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A Life of Awakening

Shinran Shonin (1173-1262) was the founder of Shin Buddhism. Shinran was born into the Hino family. At the age of nine, however, Shinran entered the Tendai temple on Mt. Hiei, where he spent twenty years in monastic life. From the familiarity with Buddhist writings apparent in his later works, it is clear that he exerted great effort in his studies during this period. Here are some of his famous quotes.

Shinran's Quotes

“We should know that Amida’s Primal Vow does not discriminate whether one is young or old, good or evil, and that true entrusting alone is needed, for it is the Vow that seeks to deliver sentient beings burdened with foolishness and blind passions.”

**GOTAN'E
SHINRAN'S
BIRTHDAY**

“The Nembutsu is non-practice and non-good for those who practice it. It is non-practice for us, because it is not the practice which we do out of our own contrivance; and it is non-good because it is not the good, which we do out of our own contrivance. It is entirely due to Other Power (Natural Power) and is free from self power.”

**Entrust yourself to Amida’s Primal Vow (Namu Amida Butsu).
Through the benefit of being grasped, never to be abandoned,
All who entrust themselves to the Primal Vow
Attain the supreme enlightenment.**



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President's Message

Glenn Hamamura

We are into May, and preparations for the Bon Dance are in motion. There are some changes that we believe will enhance our event planned for the 4th weekend in June.

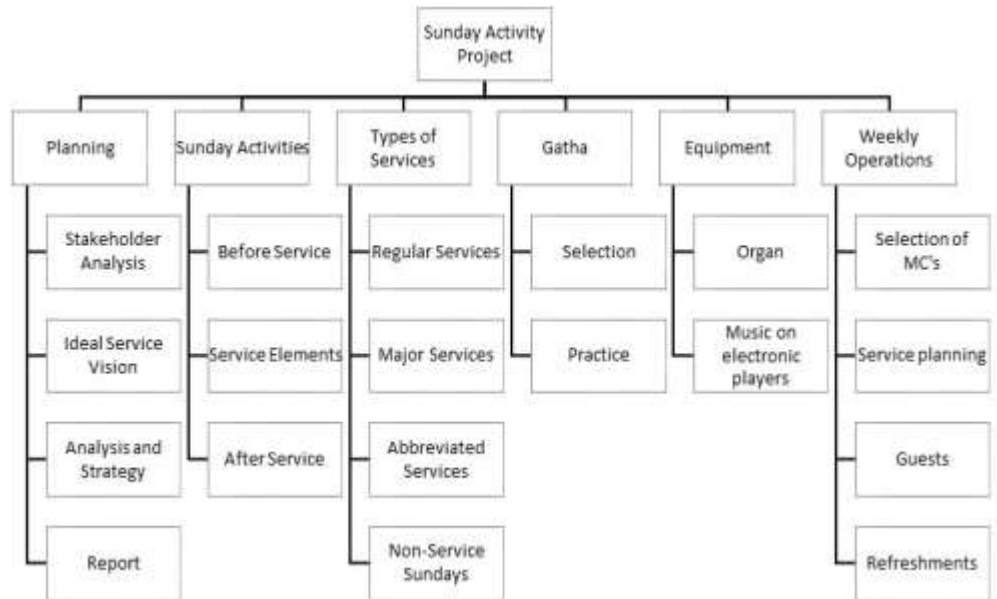
First, please note that the Hatsubon service will be moving from June to August. Reverend Hashimoto has moved the service to coincide with the usual celebration of Obon in Japan, which is August. We will have further information about this in future newsletters, and will contact the families affected.

The Bon Dance will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 27 and 28. Check the calendar for set up and take down of the yagura. The event is a time when many volunteers provide support in our booths. Thank you in advance for your help.

As many of you know, our temple member Chester Kaitoku passed away late in 2013. He was one of the leaders of the dancers for the Bon Dance. To ensure dance practice will be available, the board has chartered a committee to work with the temple dancers to help coordinate practice. Please check the calendar for the schedule.

