



Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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PEACE DAY
Hawaii September 21st

Ring Your Bell for Peace Day

Virtual event live streamed on Zoom

Program starts at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday morning September 21, 2021

Please see details inside newsletter.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE



The Gift of Faith: Creating Dharma With Your Hands

We are profoundly grateful to Ginny Yamamoto Syphax, whose father handcrafted a wonderful "six-character Name" (*rokuji myogo*), which was delivered by Ginny's friend to Maui, who gave it to Wayne Nishida of Wailuku Hongwanji, who dropped it off at the Makawao Buddhist Temple!

The level of craftsmanship, attention to detail, and desire to share one's Faith with all people are remarkable, and a reminder of the power of "*sahō*" which can be literally translated as "create Dharma".

Dharma is most often translated as "the Teachings" but also means "reality-as-it-is," and thus "*sahō*" is not simply the "how-to" protocols of rites, rituals, and ceremony. In modern usage, "*sahō*" describes in great detail the steps involved in religious ritual, tea ceremony, art, music, and dance.

This remarkable "*go-honzon*" (honorific object of reverence) is more than a symbol of NamoAmidaButsu, the Name, it is the embodiment of the Faith of Shinjin, the True Cause of Birth in the Pure Land, thus becoming one with Amida Buddha.

As Shin Buddhists, let us aspire to follow in the footsteps of Ginny's father, and create the Dharma, the reality of the Faith of Shinjin, through our thoughts, words, and actions, and then share it as widely as we can.

Mahalo to Ginny's dad for a wonderful and inspiring reminder of how each and every one of us can "make Dharma" through living NamoAmidaButsu! in each moment of this unrepeatable life.



NamoAmidaButsu!

Rev. Kerry

Effective Immediately: Temple is Closed for Non-Essential Activity

Effective August 26, 2021, Makawao Hongwanji Mission is honoring the Mayor's request and asks that all Sangha members, affiliated organizations, and friends of the temple to voluntarily curb non-essential activities, including gatherings, for 21 days (specifics to be announced when approved by Governor Ige).

The reason is compelling: We do not want to break the healthcare system of Maui!

Rising infections and hospitalizations in Maui County, and across the State of Hawaii, are stressing the healthcare system of Maui. With only one acute care hospital and limited local resources serving all of Maui, Lanai, and Molokai, we all must sacrifice our personal convenience for the greater good of all.

I will continue to provide essential Religious Services: End-of-life religious rites (bedside, *makura-gyo*, funeral, interment, and memorial services, upon request, and causes and conditions permitting.

The Columbarium (*Nōkotsudō*) will remain open daily 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 pm. Please observe all COVID-19 protocols, including wearing masks, sanitizing hands, and maintaining physical distance.

Sadly, the following activities on the Temple campus must be considered Non-Essential:

- a) In-person Sunday Service and Dharma School (Livestream will continue)
- b) On-Campus Activity by Affiliated Organizations
- c) Non-religious social gatherings at the temple

This suspension of activity at the temple breaks my heart because the young people were clearly enjoying in-person activity again, even masked and distanced.


Let's kōkua for the common good, health, and safety of everyone. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me, at your convenience.

Stay safe, stay well!

Mahalo nui loa,
In gasshō,

Rev. Kerry

MEMBERSHIP DUES



Don't forget to wear your mask.

Also, don't forget to send in your membership dues by September 7, 2021. Thank you to those who have already paid. Remember, except for Emeritus members, you are not a sustaining member until dues are submitted.

