

**SEPTEMBER 2016**

- 01, Thu 7:30am, Hosha Kai  
 03, Sat 7:00am, Temple/Columbarium Cleaning  
 04, Sun 9:00am, Food Drop-off for Pantry  
 9:00am, Sunday Service  
 10:00am, Buddhist Education for Children  
 10:00am, Sangha Strummers, BWA Rm  
 05 Mon Labor Day-Office closed  
 07, Wed 7:00am, Columbarium Cleaning  
 08, Thu 7:00pm, Club Asoka, BWA Rm  
 10, Sat 7:00am, Temple/Columbarium Cleaning  
 11, Sun 8:00am, Altar Setup for Ohigan Service  
 8:30am, 9/11 Memorial Service, Bell Tower  
 9:00am, Fall Ohigan Service, **Guest Speaker Reverend Jeffrey Soga**  
 10:00am, BWA Meeting, BWA Rm  
 13, Tue 10:00am, *Waiialua Monthly Service*  
 14, Wed 7:00am, Columbarium Cleaning  
 15, Thu 7:30am, Hosha Kai  
 11:00am, *Hospital Visitation (Project Dana)*  
 17, Sat 7:00am, Temple/Columbarium Cleaning  
 18, Sun 8:00am, Minister's Assistant Introductory Class  
 9:00am, Sunday Service  
 10:00am, Board Meeting  
 10:00am, Buddhist Education for Children  
 21, Wed 7:00am, Columbarium Cleaning  
 8:00am, Peace Day Service, Bell Tower  
 24, Sat 7:00am, Temple/Columbarium Cleaning  
 Social Hall Cleaning  
 25, Sun 8:00am Minister's Assistant Introductory Class  
 9:00am, Sunday Service  
 10:00am, Buddhist Education for Adults  
 10:00am, Sangha Strummers, BWA Rm  
 28, Wed 7:00am, Columbarium Cleaning  
 29, Thu 7:30am, Hosha Kai

**OCTOBER 2016**

- 01, Sat 7:00am, Temple/Columbarium Cleaning  
 02, Sun 9:00am, Food Drop-off for Pantry  
 10:00am, Tsuito-E Service, **Guest Speaker Mrs. Michiko Okano**  
 05, Wed 7:00am, Columbarium Cleaning  
 08, Sat 7:00am, Temple/Columbarium Cleaning  
 09, Sun 9:00am, Sunday Service  
 10:00am, BWA Meeting  
 11, Tue 10:00am, *Waiialua Monthly Service*  
 12, Wed 7:00am, Columbarium Cleaning



**HAPPY  
LABOR  
DAY**

**Weekly Activities**

Mon	9:00am	Calligraphy, BWA
	10:00am	Conversational Japanese, BWA
	6:30pm	Tai Chi for Health, SH
Wed	7:45pm	Mindful/Guided Meditation, Temple
	7:00pm	Kendo, SH
	6:00pm	Conversational Japanese, BWA
Thu	6:00pm	Aikido, SH
	7:00pm	Dancersize, BWA
Fri	1:00pm	Mahjong, BWA

**Bi-Weekly**

Thu	7:30am	Hosha Kai
Fri	8:30am	Quilting, BWA

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Peace

## Reverend's Message

### SYMBOL OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES

As you know, the Rio Olympic Games began in early August. I enjoyed watching the games, especially the opening ceremony. During the parade of countries, I realized that the world is certainly huge because I saw some flags which I had never seen before. I understood then that the Olympics symbolize a world of peace. Through sports, all of us in the world enjoy the moment.



By the way, do you know why the Olympic symbol consists of five rings and certain colors? *“The rings represent five world continents—Africa, Asia, America, Europe, and Australia. The symbol was originally designed in 1912 by Baron Pierre de Coubertin, co-founder of the modern Olympic Games.”* (Quoted from Wikipedia.) So, the five rings express all countries are connected and become one, and this idea is really a Buddhist thought. And the colors also express oneness. Do you know how many colors are used? Maybe you can say that the colors are blue, yellow, black, green, and red. That is correct, but one more color is needed, and that color is white! According to Wikipedia, the six colors (including the flag's white background) combined in this way reproduce the colors of every country without exception, such as the flag of the USA, Japan, or Canada. It looks like the color white covered all things.

When we see the Olympic symbol as a Buddhist symbol, five rings and five colors express our human lives, and white expresses Amida Buddha. Amida Buddha embraces all races without exception.

The *Golden Chain of Love* says, “I am a link in Amida Buddha’s Golden Chain of Love that stretches around the world.” Therefore, the purpose of the Olympics and the teachings of Buddhism would appear to be the same.