The board is also working on other projects for our collective benefit. We may need to work on additional improvement projects this year. Thanks to our maintenance support volunteers for their great work. Our goal is to ensure that the temple and our campus will support our members and our community into the next generation.

The board is also chartering a committee to review and provide recommendations for temple activities on Sunday, including the Sunday Service. The goal of this planning effort is to make our time together on Sundays enjoyable and insightful. Here are some of the potential discussion topics that the committee will explore. If you have input or would like to be part of this effort, please contact Charlene Acohido, Carolyn Uchiyama, Reverend Hashimoto, or me.



Thanks again for participating in temple activities, and contributing to our efforts. Please provide feedback so we know if we are meeting your needs.

— In Gassho, —

Glenn Hamamura



REVEREND'S MESSAGE

Dharma Talk Theme for this month is San-Dan "Praise"

Pictures:

There is a digital photo album in my house. When I see these photos, it makes me laugh and reminisce.

We have heard people say that a picture is worth a thousand words. How many pictures and picture albums do you have? We always take many photos on special occasions.

We have many pictures in our life. When I chant the sutra in nokotsu-do, I see the picture of loved ones. When we do a funeral, we put the picture of the deceased in front of Buddha.

We feel sadness or joy when we see the picture. So, pictures are useful in reminding us and in telling other people of our experiences. That is why we take pictures of many occasions. It is not only to record the occasion but to also understand the situation at a later date.

By the way, have you thought why we feel emotions when we see the pictures?

I think pictures have the feeling of the people who took them. So, when we see a picture, we too may have the same feelings as the person who took the picture or it may bring forth other emotions.

I think of sutras in the same way. Some people feel sadness or feel relief when they hear the sutra because they can feel the people who have heard or are listening to the sutra. Shoshinge's first line says "Ki myo mu ryo ju nyo rai" or "I take refuge in the Tathagata of immeasurable life."

We hear the life that immeasurable people tell of the teachings of the Buddha to the next generation. Therefore, we hear the wish that immeasurable people have left for us. That is why we can feel joy when we hear the sutra.

I would like to share this poem:

"Let us hear the wish

We were born in immeasurable wishes

We were growing up in immeasurable wishes

Let us hear that wishes."

This was written by Shosaku Asada.

Jodo Shinshu does not have hard training as does other Buddhist sects. But hearing the sutra that our ancestors left to us is our practice. Hearing and feeling when we say the Nembustu is Jodo Shinshu. This is like seeing a picture of our experiences.

In Gassho,
Rev Hashimoto



The nembustu written in Jappanese characters

Buddhist Thoughts

Ohigan Service Reflections – March 30, 2014

Reverend Toshiyuki Umitani's Dharma message

As I left the temple that morning, Rusty Nakagawa approached me saying, "eh Rod, you really got to write an article about today's service! I really liked Rev. Umitani's message and I'd like something to read and remind me of it."

I really liked the message as well, and will try my best to reflect on the highlights of his talk. Rev. Umitani is the Bishop's Executive Assistant and the Chaplain for Pacific Buddhist Academy. He has been in Hawaii over ten years, and has a young family. He didn't talk too much about "Higan" (the Western Shore) as an explanation was already on the program that day. Instead he talked about "Tenzuru" or "Transformation."

Jodo-Shinshu teaches all of us to "turn" our mindset and attitudes when faced with adverse conditions in our lives. It is natural for all of us to only expect good conditions. As a personal illustration, he related a story of a conversation he had with his wife one morning regarding dinner. She gave him three choices, and since all of these agreed with him, he said "Anything is OK." When he returned home that evening after an especially busy day, he was looking forward to dinner. Nothing seemed to be prepared and he asked about dinner. Her reply was that she had leftovers and it was in the refrigerator. This upset him to the point of getting a little irritated and angry as he was anticipating a good dinner. When he asked her about the three choices she mentioned in the morning, her response was "You said 'Anything was OK.'"

