



The Messenger

Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity & Openness

Calendar of Events

September 2022

04 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
 04 Sun 9:30 am - 10:30am Food Drive
 11 Sun 9:00 am 9/11 Remeberence Bell Ringing
 11 Sun 10:00 am WHM Board Meeting
 18 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service with Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki
 25 Sun 9:00 am Higan Service

October 2022

02 Sun 10:00 am Tsuito-E Service
 09 Sun 9:30 am - 10:30am Food Drive
 09 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
 16 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
 23 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service & Activity with Mililani Hongwanji Dharma School
 30 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service

Foodland's Give Aloha Program Sept. 1-30

Look for our banner in Wahiawa Foodland!

Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission is participating in *Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program*. From **September 1-30**, you may make a donation to Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission at any Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms checkout.

This year in September, customers may redeem 250 Maika'i points at checkout to make a \$5 donation to Give Aloha. This donation will be added to the \$300,000 Give Aloha matching gifts fund to support all 2022 participating organizations.

If you use Foodland's online grocery order service (curbside pickup or home delivery) you may also make donations to WHM. Visit <https://shop.foodland.com>.

At checkout, present your Maika'i card (or provide your member number), or enter your phone number and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to **Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission** code number **79089**. Your donation will be added to your grocery purchase total. You may donate up to \$249 per organization; any portion exceeding \$249 will not be matched. The amount you donate and the name of our organization will appear on your receipt. Donations must be payable to Foodland or Sack N Save. Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match a portion of each donation. Individuals must use their own Maika'i membership to make a donation. Donations made without a Maika'i membership will not be matched.

Minister's Message - In the Mirror



When I took the seminar for overseas ministers in Japan, a minister asked us about the mirror.

He said when we stand in front of the mirror, the mirror shows our face and body. But, why does it show the right side of the face as the left side even though it shows up as up and down as down?

When I try to cut my hair in front of the mirror, it is hard to cut because even though I am cutting the hair on the right side of my head, the mirror shows I am cutting my hair on the left side of my head. It is so confusing.

Everyone stands in front of the mirror every day. How many of you know the answer to this question?

The answer is the mirror shows us as it is. It does not matter whether it is right and left, up or down.

It just shows it as it is. Our thoughts confuse us because we think this side is right and that side is left. This is called attachment.

First of all, Buddhism teaches us that we have many attachments individually. We should understand we have some attachments with each other and we should learn to share our attachment with each other. This is the first point of Buddhism.

If we do not have the mirror which shows our face, we will never notice where we get the dirt on our face. If there is no light which shines upon us, we will never see our shadow.

Buddhism is our mirror and light in our life. When we listen to the teachings of the Buddha, we can realize what we are. We can help and support each other when we understand what we are.

Namo Amida Butsu

In Gassho,



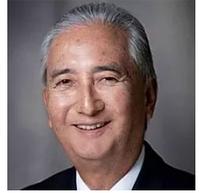
Reverend Kojun Hashimoto

Hatsubon and Obon Service 2022

Thank you to everyone who attended our Hatsubon and Obon Service on August 21st. This was our first time hosting a hybrid service, with people attending in person and on Zoom. Our next hybrid service will be our Tsuito-E Service on October 2nd. Please check our website during the last week of September for more information.



President's Report



Do you keep a daily journal to record all that is happening in your life? It's a simple way to stay positive and be grateful for all that we have! Today was my 2nd grandson's last day of summer vacation. We spent a wonderful day just enjoying the perfect weather and lazing in the pool. I'm so grateful for this moment in our lives!

This month, we sent our first letter via a new system for tracking donations. We had a number of false starts and may still be in the process of making changes. Please don't hesitate to let us know if we addressed something incorrectly or if we missed a donation. It will simplify our year-end process of getting people timely IRS letters acknowledging these donations. With the pandemic constraining our operations, we were finally able to track timely Gojikai dues, and really recognize the generous contributions made by so many people.

People are slowly returning from isolation though we still urge people to be cautious. We believe that the practices in place during the pandemic are really here to stay. The idea of hybrid services is very common now. I spent a morning seeing how it can be done. We'll just need the will to do it. If any of you are interested in learning to better use this technology, please let us know. We see some challenges in terms of access speeds as well as helping people get access to so many wonderful Dharma Talks. The Hatsubon/Obon service is an example of a hybrid service where people had the option of coming in person OR viewing the service via Zoom.