We should keep reciting the Nembutsu with Shinran Shonin’s thought for peace.

***“May there be peace in the world, and may the Buddha’s teaching spread!”***

(from the collected works of Shinran, Volume 1, page 560.)

In Gassho,



*please  
join us*

Any lay member interested in becoming a Minister’s Assistant should attend the two (2) Minister’s Assistant Introductory Classes being conducted by Rev. Hashimoto on

September 18 and 25 at 8:00am at the temple.

The formal Minister’s Assistant Program will be held in November at the Buddhist Study Center.

## President's Report

With summer ending and schools starting again, traffic becomes another source of stress and frustration. Can people be mindful that this is just another reality and an opportunity to enjoy the moment?



August has flown by with so many activities.

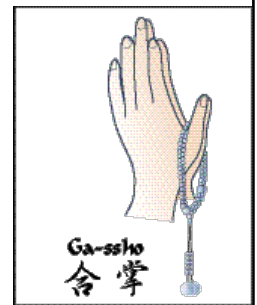
- Interfaith Peace Walk on August 9.
- Bon Dance and service at The Plaza at Mililani on August 11 with Rev. Hashimoto and the WHM BWA ladies (chochin and tents supplied by Wahiawa Hongwanji). This was truly a meaningful event for temple members and others who reside at The Plaza.
- A special Career Development workshop was held on August 13 and 14 at the Buddhist Study Center that featured Janelle Sasaki, Director of Diversity & Inclusion Services at Ernst & Young in Japan. Fourteen young adults from all over the state heard personal stories from key executives about their careers and networking. From Wahiawa Hongwanji, Luanne Bonjiorno, Glenn Hamamura and Rod Moriyama were among the mentors. Tre Acohido participated as a student.
- A well-attended Obon service was held on August 14 with Rev. Bruce Nakamura from Lihue Hongwanji.
- A successful Blood Drive by the BWA on August 20 helped collect 23 pints of blood. This was a special effort to help Alfred Paulino.
- The formal recognition at headquarters of three newly ordained Jodo Shinshu ministers for the Hongwanji: Charlene Kihara (Hawaii Betsuin), Kerry Kiyohara (Moiiliili Hongwanji), and Barbara Brennan (Hawaii Betsuin). Rev. Charlene Kihara, a retired social worker, was our guest speaker on August 28.
- Thank you to the many people who volunteer to help with Bon Dances all over the island!

### Board highlights:

- Summer Youth Program was a tremendous success. Preparations for the Eitaikyo Service are well on the way, and a significant effort to label and polish artifacts in the Archives was completed. Students learned a lot and are back in school
- Mindful Meditation Banner was approved to be displayed to attract more participants.
- Ground termites were found in the front of the temple, in the office and in the minister's residence. Immediate treatment was approved.
- On September 11, a moment of remembrance will be held at 8:30am with the ringing of the Bonsho followed by our Ohigan Service (Fall Equinox) with Rinban Rev. Jeffrey Soga of Hilo Betsuin.
- There will be a number of Peace Day activities during the week of September 16-24. WHM will recognize International Peace Day on September 21 at 8:30am with Hoala School students. Please join us for the ringing of the Bonsho (Big Bell).

Namo Amida Butsu!

In gassho,





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*A place to use Buddhism to  
navigate life*

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Thank you  
to all  
who donated  
to the Food Bank.

In last month's issue we asked that you please hold any further donations until we receive word from St. Stephens. Well, very happy to report that St. Stephens has resumed their collection for the Food Bank, effective August 16, 2016.

We, therefore, will again gladly accept your contributions.

WE ARE SHAPED BY OUR THOUGHTS  
WE BECOME WHAT WE THINK  
WHEN THE MIND IS PURE  
JOY FOLLOWS LIKE A SHADOW  
THAT NEVER LEAVES

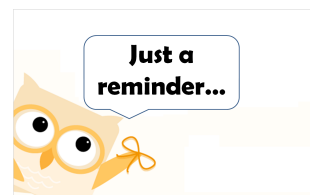
*Buddha*

### BWA Members,

#### Mark these dates on your calendars:

- ♥ Thursday, September 1 at 8:00am - help to serve Hosha lunch\*
- ♥ Sunday, September 11 at 9:00am - Ohigan Service-Guest Speaker: Rev Jeffrey Soga
- ♥ Sunday, September 11 at 10:15am - BWA meeting, BWA room
- ♥ Thursday, September 15 at 8:00am - help to serve Hosha lunch\*
- ♥ Thursday, September 29 at 8:00am - help to serve Hosha lunch\*
- ♥ Sunday, October 2 at 10:00am – Tsuito-E Service-Guest Speaker: Mrs. Michiko Okano
- ♥ Thursday, October 13 at 8:00am - help to serve Hosha lunch\*

\*Please sign up with Doris



## *Ring the Bell*

Ring the bell (Kansho) to start the service every Sunday was a ritual I didn't think too deeply about. When I first learned how to ring the bell, I was told to remember 7-5-3. These numbers designated how many times to strike the Kansho with the mallet before doing a sequence of rapidly ascending and descending strikes.