When the Three Poisons of Greed, Ignorance and Anger are mentioned, Ignorance is defined as, "not seeing things as it is, but only as you wish it to be." When one's ego takes over clear thinking, blind anger and passion caused by this ignorance becomes the next outcome. This is what causes "suffering." Suffering is the result of one's perspective in a given situation. So blaming a spouse or a "boss" may only exacerbate a situation. The Nembutsu helps us to see things as they truly are. Rev. Umitani then asked us: "Can you be happy if everything is always as you wish?"

This question introduces a second lesson in transforming our thinking process. He talked about the presence of duality in everything we think about. In reality however, this duality (right/wrong, good/bad, up/down, etc.) is actually one in the same. It's all in the way one approaches a situation.

In Japan, a very popular delicacy is fresh water eels (unagi), the fresher, and the better. When eels are captured, they are put in water to sustain their life till it is almost time to cook them. One technique to prolong this life is to wound the eel. This scarring introduces a crisis that motivates the eel to struggle for survival. If the eel is not scarred, it actually dies sooner living comfortably even before arriving at the restaurant. The suffering heightens the awareness of the value of life.

For another example, Rev. Umitani introduces the wife of the minister of Higashi Hongwanji, Ayako Suzuki. At the young age of 42, she was diagnosed with cancer. For most of us, getting cancer would be considered a very "bad" thing. Cancer changed her life. It made her appreciate the preciousness of life and made her a positive role model for all and for the rest of her short life of 47 years. The cancer made her aware that death is a reality for all of us. She was grateful for the opportunity to live a life compared to so many others who may have suffered and died earlier at a younger age. Everyone begins dying the moment we are born.

Ayako said, "Cancer is my treasure! Cancer was given to me. It is a gift. It's up to me whether I accept it positively or with anger. Thanks to this, I woke up and realized how precious life is."

Ayako transformed her viewpoint toward the appreciation of life. Before being aware of cancer, she took life for granted. With this perspective, cancer can be considered "good." This is the "Oneness" of duality, the simultaneous acceptance of both "good and bad" based on how one views this reality.

Rev. Umitani concluded his talk by reciting a poem. It is a Japanese poem which he translates. It captures the essence of Amida's all encompassing compassion in a metaphor. This metaphor describes a creek with rocks and roots causing turbulence in the water's flow. The Amida's compassion is the water that incessantly embraces all of us despite the turbulence in our lives. He ended with "Namo Amida Butsu".

"Namo" meaning myself; "Amida Butsu"...finding the true home in the embrace of the Buddha.

In gassho,
Rod Moriyama



Buddha Day Celebration

On Sunday, April 6, the Buddha Day Celebration sponsored by the Hawaii Buddhist Council was held at the Jodo Mission of Hawaii. The Hawaii Buddhist Council represents the following groups in Hawaii: Higashi Hongwanji Mission, Honpa Hongwanji Mission, Jodo Mission, Koyasan Shingon Mission, Nichiren Mission, Soto Mission, and Tendai Mission.

The guest speaker for the Buddha Day Celebration was Dr. George Tanabe, Professor Emeritus of Religion at UH Manoa. He is a specialist on the religions of Japan, especially Buddhism, and his books have been published by university presses at Columbia, Harvard, Princeton, and UH. In 2007, he received the Foreign Minister's Award from the Japanese government and in 2012 he was honored with the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun.

Dr. Tanabe's Dharma talk began with the question "How old is the Buddha?" The question may be answered by looking up the information in the encyclopedia. Actually this question was a "koan." A koan was used by Zen practitioners to think creatively and outside of the box. Siddhartha Gautama was born more than 2,500 years ago and Buddhism is one of the oldest religions in the world today. Therefore, it seems that Dr. Tanabe had given us the answer to his koan.

He went on to explain that what the Buddha taught and what Mahayana Buddhism is teaching especially in the Japanese sects are not the same. The basics of the Buddha's Teachings were the Four Noble Truths, the Eightfold Path, dependent origination, and Mindfulness. The ideas of Amida Buddha were not a part of the Buddha's original teachings.