We have been watching a number of great movies for later discussion. Two that have been discussed recently were Hula Girls and The Professor and his Beloved Equation. Both movies were excellent! Sensei recently talked about a dark movie entitled, Countdown. It was about an app that predicted the exact time of death. His Dharma Talk related this movie to spirituality in our daily lives. Listening to the Dharma is developing within ourselves, a depth of spirituality that provides us a positive outlook to handle the ups and downs of daily life. Dying can happen anytime. How we handle facing this reality is directly related to our level of spirituality. No one wants to go to the Pure Land right away.

In gassho (gratitude),

Rodney S. Moriyama, President

White Way Radio Program

White Way is a public service radio program of Moiliili Hongwanji. The programs are on KZOO radio 1210AM or Spectrum channel 888 on Saturdays from 7:45am-8:00am.

September 2022

03 Rev. Tomo Hojo

10 Mrs. Barbara Brennan

17 Rev. Richard Tennes

27 Rev. Al Hironaka

The BSC 50th Anniversary Service & Slideshow

The BSC 50th Anniversary Service & Slideshow videos are available to watch on the BSC Hawaii YouTube channel.

BSC 50th Anniversary Service: https://youtu.be/WmnL_eAN_GM

BSC 50th Anniversary Slideshow <https://youtu.be/rRzjNUrltg>

Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission Office Hours: By appointment 808-622-4320

www.wahiawashinbuddhists.org

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

Happenings at Wahiawa Hongwanji

Project #1: Food Drive for July

This belated report covers the Wahiawa Hongwanji Food Drive held on July 3, 2022. We are truly fortunate to have dedicated members who share their food with Our Wahiawa monthly. We know what is on sale at Longs because we had many cans of Spam. The collection of canned goods was **136** with **15** pounds of rice. Thank you very much for your support.

Project #2: Haiku poems

During temple service a few months ago, you've read the poems we practiced writing for the project at Hilo Hongwanji Betsuin to publish a book of Haiku poems. As the activity for July, members at temple gathered after service to write the poems. With "thinking caps on", we were able to write quite a few haiku poems centering on the Hosha men who clean the temple grounds and the ladies in the kitchen. I'm sure you will be pleasantly surprised with what they have produced.



Hosha Men

Sweating and bonding
Learning life's lessons together
Building lifelong friends

By: Rod Moriyama

Hana hana gang
Maintain temple through teamwork
Relish on lunches

By: Carl Matsuura, Carolyn Uchiyama

Lawnmower riding
Enjoy cutting long grass
Looks like fun child's play

By: Rev. Kojun Hashimoto



Ladies in the Kitchen

Shiawase ga
mochi no naka kara
Waraigoe

By: Takako Hashimoto



Sharing cooking fun
Bond through shogatsu ryori
Good times together

By: Shoshi Hashimoto



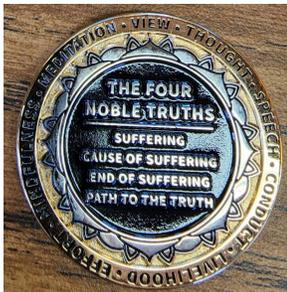
Skillful hands create
Takuan, mazemeshi
Yummy for tummies!

By: Doris Matsuoka, Rev. Kojun Hashimoto



Project #3: Food Drive in August

On August 7, 2022 we had our monthly Food Drive. We continue to support St. Stephen's Church with our temple's donations. We were able to give **102** items of cereal, Vienna sausage, and other goodies plus **15** pounds of rice. Thank you to our dedicated supporters who provide these meaningful gifts for our community members.



Gratitude Coins

Wailuku Hongwanji Mission has minted a Gratitude Coin. The coin is intended to be a reminder of what Buddhism is and to be grateful in our daily life. Wahiawa Hongwanji has ordered 100 Gratitude Coins and people can purchase them for \$10 each. Our Gratitude Coin is something that each of us can carry with us each day, to put in our butsudans, give as a gift or lay it somewhere in our home as a daily reminder of gratitude and compassion.

The coin was designed by a committee at Wailuku Hongwanji. It is 1 1/2" in diameter. The front of the coin depicts the Buddha under the Bodhi tree at the time of his enlightenment. On the back is a short version of the Four Noble Truths and the Eight-Fold Path that was suggested by Rev. Murakami. Order now to give as a holiday gift.

