



# Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission

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## Gassho

Gassho is Japanese for "palms of the hands placed together." The gesture is made as a greeting, in gratitude. Gassho also symbolizes respect, the Buddhist teachings, and the Dharma. It also is an expression of our feelings of gratitude and our interconnectedness with each other. It symbolizes the realization that our lives are supported by innumerable causes and conditions.

Gassho is not an empty gesture. It is an expression of life and our innermost feelings. In Jodo Shinshu, it is said that it represents our deepest aspiration, symbolized by the vow made by Amida Buddha that we all will be awakened to the oneness of life, that we are all interdependent, and that we are all special because we share this life together. This is the meaning of gassho and this is the meaning of "Namo Amida Butsu".



In Asian Buddhist cultures modesty and respect for others are conveyed through the simple gesture of bowing. The hands-together bow is used throughout Asia: in Japan (gasshō), China (héshì or hézhǎng), Thailand (wai) Viet Nam, (hiệp chưởng) and India (namaste).



Ronald McDonald  
"wais" in Bangkok



Do you remember when people cleaned up their home, dressed up in new clothes and paid visit to their friends and relatives to exchange wishes and gifts. Delicious dishes were prepared in traditional manner and served to all. Fireworks on streets added that extra bit of charm on New Year's Day. Are these traditions continued in your family?

### What is a New Year's Resolution?

New Year's Resolutions are basically commitment or promises that people make to themselves. These could be promises to complete a project or to alter a habit for their own betterment. Since these resolutions are usually made in the beginning of the year, these are popularly known as New Year's Resolutions. Ideally, a New Year's Resolution should remain in effect until the goal is achieved.

### Popular New Year's Resolutions

In modern times, most popular New Year's Resolutions pertain to good health or good look. With obesity on the rise most people resolve to reduce weight by taking up exercises or by eating right. Another very popular and mostly broken resolution is to quit smoking and drinking. Students usually make a resolution to complete their assignments on time and to stay regular with studies. Resolutions of waking up early and sleeping early are also quite common.



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Roy Higa, Editor



# President's Message

Glenn Hamamura

Welcome to 2014! After a flurry of activities in which many temple members participated (the general cleanup, the mochi and kadomatsu projects) we ended the year with an opportunity for families to visit the temple on December 31, instead of an end of having year service. I hope that the holiday season was rich and enjoyable for all of you.

The temple enters 2014 well positioned to continue our support of our member families and the community through the many activities we provide. Our capital campaign is underway, and we are using the donations from the first year to start paying down our capital improvement loan that was used for the roof repairs last year. The repairs came just in time – there was a series of storms in December that tested the resiliency of the repairs, and we are dry inside the facilities.

The temple board gets off to a quick start, with a strategic planning exercise planned for our first meeting in January. I'd like to welcome new board member Charlene Acohido, and also thank Vernon Yamamoto for taking on the responsibilities of treasurer. Thanks also to Alan Kakazu, who served as treasurer for many years, and helped us establish more computerized methods for financial tracking and reporting.

My specific focus for 2014 will be temple sustainability – not just in terms of financial and physical resources, but also with regard to leadership and volunteer engagement. The Hongwanji, with its Buddhist core values, could be the perfect venue to develop the skills of collaborative leadership needed in the world and in our local community, and should also be the space in which high value can be provided for volunteer engagement, and personal growth. Let's see how we can work towards this in 2014.

February brings the Giseikai – the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Legislative Assembly, and many of our leaders will be participating in that activity. Key organizational decisions and the annual budget for the headquarters are considered at that meeting.

Best wishes for a rich and full 2014. Let's set our goals for ourselves – personal, family, spiritual, business, and work towards them as a temple family.



— In Gassho —

Glenn Hamamura



## REVEREND'S MESSAGE

*Dharma Talk Theme for this month is "Ho-On "Gratitude"*

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

This is the second time for my family to welcome the New Year at Wahiawa. Through your help and support, we are having a great time at Wahiawa. We really appreciate your help. Arigato gozaimasu. Our resolutions for the New Year are as follows:

For my wife, she continues aikido practice. She was promoted to a higher aikido level last year. So she might beat me soon. Laugh, laugh. Thanks Hamamura-Sensei, Oshiro-Sensei, Nakamura-Sensei, Moriyama-Sensei and all the students of aikido dojo for teaching aikido to her nicely. She will start taiko class in 2014 and return to hula practice.

