



# Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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Welcomes you to in-person services

(as well as livestream on Facebook and YouTube)

beginning on

August 1, 2021, at 9 A.M.!

Join us in fellowship and listen to the

Dharma in person.



## MINISTER'S MESSAGE



### Community-Building as Practice

Aloha! I hope everyone is well and enjoying life under these most extraordinary of causes and conditions. As we re-open Makawao Hongwanji, including the Makawao Buddhist Temple, the Social Hall, the Temple Kitchen, Scout House, George Ito Project Dana House, the Makawao Bodhi Tree Meditation Garden, and the temple grounds, let us pause for a moment to reflect upon the countless causes, conditions, situations, events, and people that made this day possible for us.

Makawao Buddhist Temple's tradition of "community-building as Buddhist practice" has been the foundation of the Makawao Hongwanji Mission since 1907. Mimy and I have been fortunate to not only see this tradition in front of our eyes but to also be invited to join the community, to become part of the community, to allow the community to teach me.

In reflection, the “practice” of Jodo Shinshu, Shin Buddhism, Hongwanji Temples, is not found in monastic practice, intellectual understanding of the doctrine, or academic research. The “practice” of Hongwanji Temples, especially in Hawai‘i, is “community-building” which is best illustrated by recent examples.

**Saturday, July 10, 2021, 4:30 a.m.** Sangha members, affiliated organizations like the Scouts and Cub Scouts, Jr. YBA, Judo Club, and friends of the temple gathered to prepare, cook, package, and distribute 1000+ orders of the temple's signature Bon Dance Food: chow fun, pork and chicken Teri bento, cone sushi, SPAM Musubi, home-made cookies, manju filled with Okinawan purple sweet potato, and peach & guava jams!

Rolling up one's sleeves, putting on an apron, and learning to get along with the diverse tapestry of people who are the heart of Makawao Hongwanji, setting aside differences, and simply working together is a subtle and yet profound experience in letting go of one's Ego-Self.

Working together to benefit the temple, we "try to" enjoy the "hard labor" of food prep and service, and clean-up—perhaps grumbling a bit—but at the end of the day, we feel good because we know we are part of a greater community.

We are grateful for the members, friends, and supporters of Makawao Buddhist Temple and the Makawao Hongwanji Mission!

(Originally published in temple social media accounts)

**July 24, 2021 5:30 a.m. (Saturday)** In the days preceding the “Virtual Bon Dance 2021: Makawao-Style,” the world-famous Peace Cranes of Makawao and Makawao Buddhist Temple Bon Memorial Lanterns magically appeared! Then, Virtual Bon Dance 2021: Makawao-Style “Live from Makawao!” including “bon dancers from around the world!” and a special live performance by the amazingly talented young people of Zenshin Daiko! And in the evening, the First Bon Memorial Service (Hatsubon) for families who lost a loved one in the past year since the last Bon Memorial season.

These families and friends, visitors to the Columbarium (*Nōkotsudō*), our upcountry friends and neighbors stopping at the Post Office, people on vacation and first-time visitors to a Buddhist Temple, our Sangha members, and friends of the temple who happened to drop by were treated to a spectacular vista of Bon Memorial Lanterns and Peace Cranes against the backdrop of a majestic Haleakala.

For me, walking around the temple grounds in the morning to open and the evening to close was a profound reminder that a temple is just a box; a temple comes alive when it is filled with people, united by a sense of community.

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The sound of the memorial tags fluttering in the wind as sunset comes to Makawao was poignant personal reminder that I wouldn't be here in Makawao, as the resident minister of the temple, as an ordained Buddhist priest, as a "kaikyōshi" (literally, a "servant who opens the Teachings"), without countless people who have influenced my life, who share the Teachings simply by doing what needs to be done for the Temple and its communities.

Mahalos to Calvin and Sharon Higuchi, Floyd & Sharon Nagoshi, Alison Nakagawa, Aunty Jean H, Mimy, Rie, Pack 18 for the offer to help, and everyone who pitched into make new tags more resistant to wind and rain, set up poles, affix tags to lanterns, string up ropes, attach lanterns and tags, keep an eye out for tags and lanterns that want to be free...and then do everything again in reverse!