To order, send the completed order form below with your payment to Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission, 1067 California Ave, Wahiawa, HI 96786 by **September 30, 2022.**



Wahiawa Hongwanji Gratitude Coin Order Form

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

	Quantity	Cost Per Coin	Total
Gratitude coin (\$5 of each coin is a tax deductible donation)		X \$10	\$
Temple Donation			\$
Please send this completed order form with your payment to Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission, 1067 California Ave, Wahiawa, HI 96786 by September 30, 2022.		Grand Total	\$

The WHM office will contact you to let you know when your coin(s) are ready for pick up

_____ Contact me to let me know shipping costs.

----- For Office Use -----

Date Received: _____ Cash / Check # _____ Date of Chk _____ Rec by _____

OAHU DISTRICT FALL SEMINAR:



“VIOLENCE FROM A BUDDHIST PERSPECTIVE”

Understanding violence is important. Dr. Tatsuguchi will share how to understand violence from a Buddhist perspective. She will discuss Buddhism as a social science & Buddhist solutions to violence & solicit examples from attendees. There will also be time allotted for audience Q&A.

PRESENTER:

Dr. Rosalie Tatsuguchi

Dr. Rosalie K. Tatsuguchi is a licensed psychologist with a private practice in Honolulu. Her treatment approach blends Buddhist principles and recent Western scientific discoveries. Dr. Tatsuguchi is also an accomplished author. Complete bio [here](#).

WHEN:

Saturday, September 24, 2022

1:00-4:00pm ~ Hybrid: in-person & via Zoom (link will be sent prior to 9/24/22)

WHERE:

Mililani Hongwanji
95-257 Kaloapau Street, Mililani



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

REGISTER

Online at: <https://forms.gle/zN34Lbofy25KFKsG8>

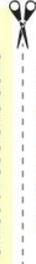
~ Or ~
Fill in form below & mail to:
Mililani Hongwanji
By **Saturday, September 17, 2022**

DONATIONS WELCOME

All gifts received will be donated to benefit Violence Awareness. Checks can be made payable & mailed to: Mililani Hongwanji

Questions?

Call Mililani Hongwanji office at 808.625.0925



~ Registration Form ~

Name: _____

Temple (if applicable): _____

Email/Phone: _____

Mail to:
Mililani Hongwanji
P.O. Box 893308
Mililani, HI 96789



“Building Healthy Sanghas Connecting With Others”

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MISSION
• To promote Peace Day in Hawaii - September 21st



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

2022 PEACE DAY IN HAWAII
International Day of Peace

You're Invited!

“RINGING BELLS for PEACE DAY”
Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022 - 9:01 AM

Register here: bit.ly/PeaceDay2022

In the spirit of promoting Peace Day in Hawaii and throughout the world, we invite the world to join us in ringing bells for PEACE DAY, **Wednesday, September 21st at 9:01 AM.**

At 9:00 AM, we will have a minute of silence to honor all those who sacrificed for us to achieve peace.

Immediately following the minute of silence, bells will be rung by representatives at all the respective temples, churches, schools, and community organizations and individuals. They're our future in ensuring peace throughout the world.

We are also planning to capture the program and all participants on a Zoom Screen, simultaneously, so get your computers ready when you are sent the link to join the event.

Please RSVP by Sept. 12, 2022

You may request a Participation Form to

Rene Mansho - ph: 808-291-6151
renemansho@hawaii.rr.com

PBA LIGHTING OUR WAY BANQUET

Reserve Your Seats for Lighting Our Way Now! Pacific Buddhist Academy's Lighting Our Way Banquet will be held on Friday, October 7, 2022, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Wai'ale Country Club. PBA's Lighting Our Way banquet recognizes inspirational individuals and organizations exemplifying leadership principles and values of the school such as selfless service to others, gratitude, and compassion. The honorees for 2022 are Dr. Nancy Atmospera-Walch, Dr. David Lassner, Pieper and Lois Toyama, and Pacific American Foundation. Along with featuring the community achievements of these honorees, this year PBA celebrates 20 years since the opening of the school in 2003. You can become a sponsor, purchase individual tickets, or make a donation to support the Banquet by going to PBA's Banquet website, <https://pacificbuddhistacademy.org/giving/lighting-our-way>