



Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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NOVEMBER SERVICES

Sunday, , November 7, 9:00 a.m.
VIRTUAL FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE

Sunday, November 14, 9:00 a.m.
VIRTUAL FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE

Sunday, November 21, 9:00 a.m.
EITAIKYO PERPETUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE
IN-PERSON MAUI DIGITAL DHARMA SCHOOL

Sunday, November 28, 9:00 a.m.
SOCIAL CONCERNS SERVICE

Happy Thanksgiving



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

BAT IN A BIRD NEST

In the Children's Dharma Story Time on October 24, 2021, Barkley the Dog and Lucy the Lady Bug shared the classic book, *Stellaluna*, by Janell Cannon, a book I fondly remember reading to our son. *Stellaluna* teaches a profound lesson about harmony: living together despite our differences. *Stellaluna* is a fruit bat, who is separated from her mother as a baby by causes and conditions (symbolized by the owl). With her baby wings not ready to fly,



Stellaluna falls into a nest of baby birds, who accept her, just as she is, and they become friends and share adventures together, and become 'ohana, a true family. To live in harmony with her bird family, Stellaluna must learn to (1) eat bugs; (2) sleep at night; (3) don't hang upside down by your toes (which all bats do). Life is not easy but Stellaluna adapts, improvises, and overcomes a challenging situation! Stellaluna is joyfully reunited with her mother, who teaches Stellaluna what it means to be a fruit bat: eat mangoes, fly in total darkness, and hang upside by their toes! Stellaluna shares her joy at discovering her true self with her bird family...and they discover birds cannot fly in the dark, and Stellaluna saves them because she can see and fly in the dark because she's a bat! And they all ponder the question:

“How can we feel so different and be so much alike?”

“How can we be so different and feel so much alike?”

Stellaluna and her bird 'ohana agree “It's quite the mystery,” “but we're friends and that's a fact! It's easy to understand why this children's story is so beloved and has been translated into almost every language! **The lesson for adults: you may not like the situation in which you find yourself but you do what needs to be done, without complaint.** This is the meaning of the Japanese word, “*gaman*” which some of you may have heard your grandparents say. “*Gaman*” is often translated as “to endure, to persevere” — but the easiest way to understand the meaning in Japanese culture is as illustrated by the story. If you get hungry enough, you'll eat a bug. You may not like the taste but you will eat it to survive. You may not like the reality-as-it-is that you are a BAT in a BIRD nest. You are the OUTSIDER. You have to learn the rules of the house, and respect them, or you don't get to live in the house.

And doesn't it describe the human condition? Aren't we all “outsiders” — a bat in a bird nest—in this human realm of confusion and delusion? At each stage of life, didn't you feel like a bat in a bird nest? Unsure of who you are...Ignorant of the rules, how to behave, what to think, do, say...But you listen, you learn, you adapt, improvise, and overcome! You are blessed to have kind people who take the time to teach you the rules. Then, you discover who you really are! A bat! A fruit bat who loves mangoes, can fly in the dark, and sleeps during the day hanging upside down by their toes! Think about that. When you go off to college, do you know the rules? Nope, you have to learn things the “hard way” — make mistakes, get embarrassed, look silly—and eventually you figure it out. Then, you get your first job. New set of rules, expectations, behaviors, and attitudes. You adapt, improvise, and overcome. Then, you get married. Oops, now you are sharing the mundane ups and downs of daily life with another human being. New set of rules, expectations, behaviors, and attitudes. Then, baby shows up! Then, baby is a toddler, pre-teen, teenager, college student! Then, suddenly, it's time to “retire” — New set of rules, expectations, behaviors, attitudes. Then, it's “grandpa” time — and you blow out your back picking up baby...then grand-baby is driving you to temple...once again you adapt, improvise, overcome.