I have no doubt that **General Temple Clean-up** on July 31, 2021 (Saturday) will follow the same pattern...somehow the word gets out, people show up, things happen, we eat something together (water, coffee, teas, snacks, and "light" *pupus* also just magically appear!), we talk story, then go off to do whatever else is planned for the weekend! (which hopefully includes attending Sunday Family Service in-person or livestream on August 1, 2021 9:00 a.m. (HST)! Ministers are supposed to say stuff like that).

As a proud graduate and alumna of Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin Seminary Class of 2017-18, my Ego-Self wants to believe that it's ME—my brilliant propagation technique, my razor-sharp insight into human nature, my funny voices for Barkley the Dog and Lucy the Lady Bug, my mastery of communication arts, my unmatched creative output (Barkley jumps in and says, "Okay, *sensay*, mo' betta close da mout and zip da lips, yah?")—but, in fact, the secret to the survival of the Hongwanji Temples from the Plantation Era to this day has absolutely nothing to do with ME, and everything to do with the people who form the communities of Makawao Hongwanji.

As we re-open the Makawao Hongwanji Mission, the Makawao Buddhist Temple, all facilities, and the temple grounds, let us remind ourselves of this rare and wonderful tradition of building communities, let us reflect upon the gift of community that has been passed down to us, let us rededicate ourselves to honoring this tradition, and passing it down to the future communities of Makawao Hongwanji.

Makawao Hongwanji exists to create the **time, place, and occasion** for building communities as Buddhist practice. It is difficult to put one's Ego aside, to figure out how to get along with others, to smile while sweating over a hot wok but somehow, we do it, we laugh, we bitch and moan, we talk story, and then come back again, and again, to take on the Buddhist practice of community-building.

Mimy and I are grateful to be included in the communities of Makawao Hongwanji and look forward to reconnecting with everyone in person, as causes and conditions allow!

NamoAmidaButsu!

Rev. Kerry

**NAMO AMIDA BUTSU**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## JULY HIGHLIGHTS



July has always been a very busy month for us but for some reason it seemed busier than previous years. We cancelled our Summer Bazaar and Garage Sale but had a very successful food sale drive thru instead. Our chairpersons, Karen Ishizu, Bobbi Nakagawa, and Gail Hamai worked tirelessly for several weeks, along with their kitchen support of the BWA women and others, to sell a huge amount of preordered chow fun, manju, cookies, bentos, spam musubis, jams and jellies. I was surprised and happy to see so many ladies and a couple guys working so hard in the kitchen during the week of the sale. At the same time we also had a successful plant sale drive thru, spearheaded by Sharon, Calvin and Sean Higuchi.

Our Obon festival was also cancelled for the second year, but was replaced by a virtual Obon with dancers and even a Zenshin Daiko Group performance. The only thing missing was our in-person, ono chow fun, bentos and other treats. Chochins and our 1200 cranes decorated our temple and the front parking lot to help celebrate Obon season.

To end the month, we will be having our summer church general clean up on July 31. This is to help prepare our grounds and temple for our first live Sunday service since the Pandemic began. Thank you to all of you who have participated in any or all of these events. Without a strong Sangha like ours, none of this would have been possible. We are thankful and happy to be a part of this wonderful Sangha.

May you all be happy and well!

*Clyde*

### **MAKAWAO HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE AUGUST 2021 ACTIVITIES**

**The following are IN-PERSON services as well as  
Facebook and YouTube.**

- 1 First Sunday Dharma Service  
Monthly Memorial Service  
Children's Dharma School**
- 8 Sunday Dharma Service**
- 15 Sunday Dharma Service**
- 22 Sunday Dharma Service**
- 29 Sunday Dharma Service**

**August & September 2021 Memorial Anniversaries**  
(Please call Temple Office to schedule your service—572-7229)

**1st Year Memorial Service 2020**

August 05 George Noritoshi Terada

**1st Year Memorial service 2020**

September 27 Yukio Otani

**3rd Year Memorial Service 2019**

August 15 Grace Mie Kijima  
August 21 Janice Tomoyo Okamoto  
August 27 Ann Ritsuko Burd  
August 31 Hisae Joyce Kagehiro

**3rd Year Memorial Service 2019**

September 17 Setsuko “Setsu” Asato

**7th Year Memorial Service 2015**

August - None

**7th Year Memorial Service 2015**

September 01 Fusako Yamada  
September 16 Sueji Kanemoto  
September 24 Violet Tsuyuko Nakamura