For my daughter Kano, it will be her last year to practice for jazz band at Wahiawa Middle School. She became a good trumpet player. But she needs more practice... She also is practicing basketball. Her goal will be to get a score by her shooting during basketball game. I hope so...

For my son Shoshi, he also started to practice basketball. He is still smaller than other children. He needs more running to get in better shape.

For me, I am training to run in the Rainbow Ekiden Marathon with other ministers in March as a representative of the State Ministers Association. This is

the first time for Hongwanji ministers to participate in this kind public event. It is a team marathon. We run to pass a baton to the next runner. Passing the baton is part of our Hongwanji history in Hawaii.



First, immigrants brought Jodo Shinshu teachings and kept our teachings even though their life was so difficult. They handed their baton to the next generation and to the next generation. Like this marathon, we will learn to gratefully receive what our ancestors left for us and to pass this on to the next generation.

So please support us in spreading Jodo Shinshu teachings which our ancestors left. Onegai shimasu.

In Gassho,  
Rev Kojun

# Buddhist Thoughts

## Remembrances

"Sorry to interrupt you Rod, but your brother's on the phone," said Eiko, my secretary, as she quietly stuck her head in the conference room. "It sounds urgent."

I excused myself from the meeting and took the phone call in my office. It was August 8, 1986. My father had been in an accident two days before and was "critical" in the emergency room. Someone had stolen his wallet. When they identified him by doing a search on the car's license plate and called his home phone number, no one answered. It wasn't until Monday that the housekeeper noticed no one was home and picked up the message. My brother said it was pretty bad and I should plan on coming home right away. By the time we arrived in Honolulu from Los Angeles, it was already night and it was too late.

Just the week before, he had visited us with relatives from Japan. I still remember the last dinner we had on Redondo Beach Pier (destroyed in a fire a few years later), and dropping him off at the airport. We didn't do much hugging in those days, but for some reason I remember hugging him as we said good-bye. Ever since my mom passed away six years earlier, he was quite lonely.

All the life lessons are still with me as I think of the quiet conversations we had commuting to Honolulu during my high school years:

Life is for the living! Don't worry about me after I'm gone. Live your life every day!

Never make negative comments to women/girls about their looks. Always be polite!

Don't shame the family name! Your reputation is the most important thing!

Land is always a good investment in an island community like Hawaii.

Never hit girls/women!

Understand your life's priorities...your family first!

There will always be people richer and poorer

than you are. We are so lucky to have all that we have. Never forget the poor people!

Think BIG! The world will be a smaller place when you grow up!

Later in my work life, I happened to run into Mr. Herb Cornuelle at the San Francisco airport. He had just been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and chose to live the rest of his life in quiet dignity rather than go through an exhaustive chemo therapy. I walked up to him and introduced myself as Francis Moriyama's son. Despite all that he was going through, I still remember his words to me when he said, "Your father was a kind man."

This past year, we've had so many friends and relatives pass away. As I get older, that's a reality that only grows with time. Death can come at any time. Even when a person is very ill, people around him/her always count on that person still being around. When death comes unexpectedly, like in an accident, or heart attack or stroke, it is a big surprise! Thoughts of regretting not to have said good-bye plague us.

As Buddhists, death is just another transition in the circle of life. The person becomes one with the universe, enveloped in Amida's compassion and aware of all feelings. They may be gone, but they are aware of our presence and all that we are suffering. Their compassion enables us to remember all the good times we've had the good fortune to enjoy, and know that we will meet again as we go through the transition ourselves.

Live each day with full appreciation and remembrances of life lessons from friends and relatives already in the Pure Land. Live each day as if it were your last ... or even the last day for the person you love. When you say "good-bye", appreciate that precious moment as there is no guarantee you'll ever see him/her again. Namu Amida Butsu!