Stay safe. Be vigilant. Follow guidelines. Mahalo

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



OUR TRANSIENT LIVES

About two months ago, I wrote about “seeing the light at the end of the tunnel”. Today I feel like the tunnel has gotten longer and we need to search a little harder. That reminds me of our teaching about the transient nature of life. It is ever changing and we must change with it. Sometimes change is for the good but other times it may leave us feeling depressed. Whatever the case, we have to accept the fact that nothing is permanent. If you’re depressed, just count your blessings and tell yourself that it could be worse. At a very recent flight to the mainland, our plane was scheduled to take off at 9 am. The day before I got a text and was told that our aircraft was changed. I thought ok no problem as long as we fly on time. At the airport, while waiting at the gate, we sat through about 5 delay announcements each pushing back the boarding time. When we finally boarded, we sat on the plane for another hour while they did more maintenance checks. It was a very frustrating and tired morning, needless to say. We finally lifted off about 3 ½ hours later. I kept telling myself to stay calm, and that things could be worse. The flight could have been cancelled and I would have missed my early appointment the next morning. Or worse yet, we could have had mechanical issues after take off!

Hang in there, the light at the end of the tunnel will be bright again and we will find the end together.

Be safe, and may you all be happy and well!

Clyde

A surprise visit from dear Sangha friend Ruth at in-person Sunday Service. Ruth and husband Cliff moved to Honolulu a few years ago and are enjoying city life.



Sharon N., Ruth T., Jean N.

IN MEMORIAM

Makawao Hongwanji Mission extends its deepest sympathy to families that have recently lost a loved one:

Family of the **Late Mrs. Misa Nishida** (90) who passed away on July 29, 2021.

September & October 2021 Memorial Anniversaries

(Please call Temple Office to schedule your service—572-7229)

1st Year Memorial Service 2020

September 27 Yukio Otani

1st Year Memorial service 2020

October 14 Helen Fukunaga

3rd Year Memorial Service 2019

September 17 Setsuko “Setsu” Asato

3rd Year Memorial Service 2019

October 18 Richard Shigeru Karimoto

October 18 Joanne Son Karimoto

7th Year Memorial Service 2015

September 01 Fusako Yamada

September 16 Sueji Kanemoto

September 24 Violet Tsuyuko Nakamura

7th Year Memorial Service 2015

October - None

13th Year Memorial Service 2009

September 14 Hideo Kijinami

13th Year Memorial Service 2009

October - None

17th Year Memorial Service 2005

September 09 Jeannette Mitsuyo Imamura

17th Year Memorial Service 2005

October 11 Mitsugi Yamamura

25th Year Memorial Service 1997

September 02 Tamio Hieda

September 12 Masaru Okamoto

September 12 Yumiko Okuda

September 14 Haruyoshi Hashimoto

25th Year Memorial Service 1997

October 26 Sueko Tanaka

33rd Year Memorial Service 1989

September - None

33rd Year Memorial Service 1989

October - None

50th Year Memorial Service 1972

September - None

50th Year Memorial Service 1972

October 06 Hajime Narimatsu

October 10 Shigeo Nikaido

October 28 Nobuo Kawahara

Donations - Makawao Hongwanji Mission can operate only because of the generous donations from many, many people. All donations are humbly received with sincere gratitude and appreciation. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO HAVE YOUR DONATION PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER, OR IF YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR DONATION LISTED AS ANONYMOUS, PLEASE INDICATE SO BY ATTACHING A NOTE TO YOUR CONTRIBUTION.

Contributions July 25, 2021 to August 23, 2021

DONATION:

Willis Nagami
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Christine Kubo
Michael Nishida
Christy Vail
Carol Yamamura
Diane Kosaka
Ruth Tokumaru
Floyd and Sharon Nagoshi
Harold Makimoto (sale of myouga)
Dharma School donation – Floyd and Sharon Nagoshi
In memory of Kazuo and Misao Tamura – Merle and Lorna Beghtel
In memory of Aunt Stella Toshiko Kawaharada – Ken and Susan Cassman, Kai, Lincoln, and Mark
In memory of Glenn Otani – Roy Tanaka family
In memory of Misa Nishida – Myriam and Mike Takamatsu
In memory of Toshito and Mitsuko Itamura – Alfred Itamura
In memory of George Gohara – Kenneth and Lynne Enoki
1st year memorial for Yukio Otani – Robert and Iwa Yoshioka
Obon (in memory of Yoshiharu Nakamura) – Emiko Nakamura
Obon (in memory of Robin Tengan) – Lyn Nakamura-Tengan
Obon (in memory of Shizumura and Nagahiro) – Roy and Ann Toma
Obon donation – Mona and Neil Nakamura, Marion Morikawa, Lyman and Marilyn Morikawa, Toshio and Yvonne Kishi, Gail and Peter Nakamae, Karen Tanaka, Noburo Hironaka, Calvin and Sharon Higuchi, Leslie and Alice Yamanaka, Nancy Shimoda, Janet Kamasaki, George and Alice Fukushima, Jane Loeffler, Kelvin and Lynn Nakamura