**13th Year Memorial Service 2009**

August 22 Kimiko Tamura  
August 24 Fudeko Maeda

**13th Year Memorial Service 2009**

September 14 Hideo Kijinami

**17th Year Memorial Service 2005**

August 01 Otozo Nishida

**17th Year Memorial Service 2005**

September 09 Jeannette Mitsuyo Imamura

**25th Year Memorial Service 1997**

August 13 Riku Tanaka

**25th Year Memorial Service 1997**

September 02 Tamio Hieda  
September 12 Masaru Okamoto  
September 12 Yumiko Okuda  
September 14 Haruyoshi Hashimoto

**33rd Year Memorial Service 1989**

August - None

**33rd Year Memorial Service 1989**

September - None

**50th Year Memorial Service 1972**

August - None

**50th Year Memorial Service 1972**

September - None



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**Contributions June 25, 2021 to July 23, 2021**

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Clark Hashimoto

Anonymous

In memory of Sho Sakae – Florence Sakae

In memory of Frederick K. Fujimoto (7<sup>th</sup> yr. memorial) – Sharlene Fujimoto

In memory of Mankichi and Hatsuno Nakamura – Claire Ching

In memory of George Gohara – Caren Gohara, Calvin and Caryl Hayashi, Lauren Gohara

In memory of Makoto Tanaka – Mitzi Tanaka

In memory of Yoshie Hedani Terao – Mitzi Tanaka

In memory of Roy G. Onikama – Burton Onikama, Uehara Family, Lee Family

In memory of Violet H. Onikama – Burton Onikama

In memory of Patrick Yasuo Hamai – Wendy Hamai and Henry Stoll

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Yoshioka, Paul and Mae Matsui, Alma and Kenneth Nakano, Allen and Janet

Fukuda, Harold Makimoto, Mitzi Tanaka, Carol Yamamura, Jeral and Karlynn Fukuda,

Scott Shiraki, Alfred Itamura, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fukushima, Florence Tasaka

Pauwela Cemetery – Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fukushima

A/V equipment for propagation – Jean Heselden

Faith Ito - String Beans

David Robinson - Green Onions

Carol Yamamura - Bento ingredients

Nobu Hironaka - String Beans

**OFUSE:**

25<sup>th</sup> year memorial service for Yuwao Matsumura – Family of Yuwao Matsumura

17<sup>th</sup> year memorial service for Roy G. Onikama – Family of Roy G. Onikama

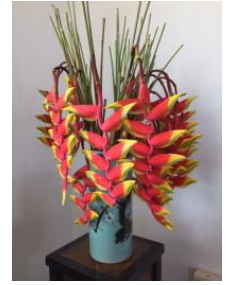
7<sup>th</sup> year memorial service for Sueno “Sue” Saito – Family of Sueno “Sue” Saito

Inurnment service for Tome Nakamura, Yoshio Nakamura, Natsu Nakamura – Family of Tome, Yoshio, and Natsu Nakamura

**NEWSLETTER:**

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fukushima





**NOKOTSUDO Donations:** Continued from pg. 6

Jan Nakamoto

In memory of John Hashimoto and Lane Hashimoto – Hashimoto Persimmon

In memory of Kiyota Family – Doris Mark

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In memory of Edward, Doris, and Jimmy Nakamura – Tom and Harriet Kitazawa

In memory of Yukio Matsui – Mitsuko Matsui

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In memory of Masayoshi Yamashita and Shizuko Yamashita – Mitsuo and Jeanette Yamashita

In memory of Melvin Hamamoto – Kadosaki family

thank you!

**MAUI JINSHA**

From Nissei Veteran's Newsletter, July 2021



Can you believe Maui Jinsha is 108 years old? After many years of extreme weather conditions, the roof at the church is in dire need of repair. This is a huge undertaking, but it needs to be done to preserve the church. The Maui Jinsha is reaching out to the community to let them know the situation.

If you are interested in helping the Maui Jinsha and the Arine Family, please give them a call at (808)877-1472 or via email at [stamakawa3@gmail.com](mailto:stamakawa3@gmail.com). You can also mail them at Maui Jinsha 472 Lipo Place, Wailuku, HI 96793.

## OBON MAKAWAO-STYLE

By Jean H.

In July, our chochin display featured 200 red and white lanterns with personalized memorial name tags. As accents, we also put up approximately 1,200 white origami cranes on strings. The chochin were hung along the temple building and social hall. In the grassy area where we usually park, we displayed a combination of chochin and cranes.

