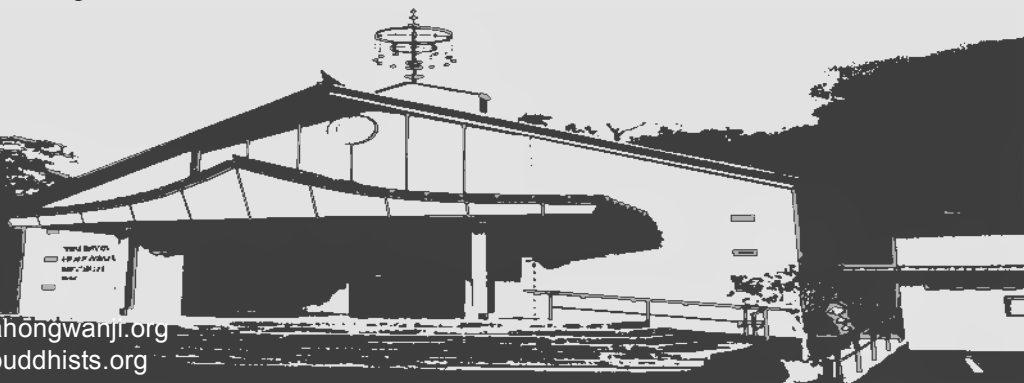


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OBON SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun	Jun 05	9:00am	No Sunday Service
		8:00am	Yagura Set Up/Support Poles
		2:00-4:00pm	Bon Dance Practice; Public Invited
Fri	Jun 10	12:00pm	Deadline For Memorial Ribbon Order Forms
Sun	Jun 12	9:00am	Sunday Service
		12:00pm	Obon Committee Meeting (All Booth Leaders)
		2:00-3:00pm	Bon Dance Practice; Public Invited
		3:00-4:00pm	Okinawa Dance Practice; Public Invited
Sat	Jun 18	6:30-8:30pm	Hatsubon Service & Refreshments
Sun	Jun 19	9:00am	No Sunday Service
		8:00am	Put Up Chochin/Memorial Ribbons/Buddhist Flag
		2:00-4:00pm	Bon Dance Practice; Public Invited
Mon	Jun 20	8:00am	Begin Tent Set Up/Lights/Power
			Begin Overnight Security
Tue	Jun 21	8:00am	Tent Set Up/Lights/Power
Wed	Jun 22	8:00am	Tent Set Up/Lights/Power
			Tables/Chairs & Booth Flags
		9:00am	Decorate Yagura
Thu	Jun 23	7:30am	Hosha-kai
		8:00am	Chop Vegetables/Ice Drinks
			Set Up All Booths (sale items, paper products, etc)
Fri	Jun 24	8:00am	Chop Vegetables
		8:00am	Cone Sushi
		11:00am	Spam Musubi
		1:00pm	Musubi
		4:30pm	Close Temple Entrances (California Ave. & Plum St.) to All Cars
			Set Up Chairs Around Yagura
			Volunteer Check-in/Briefing
		6:00pm	Begin Food Service
		7:00-10:00pm	Children's Lantern Parade
			Opening Ceremony
			Bon Dance
Sat	Jun 25	8:00am	Same Schedule as 6/24
Sun	Jun 26	8:00am	Obon Clean Up



Reverend's Message



. MYO-GO

Our primal practice is listening to the teachings of the Buddha. Do you know how we should think when we hear the Jodo Shinshu teaching? Basically, we should think as follows:

- ✿ *Who – Buddha*
- ✿ *Whom – Me*
- ✿ *When – Now*
- ✿ *Where – Here*
- ✿ *How – Preach the teachings of the Buddha*
- ✿ *What Happens – I am to be born into the Pure Land by him*

The Buddha is preaching the teachings which lead me to be born into the Pure Land now while in this world. First of all, you may question why our Amida Buddha is standing. The hint for the answer to this question is the Buddhist word “Myo-Go.” “Myo” means name and “Go” means yell or loud voice. This word expresses that someone calls my name loudly.

