



The Messenger

Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity & Openness

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22 Sun 9:00am Online Eitaikyo Service-Guest Speaker: Rev. David Nakamoto

When will Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission re-open? At the July 19th board meeting, the WHM Board of Trustees decided that WHM will re-open when there are 8 cases or less per day on the island of Oahu during a period of 2 consecutive weeks.

Online Dharma Messages and Services

Links to weekly online Sunday Dharma Messages can be found at our website

<https://www.wahiawashinbuddhists.org/> or you can view them on YouTube at your convenience. These Dharma messages are given by Rev. Hashimoto and Honpa Hongwanji of Hawaii ministers throughout the state each Sunday.

In addition, Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission is also offering major, important and special services online.

Please check our calendar of events and our website for links to these services. If you have any questions, please call the temple office at (808) 622-4320.



Minister's Message

Love of Oneness

I read an article about Lady Takeko Kujo who was a founder of the Buddhist Women's Association by Rev. Doju Mitsuyama.

I would like to share it with you.



Lady Takeko Kujo said that the world that comes to be revealed through one's religious belief is called the realm of **Ichinyo no ai** (Love of Oneness). It is where the heart and mind interact, assimilate and become one, and respect and love each other. Unless you are born into this world of love of oneness where both oneself and others benefit, then it is impossible to break free from the world of conflict and fighting.

Here, if the word love is replaced with compassion, it is possible to more deeply comprehend Lady Kujo's message.

In the realm of truth, the power that surpasses all others and whose working is inherent in everything and without limit is called Other Power, and Shinran Shonin is the person who referred to this as the power of the Primal Vow. He also clarified that the power of Primal Vow, which comes from the great compassion of Amida Buddha, ought to also be known as **ichinyo no ai**. Despite this, I am in the midst of my own self-centered desires and agony, and since I am so strongly fixated on myself, it is difficult for me to break free from my bond. It is because of this that lady Kujo expressed deep sadness that human beings are all destined for hell. This sadness, however, is not mere pessimism. This is the view by a person who has received true entrusting and is looking deeply at the true situation of human beings. She explained that this sadness is the agony of being a human, and while we carry this agony with us, the world of love of oneness, where everyone is equal, opens us to us. It is quite apparent that Lady Kujo's religious belief enabled her to live in the realm of **ichinyo no ai** while carrying the sadness and agony of being a human.

Lady Kujo's eye for seeing human beings and the world may be said to be quite intellectual, but her intellect led her to realize the realm of **ichinyo no ai**.

We should remember even though we have a difficult situation we are embraced by Amida Buddha's love of oneness.

In Gassho,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kojun Hashimoto'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Reverend Kojun Hashimoto

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

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

President: Rod Moriyama

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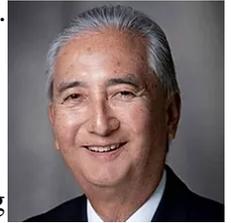
Carolyn Uchiyama

Secretary: Amy Kanemaru

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President's Report- September 2020

We were lucky to have another very event filled month despite the constraints of isolation. In reflecting all that has happened, a new “normal” is emerging as we look forward to Dharma talks from all over the country as well as discussion groups now possible online.



Through the hard work of many individuals, the Lay Association Convention was a tremendous success reaching well over 100 people in a virtual environment at substantially lower costs. The biggest discussion at the Business Meeting Friday evening was the wording of a new resolution for a part-time media person to be hired. Many of us felt that though the intention was well-placed, the hiring of another resource without clearly defining the new environment was premature. An Ad Hoc Task Force will be formed to define things in more detail.