For our second annual virtual Bon Odori, we live streamed traditional dances performed by Makawao Hongwanji members and friends. We also featured the awesomely talented young drummers of Zenshin Daiko. The event was live streamed on Facebook, and also posted on YouTube.





**Makawao Hongwanji Virtual Obon - July 24, 2021**



*Featuring Zenshin Daiko Drummers*



*Rev. Kerry? Is that you?*



*Dancing, dancing, dancing!*



*More dancing!*

## MAHALO FOR A WONDERFUL DRIVE THRU FUNDRAISER!

On July 10, 2021, Makawao Hongwanji held yet another successful fundraiser for the Temple. It took many hours of planning, decision making, pricing and purchasing, advertising, emailing, calling for volunteers and of course, eating wonderful donated foods and snacks before it all came together. What a great job the BWA ladies, gentlemen, Scouts and volunteers did.

Getting it all together were our "Garage Sale Ladies", Karen, Bobbi, and Gail who relied unequivocally on Makawao Hongwanji's talented kitchen chefs, Carol Yamamura (Bentos), Jean Nishida (Sushi, Koko,) Alison Nakagawa and Sharon Nagoshi (Cookies), Marilyn Morikawa (Spam Musubi), Diane Kosaka (Manju), Ray & Bobbi Nakagawa (Chow Fun), Mimy Kiyohara and Alison Nakagawa (Jams), Rie and Donald Taketa (Rice), and order controllers, Jean Heselden and Rie Taketa. Also included are our "go to people," Paul N. and Rogers who pitched in and assisted willingly at a moment's notice. We wouldn't have had such great food and sales without all of you!

Can you imagine approximately 575 quarts of Chow Fun and 400 bentos sold? And to top it off, we also sold nearly 300 packages of our signature Sweet Potato Manju, sold out Spam Musubi, Inari Sushi, cookies and Jams. With members and affiliates working together cooperatively, all things are possible.

Thank you to our Young Buddhist Association member Kaylee who efficiently texted the pick-up station with names of people who came to pick up their orders and to Billie, Jaimee and friend Shane who worked as happy runners to place the orders into their awaiting cars.

A great shout-out to all our Scouts and other volunteers who barbequed and took the heat from the grills, made spam musubi and inari sushi, stir fried Chow Fun and packed bentos. It takes talent to slice, pack and present tantalizing products; right Yokoyama/Nishida ohana and Howard? We would also like to acknowledge traffic directors Clyde, Vaughn, Robert and Michael who kept traffic flowing. And, to those who provided us with wonderful morning coffee, snacks and delicious lunch, we appreciate you sharing with all of us.

In addition to our food drive thru, we were fortunate to have added the online plant sales for pick up the same day. Thanks to Sharon and Calvin Higuchi and to Sean Higuchi who helped post pictures and information of each plant on Facebook. The sales were very successful and opened a new dimension to our drive thru event.

Thank you everyone who volunteered and supported our food and plant sales.

**Mahalo and see you next time!**

***Karen, Bobbi, Gail***

**I rely upon Amida Buddha. NAMO AMIDA BUTSU**

**Na Mu comes from the Pali word "*Namo*" as in the first verse of the Vandana,  
"*Namo tassa Bhaga va to*"**

**Amida is the contraction of the Sanskrit words**

***Amitabha*, Infinite Light, and *Amitayus*, Infinite Life.**

**Butsu is the Japanese word for Buddha.**

# MHBT FOOD DRIVE -THROUGH

## July 10, 2021

How it all came together! Drive-Through Food Sales photos tell the story...



*Bryant & Lorin stir up some FUN!!!*



*Alma & Ken measure it just right!*



*Boy Scout Dads fire up the grills!*



*Perfect Rice by Donald & Rie!*



*Colleen & Don Pack it up!*



*Smile!*



*Ono Teri-Chicken!*



*Howard & Rogers slice it up.*

Great Food and Plants brought to you by our hardworking crews!



Ladies prepping teri chicken



Sharon's Plant Sales were back by popular demand with Face Book marketing!



Paul cleans the onions with a smile!



Jean demonstrates how to make delicious cabbage koko and inari sushi!



Diane stirs up Okinawan sweet potato for manju.



WOW! 5-ingredients Inari Sushi was a big hit!!!



# Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Council Meeting Highlights July 11, 2021, In-Person and via Zoom

**1. Minister's Report:** In addition to reporting on his work on religious outreach, Buddhist education, announcing first Hatsubon memorial services, the virtual Bon Dance Makawao-Style, and re-opening of the temple on August 1<sup>st</sup>, Rev. Kerry Kiyohara thanked everyone for our awesome food and plant fundraiser on Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>.



**2. Resolution of Appreciation and Condolence** for Mr. Yoshio Kijima was approved for submission to the 2021 Lay Convention.

**3. 2021 Virtual Lay Convention** will be held via ZOOM on September 10-11. Registration fee is \$10 per person. Please contact Temple Council Secretary Jean if you would like to attend.

**4. July 10<sup>th</sup> Food and Plant Fundraiser** was a tremendous success thanks to the hard work of our many temple members and friends.

**5. Virtual Bon Dance and Taiko Performance:** Saturday morning July 24<sup>th</sup> will be our second virtual bon dance and Zenshin Daiko performance to be livestreamed on Facebook.

**6. Pauwela Cemetery Property Management:** Discussion of issues and opportunities as we consider the best interests of the Sangha.

**7. Columbarium Niches:** Discussion of financial responsibilities.

**8. Buddhist Education:** In-person Dharma School will restart soon in accordance with COVID safety protocols for unvaccinated children.

**9. Temple 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** will be combined with New Year's celebration for 2022 and recognition of Keirokai members every 5 years.

**10. Jr YBA Report** by guest Jaimee Yokoyama about activities of Maui Jr YBA and statewide organization.

(Full Text of Council Meeting Minutes and Reports can be obtained from the Temple Office.)



*Jr. YBA Jaimee apprentices for Chow Fun*



*Teri Pork Bento*



*Teri Chicken Bento*

**An O-Bon Reflection "Are you connected?"**

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

O-Bon is a time of remembrance, reflection, realization, rejoicing, and responding in gratitude. Connected to what, you may ask. Well, everything and everyone would be the ultimate answer.

Are you connected to your past? O-Bon is a time of remembrance when we remember and honor (not worship) our predecessors which for most of us would be our own family members, but the sphere could be larger and more inclusive. In many cases, the good life that we live today are a result of the determination, perseverance, sacrifices, and struggles of previous generations of our family and friends. Rarely, is it only my own effort. Thus, O-Bon is a time in which we pause from our hurried busy lives to remember our past and especially loved ones and those closest to us who have passed on. We remember them with gratitude for what they have done for us.



Are you connected to your present? As we reflect with the Buddha's Teaching/Dharma as our guide, we come to realize how interdependent all life, all existence is. A fundamental Buddhist Teaching is "Because of this, that arises; because this does not exist, that does not arise." Simply, it is about connections and relationships. We cannot exist without others. This includes not only other people, but also our natural environment like the plants and animals, the oceans, the land and the sky and everything of and within it and even more. A fundamental and basic Buddhist emphasis or perspective is that all life and all existence is interconnected and interrelated. This is an important realization to have, which can make a big difference, as we have a tendency to be self-centered and focus on myself or only my small circle. A realization that wants to happen at O-Bon time is our interconnectedness with all others and the expression of our joyful appreciation and gratitude to those others.

Are you connected to your future? Just as the life and deeds of our predecessors have influenced my life, the way I live my life will also impact those of future generations. We cannot ignore, anymore, the consequences of our human actions which are causing much of the current natural and man-made disasters and unprecedented severe weather phenomena that are occurring all around the globe. One of the anticipated outcomes of O-Bon is a more balanced life or lifestyle with a new perspective. In contrast to a life of greed and self-centeredness, a life of moderation, oneness, and appreciation and gratitude to others based on interdependence.

What brings about this awareness, gratitude and change in perspective? It is the Wisdom and Compassion of Enlightenment. In our Hongwanji Tradition, this Wisdom and Compassion is given a name and identity called (the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light) Amida Buddha or (the Buddha's Name Which Calls Us to entrust and the Buddha's Name Which We Call in gratitude) Namo Amida Butsu. Amida Buddha's aspiration or vow is to, literally, save all life, all existence by unconditionally embracing us, just as we are with all our imperfections, promising us the Great Enlightenment or Supreme Nirvana with our birth in the Pure Land at the end of this finite life. From the perspective of Great Compassion, we don't

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need to perfect ourselves (or become good first) to be saved. However, to me, that does not mean that we remain completely idle and static and we can try to aspire for greater things. Great Compassion is unconditional and includes all and from profound gratitude to it, we lament our continued imperfect self, but try to live being less self-centered, selfish and arrogant as encouraged by the Buddha-Dharma. We begin to understand and appreciate the Oneness of All Life and connectedness of everyone and everything including Amida Buddha and myself.