In Gassho,  
Rod Moriyama

## 2014 Bishop's New Year's Message

### ***Namo Amida Butsu and Happy New Year!***

As we begin the New Year, let me express my most sincere gratitude to all Ministers and their Families, Members and Supporters of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for your commitment and effort in the past year. Without your dedication and willingness, Hawaii Kyodan would not have been able to accomplish all that it did in 2013. Now, as a New Year begins, please accept my best wishes and hope that the New Year will be most meaningful and especially peaceful for you. Needless to say as the Jodo Shin Buddhist Sangha, we entrust in Amida Buddha and go to the Dharma/Teachings for guidance. The Great Aspiration of the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light/Amida Buddha is the peace and happiness of all existence. If a person experiences this Great Wisdom and Unconditional Compassion of Amida Buddha that person also embraces the Buddha's Aspiration. Hence, Shinran Shonin was able to say, "Those who feel that their own birth (in the Pure Land of Enlightenment) is completely settled should, mindful of the Buddha's benevolence, hold the nembutsu in their hearts and say it to respond in gratitude to that benevolence, with the wish, "May there be peace in the world, and may the Buddha's Teaching spread!"

In this way, the life of a Shin Buddhist is one of responding in gratitude to Amida Buddha's Compassion by reciting the Nembutsu in awareness, joy and gratitude and incorporating into one's life the wish that the Teaching spreads far and wide and the aspiration for world peace. The reality of interdependence affirms that what we each do (or do not do) will make a difference. However, limited and imperfect my responding efforts are it is important that we try to be that difference. According to the Dharma, a further emphasis would be the importance of how we strive towards our goal. It is clear that the Buddhist emphasis would be on col-

laboration, without force or violence and without fear. This is the Wisdom of the Buddhas.

Truly, let us take to heart our 2014 Theme and Slogan, "Path of Entrusting: Share Peace." As the Compassion of Amida Buddha shows peace must be for all people, all life, all existence. I call out to our members and supporters to please help us, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, keep alive the aspiration for world peace by continuing to speak of it and also be engaged in local and world events which nurture peace in individuals and society. In our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year in Hawaii, may we encourage each other to listen, to study and learn, and experience Amida Buddha and the Dharma so we can be guided and inspired by it. I humbly ask for your support of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and its Mission Statement "To share the living Teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism so that all beings may enjoy lives of harmony, peace and gratitude. I can say with certainty that, in our own way, are making a difference and today more than ever, as we network with other organizations in the community it does make a big difference. Please let us come together and let us work together! Let us entrust and share peace.

Once again, a Happy New Year and Namu Amida Butsu/Entrusting in the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light.

In Gassho,  
Eric Matsumoto, Bishop

# Monshu New Year's Greeting

## *Immeasurable Light and Life.*

At the beginning of the year, I would like to send you my greetings from Hongwanji in Kyoto.

Upon succeeding the position as Monshu, thirty-six years and nine months have passed. I have come to empathize with Chinese master, Shan-tao, as he writes in *Hymns of Birth in the Pure Land*, "Caught up in everyday life, the days and nights go left unnoticed, unable to become emancipated and escape the sea of suffering." I shall vow to work diligently until my term comes to an end this June.

For many of us, although the passing of time seems to speed up with age, in recent years, changes within society have sped up, making things all the more unsettling. Because these rapid transitions are largely the result of developments in scientific technology and economic growth, they sometimes produce discrepancies in individual lifestyles and societal framework. The gap among socio-economic concerns including business corporations and people's lifestyles are widening that both domestic and international

efforts have not been successful in dealing with such issues. As a result, there is a sense that neither reflecting on the past nor thinking ahead into the future matters, so long as we are content with the present. However, this mentality will result in repeating past mistakes or passing burdens on to future generations.

Is it not that the role of Buddhism is to provide us who live in this constantly changing world, with an unfaltering spiritual foundation to live the life which we have received to the fullest? In Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, that foundation is the Primal Vow of Amida Tathagata, namely *Namo Amida Butsu*. Being unconditionally embraced by Amida Tathagata, we are enabled to accept our own inconvenient past and at this very moment, be joyous of this life we have received.

May we all continue to live every day of this year in appreciation of the Nembutsu.

January 1, 2014

OHTANI Koshin

Monshu Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

## HHMH 2014 SLOGAN AND THEME "PATH OF ENTRUSTING: SHARE PEACE"

This year Theme is: *Path of Entrusting: Share Peace!* And as we enter the one hundred twenty fifth year of the Hawaii Kyodan it is very appropriate that our aspiration is to share peace. You will notice that words were chosen carefully avoiding using phrases like "Promote Peace" and "Spread Peace." This is because in Buddhism peace begins with the individual finding peace within and then sharing that peace with others. Please keep in mind that everyone is responsible for his or her own spiritual path and personal actions. But at the same time if the great Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha have transformed one's heart and mind, then one will aspire to share peace in many

different ways, great and small. So let us, according to our circumstances and abilities share peace by our actions and words starting with our families and communities.