OFUSE:

25th memorial for Yuwao Matsumura – Family of Yuwao Matsumura
Hatsubon service for Miyoko Suda – Mavis Suda
Hatsubon service for Yoshio Kijima – Family of Yoshio Kijima
Hatsubon service for Robin Tengan, Yoshiharu Nakamura – Gay Sibonga
Hatsubon service for Glenn H, Otani, Yukio Otani – Otani family
Hatsubon service for Yoshiharu Nakamura, Robin Tengan – Family of Yoshiharu Nakamura and Robin Tengan
Hatsubon service for George Terada – Family of George Terada
Inurnment service for Tome, Yoshio, and Natsu Nakamura – Family of Tome, Yoshio and Natsu Nakamura
Funeral service for Glenn Otani – Family of Glenn Otani
Obon (in memory of Grace Kijima) – Family of Grace Kijima

NOKOTSUDO:

Kenneth and Debra Okuno
Aiko Makimoto
Mae Balmores
In memory of Roy G. Onikama on Father's Day – Ione Faye Isobe
In memory of Glenn Otani – Harvey and Diane Owara



Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Council Meeting Highlights August 8, 2021, In-Person and via Zoom

1. **Treasurer's Report** from Fred Wong covered first 6 months of 2021.
2. **Minister's Report** by Rev. Kerry Kiyohara commented on successful re-opening of the temple on August 1st for Dharma Family Service, his speaking engagement for the BSC Dharmathon later this month, plans for a Family Eitaikyo Fund, and plans for Digital Dharma School.
3. **Pauwela Cemetery:** discussion of property management.
4. **July Fundraiser Food and Plant Sales:** review of what worked and what did not, along with amount of funds raised.
5. **Lay Convention on September 10-11, 2021:** we have 2 delegates and 6 observers attending the convention which will be on Zoom.
6. **Scouts Camping on Temple Grounds:** at the end of August the Scouts will have a camp out following COVID protocols.
7. **Buddhist Education:** Sharon Nagoshi and Rev. Kerry are working on plans for first Sunday Dharma School and for education to restart. Rev. Kerry is also working on a workshop on Buddhism and coming out, regarding LGBT people's self-disclosure of their sexual orientation or their gender identity.
8. **Clean Up Day on July 31st:** great to see everyone working together, especially those we have not seen in a very long time.
9. **Repair and Maintenance:** Calvin Higuchi submitted a written report. There was a meeting in the main kitchen this morning about electrical service issues, especially in the serving counter area.
10. **Membership:** Sharon Higuchi submitted a written report and requested that members be reminded in the September newsletter to pay their renewals.
11. **Funeral/Columbarium:** Sharon Higuchi submitted a written report.
12. **Properties:** Gail Hamai reported that the current tenants for the upstairs unit will leave at the end of this month, so the we will need new renters.
13. **Maui District Hongwanji Council:** Karen Ishizu was appointed by President Clyde Hamai to be the incoming 2022 VP for the District Council.
14. **HHMH Board of Directors:** Sharon Higuchi submitted a written report. Her term on the Board will expire at the end of 2021. Carol Yamamura was appointed by President Clyde Hamai to be the next Director from Makawao.
15. **Preschool:** Rev. Kerry will soon resume his visits.
16. **Judo Club:** had its first practice of the year at the beginning of August, following the COVID protocols of the US Judo Federation and government rules.
17. **Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts:** Eagle Court held on August 7th for 6 new Eagle Scouts. Cubs report 24 scouts.
18. **Jr. YBA:** Jaimee Yokoyama and Rev. Kerry are working on strategies to increase size of Jr. YBA.
19. **Project Dana:** discussion about leadership changes and status of the program.