In Hongwanji, we refer to Obon as a "Gathering of Joy." Yes, there is sadness especially if you have recently lost someone dear to you and this is keenly felt at O-Bon time especially if you are observing your First O-Bon (after someone's passing), but there is also the supportive guidance, embrace and joy of the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha which surrounds us especially the Unconditional Compassion of Amida Buddha or Namu Amida Butsu. I hope that you can feel, come to know, experience that connection and relationship we each have with Great Wisdom and Compassion! The Oneness of All!

I want to conclude today by sharing a personal interpretation and connect it to my thoughts shared above. Recently on July 20, 2021, Jeff Bezos and Mark Bezos successfully traveled to space on Blue Origin. In a news interview, Mark was asked "How did it change you?" He responded "In the best sense, I have never felt smaller than I did today. It was an incredibly humbling and beautiful sense of personal scale. Right? That I am such a small part of all of this." Brother Jeff interjected, "Look at the Earth from up there. It will make you more humble." Their comments share the same sentiment, the wonder and insight, that many other astronauts had including Hawaii's Lieutenant Colonel Ellison Onizuka. This sense of humility, I think, is another outcome of O-Bon. As we realize the interconnectedness and interrelatedness of all life, all existence, we become humbler too.

Thank you and Namu Amida Butsu.

### **HMH ONLINE BON DANCE EXPERIENCE 2021**

Bon Dance Experience 2021 will premiere on the HHMH YouTube channel on Friday, August 13 at 7 p.m. HST. To join others in watching the premiere, visit our YouTube channel page at that time (shortcut link: <http://honpahi.link/youtube>). As we get closer to the premiere date, a direct link to the premiere will be shared on our website, <http://hongwanjihawaii.com>, as well as on social media. Viewers will also be able to view the video after the premiere, however, live chat will not be available. Please share this information with family, friends, and community. See you on August 13, 2021 at 7 p.m. HST for the premiere of HHMH Bon Dance Experience 2021!



## 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL RING YOUR BELL FOR PEACE DAY

Please join our 2nd ANNUAL RING YOUR BELL FOR PEACE DAY, sponsored by Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, partnering with the United Nations Association of Hawaii, University of Hawaii KTUH, many interfaith, cultural, community organizations and avid individuals who all share the same ideals and goals of peace everywhere and for everyone.



Dates: Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Times: 8:45am – 9:30am (HST)

Place: Zoom

Register: <http://www.hongwanjihawaii.com/peaceday2021>

After you register, we will send you a Zoom link for the program that starts at 8:45 AM, Opening Ceremony, at 9:00 AM, Bishop Matsumoto will lead us in a moment of silence, honoring all those who have strived for the achievement of peace.

At 9:01 AM, all participants on the Zoom call and Facebook Live program will begin ringing their bells for peace for 5 minutes. You will see scenes of people in Hawaii and all over the world ringing their bells.

The International Day of Peace was established by the United Nations in 1981 and, since 2001, has been celebrated on September 21. That date is also recognized as Peace Day in Hawaii, thanks in large part to members of the Hawai'i Federation of Junior Young Buddhist Associations who successfully advocated for the legislature to officially recognize Peace Day.

For questions, contact Rene Mansho, HHMH Peace Day Committee Chairperson, (808)291-6151, [renemansho@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:renemansho@hawaii.rr.com) or your District Council representative. Our goal is to have all 33 temples participating on September 21st! Imua Peace Day!"

### 2021 Ring Your Bell for Peace Day-"WHAT PEACE MEANS TO ME"

In addition, to commemorate our 2021 International Day of Peace, we are asking all participants to send a sentence, "WHAT PEACE MEANS TO ME" and we will share the collection of your statements we receive by September 21<sup>st</sup>.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ORGANIZATION (optional)

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

One sentence, "WHAT PEACE MEANS TO ME"

\_\_\_\_\_

Email to me: [renemansho@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:renemansho@hawaii.rr.com)





## **Virtual Statewide Lay Convention on September 10-11, 2021**

This year's virtual statewide Lay Convention will be hosted by Maui's Hongwanji Buddhist Temples on September 10-11. Information about this year's Virtual Statewide Lay Convention is posted on the website at [laycon2021.org](http://laycon2021.org). All sessions will be held on Zoom, like last year.