It is said that a vaccine may not arrive for a much longer period than the end of this year. Realistically, it may be till 2024. Regardless of this fact, the advantages of operating a lot more efficiently in this online environment is here to stay. We will be planning for our own challenges as we look at the “new normal” for Wahiawa Hongwanji. Current thinking includes online Memorial Services and Funerals in streaming mode for those not able to attend in person and leveraging discussion groups and Dharma talks from anywhere in the country. FYI, our Virtual Obon Dance in June had over 2500 views online! Thanks to all the younger folks for helping the older generation to get access. Having in-person get togethers are really important as we proceed to define this new environment. **Please provide us with your thoughts and input.**

I have been attending at least two Dharma discussion groups weekly, one at the BSC and one on the mainland. The discussions have evolved around the fundamentals of Buddhism and the topic of Duality in Buddhism. The Duality (concept of Right and Wrong) discussion centered around our tendency to be divided in our opinions especially now! It is an opportunity to look within ourselves to learn how we cope through these stressful times. Buddhism is about living our own lives with a minimum amount of stress through our own thoughtfulness and understanding...not about solving everyone else's. Not easy to do of course! Our goal is “happiness” and “awareness.” Stress is a challenge to everyone at any age in their lives. This is an opportunity to help through these discussions as we share experiences through this new “normal.”

Compassion comes from within to others as well as ourselves!

Our fundraising effort from the Peace Day Bentos and Peace day celebrations was very successful. Thanks to all of you, we were able to raise over \$1500 in donations! This is on top of the break even cost of the (over 210) bentos which were targeted to help Marion's as our local business.

This helps to keep up with our Operational Expenses. We are quickly approaching the end of the year as we look at our Capital Investment Fund. The Eitaikyo Endowment fund is really a Capital Investment Fund for capital improvements. Our target is \$1 million in investments so we can self-sustain our capital projects over time. Both our Tsuito-E and Eitaikyo Services will be done online this year. All online services can be reached at www.wahiawashinbuddhists.org. Thank you in advance for your support!

VOTE EARLY! Please stay safe and healthy. **Please call each other to stay connected!! Namo Amida Butsu!**

In gassho (gratitude)

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

Rodney S. Moriyama, President



SPECIAL BWA 2020 TSUITO-E ONLINE SERVICE

BWA Ladies, Families and Friends of the Buddhist Women's Association (BWA). Please join us on a Special Online Tsuito-E Service from the comfort of your own homes!

Service is scheduled for Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 9:00am via YouTube.

We invite everyone to enjoy this very special service held yearly in honor of our departed BWA members.

Please check on our website (www.wahiawashinbuddhists.org) or call the office at 808-622-4320 for the link.

WHM ON-GOING CLOTHING DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Thank-you to all who have been using this "down-time" to do "Spring cleaning," and then contributing all of your clothing, shoes, purses, towels, linen, bed spreads, blankets, jackets, curtains, etc. to our Clothing Drive Fundraiser. To the others who are still doing those 1,000-piece puzzles, we still have lots of space for your gently used items when you finally get around to house-cleaning! We especially appreciate

those heavy items as we will be paid by weight.

Leave your tied bags of clothing under the tables in front of the Columbarium. Please put your name/phone number on a piece of paper in one of your bags.

Thank you in advance!



MOILILI HONGWANJI MISSION 2020 FALL SEMINAR

Saturday, October 24, 2020 10:00am - 11:30am

"Moilili Hongwanji: A Zoom Tour of its Objects and Meanings"

Professor George Tanabe and Professor Willa Tanabe of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, who are the authors of "Japanese Buddhist Temples of Hawai'i: An Illustrated Guide (UH Press)", will talk about the history of the temple, altar objects, and their meanings.

Free & Open to the Public - Register for Zoom Link

<https://forms.gle/nRwowBB7C3M3RbfTA> Zoom link will be sent to you after registration.

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED at <https://www.moililihongwanji.org/donate/> Thank you!

Visit: www.moililihongwanji.org Email: mhm@moililihongwanji.org Tel: (808) 949-1659



WHM Virtual Eitaikyo Service November 22nd 9:00 AM

Please celebrate the memories of our families and friends with Reverend David Nakamoto as our guest minister.