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

MHBT Dharma School

With a little bit of shyness and a little bit of excitement, our Dharma School students warmed up to each other quite quickly. Yes, it's been a while since they've been together. Our first in-person service on August 1, 2021, at MHM put children at ease.

Students created original fans that dancers could have used at the virtual O-bon celebration on August 24, 2021.



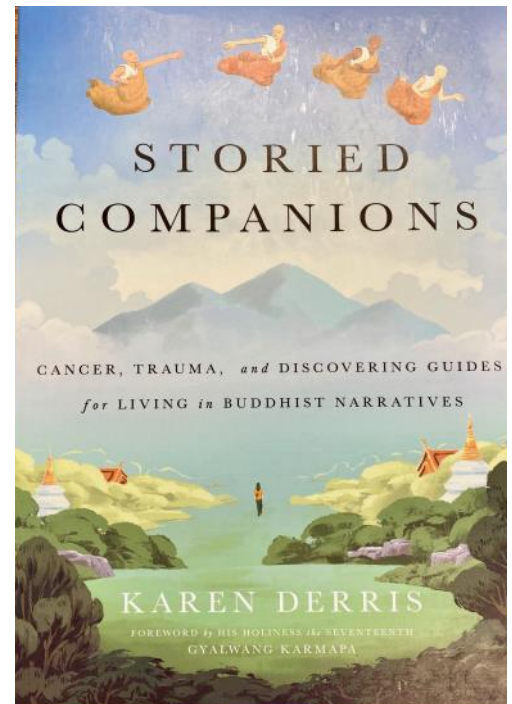
New Book Arrival!

STORIED COMPANIONS: Cancer, Trauma, and Discovering Guides for Living in Buddhist Narrative by Karen Derris

Quote: “With my diagnosis of grade IV brain cancer, I no longer observe the truth of impermanence from a critical, analytical distance. I am crashing into it, or it into me.”

We are profoundly grateful for the donation of three copies of STORIED COMPANIONS: Cancer, Trauma, and Discovering Guides for Living in Buddhist Narrative from the author, Karen Derris. Copies of the book are available for borrowing in the Dharma Learning Center. Contact the Temple Office today if you'd like to borrow a copy!

From the back cover: “Facing a terminal cancer diagnosis, Karen Derris—professor, mother, and Buddhist practitioner—instinctively turned to books. By rereading ancient Buddhist stories with fresh questions and a new purpose in mind, she discovered evolving ways to make them immediate and real. *Storied Companions* interweaves Karen’s memoir of her lived experiences of trauma and terminal illness with stories from Buddhist literary traditions, sharing with the reader how she found ways to live fully even with the reality that she won’t live as long as she needs—or wants.”



Working Together

“Many hands make light work” was observed on July 31, 2021 at MHM. There were approximately 75 “Busy Beavers” ready to lend their hands to cleaning the entire temple, bathrooms, social hall, windows and screens in the kitchen and the structures beyond the famous Drive-Thru pavement.

Mahalo to our “Team Clean” who was our “Rainbow in the Cloud” on that slightly overcast day. Thank you, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Judo Club, Dharma School Students, Volunteer Leaders, Members of MHM, Out of Town Visitor and our photographer. Each person played an important role in getting the job done.

In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. That means we have 1,440 daily opportunities to make a positive impact. We are truly grateful to each and every volunteer who impacted our day with their selfless giving of time and energy. Most impressive was the positive attitudes and polite mannerism displayed by the youngsters, leaders and adults. They were all so very gracious!

