



The Messenger

Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity & Openness

Calendar of Events

REVISED February 2023

05 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
 05 Sun 10:00 am - noon Board Planning Session in Social Hall
 10 Fri - 11 Sat 2023 Legislative Assembly (Giseikai)
 12 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
 19 Sun 9:00 am Pet Memorial Service
 26 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
 26 Sun TBA WHM New Year's Party and Keirokai

March 2023

05 Sun 9:00 am Sangha Day Service with Rev. Soga
 12 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service (Dharma Speaker - Rod Moriyama)
 19 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service (Dharma Speaker: Carolyn Uchiyama)
 26 Sun 9:00 am Ohigan Service



Pet Memorial Service

Sunday, February 19th at 9:00 am

Please join us for our Pet Memorial Service. If you would like your departed pet to be included in the service, please bring your departed pet's photo and/or ashes to the service.



WHM New Year's Party Sunday January 26th

Planning is underway by the WHM New Year's Party committee, led by Dale Shimaura.

There are 2 options for the party:

Drive By Only Pick Up 10:00am - 11:00am

In Person Dining in the Social Hall at 11:30am

As soon as order forms are ready, they will be mailed out by the committee.

If you have any questions, please contact the WHM office at 808-622-4320

Wahiawa Hongwanji Social Hall Rental

Is someone in your family celebrating a milestone birthday, graduation or just celebrating being able to gather? The WHM Social Hall is once again available for rental!



STANDARD FEES

(for private parties with a maximum of 200 guests)

Reservation Deposit (non-refundable) \$100.00

Rental for members in good standing ₁ \$300.00

Rental for non-members \$800.00

Security Deposit (refundable) \$100.00

Please call 808-622-4320 to setup your event.
office@wahiawahongwanji.org

₁ A member is defined in the WHM Constitution and Bylaws, page 21, Article VI, Section 2

Minister's Message - Review the Shin-Jin

Shin-Jin is one of the main points in the teachings of Jodo Shinshu. The word of Shin-Jin means, "Entrust oneself, Faith, Heart of Faith, and Mind of Faith."

Therefore, Rennyō Shōnin who was 8th Abbott of Hongwanji in Kyoto said in the letter of Gobunshō.

Attaining the entrusting heart lies in understanding the Eighteenth Vow. To understand this Vow means to understand what "Namo Amida Butsu" is.

So, Shin-Jin means understanding the 18th Vow, understanding the essence of Nembutsu – Namo Amida Butsu.

Shin-Jin is not something you do to receive it from Amida Buddha. Shin-Jin is a part of Amida Buddha's wish. We just accept Amida Buddha's wish without question.

Why do we hear the Shin-Jin so often in discussing the teachings of the Buddha? In order to understand this, we have the term, "Jinen- Honi."

Jinen means a natural thing.

Jinen - Honi means an act of saving that is not the work of a human being.

As an example, "Hongwanriki" which is Amida Buddha's wish that leads us to the Pure Land. He has worked it out for us.

If you understand and accept Amida Buddha's wish without question, you can understand that it is a natural thing that you will be born into the Pure Land.

That is Shin-Jin.

For understanding about Shin-Jin, we should hear the teachings of the Buddha as early as possible. Because Shin-Jin, Amida Buddha's wish, and the teaching of the Buddha is part of our journey through life. If we accept death as a part of our life, we will be able to live life to the fullest.

If we have Shin-Jin, we can give comfort to people when the last moment comes. We can say "Thank you" in heartfelt gratitude..

That is why we should hear the teachings of the Buddha as early as possible.

Namo Amida Butsu

In Gassho,

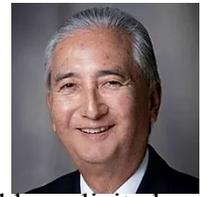


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President's Report



The month of January was spent getting ready for another big year. Our Board installation took place after the Hoonko Service with Rev. Dr. Bert Sumikawa. Gojikai dues will be solicited as we get ready for the 2023 Giseikai (Legislative Session) to be held in-person for the first time in three years. Giseikai weekend along with the Living Treasures Awards banquet will be held on February 10-11th.

On February 5th, the Board will be having our annual Planning Session. If you have ideas on activities and temple direction, please contact the Office or the board members so your ideas can be considered. On February 19th, we will be observing our annual Pet Memorial Service.

On March 5th, we will be having Sangha Day in Wahiawa. The theme will be "Sustainability: Ancient Practices in a Modern World." Kuuipo Garrido and Steven Bolosan will be our guest speakers. Participants from all over West Oahu are invited to participate. Please be sure to order your bento by February 5. There will be fun ...and PRIZES!!

We are grateful for the strong support we've sustained through donations and volunteers even during the COVID pandemic. As Hawaii appears to be reverting to normalcy, we urge that people with compromised immune systems remain extra vigilant. We're learning that people who have been vaccinated also experience minimal symptoms.

This year, we will be having our LIVE Bon Dance in June! Please be sure to sign-up as a volunteer and join in the fun!! We have also come out with a new Happi Coat! Let's make 2023 a very special and fun year!!

In gassho (gratitude),

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rodney S. Moriyama". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rodney S. Moriyama, President

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Hoonko Service!

On January 15th Rev. Bert Sumikawa made a trip out to Wahiawa for our **Hoonko service**. This service is the memorial service of our founder, Shinran Shonin.

Following the service everyone was able to have zenai on the temple lanai. The mochi was made by the many volunteers who came out in December to help with our mochi fundraiser. It was a delicious treat!



Joya no Kane (bell hitting)

It was so nice to see everyone at our Joya no Kane on New Year's Eve. Best wishes for a healthy and happy 2023!