*"Signs of long years of saying the Nembutsu and aspiring for birth (in the Pure Land) can be seen in the change in the heart that had been bad and in the deep warmth for friends and fellow-practicers;"* ... Shinran Shonin, page 551, *Collected Works of Shinran*.

Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki,  
Director, Office of the Buddhism Education

## KYODAN PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Aloha and best wishes for a happy and peaceful New Year! 2013 was a year where we made great progress in reaching out into the community through programs and addressing community issues. Two significant examples are the Sadako Sasaki crane exhibit at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Museum and marriage equality law.

The Japanese Cultural Center, the Hiroshima Sister City Committee, and HHMH partnered with the National Parks Service and Pacific Historic Parks in raising over \$70,000 for the construction of the display. The Sasaki family joined us in dedicating the exhibit on Peace Day, Sept. 21, 2013. A significant portion of the contributions were made by HHMH and its affiliates, such as individual temples, BWA, Dharma Schools, and individual members. Thank you very much for your support for this project. We plan to continue our leadership role in peace education.

2013 was a year of divisive issues for our communities. Neighbor islands were polarized with the issue of GMOs (genetically modified organisms) and pesticides while our entire state struggled with the issue of marriage equality. We understand and respect that some may have different perspectives, however, our support of the issue is based on our Buddhist values. As we get involved with the community and social issues, there will be other instances where our individual preferences may differ from that of the Honpa Hongwanji. In order to appropriately navigate through those issues, it is critical for us to have strong leaders at all levels of our organization.

I'm hearing more instances where temples, especially smaller ones, are unable to find willing and able members to step up to the plate to hold leadership roles. Several years ago, we believed the problem of getting the younger members to hold leadership positions was that the seniors were unwilling to let go. Today, after years of dedicated

service and sacrifice, many have step aside, only to find out that the younger members are unwilling to step up to the plate.

We all understand that our organization cannot function without volunteers. We should also understand that an organization of volunteers without dedicated leaders are not sustainable. You have all heard of the story "Whose Job Is It?". It is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. I am asking all individuals, boomer age and younger, to take a more active role in your temple leadership. Do not depend on the same people all the time. Everybody can reasonable claim "I am too busy". So in the end, Nobody will do what Anybody could have done. What do you think will happen to your temple?

In the past I have said that sometimes, in order for an organization to grow, it must first contract. The symptoms we are experiencing, decreasing membership, financial difficulties, shortage of ministers and shortage of lay leaders should make us consider the possibilities of contracting (consolidating temples) now, until we achieve a stable and sustainable state.

Each temple has a choice. Find dedicated and effective leaders or consider consolidation. Either way, we need everyone's support. Without your help, we will be unable to grow for our future generations.

We are truly grateful for the many hands that help us at all levels of our organization. Let us show our gratitude and lessen their burden by offering our help. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your patience, understanding, cooperation and support. Your participation is crucial in our leadership role for the international propagation of Jodo Shinshu.

In Gassho,  
Alton H Miyamoto, President  
Hawaii Kyodan

# Temple News

## Eitaikyo Service

On Sunday, November 17 Reverend Shinkai Murakami of Wailuku Hongwanji visited Wahiawa Hongwanji to present his Dharma message. Many of us had not seen Rev. Murakami since he moved to Maui. Today he shared a very appropriate story with all of us - "What goes around comes around." It's a reminder that whatever we do to our community will return to us positively or negatively. So when we plant the seeds of the Nembutsu in the soil in our community, someday we will see the beautiful flowers. The following is Rev. Murakami's story:

One day a rich lady went to her friend's house who lived about 120 miles away. The two ladies forgot about the time and talked until the late afternoon. Realizing it was close to sunset and having to drive 120 miles back home worried the rich lady. Her friend suggested she take the country road, that is a shorter distance compared to the regular streets. Sure enough it was much faster than the road she traveled this morning. There were no traffic lights and no cars, so she could drive as fast as she could.

