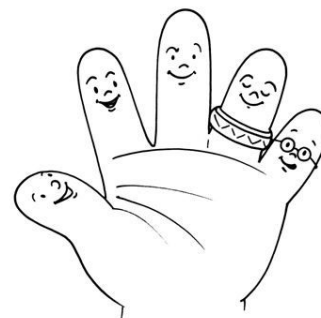


Namo Amida Butsu

In Gassho,



Reverend Kojun Hashimoto



President's Report



Halloween is approaching. The Oahu District Halloween event is on Saturday, October 21st at Leilehua High School and Wahiawa Hongwanji. There will be activities and games, pumpkins for families, and free bentos for member participants! This was a joint event with Leilehua High School

Ho'ala School had a very successful Craft fair event with over twenty-five vendors participating. They had many activities for children including a petting zoo, bouncy houses, and games.. Everyone appeared to be having a great time!

The Annual Minister Lay Assistant Retreat was held on October 7th and 8th. Wahiawa was well represented with Sensei as an instructor, Lillian Lee, and Rod Moriyama as participants. It was an amazing weekend of learning how to conduct services, the proper rituals, and chanting. I've attended this retreat before but one always learns more each time. It reminded me of any martial arts training or instrument training. The more you practice, the more you learn. Despite the relatively long periods...12 hours on Saturday, and 7 hours on Sunday...the time moved quickly. We met and learned so much from each other.

Our ongoing challenges include treating the buildings for termites (over \$53,000), replacing the roof of the Bonsho (\$10,000), and looking to make better use of our facilities including our certified kitchen.

Thanks to everyone who overwhelmingly supported our Zippy's Ticket sales. We made our target of 600 tickets sold of which \$2700.00 was donated back to Wahiawa Hongwanji. At last count, our Give Aloha program with Foodland totaled \$594.00! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!!

On November 12th at 9:00 AM, we will be having our Annual Memorial (Eitaikyo) Service. Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani will be our guest speaker. This special service pays homage to all who passed before us. Families gather to express their gratitude to their parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends. As an investment into the future of Wahiawa Hongwanji, an Eitaikyo Endowment Fund was created. Donations into this fund are set aside for temple maintenance and emergencies. Only the interest from the investments is used. We are on target to reach our \$1 million goal by 2028, our 120th anniversary. Thank you for your continued support!

Nominations are now open for the board of directors for 2024. Many institutions were hit by COVID closings and getting back to speed will require a concerted effort on everyone's part. Broadening our board with members with fresh ideas, contacts in the community, and business skills is needed to ensure the viability of the Hongwanji. If you are interested in being a board member, think about how you'd like to lead the temple into the future. It should coincide with your vision of contributing and sustaining a meaningful life for you, your family, and the members.

In gassho (gratitude),

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rod Moriyama". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rodney S. Moriyama, President

**Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 9:00am - noon
808-622-4320**

**www.wahiawashinbuddhists.org
Columbarium Hours: Daily 10:00am - 3:00pm**



Join Project Dana's Public Presentation Meetings!

Upcoming Events:

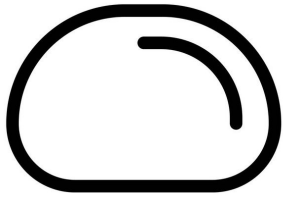
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, November 8, 2023
Time:	9:30 am to 11:30 am
Location:	Zoom and Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813)
Topic:	“Medicare Coverage of Durable Medical Equipment (DME)” – join to learn about Medicare coverage of durable medical equipment, anticipated costs, what to do if your medical equipment is denied, and helpful resources.
Speaker:	Candace Nakamoto, Hawaii SHIP

Meeting Date:	Saturday, November 11, 2023
Time:	9:30 am to 11:30 am
Location:	Zoom and Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (94-821 Kuhaulua Street, Waipahu, HI 96797)
Topic:	“Hawaii Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program” – long-term care facilities help caregivers after a care recipient's hospital discharge for therapy/rehab prior to going home and these facilities even offer short-term respite care. Learn about the types of facilities available in our community, bed/room availabilities, and types of services they offer from the state's Long-Term Care Ombudsman who advocates protect rights of residents in facilities and in improving resident quality of life and care they receive.
Speaker:	John McDermott, Hawaii Long-Term Care Ombudsman

*Zoom links will be provided by inquiry

Please call or e-mail if you are interested on attending public presentations or need more information about the program:

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WHM 2023 Mochi Sale

The end of the year will be here before we know it! Plan ahead by ordering your mochi now! This year our merry mochi makers will be making ko mochi, so place your order now! In support of Honpa Hongwanji of Hawaii's "Going Green" initiative and to keep costs down, you must bring your own container to put your mochi in when you come to pick it up on Saturday, Dec. 16th 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mochi will be waiting for pick up on parchment paper and will be placed in your container when you come to pick up your order. In the past people have brought reusable containers, soda boxes lined with waxed paper or gallon ziploc bags to take their mochi home in. WHM will not be providing "take out" containers or bags.

Please send your payment to Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission, 1067 California Ave, Wahiawa, HI 96786 by **Nov. 17, 2023**.

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Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission Fundraiser – Mochi Order Form Deadline to order is **November 17, 2023**

Name: _____
(First) (Last)

Telephone #: _____

Pounds of Ko mochi: _____ x \$10.00 = \$_____ total amount for mochi

Donation to WHM (optional): \$_____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____

Make checks payable to: Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission

Who will pick up my mochi order

_____ I will pick up my mochi at Wahiawa Hongwanji on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th from 2:00pm-4:00pm**

_____ (Name of person picking up) _____ will pick up my order on Dec. 16th. His/Her phone number is _____

Office Use Only

Date received _____ Cash/Check # _____ Date of Check _____ Received by _____