Dr. Tanabe went on to explain that there is an explosion of interest in yoga and mindfulness. It is taught in the professional arena. For example, Mindfulness in Corporate America has 622,000 hits. In fact, the February issue of Time magazine had Mindfulness on the front cover and an extensive story inside.

Dan Harris of Nightline suffered a panic attack and found help in meditation that increased his focus and calmed him down. He calls mindfulness a super power that makes him a happier, calmer person. He has written a new book called *10% Happier*.

Shakyamuni Buddhism is on the rise through mindfulness. This writer does not think this is a path that will lead us astray. Why, do you ask? Dr. Tanabe went back to his question, "How old is the Buddha?" People answered, "More than 2,500 years old." After listening to Dr. Tanabe's talk others realized that it is as old as you are.

The Buddha's quest to be happy and cease suffering was to sit under the Bodhi tree and meditate. He found through his meditation that the answer was within himself. Just as the Buddha, all of us are endowed with Buddha-nature that we may discover within. Each one of us needs to seek out that Buddha-nature and we all have the capacity to find our true and real self.

Hanamatsuri

On April 13 Wahiawa Hongwanji celebrated Hanamatsuri service with the Dharma School students with Tre Acohido as the MC for the morning. We also had guests from Hoala School as visitors and participants.

The center of attention every year is the beautifully decorated Hanamido. The group wondered if we would have enough flowers, but on Saturday the Sangha came through and brought orchids and greens that completely covered the Hanamido. The scent of the orchids and incense wafted in the air.

This year our Dharma talk was a video presentation by Rev. Koyo Kubose at the Sacramento Buddhist Church on their Hanamatsuri. As usual he brought his stuffed animal friends, Mickey Mouse and Bugs Bunny. He emphasized that animals have big ears because they need it to protect themselves. Rev. Kubose called the ears "Dharma ears" so that we may hear the Teachings better and use our "Dharma ears" to listen to the Teachings and practice them daily.

After his presentation the Dharma school students shared their "Dharma ears" and pets.

May Kanemaru: I am a rabbit. This animal's long ears help me to learn the Dharma by listening to Rev. Hashimoto. I have learned that life isn't always easy, but you can still turn it around.

Cy Acohido: My Eeyore ears help me to learn the Dharma because my big ears magnifies the sound. I learned that listening to the Dharma is important to reach Enlightenment.

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Jay Acohido: I am a dog. My long ears help me to learn the Dharma by learning everything because dogs have excellent hearing. This has taught me to listen to the Dharma and be kind to everyone. Everyone treats me kindly, too.

Shoshi Hashimoto: I am an elephant. This animal's big ears help me to learn the Dharma because I can hear the Dharma message. I have learned that the Dharma can help me in the real world by connecting to other people and they become friendlier and open up their heart.

Thomas Kanemaru: I am a mouse. This animal's big ears help me to learn the Dharma and to listen more. I have learned that the "Golden Chain of Love" helps me to think and live right.

Kano Hashimoto: I am a hamster. This animal's big ears help me to learn the Dharma by listening carefully. I have learned that by hearing more details I am able to paint a picture in my head. I can understand the Dharma better and I can tell other people my thoughts simply.

After the presentations, the Sangha Strummers ukulele group led us in the gatha "Happy Buddha Day". To top of the day, the MC Tre led the Sangha in the singing of "Happy Birthday" to the Buddha. No party is complete without cake and ice cream served to everyone. A beautiful end to a birthday over 2,500 years old.

English Seminar with Dr. David Loy

On March 30 Oahu District had the privilege of listening to Dr. David Loy, a recent keynote speaker at the Numata Conference at the University of Hawaii. Dr. Loy came and studied at the University of Hawaii in the 1970's and became interested in Zen Buddhism. He then lived and studied in Japan for over 20 years. In his semi-retirement he lives with his wife in Colorado.

The topic of his dharma talk centered on the question: Why the West needs Buddhist ideals and values? Dr. Loy began by explaining the western perspective of the modern world by focusing on social transformations. The ideals of democracy, Bill of Rights, human rights, feminism,

gay rights, and marriage equality can change society to make it become a just society.