Truth of Impermanence? Each stage of life brings a new set of rules, expectations, behaviors, and attitudes! When we reflect upon the story, we realize that Stellaluna was so lucky! Stellaluna fell into a nest of birds who accepted her as a bat in *their* bird nest, shared everything they had with her, taught her how to live in harmony as a bat in a bird's nest! Then, Stellaluna is reunited with her mother, who teaches her how to be a bat in a bat's world! And Stellaluna shares her joy with her bird family, who share in her happiness. Now, Stellaluna has the best of both worlds! Isn't that the story of you?

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“How can we feel so different and be so much alike?”

“How can we be so different and feel so much alike?”

In a love relationship, between parents and children, in workplace interactions, in friendships, in fellowship with temple Sangha members and friends, in being a good neighbor, a member of the community, this insight is the key to living in harmony with people who are different from you. Different perspectives, different values, different causes and conditions mean each individual FEELS things in a different way; and yet we can BE so much alike. Different lifestyles, attitudes, values mean we think, act, do things in a different ways and yet FEEL so much alike.

Buddhism teaches us that if we live life as, “**It’s about ME (my ego)!**” we will be banging heads with billions of other human beings insisting “it’s about ME!” And we can see this in our nation today. As Americans, we respect the right of all citizens to voice their opinion, to protest peacefully, to hold unpopular views. As human beings, however, we instinctively insist, “Yes, but I’m right, you’re wrong! It’s about ME!” And thus, disharmony, anger, and conflict arise. Buddhism teaches when we live life as, “**It’s NOT about ME!**”, we live together in harmony with other people, all living beings, the environment, and the planet.

Human beings communicate best through telling stories, which is why the Children’s Dharma Story Time often has more viewers than the Dharma Talk for Adults. It’s more fun to learn from a story than it is to be lectured to, or preached at!

What’s your Stellaluna story? When were you a “bat in a bird nest?” Who helped you learn the rules? What did you do to adapt, improvise, and overcome? Who helped you discover your true self? And so, today, consider every person you encounter as a fellow “bat in a bird’s nest” — will you be the one to accept them as they are, teach them the rules of the house, and just BE friends BECAUSE of our differences!

If you’re a bat and you only hang out with bats, you’ll only know the world of bats. And that’s perfectly fine, you’re a bat! But if you find that causes and conditions have led to your being Bats in a Bird’s Nest, what a rare and wonderful opportunity to learn new things, gain new perspectives, and discover your true self. It’s scary to be a bat in a bird’s nest, it’s not pleasant to be the “outsider”—as adults, we all know this. As Shin Buddhists, Amida’s Great Compassion compels us to try our best to be the one accepting the other, teaching the other, and simply BEING FRIENDS because we feel and do things differently. You don’t have to learn to enjoy eating bugs. But if that’s what needs to be done to live, you take a deep breath, suck it up, and just do what needs to be done. When we awaken to the reality-as-it-is we are all Bats in a Bird’s Nest, we become empowered, just as we are, to accept the other, just as they are.

The Infinite Wisdom of Amida guides us to this awakening—we are all Bats in a Bird’s Nest—through a children’s story that makes the adults think. The Great Compassion of Amida knows our “adult” Ego-Self prevents us from seeing reality-as-it-is and so give us this Wisdom in the form of a children’s story that we can read to children while absorbing this Wisdom ourselves. We are all Bats in a Bird’s Nest—what are you going to do today to live in harmony with people who are different from you?

“How can we feel so different and be so much alike?”

“How can we be so different and feel so much alike?”

NamoAmidaButsu!

Mahalo!

Rev. Kerry



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



“Arigato” Each and Every Day

Here we are in the month of November already. November is the month nearly everyone associates with Thanksgiving and starts to think about the happy Holidays to come. But not everyone feels happy or thankful at Thanksgiving.