We encourage everyone to attend the virtual convention as an observer or guest. The cost is \$10 per person, which includes the pdf version of the convention booklet. An optional printed booklet costs an additional \$5. We pay these fees individually. Please make checks payable to Makawao Hongwanji, so that we can submit a single payment to the appropriate body. Registration is on a temple by temple basis and we are allowed an unlimited number of observers and guests.

The schedule for Friday evening Sept. 10th, features the Business Session. MHM's two voting delegates for that session are Carol Yamamura and Clyde Hamai.

The schedule for Saturday includes an opening service, Keynote Speaker Rick Stambul, a discussion panel about growing our Sanghas, and workshop topics relating to our theme of *Dharma Visibility, Relevance, and Engagement*.

**Please email Jean Heselden at [jheselden16@gmail.com](mailto:jheselden16@gmail.com) by August 15th if you would like to attend the virtual convention and tell her that you will mail your check to the temple by August 16th.**

**Remember, Maui is the host for this year's Lay Convention, so let's represent!!**

### **MAKAWAO BWA LADIES – WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING??**

By: Marilyn

***What have you been doing??*** Half of 2021 has gone by, and we are all a year older since we probably saw each other. Hope you've all been safe and well, even though you couldn't see your family and friends. Actually, we adults pretty much look the same, but for a few pounds gained or loss, or some wrinkles here and there. When we see the kids growing taller and realize who graduated from high school or college, we know the time has gone by.

Makawao BWA was able to make a monetary donation to Hale Makua to use for their hard-working employees. Also donated was a Hanamatsuri picture and lap quilt for our church members and some "bingo prizes" although we couldn't go in person. Thank you to Sharon Nagoshi, Lillian Kobayashi, Diane Kosaka, Karen Ishizu, Alma Nakano, Marilyn Morikawa, and Jean Nishida for your donations.

Also, on behalf of Maui United BWA we donated some wall clocks and colorful skeins of yarn. We wish we could have also gone for our annual visitation to Hale Makua, but let's plan on going next year.

Thank you to all who helped at the July 10 Drive-By fundraiser. Many hands were needed while still following rules of social distancing and use of masks. Thank you especially to the ladies who took charge of making different foods from chow fun to manju, bento, sushi, cookies, jams and to all those who contributed refreshments for snack time and lunch on Saturday.

Sunday Family Service will be opening for in-person soon, as well as other limited activities at church. Please attend if you are able to and so you can continue to have fellowship with our Sangha members. Check the monthly newsletters for the happenings till the end of the year.

April 23-24, 2022 is the 14<sup>th</sup> BWA State Membership Conference on Maui, so please plan to attend at Wailuku Hongwanji. The theme is "Building Healthy Sanghas -Connecting with Others. Please let President Carol know if you will attend and register by January 7, 2022.

**KEEP WELL! HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!**

**Because we think death means the end to everything,  
We become attached to this life. This only causes more suffering.**

If at death all things come to an end then of course we will only recognize the value in the life we have now, which we inevitably become attached to. But in a world where that is not the case, where we can accept and embrace death, dying then no longer becomes the end-all and our outlook on this life changes as well.

Indeed, we must cherish this precious life that is given to us. But if we become too attached to this life, we start to face many anxieties, concerns, and problems that cause further anguish. It is better that we do not become overly attached to our selves where we think that this life is all there is and this world we live in is the only one. Instead, we should remember those who have already passed before us, and the kindness and love they shared with us when they were alive. When we do that, we can relieve some sadness, pain and other negative emotions we may feel towards death.

Shakyamuni Buddha explains that life, aging, sickness, and death are the four kinds of suffering we face. He awakened to the truth that all things and conditions in this world are changing (impermanence) and do not have an absolute and fixed nature (emptiness). He teaches that if we attain awakening, we will be liberated from these four sufferings.

Shinran then explains that when we rely upon the working of Amida Buddha's enlightenment, there is revealed to us a world in which we can accept and embrace death as it is. In this way, Shinran explains that we can awaken to the world of spiritual freedom despite the unavoidable reality of death.

*Moving Forward Just As You Are*  
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