Buddhism, on the other hand, is on personal transformation. The idea is that I can become awakened by transforming the three poisons of greed, anger, and ignorance and the bad karma may be transformed into generosity, loving kindness, and wisdom.

The western ideals are unfulfilled because the gap between the rich and poor are getting worse. We may try to restructure our lives by focusing on social transformations but we need to transform ourselves, too. In Buddha's time he tried to work on social transformation and did not have a caste system for his followers. He felt that women had Buddha-nature and they could be part of his Sangha but after his death Buddhism became patriarchal. He tried to be progressive but for his groups to continue he still needed royal support. So today the Buddhist focus is on the transformation of self rather than the transformation of social justice.

Today's globalization brings east and west together. We need to work with each other to bring about social change. The idea that my well-being cannot be separated from your well-being should be foremost. With the transformation of old habits, we can begin thinking of making the world better for us all. It is the realization that we need both practices, social and personal transformations, to help the economic, ecological, social systems, and organizations of society to evolve for everyone's survival.



We need to become more inclusive. The Buddhist practice helps us to open the circle of compassion to all living beings. When we become awakened, the Universe will be awakened because we will be responsible for all the people of the world.

Dr. Loy's final thoughts.

The Buddha's Path is de-constructing and restructuring your life.

Karma is motivation so by changing the karma you will experience life in a different way.

Live more joyfully right now.

Thich Nhat Hahn said, "The next Buddha may not be a person but a Sangha."

Obon Speaker for May 18

Keith Haugen, who served as the State Director of Information, during the period of Governor Ariyoshi tenure was interested in obon when he was stationed in Japan as a U.S. Army photographer. Like many American servicemen, he donned a yukata, slipped on his geta, and attended a bon odori, hosted by the Army, in a way to encourage good community relations with the host Japanese. Thousands of residents of nearby towns came to share this cultural events with the Americans.

Keith realized that it was a fun, community and even social event and that it didn't matter if you were a Japanese or Buddhist or not. It was fun for all.

It inspired him to research the custom and the songs.

Many years later, he wrote and produced a one-hour program called "Obon", which was aired on Hawaii Public Radio. By popular demand, it has been aired since, usually near the beginning of the obon season in Hawaii.

Keith will be our guest speaker on Sunday, May 18th to talk about the tradition and share some insights into the changes in the important part of our lives. He will include several songs from his CD as part of his presentation.

He is an entertaining speaker and I am sure you will enjoy listening to him. You may want to encourage some of you friends to attend.

Submitted by Yuki Kitagawa

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57th Jr YBA State Convention

June 27, 28, 29, 2014

Lihue Hongwanji Mission · Kauai Beach Resort

Convention Theme: *"Think Outside the State: Become a Global Citizen"*

Dance Theme: *"Dress Like a Rock Star"*

Registration Dates

April 26th – Registration & First payment deadline
(postmark)

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-Olelo Broadcast 53-

Keynote Address by Dr. David Loy on "The Interdependence of Violence: A Buddhist Perspective"

Date & Time: May 14 (7pm), May 18 (10am), May 19 (5pm), May 20 (10am)

Session A includes talks covering Psychological and Applied Dimensions:

Date & Time: May 28 (6pm), June 23 (1pm), June 29 (12pm), June 30 (3pm)

Session B includes talks covering The Premodern Roots of Violence:

Date & Time: June 9 (2pm), June 16 (2pm), June 23 (4pm), June 29 (8pm)

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Mrs Shimeji Kanazawa
Project Dana beloved founder

By Rose Nakamura

Mrs. Shimeji Kanazawa personifies the importance of living life fully with meaning based on Buddhist and Japanese values. She has served as an active Board Member and Counselor in her later years for the Moiliili Hongwanji Mission and Advisor for the Moiliili Hongwanji's Buddhist Women's Association.