In stark reality, last week I happened to see a CBS morning special on *Anger in America: Examining what provokes American's Aggressions?* The commentator began by asking “Do we have an anger problem?” According to a recent poll, nearly 75% of Americans polled said they feel angry. Anger and violence have been playing out in the media every day with people seen physically striking other passengers or attendants on the airplanes, attacking elderly Asian people in the cities, having road rage, and even storming the Capital of the United States this past January. It is sad. Why can't people just be reasonable and not resort to such angry acts of violence? Of course, we don't know what are the causes and conditions in people's lives that are causing people to react in such ways. But, for me, as a Buddhist, I am thankful that we learn that Anger is one of the three poisons that causes suffering. So I have to wonder that if more people could just find something to say “**ARIGATO**” for every day, perhaps it can become the antidote for **ANGER** in this world.

Speaking as a bonbu myself, I know that many times I feel angry when things don't go my way. I have to consciously tell myself that I should be thankful that things didn't go worse, and that I still have a lot to be thankful for, even though I have disappointments. So, Arigato. Namo Amida Butsu!

In this issue, I'd like to recall a poem Reverend Will Masuda shared with us in our newsletter at Thanksgiving, four years ago. This poem, written by Tsuneo Osada, was sent to him by his dear friend, former Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, and BCA minister, the late Reverend Junjo Tsumura. It is titled, *Arigato*. Thank you to Rev. Will for sharing the poem with us. The poem is reprinted on the following page.

May you be happy and well,

Clyde



MAKAWAO HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

NOVEMBER 2021 ACTIVITIES

The following are virtual services on Facebook and YouTube.

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| 7 | Sunday Dharma Service |
| 14 | Sunday Dharma Service Veterans Day |
| 21 | <i>Eitaikyo PERPETUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE</i> <i>In-Person Maui Digital Dharma School</i> |
| 28 | Social Concerns Service |

ARIGATO

A Poem by Tsuneo Osada

*"I do not ask for it
but the sun shines brightly
and the birds sing their songs.
I do not pray for it
but the flowers in my garden
send forth their sweet fragrance
and my friend speaks to me.
I do not beg for it
but the Infinite Light of Great Compassion
Always shines on me
And guides me just as I am.
Arigato!
I have no other words to express my gratitude.
Arigato, only Arigato.
Arigato is gratitude.
Arigato is joy.
Arigato is contentment.
Arigato is expressing thanks.
Arigato is fulfillment.
Arigato is humility.
Arigato is respect.
Arigato is peace of mind.
Arigato is gassho."*



NAMOAMIDABUTSU

IN MEMORIAM

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

Family of the **Late Mr. Yoshito Nishikawa** (94) who passed away on September 06, 2021.

November & December 2021 Memorial Anniversaries (Please call Temple Office to schedule your service—572-7229)

1st Year Memorial Service 2020

November - None

1st Year Memorial service 2020

December 01 Miyoko Suda
December 06 Kazuyuki Nagano

3rd Year Memorial Service 2019

November 18 Yoshiko (Haraguchi) Mattson

3rd Year Memorial Service 2019

December - None

7th Year Memorial Service 2015

November - None

7th Year Memorial Service 2015

December - None

13th Year Memorial Service 2009

November 10 Gerald Hisato Yamashiro
November 20 Sueko Sato

13th Year Memorial Service 2009

December - None

17th Year Memorial Service 2005

November - None

17th Year Memorial Service 2005

December - None

25th Year Memorial Service 1997

November 07 Yoshiko Sakaida

25th Year Memorial Service 1997

December 01 Fumiko Kusakabe
December 04 Kazuo Oishi
December 11 Masaharu Migita

33rd Year Memorial Service 1989

November - None

33rd Year Memorial Service 1989

December 22 1989 Hideo Fujikawa

50th Year Memorial Service 1972

November - None

50th Year Memorial Service 1972

December 08 Ginsuke Roppiyakuda
December 16 Yumi Sugimura
December 29 Mikazu Yamamura



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 September 25, 2021 to October 24, 2021



DONATION:

Craig F. Nihei, Dennis Nihei, and Randy Nihei

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In memory of Kinuye Nihei–Rick and Karen Seminara, Craig Nihei,
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In memory of Toshio and Tomie Okuda – Alan and Jane Tamiya