While she was driving, one of the lights in her car was blinking and warning her that her car was in trouble. However, she did not maintain her own car and didn't know what to do. The car was starting to feel bumpy so she became scared. She parked the car on the curb, got out of her car, and looked around. She attempted to use her cell phone but it did not work in this mountainous region.

After waiting for an hour, she saw a man coming toward her on a horse. The man looked scary and untrustworthy. Observing that the lady needed help, he pulled his horse in front of her Mercedes. The lady thought, "Is he going to hurt me? He doesn't look safe; he looked poor and dirty."

He smiled kindly and said to the lady, "I'm here to help you. Why don't you wait in your car where it's warm? By the way, my name is Bryan Anderson." Then Bryan checked her car and discovered that she just had a flat tire. He was able to change the tire. Knocking on her window, she now felt better about Bryan and began to talk to him. She couldn't thank him enough for coming to her aid. Then she asked him, "How much do I owe you? Any amount would be alright."

Bryan never thought twice about being paid. This was not a job to him. This was helping someone in need. He knew there were other people who had given him a hand in the past. This is how he grew up and always helping others regardless of their circumstances. She insisted that he accept the money. Bryan told her, "If you really want to pay me back, the next time you see someone who needs help you could offer that person the assistance they need and think of me."

About 5 miles down the road, the lady saw a small restaurant and went in for a hot bowl of soup to warm her body for the remaining 49 miles. The waitress noticed that the lady was wet so brought couple of towels so she could dry off. The lady noticed that the waitress was nearly eight months pregnant, but she was always smiling at her and her glances gave the lady a warm feeling of kindness. While she was waiting she wondered how someone who had ordered only a small item could receive a warm and very kind service from the waitress. Then she remembered Bryan's kindness and his words.

After her meal, the lady paid with a \$100 bill. The waitress quickly went to get change for the \$2.50 soup. The lady was gone by the time she came back. As she was cleaning up the lady's dish, she noticed something written on the napkin. The lady wrote, "You don't owe me anything. I have been there, too. Somebody once helped me out, the way I am helping you. If you really want to pay me back, do not let this chain of compassion end with you." Under the napkin she discovered four more \$100 bills.

When she went home that evening, the tired waitress climbed into bed thinking about the lady, the money, and what the lady had written. How could the lady have known how much she and her husband needed it? With the baby due in a few weeks, it was going to be hard for them. As he lay sleeping next to her, she gave him a soft kiss, then with a deep breath, she said to him softly, "Everything is going to be alright. I love you, my husband, Bryan."

I don't know if her husband was Bryan Anderson, however, if we do some good deeds to people or the community, it may return to you, your family, your friends, or your community. Buddha's great guidance makes our precious lives happier and meaningful.

*"Namo Amida Butsu"*

# Temple News

## **BWA MONTHLY BRIEFS**

**Busy month of December.** . . . In addition to the weekly temple and columbarium cleaning, there was general clean-up day, 2-days of mocha making, kadomatsu making, and helping with preparations for the Kyodan installation of 2014 officers. BWA ladies prepared the candles and made leis for the officers installed on Dec. 29, 2013, following the Sunday service.

We hope many BWA members were present to witness one of our new BWA members as she was installed as a newly elected temple Board member. Despite their very busy lives with 5 sons and 2-grandsons, Charlene Acohido and husband Jon, make time to attend Sunday Service as a family, and they each contribute actively to the temple. We wish Char the very best in her new role on the temple Board.

**Election of 2014 BWA Officers.** . . . Tsuki Kitagawa, responsible for drawing up the new slate of officers, did a great job of combining some of our old-timers with some of our new members to form a great team to lead us in 2014. President—Dale Shimaura, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President—Joyce Fujimoto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President—Lana Bender, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President—Karen Hirai, Recording Secretary—Joanne Nagatori, Assistant Recording Secretary—Amy Kanemaru, Treasurer—Louise Stevens, Assistant Treasurer—Mildred Segawa, Corresponding Secretary—Joanne Nagatori, Assistant Corresponding Secretary—Ethel Nakagawa, Auditors—Joanne Nagatori and Jackie Nakamura. Immediate Past President is Roseline Yano, and Directors are Barbara Higa, Patsy Ibara and Patsy Kaya. Rev. Hashimoto is the minister advisor.