You can imagine if your child is going to a dangerous place and might get injured, you cannot say a word of caution to your child by sitting on a chair. You would stand up immediately and in a loud voice warn him/her of the obvious dangers. From the Buddha's view, we are in a dark room and we cannot see anything, but we are always seeking to find the truth. So, our Buddha cannot sit to see us. Our Buddha stands and tries to guide us with his voice. That voice is “Myo-Go,” which means Namu Amida Butsu. So, the “Myo-Go” gives us an image that Amida Buddha is calling our name loudly and guiding us to the Pure Land.

We should remember that Amida Buddha is always calling our name as a Nembutsu voice wherever we are.

The Obon season is coming soon. Obon is a good time to remember who is always calling your name as a Nembutsu voice and is standing with us—it is our loved ones.

In Gassho,

Reverend Hashimoto



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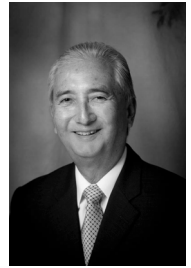
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President's Report

It's another beautiful day in Hawaii and I just returned from a nice walk as I contemplated the wonderful funeral of Bishop Chikai Yosemite. He was a man who earned the respect of everyone, instrumental in the creation of Makawao Hongwanji Mission when Paia Hongwanji Mission closed, saved Jikoen Hongwanji Mission from also closing, and founded the Pacific Buddhist Academy, the first high school in America based on Buddhist teachings and the promotion of peace. It is the last day of April. How quickly time flies by.



Board highlights:

- Obon planning continues as June approaches. The Obon Leadership Committees have been meeting to ensure more people are aware of what's happening. We are trying to solidify commitments of volunteers so assignments can be made. Please see attachment for details.
- The Dharma Shaka group was commended for putting on a very nice Hanamatsuri "It's My Birthday Too" service and party.
- Maintenance: The mason for repairing our front wall has been contracted and the insurance claim for over \$10,000 has been paid. We should have the wall fully repaired by Obon.
- The New Service Format Committee will use "Design Thinking" strategy to ensure we identify key stakeholders and get input from all generations.

Kid's Day: was a huge success with participants from Hawaii Betsuin, Jikoen Hongwanji, Moiliili Hongwanji, and Waipahu Hongwanji. Please see the attached article.

Mother's Day was celebrated with an early service and a wonderful breakfast coordinated by Membership Dev. Comm. with assistance from BWA and Dharma Shaka. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time. See our Facebook page.

Last week we had a wonderful time cleaning the temple as a team and enjoyed the yummy cooking of Alfred Paulino who was practicing Obon! It was a hit! It was a special day for sharing and camaraderie and doing meaningful work!

Glenn Hamamura was nationally recognized as a "Fellow" by the American Society for Quality. Glenn has been the past president of Wahiawa Hongwanji and participates in a number of initiatives for Honpa Hongwanji headquarters. The following is an excerpt for this recognition:

***Glenn I. Hamamura, Systems Excellence LLC, Honolulu** — For exceptional leadership and dedicated service to ASQ and the Hawaii Section 0623; for outstanding contributions in advancing the application of quality principles in software engineering, project management and organizational excellence; and for teaching, coaching and mentoring the next generation of quality professionals.*

Today we celebrated Shinran Shonin's birthday (Gotan-E service). Reverend Toshiyuki Umitani, the Bishop's Executive Assistant, was the speaker. He began his talk about former Bishop Yosemite's final words with his family. His words expressed true gratitude for his "lucky life surrounded by family and friends!" Reverend Umitani asked all of us to look into ourselves to answer the question, "AM I REALLY HAPPY NOW?" He concluded his talk about a touching story of a family facing great adversity and coming to the realization that we all benefit from the interconnection of everything in the universe. This realization is encapsulated by the Japanese term "Okage-sama de." (Translation: "Through your efforts, I can exist as I am.")