In memory of Nobuo Kawahara (50th memorial) – Dale Kawahara

In memory of Mitsugi Yamamura – Ellen and Danny Yamamura,
Theodore and Sue Yamamura, Carol Yamamura, Judy & Paddy Hisashima
Daikon donation – Henry Koja

OFUSE:

25th year memorial for Emiley Sueko Tanaka – David Tanaka

1st year memorial for Yukio Otani – Family of Yukio Otani

Funeral/49th day service for Yoshito Nishikawa – Family of Yoshito Nishikawa

NEWSLETTER:

Alan and Jane Tamiya

NOKOTSUDO:

In memory of Mildred Makimoto – Harold Makimoto

In memory of Emiley and James Tanaka – David Tanaka

In memory of Tadashi Fukushima – George and Alice Fukushima

In memory of Yukio Otani – Dawn Otani Hernandez

... May all beings be happy and well,
May no harm or difficulties come to them,
May they live in peace and harmony.

Loving-Kindness Meditation (Metta)

IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM SUNDAY SERVICE & MAUI DIGITAL DHARMA SCHOOL

Everyone is welcome to join in-person (masks on, hands clean, distancing please) or watch the livestream of a special Dharma Family Service on Sunday, November 21 at 9:00 a.m. We will be joined by **Rev. Satoshi “Ka‘imipono” Tomioka**, minister of Puna, Pahala and Naalehu Hongwanji Missions on Hawaii island.

Dharma School students will lead the opening service, direct the livestream of a very special one-time performance of Children’s Dharma Story Time with Barkley the Dog and Lucy the Lady Bug as they welcome “Rev. Tomi and Friends” all the way from beautiful Puna on the Big Island of Hawaii!

Then, the Maui Digital Dharma School presents: **SAHŌ: Creating Dharma through Music and Art**. The multi-talented young people of the Dharma Schools of Maui will introduce and demonstrate Buddhist musical instruments, and artist, designer, and photographer Keri Kubota will lead everyone creating visual artistry—shared with Dharma Buddies around the world via Zoom (pre-registration required).

Pre-registration link: <https://forms.gle/BKE5LEVbNx5uRgxNA>

LIVE FROM MAKAWAO!

Everyone is welcome to watch livestreams of Dharma Family Services, daily Sunrise Service and *Eitaikyō* Chanting in Columbarium (*Nōkotsudō*) on the Temple Website and your social media platforms!

Temple Website

http://makawaohongwanji.org/pb/wp_d37c80d9/wp_d37c80d9.html

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/MakawaoHongwanji>

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/c/MakawaoHongwanji>

Vimeo

<https://vimeo.com/event/1420989>



In November, we observe the Eitaikyo Memorial Service. At such time, people often make “special envelopes” to the Eitaikyo Fund. What is the Eitaikyo Fund? We asked Sharon to explain...

EITAIKYO FUND

By: Sharon H.

According to TRADITIONS OF JODOSHINSHU HONGWANJI-HA by Masao Kodani and Russell Hamada, “Eitaikyo is a Japanese Buddhist observance. Each temple has an Eitaikyo Book which is kept on the altar. It is a calendar book in which the names of deceased persons are entered on the day of their death. Donors to a special Eitaikyo Fund have the names entered in the Eitaikyo book. The morning service is dedicated to the memory of those persons entered on the page for that day. Thus sutras were chanted yearly for those names entered in the Eitaikyo Book in perpetuity. The Eitaikyo Fund is a special fund that is to be used for the support of the temple only when it is in extreme circumstances.”

“In addition, a special memorial service is held in memory of all those listed in the Eitaikyo Book once a year, usually in November. The relatives and friends of the deceased are notified of the special service. Again, in Jodo shinshu the observance of Eitaikyo is not for the benefit of the dead, but indeed for the benefit of the living.”

According to the present resident minister, Rev. Kerry Kiyohara, Eitaikyo “can be translated as ‘perpetual sutra chanting’, where the temple priest chants sutra every day in memory of those people who have passed from this world to be born in the Pure Land on that day.”