Known as Shim to everyone, she is Hawaii's original pioneer of aging issues. She has been advocating for programs and services that help our senior population for more than 45 years. She has led the Hawaii delegation to the White House Conference on Aging three times, held once every ten years. She served as a member of the National Council on Aging, a body that advised the President and U.S. Senate on aging issues.

She has served in official leadership capacities with such organizations as Kuakini Medical Center as its first woman chair, Aloha United Way, American Red Cross, Hawaii Public Broadcasting Authority's Community Advisory Board, Director of Moiliili Community Center and the University of Hawaii's Center on Aging.

As a member of the Commission of Children and Youth under Governor Quinn, she chaired a committee on "Family Life and Law" and together with Judge Betty Vitousek, worked with the legislature on the establishment of the Family Court System in Hawaii.

In 1990, Mrs. Kanazawa was bestowed a prestigious honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from the University of Hawaii. In 1999, she was selected as Living Treasure of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. She is the recipient of numerous other awards and accolades from local and national organizations.

Shim has served all of Hawaii's governors since Statehood in the development of aging policies and programs and is presently an honorary member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs—a post bestowed upon her for life by then Governor of Hawaii, Ben Cayetano as well as the present Governor Neil Abercrombie.

Shim founded Project Dana while serving as a Trustee and Treasurer of the National Federation of Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, Inc. She chaired the Project Dana Advisory Council for 13 years and has a title of Chair Emerita of Project Dana.



For the work that Shim did during World War II as a liaison between the Japanese civilian population as the U.S. Military, Shim has been called the "Florence Nightingale of Hawaii."

At age 98, "A Heart of Gold" best describes this woman, who has devoted her life to better Hawaii's communities.

Funeral is scheduled for May 5, Monday
5:00pm visitation
6:00pm service
At the Hawaii Betsuin Temple

Submitted by Rusty Nakagawa.

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May Day is Lei Day in Hawai'i						
4 8a-1:30p Song Fest @Waipahu (No Sunday Service at Wahiawa) 10a-11a Sangha Strummers 3p-4p SH - TAKEDAIIKO CLASS	5	6 7p-9p Bon Dance Practice (WHM Social Hall)	7 7p-9:30p Dharma Gp. mtg/BWA rm	8 7p-8p Club Asoka Meeting BWA Room	9 1p-4p Mahjong - BWA Rm (Fujinkai Room)	10
11 9a-10a Sunday Service 	12	13 7p-9p Bon Dance Practice (WHM Social Hall)	14 8a-12p ALOHA VISITATION - WAHIAWA	15 7:30a-10:30a Hosha Kai 11a-12p Hospital Visitation (PD)	16 8:30a-10:30a Quilt Club (BWA Room) 1p-4p Mahjong - BWA Rm (Fujinkai Room)	17 Armed Forces Day 
18 9a-10a Sunday Service with Guest Speaker Keith Haugen 10a-11:30a BWA Meeting (Fujinkai/BWA Room) 11:30a-12:30p SH - Takedaiko Class 1p-3p BWA - RENGU DISTRICT MTG - WAIPAHAU	19	20 7p-9p Bon Dance Practice (WHM Social Hall)	21	22 8a-12p ALOHA VISITATION - WAIALUA	23 1p-4p Mahjong - BWA Rm (Fujinkai Room)	24 7:30a-8:30a Altar Awareness
25 8:30a-9:30a Gotan-E - Japanese Service, Rev Nishiyama 10a-11a Gotan-E - English Service, Rev Nishiyama 11a-12p (Sangha Strummers) 11:30a-1p Board Meeting (Fujinkai Room) 11:30a-12:30p SH - Takedaiko Class	26 Memorial Day	27 7p-9p Bon Dance Practice (WHM Social Hall)	28	29 7:30a-10:30a Hosha Kai	30 1p-4p Mahjong - BWA Rm (Fujinkai Room)	31



Rev. Thomas Okano, Shizuko Moriyama with Takao Watanabe at Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission New Year's Party