Installation of officers will be held at the Wahiawa Botanical Garden following a short meeting on Jan. 12, 2014 at 10:30am. Continental breakfast will be served. Hope to see as many of you as possible.

**BWA New Year Party.** . . . Plans are under way for our BWA New Year Party. Details will be presented and a final decision made at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting Date.** . . . The next WHM BWA

meeting will be on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014 at 10:30am at the Wahiawa Botanical Garden.

The next Oahu District (Rengo) meeting, which is a luncheon meeting, will be hosted by WHM. It will be held on Feb. 16, 2014 at 1:00pm in the Social Hall. WHM Unit Directors are Dale Shimaura, Doris Matsuoka and Lana Bender.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**TAIKO CLASS.** . . . A long time in coming, but WHM will finally begin Taiko classes. A meeting of all interested parties will be held on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014 at 12:00p in the Fujinkai Room. If interested, but unable to attend the meeting, please call the temple office and leave your name and phone number for Dale, or call Dale directly at 392-3253.

No age limit and no prior experience needed. The only requirements are the desire and enthusiasm to learn. It's good fun, and good exercise too! So, if you've ever wanted to play the drums, or if you just need a good place to let off steam, or take out your frustrations, check out this new taiko class! Instructor for the class will be Takako Hashimoto.

**OHANA PROJECT.** . . . (Temporary name for our Youth/Family Group) This newly formed group was organized with our youth in mind. Original plans were to start a Jr. YBA Club, but that would have eliminated the children under 12yrs of age. Our Ohana Group includes all children, and, in fact, also requires parent participation. The goal is to have families learn, grow and walk together, "*the Buddhist way*".

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014 at 10:00am in the Social Hall. The children have come up with a long list of activities that were enthusiastically received by the parents. The parents have also come up with a list of their own activities, lessons, excursions, etc. they would like to participate in alongside their children. Advisor is Rev. Kojun Hashimoto, and sponsoring the group is the WHM/BWA. If there are other interested families, or if you have any questions, call Dale at 392-3253.

## 2014 Giseikai

The 2014 HHMH Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) will be held on February 7 & 8, 2014 at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. The registration fee for Giseikai is \$100.00 (includes Living Treasures luncheon fee). Rap Session fee is \$8.00. The Registration form and other documents that need to be submitted for Giseikai were already sent to the temples and organization leaders. Please submit all the documents to HQ by the deadline described in the letter. The packet containing materials for Giseikai will be distributed at the Hawaii Kyodan Board of Directors' Meeting on December 7, 2013. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

### Living Treasures of Hawaii recognition Luncheon

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will honor the following individuals as the 2014 Living Treasures of Hawai'i™ in recognition of their personal and professional achievements and their contributions to the community. We welcome you to celebrate this honor with them.

**Reverend Ida Chun**      **Dr. Samuel Gon III**  
**Robert Hamada**      **Arthur & Rene Kimura**  
**Reverend Chikai Yosemori**

Date: Saturday, February 8, 2014

Place: Sheraton Waikiki Hotel

Time: 11:00 AM Registration, 12:00 PM Lunch and Program

Cost: Early registration - \$70.00 for payments received by January 24, 2014

Late registration - \$85.00 for payments between January 25-February 3, 2014

(Reservations will NOT be accepted after February 3, 2014)

Sponsor Tables are available: Gold - \$5,000; Silver - \$3,000; Bronze - \$1,500

### St. Stephen's Food Collection

Thank you for your generous donations to the Food Pantry, especially at this time of the year. Please turn in your canned goods on January 5, Dharma Sunday for the St. Stephen's Food Pantry. Let's work together to help the people in the Wahiawa community. A person's or family's day will certainly be brightened with your contributions. Remember Peace begins with YOU.