“In Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, we do not perform Eitaikyo services ‘for the repose of the souls of the departed’, but rather to provide a concrete way for people in this world to be reminded of the kindness they received, their debt of gratitude, and thus a way to honor the memory of their loved ones. In this way, those loved ones born in the Pure Land return to this world to continue guiding us in this unrepeatable life.”

“The Makawao Hongwanji Eitaikyo fund is a special ‘rainy day’ fund similar to an endowment that is used only to ensure the survival of the temple in extreme circumstances, and the interest and dividends are reinvested continuously, not used for operating expenses.”

Thank you !!

SANBAIZUKE

The next batch of Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple sanbaizuke will be ready in November. Place your orders by calling temple office 572-7229. Thank you for your support.

Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Council Meeting Highlights October 10, 2021, In-Person and via Zoom



Minister Kerry Kiyohara's Report: Developing a written plan to re-start in-person religious education consistent with current COVID regulations, will deliver lectures for a Southern California high school comparative religion class via Zoom, will speak to a Cambria, California congregation via Zoom, reminder about Maui Nembutsu Seminar on November 13-14, 2021 at Wailuku Hongwanji with guest speaker Rev. Ken Fujimoto of BCA.

Kitchen Safety: New signs have been put up in the main kitchen.

Kitchen Electrical Upgrades: Proposal was approved subject to having enough money in the R&M budget and review of scope of work in the bid.

2022 Officers, Directors, and Advisors: Slate of candidates was reviewed along with timing for election procedures.

Activities: Socially distanced Halloween event will be on Sunday morning October 31st, 2022 New Year's celebration will be like the 2021 drive through if required by COVID precautions, plan for anniversary party Pa'ia Hongwanji's 115th and Makawao's 50th in October 2022.

Dharma School: Upcoming musical instrument program to be held virtually. Second statewide Dharma School Gathering to be held via Zoom on October 17th.

Maui United BWA: Fall Assembly will be held on Saturday November 20th, hosted by Makawao, featuring guest speaker Mrs. Tomioka of Puna Hongwanji.

Social Concerns Fund: Beginning new year of soliciting donations for HQ's fund.

2022 Legislative Assembly: Makawao will select representatives.

Minister Appreciation Gifts for Rev. Kiyohara: Gift certificates from Makawao Hongwanji and BWA unit were presented to Rev. Kerry.

Certificates of Appreciation: Will be prepared for Ray Nakagawa for his many years of dedicated services maintaining temple grounds and property and for Calving Higuchi for his many years of dedicated services as Director of Repair and Maintenance.

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

ATTENTION



We are presently looking for a few willing skilled and/or knowledgeable members in various fields to review and assess areas of our temple buildings and grounds.

If you feel you would like to be part of this team or want to talk with someone for clarification, please call the church at (808) 572-7229 and Karen Ishizu will return your call.

Your responses with questions, thoughts and ideas will be gratefully accepted.

A HALLOWEEN TO REMEMBER AT MHBT

The pictures on the following pages tell the story of good fun and plenty treats for children... as well as adults!



Treat givers went all out this year!



Come join us next year with your costumes and decorations!



HOLIDAY JAM SALE

Looking for items to fill your Holiday baskets? Makawao Hongwanji peach jam and guava jam are available.



WHAT: PEACH JAM and GUAVA JAM

**WHEN: Pick up on Saturday, December 4, 2021
10 am - noon**

Jam Order Form: \$6/each

Quantity: Peach Jam 8oz _____ Quantity \$ _____
Guava Jam 8oz _____ Quantity \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Name: _____

Send order form and payment to:

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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

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| 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 |



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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

2022 MAKAWAO HONGWANJI COUNCIL VOTER BALLOT

(You may vote only if you are a member who has paid "sustaining" dues in 2021)

**ALL BALLOTS ARE TO BE RECEIVED BY MAIL OR HAND DELIVERED TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE BY 1:30 PM,
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021.**

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