



# The Messenger

*Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity & Openness*

## Calendar of Events

### September

- 05 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
- 05 Sun 9:30 am -10:30 am Food Drive
- 11 Sat 8:00 am WHM 9/11 Memorial Bell Ringing at WHM Bonsho
- 12 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
- 19 Sun 9:00 am Ohigan Service with Rev. Makino
- 21 Tue 9:01am ONLINE State 2021 Ring Your Bells for Peace
- 26 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service

### October

- 03 Sun 9:00 am ONLINE Tsuito-E Service - Please check [www.wahiawashinbuddhists.org](http://www.wahiawashinbuddhists.org) for the link
- 10 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
- 17 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
- 24 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
- 31 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service

**There is no need to make a reservation to attend Sunday Service. Please come!**

## White Way Radio Program

White Way is a public service radio program of Moiliili Hongwanji. The programs are on KZOO every Saturday for 15-minutes from 7:45am-8:00am. Guest speakers are ministers from the state and abroad, as well as lay speakers who have an interest in Buddhism. You can also go to: [www.moililihongwanji.org](http://www.moililihongwanji.org) for past Dharma messages.



Speakers for September 2021 are:

- 9/04 Rev. Tomo Hojo
- 9/11 Barbara Brennan
- 9/18 Rev. Jan Youth
- 9/25 Rev. Richard Tennes

## Wahiawa Hongwanji Food Drive

By Carolyn Uchiyama



On August 1<sup>st</sup>, we held our monthly Food Drive. The Antiques, Treasures, and Treats fundraiser held the day before in the Social Hall helped us gather more donations for the Food Drive. We met many of our members that we haven't seen since COVID-19 began. It was certainly wonderful to connect with members again, even though we were socially distanced. The festive atmosphere showed that they felt the same way, too.

Therefore, for the Food Drive we collected **401** items of canned goods as well as new items like toothbrush, toothpaste and floss. We also received boxes of masks that are still sorely needed and required. Snacks of all kinds like fortune cookies and chips are appreciated to add smiles to people's faces. Last, but not least we collected **135** pounds of rice.

Your generosity for the people of Our Wahiawa is commendable. We accept your donations with much appreciation and gratitude. **Thank you !!!**

# Minister's Message - Routine

We are still in the Pandemic and facing the issue of the Covid. How can we overcome this Situation?

When the lock down started, I thought about what I should do because there were not any services in the temple and no events. What can we do? Then I remembered Shinran Shonin's words "Gonke no Nin."

Gonke means incarnation or manifestation. Nin means compassion or mercy. My understanding of "Gonke no Nin" is "all things have some meaning and there is always a way to find new perceptions even though suffering."

So, I considered what I could do and decided to improve my English skills during the lockdown. I started to learn about real estate because I have had interest in buying a property. I finally passed the exam even though I failed the exam several times.

Recently, I attended a real estate webinar and I learned a very interesting routine. The instructor told us what the top sales agencies are doing as a routine every morning.

1. Gratitude
2. Positive reading
3. Two minutes meditation

It was a surprise, but a very interesting routine, and I thought these were similar to the Buddhist teachings. Every Sunday, we put together and recite the Nembutsu to Amida Buddha to show our gratitude in the morning and read the sutra or "Golden Chain of Love" as a positive reading, and during the sutra we can do meditation.

When I heard this routine, I thought that the Buddhist teachings fit all types of jobs. These top three things are most important to help us overcome our sufferings, and anxieties.

It will help us see "Gonke no Nin" and maybe change our perceptions positively in this time.

If you don't do this routine yet, I recommend doing it every morning. You don't need to be a top sales agent. You will become a great Jodo Shinshu follower.

Namo Amida Butsu

In Gassho,



Reverend Kojun Hashimoto



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

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

**\*Please, no flowers until further notice\***

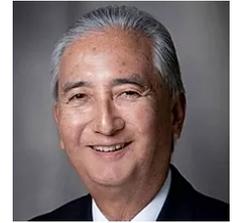
We are looking for people to help clean the columbarium on a weekly basis so families may resume bringing flowers to the columbarium. Please call the temple office (622-4320 or 392-3253) if you are able to help.

President: Rod Moriyama  
Minister: Reverend Kojun Hashimoto  
Vice Presidents: Karen Pang, Dale Shimaura, Carolyn Uchiyama  
Treasurer: Alan Kakazu  
Assistant Treasurer: Vivian Murayama  
Secretary: Amy Kanemaru  
Assistant Secretary: Wendy Fukuhara

Board of Trustees:  
Charlene Acohido  
Brian Fukuhara  
Brian Kimura  
Barbara Ladao  
Jackie Nakamura  
Jack Tsujihara

# President's Report

As I write this report on August 9, the United Nations has confirmed in a scientific study authored by more than 230 scientists that global warming is a reality. In fact, if we don't drastically change, we are already headed for more stormy hurricanes, uncontrolled wildfires, and water levels rising by 6 feet by the 2030s. That's just around the corner! We should be seeing dramatic efforts to make changes limiting greenhouse gas generation.



Earlier this month at a Lion's club sponsored update of our legislative process, we learned that Wahiawa will be the recipient of quite a sizable investment in infrastructure including better sidewalks. We will also have a new community center adjacent to the current Bus Terminal.

The temple has been working with HPD over the growing concerns of the countless number of homeless visitors on and around the temple property. Initially, our Hosha men were cleaning the terrible mess left by the homeless camped just outside our property fence, where even the police could do very little.