Are you living your life with Joy and Gratitude? Namo Amida Butsu!

In gassho,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rod Moriyama".

Rod Moriyama

Keiki Day 2016

Keiki Day was the brainchild of the Honolulu District Dharma School. They decided to come and visit Wahiawa and our Hongwanji. We were thrilled to have them! Debbie Kubota was their primary contact and from Wahiawa a bunch of people, including the Dharma Shaka and BWA, jumped in on this special occasion. Members from Hawaii Betsuin, Moiliili Hongwanji, and Jikoen Hongwanji participated. We also invited Waipahu Hongwanji to join us.



Imagine my surprise when we entered our parking lot. There was a yellow school bus that transported people from Honolulu. We were so lucky to be part of the service and the program afterwards. We had picked up our two grandsons to spend the morning with us.

The temple was literally 80% full! The service was conducted by the Dharma Shaka group all smartly dressed in their Dharma Shaka purple tee shirts. Having so many adults and children made the service truly special. The feeling of unity and connectivity was evident as we all sang and chanted very boldly. There were some really beautiful voices in the crowd! It brought back pleasant memories of my youth.

Sensei's (Rev. Hashimoto) Dharma talk was especially poignant as he recalled the first steps crawled by his daughter, Kano, and his first Hawaii service...a Keiki Day service. He was excited because he thought this service was about "Ke iki" or "CAKE"! Imagine his surprise when he learned "Keiki" meant children!

After service, the younger folks with parents and grandparents went to the social hall for games and refreshments. For the adults without children, they were invited downstairs to the BWA room for refreshments and "talk story."

Everything was so well organized. Everyone had a wonderful time and the keiki also had a really fun time! It made me think of how important these events are, that everyone has this feeling of unity and community...even going to another unfamiliar place. Each temple brings a special experience and special people together. Such sharing and bonding are what make these kinds of activities memorable and worthwhile. They provide a foundation that children can remember for the rest of their lives. It is an intergenerational link. Should something like this be an annual event?

In gassho,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rod".

Rod

OBON NEWS

Plans for An Exciting 2016 Obon Festival In The Works



This year we feature the fourth of our Limited Edition Bon Dance towels. The inspiration came from a watercolor painting donated by temple member Neal Tomita for our 2012 Silent Auction. We will again set up a table where Neal will autograph your designer towels.

Our Country Store, now called the “H&H Country Store” (H&H for Homemade & Handmade), will feature what else, but “homemade” and “handmade” items. Note: Many things that go on sale will be “one of a kind!” Suggestion: Come early and make the “H&H Country Store” your first stop!

Our temple members, BWA members, Quilt Club members, and many others are busy creating and making things, often using material, yarn and other supplies donated to the temple. You’ll find these items on display at the Silent Auction or for sale at the “H&H Country Store.”

So add to your list of things “to do” at this year’s Obon, check out the items at the Silent Auction in the Social Hall. First take a tour of all that’s on display, and then put in your “bids” for those items you wish to take home with you. Check back often throughout the evening to “up your bids” if you need to, or take your chances and hope you’re the highest bidder. Winners will be announced between 9:00-9:30pm each night. Highest bidder wins! You must be present to win.

Our food booths will offer the usual “ono” plate lunches, saimin, hot dogs, andagi, our specialty shave ice and our signature chow fun and mochi. We will also have again our popular “taiyaki” and “kim chee pancake.” So bring your families, bring your friends and your relatives, and plan to stay the evening for dining and dancing!

Bring the kids too, and take them to enjoy the children’s game booths. There will be our ever-popular Fish Pond, where everyone gets a chance to “hook that really BIG one!” Don’t forget the Duck Pond and other games, as we continue to improve and expand on activities for our “keiki.”