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This past Sunday, Takako Sensei showed me the proper way. The striking of the bell has to be done with feeling and "ki." When she struck the bell, the sound wasn't harsh or loud, but gentle. The ringing brought a sense of serenity . . . actually urging us to contemplate in quiet meditation before the beginning of the service.

She mentioned to me that when she was ordained in Kyoto (Tokudo ordination), she was admonished for not ringing it properly. The ringing of the Kansho is a ritual/practice that requires deep concentration. It is also a coordinated way to announce the entrance of ministers into the service.

At the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-Ha (Headquarters in Kyoto), there are two ministers dedicated to just ringing the Kansho. She mentioned that their forearms were extremely large!

In reflection, I was reminded that there are so many layers to Buddhism. We just keep learning and improving with an open mind and time. Namo Amida Butsu!

In gassho,



### ***BWA Briefs . . .***

***Obon at The Plaza at Mililani.*** Thanks to all the ladies who came out to help make this year's dance at The Plaza another huge success! Residents, their families and even Plaza personnel all joined in the dancing. It was also nice to visit with the many temple members who now reside at The Plaza.

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful time and even before the end of the dance, leaders from both sides (The Plaza and the Temple) were engaged in talks about additions, changes, and improvements for next year. Some excellent and exciting ideas are in the works!

***Blood Drive Results.*** On behalf of the Blood Bank of Hawaii and the BWA, a big mahalo for all who gave their time and, of course, their blood on our drive on August 20. Despite the last minute changes due to the mechanical breakdown of the blood mobile, 12 no-shows and 12 deferrals, we still collected 23 units of blood. And since each unit of blood can be divided into 3 different components, we may touch the lives of up to 69 patients! It is only through the generosity of volunteer donors that blood can be supplied to those in need. Giving blood is the act of giving life.

Thank you also to the BWA ladies who spent the time cooking and feeding all of the donors.





# TIMBER!



Wahiawa Hongwanji  
and  
Hoala School

will recognize

**International  
Peace Day**

on  
Wed, September 21  
at  
8:30am

Please join us for  
the ringing of the  
Bonshu (Big Bell)



Loggers fell a giant sequoia in California in 1917—an example of the pain, sweat, and grit of workers who are recognized on the U.S. **Holiday of Labor Day.**

On the first Monday of September, Americans enjoy a day of rest to appreciate the social and economic efforts of those whose hard work built our country.

The first Labor Day was celebrated on September 5, 1882, in New York City by the Central Labor Union, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

As President Theodore Roosevelt once said:  
*“It is only through labor and painful effort, by grim energy and resolute courage, that we move on to better things.”*

Text by E. Ray Walker  
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**Happy Labor Day**

## Oahu Hongwanji Council Nembutsu Seminar “Personal Buddhism”

Date: October 29, 2016  
Place: Pearl City Hongwanji, 858 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Time: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Call WHM office  
@ 622.4320 if  
interested in  
attending.

Personal Accounts by:



Rev. Kazunori Takahashi,  
Resident Minister at  
Lihue Hongwanji. Rev.  
Takahashi has been with  
the Hawaii Kyodan since  
November 2007.



Rev. Yuika Hasebe,  
Associate Minister at  
Hawaii Betsuin since  
2014. Rev. Hasebe  
formerly served at the  
Hawaii Betsuin and Hilo  
Betsuin before returning  
to the Hawaii Betsuin.

Rev. Takahashi's presentation is on video from the Summer Session of 2015.  
Rev. Hasebe will speak on her personal experiences on Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.  
It will be followed by a facilitated discussion in small groups.



Takejiro Higa  
Recipient of the  
Congressional Medal  
of Honor. Served in  
the 442nd Regimental  
Combat Team and  
100th Infantry  
Battalion.



Herbert Yanamura  
Recipient of the  
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Combat Team and  
100th Infantry  
Battalion.

Videos of these heroic veterans, Takejiro Higa and Herbert Yanamura will be shown for their hard-fought war time services in the Battle of Okinawa in 1945. It'll be a lifetime experience to listen to these extraordinary veterans. Everyone is welcome.

Cost: \$20.00 includes lunch

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