Arigato, everyone, for making it a fantastic day together!



Rogers and Clyde making sure Shinran Shonen gets a good shine.



Pack 18 well represented.



Thank you, Nobu!



Diane making sure every nook and cranny are clean.



Cy focusing on clean windows.

Scouts doing yardwork at Scout House.



Clean water makes clean windows.



Alma cleaning temple screens.



No window too high to clean!



Robert? Is that you?



Wonderful job, Girls!





Boy Scouts hard at work.



Checking and cleaning outlets.



Stretch!



Claude and Judo Club represented.



And then we eat!



Smile, everyone!



Ring Your Bell

for

Peace Day

Tuesday, September 21, 2021



The Buddhist Temples of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii invite you to join with hundreds of others for our virtual event via Zoom to celebrate the International Day of Peace.

The bell ringing follows a short program beginning at 8:30 a.m. and a minute of silence.

Special Guest Appearance by Jake Shimabukuro

If you would like to join the bell ringing at Makawao Hongwanji, please send an email by September 20th to peace@makawaohongwanji.org

**15th Anniversary of "Peace Day" in Hawaii
Ring your Bell for Peace Day 2021
Bishop Eric Matsumoto**

"Congratulations, Hawaii Federation of Jr. YBAs!" This year marks the 15th Anniversary of "Peace Day" in Hawaii. In 2007, through your insight and endeavor Hawaii became the first state to officially recognize the significance of having a day dedicated for world peace. As your Resolution stated *"...there is a need to encourage peace throughout the world and mankind has struggled with conflict through the ages;...there is escalating terrorism and a disregard for human life and a need to understand cultural differences with compassion and tolerance;...it is the responsibility of every nation and every individual to be an active link in promoting wisdom and compassion;...world religions have no one significant date that allows all people to come together to honor what they believe in;...promoting a "Peace Day" designates a day that all world religions and cultures can join together in mutual respect;...the United Nations has already chosen September 21st as the World Peace Day;...Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that a "Peace Day" in Hawai'i coincide with the United Nations and be observed to promote worldwide peace for all people..."*



In one month, September 21st will be upon us. I would like to encourage especially the Members of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii which is primarily the temples, to participate in this year's "Ring your Bell for Peace Day" 2021. Of course, we also cordially invite others associated with the temples like schools, preschools, Japanese language schools, adult day care, martial and cultural art groups, and other programs and projects to also join us. Further, we would be greatly appreciative of other community entities like the Interfaith Community such the Catholic Church and other Buddhist Denominations to join us once again. Unfortunately, due to the recent surge in cases, we will not be able to gather in large numbers again, but like last year, we want to reach out and be connected to each other including the global world audience, virtually. Please go to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii webpage at <https://hongwanjihawaii.com> for more information on how to view and/or register to participate for the bell ringing. Last year, we had over 200 participants with people ringing bells from their homes, temples and churches, schools, outdoor spaces and other places, but this year is kind of special in that it is the 15th Anniversary of Peace Day in Hawaii. How wonderful it would be if we could have 500 participants this year!

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As it is a commemorative year, let us further reflect, more deeply. As humankind, generally speaking, we have been quick to resort to violence, weapons, and war to solve our problems and differences and it is long overdue that we need a new perspective and new alternatives to address the ailments which often lead to war and unnecessary violence. We need to change our way of thinking from the old "Divide and Conquer" and "Us versus Them" mentality which often involved force to find new ways in which we can peacefully with mutual respect co-exist with each other. However, there is an internal battle which must be overcome before we can truly address the external battles. The internal battle which must happen is that I need to confront with my own ego as expressed by the Buddhist saying "To conquer oneself is a greater victory than to conquer thousands in battle." This ego could be my individual ego as a person, my ethnic ego as part of a certain race, my cultural ego as a member of a certain society or cultural sphere, my national ego as identified by my citizenship to a particular country, my religious ego as a member of a specific religion and even my human ego as a member of the human race (and in the future maybe even beyond as space exploration and ventures become more a part of our lives). The beginnings of peace start with myself becoming aware of my own, often, selfish, self-centered and judgmental ego being guided and inspired by a nurturing All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion. We need to be guided by a Great Wisdom and touched by a Great Compassion that does not exclude anyone or anything. A Great Wisdom which dispels ignorance and enables us to understand the equality and preciousness of one and all thereby dismantling or at minimum weakening the barriers of discrimination which divide us. A Great Compassion which aspires for the peace, happiness and well-being of all life, all existence.