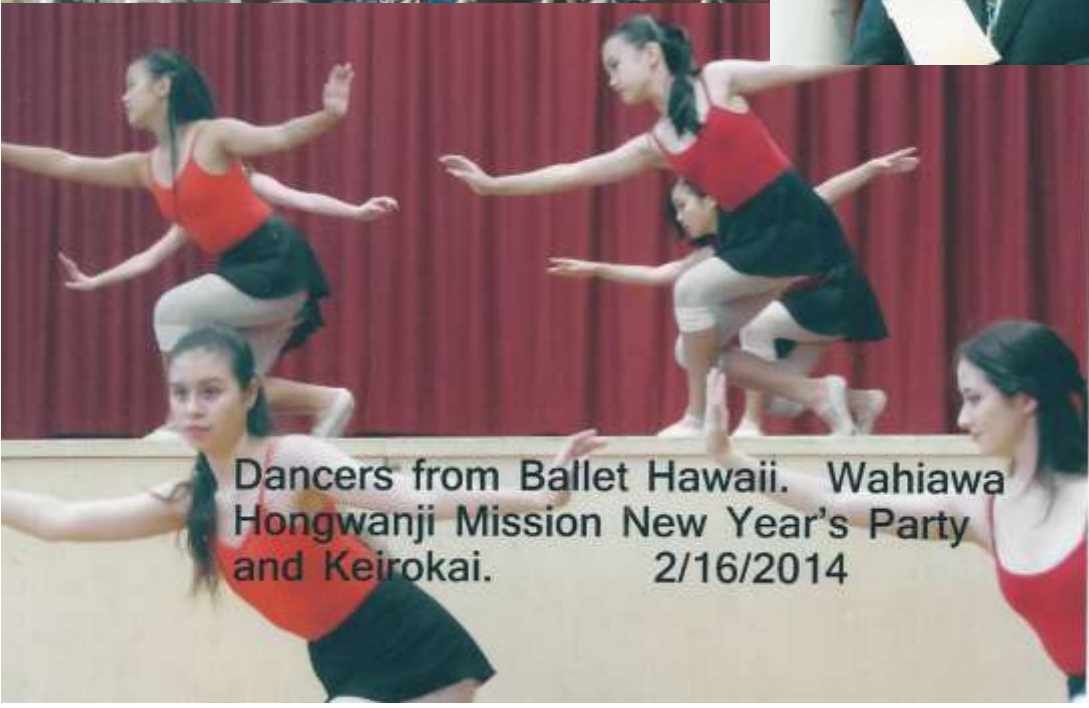
Rev. Hashimoto and President Hamamura congratulating one of the Keirokai Honorees, Gary Yamaguchi, Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission New Year's Party and Keirokai. 2/16/2014



Takedaiko Group. Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission New Year's Party & Keirokai. 2/16/2014



Rev. Thomas Okano, Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission New Year's Party and Keirokai. 2/16/2014



Dancers from Ballet Hawaii. Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission New Year's Party and Keirokai. 2/16/2014



**Pictures submitted by Dale Shimaura.
Pictures of the WHM 2014 New Years Party**

Traditional Obon Memorial Ribbons

You will again be able to honor your departed loved ones with our traditional obon memorial ribbons. Each ribbon will bear the name of the person being honored, as well as the name of the donor. Special red bows will distinguish those celebrating their Hatsubon (1st year celebration). These memorial ribbons will adorn the lanterns around the yagura. What a wonderful way to honor your loved ones and enjoy the obon festivities.

Please turn in your completed **2014 Obon Memorial Ribbon Order Form** and a "Memorial Donation" of \$20.00 for each ribbon requested to the temple office by noon on Thursday, 12 June 2014. List additional names on a separate sheet of paper, but payment for all ribbons requested may be made with one check written to:

Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission – 2014 Memorial Ribbon

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Contact Name/Phone Number (If Different from Donor) _____

1 Name Per Ribbon

1 Ribbon x \$20.00	=	\$ _____
_____ x \$20.00	=	\$ _____
No. Ribbons		Total \$ _____

Office Use Only

Date _____ Amt Pd _____ Cash _____ Ck # _____ Name _____
Notes _____