Helping Our Wahiawa Neighbors

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to our monthly food drive. Have you ever wondered where your donations go? They stay in Wahiawa to help people in our community.



First, the food is taken to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wahiawa by Carolyn Uchiyama (pictured on the left with Dr. Kahu Kaleo Patterson of St. Stephen's). Next, some of the food might be used for the twice monthly "Grab and Go" meals they prepare or the food may be distributed at their food distributions held on the second and fourth



Wednesday of the month from 11:00am - 1:00pm (pictured on the right). The rest of the food is kept to distribute to people in emergency situations.

These people pictured below (their faces have been blurred to protect their privacy) received the food WHM members donated in September, as an emergency donation. With the holidays around the corner and many Wahiawa people still struggling financially, **please consider donating food at WHM on the first Sunday of the month from 9:00am - 10:00am. Thank you!**

SHARING FOOD AND SHARING LOVE

FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTERS IN WAHIAWA

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS - DRIVE THRU

w/ Hawaii Foodbank & Community Partners

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

& Emergency Food by Appointment (808 330-3769)

Stephen's Episcopal Church 1679 California Ave

SURFING THE NATIONS

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday 1:00 PM

& Every Saturday 1:00 PM 44 Ohai St. (808 622-6234)

NEW LIFE BODY OF CHRIST CHURCH

Every Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

74 Kamehameha Hwy. (808 622-6650)

ABUNDANT LIFE UNITED PENTECOSTAL

Every 1st Saturday 8:00 AM 650 Kilani Ave. (808 621-5433)

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CENTRAL OAHU

Every 4th Saturday 7:00 AM 800 Wilikina Dr. (808 836-3300)

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

Every 4th Sunday 8:00 AM 103 California Ave. (808 251-1911)



Do you know someone who is suffering from food insecurity? Please let them know about the Wahiawa organizations (listed on the left) that can help.

Important Election Dates

2020 ELECTION DATES (From State of Hawaii Office of Elections Website)

October 5, 2020: Last day to register to vote and receive your ballot packet in the mail. If you have not registered by October 5, you must go to your local Voter Service Centers.

October 20, 2020: Voter Service Centers are open through Election Day. Services include same day registration and in-person voting.

Map of Voter Service Centers & Places of Deposits: <https://bit.ly/32LBydj>

Ballots Received By: October 16, 2020

Contact your [County Elections Division](#) if you have not received your ballot by this date.

City and County of Honolulu: (808) 768-3800

County of Hawaii: (808) 961-8277

County of Maui: (808) 270-7749

County of Kauai: (808) 241-4800

Ballots Returned: October 27, 2020

Last day to return your voted ballot by mail. After this date, voters must return their ballot to a place of deposit (ballot drop box).

General Election: November 3, 2020

All voted ballots must be received by your Clerk's Office no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election day.



ELECTION RESOURCES

Hawai'i Voter Registration - Register to vote or update your voter registration <https://olvr.hawaii.gov/>

State of Hawai'i Office of Elections-Info on voting and elections in Hawai'i

<https://elections.hawaii.gov/>

Elections by Mail - State of Hawaii, Office of Elections (YouTube Video)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azYEEybXTUY&feature=emb_title

2020 DSTO Poster Contest Winners!

The Dharma School Teachers of Oahu held their annual poster contest. This year's theme was "Embracing Generosity". Congratulations to our WHM winners!



Florence Iwanaga, Betty Kono and Kiyomi Kunishige collaborated on a poster that placed 2nd in their division

May Kanemaru placed 2nd in her division



Peace Day Photos

Sunday, Sept. 20th - Marian's Catering Bento Pick Up

Many thanks to all of our volunteers!

Set-up, Packing and Distribution Volunteers



Terry Jean Arakaki, Jerry Ogata & Carolyn Uchiyama pack bento bags and Peace Day Packets for pick up. (That's Roy Higa hiding behind Carolyn)



Barbara Higa counts, packs, and sorts bentos for pick up.