(To be continued in the next issue of Bishop's Corner)



MAUI UNITED Jr. YBA

By: Diane N.

The Maui United Jr YBA'ers held their first in-person meeting at Kahului Hongwanji Mission in over a year. Officers for the 2021-2022 year are: President, Jaimee Yokoyama, Vice President, Kaylie Okuni, Secretary, Hoken Hironaka and Treasurer, Marin Thomas. The Federation of Jr YBA'ers have selected the Ronald McDonald House for their State wide project with individual units supporting this organization. As our new year is approaching we are encouraging anyone from 7th grade or older who are interested to join our group. Our highlight of the evening was a dinner at Cafe O'Lei honoring our senior graduates: Kai Okuni and Kokoro Yamazaki (attending UH-Manoa) and Tani Kaholoaa (UH- Hilo). Congratulations and Best Wishes in their future endeavors.



Our next meeting will be on Sunday, September 5, 2021 via zoom at Makawao Hongwanji Mission. You may contact the office if you are interested in joining us.

Open Invitation to All...



2nd Dharma School Gathering

“Building Healthy Sanghas”

Sunday, October 17, 2021



PROGRAM

- 9:30 am: Service: *Dharma Message* by
Rev. Satoshi Tomioka of Puna HM
- 10:00 am: DS Breakout Rm. Sessions;
Adult Breakout Rm. Session:
Speaker - Rev. Kerry Kiyohara of
Makawao HM
- 10:50 am: DS Families/Adult Sessions End
- 11:00 am: DS Teachers/Educators Gathering:
Guest Speaker - Mr. Pieper Toyama
- 12:00 pm: End

Any questions? Contact:
Debbie Kubota at dekub88@gmail.com



RSVP Deadline is October 2.
Click on the following link to register:
<https://forms.gle/Koy9KtWq868UzbLo7>

Gathering Zoom Link will be emailed
to participants by **October 15.**

A Commission on Buddhist Education (CBE) Project of Honda Hongwanii Mission of Hawaii

2021 Nembutsu Seminar

Sponsored by the Maui Hongwanji Council

"SHIKARASHIMU" SHINRAN'S WORLD OF NEMBUTSU (A PERSPECTIVE OF OTHER POWER)

Guest Lecturer: Reverend Ken Fujimoto
Minister Emeritus, Buddhist Churches of America



Saturday, November 13,
from 9 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. and
Sunday, November 14,
from 9 a.m. - 12 noon
at Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
1828 Vineyard Street, Wailuku

Saturday November 13	9:00 a.m.	Opening Service
	9:45 a.m.	Lecture 1
	10:45 a.m.	Lecture 2
	11:45 a.m.	Questions/Answers
	12:15 p.m.	Lunch
	1:15 p.m.	Lecture 3
	2:15 p.m.	End of Day 1
Sunday November 14	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Service Wailuku Hongwanji
	10:30 a.m.	Lecture 4
	11:30 a.m.	Questions/Answers
	12:00 p.m.	Lunch



(cut along line)

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Temple _____

Email: _____ Phone _____

Registration Fee: \$15 – Two Days or \$10 – One Day (include lunches)
Make Check Payable to: Maui Hongwanji Council
Mail to: Wailuku Hongwanji Mission, 1828 Vineyard Street, Wailuku, HI 96793