But let us not forget that the purpose of Obon is to honor all those who came before us. Besides being present at the festivities, you can also honor your deceased family members by purchasing our traditional Memorial Ribbons. These ribbons will adorn the lanterns around the yagura. Special red bows will distinguish those observing their Hatsubon (1st year observance). What a wonderful way to honor your loved ones and enjoy the Obon festivities.

Your 2016 Obon Memorial Ribbon Order Form is included in this issue of the newsletter. Completed forms and payment are due in the temple office by 12noon on Friday, June 10, 2016. Handwritten ribbons will be available after the deadline.

Temple Visit

Many have appreciated the opportunity for a close-up look at the inside of the temple. So, we again open our temple doors and invite all to come in. There will be temple tours and guides to explain or answer any questions.

Children’s Lantern Parade

Our lantern parade at 7:00pm will open each night’s festivities. The parade around the yagura will feature the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of our temple members.

We ask all parents to have their children dressed in their kimono or happi coats and lined up along the railing between the temple and office by 6:45pm on both nights. An announcement will be made over the speaker.

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Bon Dance Practice

Dance practice for everyone is being held every Sunday in the Social Hall from 2:00-4:00pm. Okinawa dance practice will be held on Sunday, June 12 in the Social Hall from 3:00-4:00pm. No refreshments, please!

No Parking in Temple Lot

Once again we thank you in advance for helping to keep all vehicles off temple grounds during the dance. The parking lot will be closed at 4:30pm on both days. Those who will be working throughout the night can park on the grass area, but remember that you must be parked by 4:30pm and you will not be able to leave until after the dance. All deliveries and drop-offs after 4:30pm will be at the main entrance. The side gate (Plum Street) will be open for walk-in traffic only. Security will be present at both entrances.

Volunteer Help

Success of our Obon depends on your support. Please participate in whatever way you can.

We are looking for men and women willing and able to help us right now with preparations—yagura and tent setup, sewing, cooking, crafting, etc.

If you are interested in helping, please call 622-4320, or come into the office to sign up. Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-12:00 noon.

If interested in working in one of the booths, you must be able to start at 4:30pm to receive your assignment and instructions so that we can begin food service on time.

All those who sign up will be contacted by a committee member.

Country Store/Silent Auction Donations

Here are more ways in which you can get involved with Obon. You can “make” or “bake” one of your favorite craft or food items to sell in our country store. Or, have you received a gift item which is still in your closet and you do not plan to use? We will take any new or unused item, preferably still in its original box, for our Silent Auction.

You can donate for Friday (6/24), or Saturday (6/25), or for both nights. Non-perishable items are being accepted now at the office. Bring your donations to the office by 12noon each day. Indicate on the item whether it's for the H&H Country Store or for the Silent Auction. Also leave us your name and phone number should we have any questions about any of your items.

Non-perishable items will be accepted in the office starting at 8:00am on Friday (6/24) and Saturday (6/25). Again, please have your name and phone number written on your item and also tell us what you are donating.

Kumamoto Earthquake Relief Fund

Temple members in Hawaii can help by contributing to a **special relief fund** established by **Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii**.


To contribute please make out a check to your temple and write on the memo line, **“Kumamoto Earthquake Relief Fund”**

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use the **Donate link** at **hongwanjihawaii.com**

This special collection runs through **June 30, 2016**.






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DATES:	June	1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29
	July	1, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29
	August	1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 22, 24, 26, 29, 31- Aloha Luncheon

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Intermediate classes will be offered after mastery of basic skills is demonstrated.

Passing on knowledge from one generation to another



*Obon festival
is
remembering
and
honoring
those who have passed away
and
celebrating family ties.*



Wahiawa Hongwanji

BON DANCE

June 24 (Friday) & June 25 (Saturday)

6:00pm

Food Service

7:00-10:00pm

Children's Lantern Parade

Opening Ceremony

Bon Dance

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H & H Country Store

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