In June, the State funded Honu Project, which was very successful first in Waipahu, and then at Keehi Lagoon, was set up in Whitmore. More than 100 homeless from the surrounding communities were placed in shelters or other living quarters, drastically lowering the number of homeless wandering the streets in Wahiawa. However, the Honu Project is in an area for only 90 days before it must move on to other needy communities, and in August moved to its next site in Kaneohe.

Wahiawa Hongwanji plays an important role in the community. Developing service oriented members to participate in these meetings is part of our responsibility. If anyone is interested in learning more about what's happening in Wahiawa, please let us know so we can keep you posted on the next session.

Maintenance of our campus continues to be a major challenge. Trees abutting the temple are requiring trimming again to an estimate of \$6000. We'll also be retiling the front porch of the temple and looking to termite-treat the office, temple and minister's residence. The Hosha men will be repairing the cracks in our parking lot, saving us considerable money. The temple roof and gutters are also being looked at for possible repairs.

With the start of the new school year, Ho'ala school faculty and parents really cleaned up the area previously occupied by the aquaponic pools. They power-washed and cleaned the windows and gutters, and painted the area. They planted new grass in the area as well. Things are looking very nice for the new school year! Additionally, two broken windows are being fixed by the temple.

If you haven't participated in our AT&T (Antiques, Treasures, and Treats) events, not to worry. Both events were tremendously successful and we'll continue to provide these opportunities in the future. To help our community partner, Marian's, we purchased over 120 bento lunches, and established an unwavering demand for Wahiawa Hongwanji's delicious takuan! We have been very fortunate for the many hours of help from willing volunteers to peel, cut and process the diakon into takuan. We have already had 3 takuan events this year. Please keep your eyes open for our next one in two months!! They go out really fast!!

The Delta mutation is continuing to spread especially among the unvaccinated. Restrictions have been reinstated limiting indoor gatherings to 10, and outdoor gatherings to 25. Wahiawa is especially high with unvaccinated people so please encourage everyone to get vaccinated. Our keiki are especially vulnerable.

We continue to build towards our target of having an Eitaikyo Endowment Fund of \$1 million by our 120 anniversary in 2028. Thank you for your continued support and donations!

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

# Clean Up Day at Ho'ala School

Ho'ala School parents and staff worked together to prepare for the opening of the new school year. They power-washed and painted, shampooed and scrubbed, and cleaned and repaired, to ensure their children a successful 2021- 2022 school year. We at WHM wish them well.



## Hawaii Kyodan Statewide Newsletter

The Hawaii Kyodan Executive Board has approved a proposal by Bishop Eric Matsumoto and President Warren Tamamoto to publish a quarterly statewide newsletter. This newsletter will be printed in a newspaper format and mailed to all interested members within the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. The first issue is tentatively planned for the fourth quarter of 2021.

This newsletter will allow Bishop Matsumoto to share his personal message with everyone and also create a sense of unity in the Hawaii Kyodan with the sharing of information between districts, temples and members.

If you are interested in receiving this newspaper kindly complete the form below and return to the WHM temple office by noon on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. It will also be available in electronic format, so please include your email address as well.

---

### Hawaii Kyodan Statewide Newsletter Request

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes, I would like to receive the statewide newsletter. I have provided my mailing address below**

**No, I am not interested in the statewide newsletter at this time.**

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(State)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Zip Code)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# WHM's Successful Antiques, Treasures and Treats Sale



Many thanks to all who volunteered and shopped to help make this a success!



If you missed our Antiques, Treasures & Treats sale or you want more treasures, be on the lookout for our upcoming WHM MarketPlace. Check for details in the next newsletter (October 2021 issue) and also on our website: [www.wahiawashinbuddhists.org](http://www.wahiawashinbuddhists.org)



Also, due to popular demand new batches of the pretty purple and our regular takuan were made. To place your order, please call the WHM

Office at (808) 622-4320. Pick-up will be from 9:30 - 10:30 am on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at WHM. So order your takuan before it sells out.



# Jr. Young Buddhist Association Fundraiser



The United Jr. YBA of Oahu is selling some goodies to fundraise for our Hawaii Buddhist Youth (HBY) month in October. This year we are supporting the Ronald McDonald House Charities. This organization helps to give a home away from home to families with seriously ill or injured children in hospitals. We will be selling seasoned pretzel twists (dill) or chocolate chip cookies for \$5 per package.

### **ORDER DEADLINE: Saturday, October 9, 2021.**

Please email any orders to:

[jrybafoahu@gmail.com](mailto:jrybafoahu@gmail.com)

(include name, address, contact number, pick up temple, and number of orders)

OR

Mail order form (bottom) to:

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

### **Pick up date: Sunday, October 24th, 2021 (after service)**

Pick up locations: Aiea, Mililani, Pearl City, Wahiawa, or Waipahu Hongwanji

Delivery: Available as arranged.

Payment: Cash (exact change) or checks payable to: United Jr. YBA of Oahu.

Please enclose payment or pay at time of pick up/delivery.

If you have any questions, please email [jrybafoahu@gmail.com](mailto:jrybafoahu@gmail.com)

or contact Aryn Ishikawa at (808)271-8254

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Pick up temple location: \_\_\_\_\_ OR

Delivery Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Pretzels: \_\_\_\_ (how many)

Cookies: \_\_\_\_ (how many)

TOTAL \_\_\_\_ orders x \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_ total

Payment enclosed: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Thank you for your support!