*(Approved 12/1/13)*

### Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission 2014 Slate of Nominees

#### One(1) to be elected for each position

|                     |                  |
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| Elaine Kawamoto  | Neal Tomita      |
| Brian Kimura     | Jack Tsujihara   |

#### Legal Advisors

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| Yoshiro Nakamura | Marcus Oshiro |
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#### **One (1) each Board Members provided by Article VII, Section 2, of the Constitution & Bylaws**

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| BWA President | Club Asoka President |
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#### Trustees Emeriti

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#### Dharma News

January 5 - Dharma Sunday with Thomas Kanemaru as the MC.  
January 12 - Celebrating 125th Anniversary of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii  
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January 26 - Dharma School

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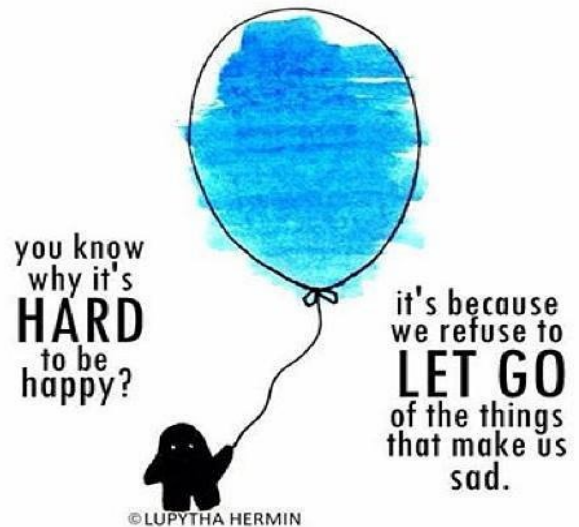
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| Sun                                                                                                          | Mon                          | Tue       | Wed                                               | Thu                                                                        | Fri                                                                                | Sat                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                              |                              |           | <b>1</b> New Year's Day<br>New Year's Day Holiday | <b>2</b>                                                                   | <b>3</b>                                                                           | <b>4</b>                                             |
| <b>5</b><br>9a-10a Sunday Service<br>10a-12p Ohana Project<br>(WHM Social Hall)                              | <b>6</b>                     | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>7p-9p Dharma Group<br>Dinner (BWA Rm) | <b>9</b><br>7:30a-10:30a Hosha Kai<br>7p-8p Club Asoka Meeting<br>BWA Room | <b>10</b>                                                                          | <b>11</b>                                            |
| <b>12</b><br>9a-10a Sunday Service<br>10:30a-12p BWA Meeting<br>& Installation (Wahiawa<br>Botanical Garden) | <b>13</b>                    | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b>                                         | <b>16</b><br>11a-12p Hospital Visitation<br>(PD)                           | <b>17</b><br>8:30a-10:30a Quilt Club<br>(BWA Room) -POC Ethel<br>Yamamoto 625-1745 | <b>18</b><br>8a-9a Altar Awareness                   |
| <b>19</b><br>9a-10a Hoon-Ko Service<br>(WHM Temple)                                                          | <b>20</b> Martin Luther King | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b>                                         | <b>23</b><br>7:30a-10:30a Hosha Kai                                        | <b>24</b>                                                                          | <b>25</b><br>9a-1p 'Ohana Project<br>(Fujinkai Room) |
| <b>26</b><br>9a-10a Sunday Service<br>10:30a-12p WHM Board<br>Meeting                                        | <b>27</b>                    | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b>                                         | <b>30</b>                                                                  | <b>31</b>                                                                          | <b>Notes:</b>                                        |

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### **Ozoni-Mochi Soup**

EJK's Version

#### Soup:

- 8 cups water
- 2 cans minced/diced clams
- 2 Tablespoons shoyu
- 2 pkts Dashi-No-Moto
- ¼ cup mirin (optional)
- ¼ cup dried shrimp (optional)
- 3 shiitake mushrooms, soaked and thinly sliced
- 1-4oz. can stem & pieces mushrooms
- small amount nishime kombu, soaked and tied into small knots
- ½ carrot, thinly sliced
- ½ daikon, thinly sliced
- Hawaiian salt and pepper to taste
- Bring to a boil water, clams, shoyu, Dashi-No-



Moto, mirin, dried shrimps, shiitake mushrooms, stems & pieces mushrooms, and kombu. Simmer for 30 minutes. Add carrots and daikon. Simmer a little longer and then add salt and pepper to taste.

#### Garnish:

Horenso &/or Mizuna, cut in 1 to 1 ½ inch pieces  
Green onion, thinly sliced

#### Mochi

Mochi: broil over low heat or put in nonstick skillet on low heat until soft. Place in soup bowl, pour soup over, garnish and serve.

Mochi can also be softened in a microwave. Wash off powder and place mochi in a bowl with a little water. Microwave 30-45 seconds till mochi becomes soft. Pour soup over, garnish and serve.