Karen Pang, Carolyn Uchiyama & Terry Jean Arakaki passed out orders to cars.

Dharma Shaka Traffic Control and Clean Up Crew

Acohido Ohana
Jay, Tre, Jon and Char



Hashimoto Ohana
Rev. Hashimoto, Kano, Shoshi,
and Mrs. Hashimoto



Kanemaru Ohana
Thomas, Amy and May



Monday, September 21st - Peace Day Ceremony

Rev. Hashimoto's Peace Day message was released on YouTube and may be viewed at <https://youtu.be/19RYMk07aBw>. At noon, there was a minute of silence to honor all those who sacrificed for us



to achieve peace. Immediately following the minute of silence, bells were rung by youth representatives at temples, churches, schools, and community organizations. Shoshi Hashimoto was WHM's representative. Thank you to Karen Pang for broadcasting the bell ringing on Zoom simultaneously with other temples, churches, schools, and community organization bell ringers around Hawaii. You may watch a recording of this event at <https://bit.ly/3mWioJS>



Virtual Nembutsu Seminar

Sponsored by the Honolulu & Oahu Hongwanji Councils
and the Office of Buddhist Education

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00 to 11:30 am

GUEST SPEAKER:

Bishop Marvin Harada
Buddhist Churches of America



Practical Buddhism to Truth Level Buddhism

The Buddha's teaching is expressed at a deep and profound level of truth upon which Shinran Shonin and all of the Buddhist masters speak and write. However, the average person is looking for more of a practical approach to Buddhism. Will Buddhism help me to... live a happier life? ...ease my stress and fears? ...live a more meaningful life? We all start from that level, and with those questions. How can we go from the practical level to the truth level of the teachings? In this seminar we explore those two levels of the teachings and how we can move from the practical level to the truth level.

PANEL FEATURING:

Reverend Kerry Kiyohara
Makawao Hongwanji

Pieper Toyama
former HHMH President &
PBA Head of School

Cristina Gervais
Sangha Activities Coordinator,
Hilo Betsuin

Carol Valentine
President, Lihue Hongwanji

AGENDA:

9:00 am - Welcome and Introductions

9:05 - 9:50 am - Bishop Harada

9:50 - 10:05 - Q&A with Bishop Harada

10:05 - 10:20 am - Break

10:20 am - 11:25 am - Panel Discussion

11:25 am - Closing

Registration is FREE!

CLICK BELOW TO REGISTER

[<https://forms.gle/j3k4KD3Ta1awEXiR8>]

A link for this Zoom session will be emailed to you a few days before the seminar. Questions? Please contact the Hawaii Betsuin Office (808) 536-7044

*** Registration Deadline Sun, Oct. 11 ***



We welcome your DONATIONS

Funds designated for Buddhist Education.

Scan QR Code or Click the link below to donate!

[www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=GXZH3FD8KHPCQ]

Checks payable to: **Honolulu Hongwanji Council** | Hawaii Betsuin 1727 Pali Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96813

Jr. Young Buddhist Association Fundraiser

The Oahu United of Jr. YBA is selling some goodies to fundraise for our HBY month in October. This year we are supporting Doctors without Borders. Especially with the pandemic, this organization has been very busy. They are an independent organization, helping to provide life saving health care to the most needed places all around the world. We will be selling a package of brownies, chocolate chip cookies, and furikake chex mix for \$5.

Please order by OCT 18, 2020.

Please email any orders or questions to:

jrybafoahu@gmail.com

(include name, address, contact order, and number of orders)

OR

Mail order form (bottom) to:

Aiea Hongwanji Mission 99-186 Puakala St, Aiea, HI 96701

(please mail a few days before the 18th)

Drop off & Pay: October 25th, 2020

Payment: Cash - exact change & checks written to United Jr. YBA of Oahu

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Address: _____

___ orders x \$5 = \$___ total

Thank you for your support!