

Makawao Hongwanji **Buddhist Temple**

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Sunday, May 1, 2022, 9:00 a.m. FIRST SUNDAY FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE **DHARMA SCHOOL**

> Sunday, May 15 2022, 9:00 a.m. **FUJIMATSURI AT** WAILUKU HONGWANJI

Sunday, May 8, 2022, 9:00 a.m. FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE

Sunday, May 22, 2022, 9:00 a.m. FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE

Sunday, May 29, 2022, 9:00 a.m. **FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE**

FUJIMATSURI

Celebrating the Life and Teachings of Shinran Shonin.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Let's Make Rainbows!

Once upon a time in a magical place called Hawaii, eight beautiful islands in the middle of the big blue sea, there lived many happy children who loved to play together. One day, the children noticed they were all different colors.

"I'm black!"

"I'm white!"

"I'm purple!"









The children started arguing...

"I'm best because I am all the colors put together," said the black girl.

"I'm best because I have no color," said the white boy.

"I'm best because I'm a mix of red and blue," said the purple child.

Suddenly, all the children were arguing about who was best. Nobody was happy because each child insisted they were right, and the other children were wrong.

Just then, Amida Buddha appeared. "Aloha, children," Amida smiled and said gently, "why are you arguing?"

The black girl said, "Everyone else is wrong! I'm best because I'm all the colors put together!"

The white boy said, "Nobody agrees with me! I'm best because I have no color!"

The purple child said, "All I want is to be accepted just as I am! I'm best because I'm a mix of red and blue!"

"I see," Amida smiled kindly and said, "when did this argument start?"

The children all thought carefully.

"I know," said the white boy, "we started arguing when we noticed we were all different colors!"

"Yes, that's right," said the black girl, "after we noticed we were different colors, each of us insisted we were the best!"

"We played together happily until we noticed we were different colors," said the purple child. "Isn't that silly?"

"You children are so wise," Amida smiled kindly and said gently, "what are you going to do today?"

The children said, "We will accept each other just as we are. It's so silly to insist that the color of our skin makes any difference at all!" The children started playing together happily, singing happy songs, and dancing happy dances. Suddenly, each child started shining brightly, just as they are, and, together as one, all the children formed a beautiful rainbow that stretched around the world!

Amida Buddha smiled and said, "Mahalo, children. You are so wise. Namo Amida Butsu!" And all the children lived happily ever after, in a magical place called Hawaii, eight beautiful islands in the middle of the big blue sea.

THE END THE BEGINNING Let's Make Rainbows!



Just as Maui is blessed with rainbows, Makawao Buddhist Temple is blessed with a "Rainbow Sangha" that is remarkably diverse and inclusive, just as it is! Sangha is a *sanskrit* word that originally referred to the Buddha and disciples, and expanded to include the communities that arose around the Buddha and Dharma Teachings—these communities became known as the Sangha. Today, here in Hawaii, "Sangha is 'ohana," as our honorable friends and fellow travelers at Kona Hongwanji say!

Makawao Hongwanji's greatest strength is our **Rainbow Sangha** "community of communities," a rainbow arising from everyone who walks onto the temple grounds—Buddhists, non-Buddhists, sustaining members of the temple, friends, visitors, and guests of the temple and our many communities—shining brightly in their own color, just as they are!

We are proud to be the Charter Organization for Scout Troop 18 and Cub Scout Pack 18, the home of thriving communities like BWA, Makawao Hongwanji Judo Club, Dana House for *kupuna* activities, Japanese Language instruction, sewing club, movie nights, Young Buddhist Association, and the venue for community events like the world-famous Garage Sales and Bon Dance, and inter-faith activities like Peace Day, with the temple's signature origami peace crane display.

This year, the Makawao Hongwanji sangha community of communities will mark the 115th anniversary of the oldest of our four predecessor temples, as well as 50 years in Makawao! In the next 50 years, what new rainbows can we make together? How can we join together to share with others this remarkable treasure we have been given? What can I do as resident minister to help you and your communities thrive at Makawao Hongwanji? Feel free to reach out anytime. *Let's make rainbows!*

NamoAmidaButsu! May your day be filled with Aloha!

Rev. Kerry



OCTOBER 16, 2022
Anniversary Celebration for
Paia Hongwanji (115 years) and Makawao Hongwanji (50 years)
...More information to come...

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ARE WE AT THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL?

I'm not too sure. We were just declared to be out of the Pandemic, but at the same time, I read about the lockdown in several cities in China and the surges of Covid infections in several other major countries. We should be concerned because we all know where the virus originated and about how long it took to reach the US so I don't think we should let our guards down yet, but we can move ahead with caution. The temple is now open to our on campus activities, but we are still requiring indoor masking and using common sense. We are planning our first Summer Bazaar/Garage Sale in two years on July 2nd & 3rd and our Obon on July 22nd & 23rd. All this is done with cautious planning and accepting the idea that things may change. As we know from experience, things can change very rapidly.



For those who are willing and able to help, our Captain Ray Nakagawa and some of his troops are already working on our popular pickled peach fund raiser. This is another of our major fund raisers that was impacted by the Pandemic. Help is needed in picking, washing, cooking and packing the peaches. Give Ray a hand and you're guaranteed to have fun while helping the temple.

Let's all proceed with caution and be happy and grateful that we are able to go forward and not backwards.

Until next time.

May you all be happy and well.

Clyde

PACK 18 BEARS

By: Shari de Jesus - In April, the Bears Den experimented with color layering in their Super Science Adventure. The Webelos Den had fun with the Art Explosion Adventure! They drew self portraits, sculpted clay scouts and printed Georgia O'Keefe-inspired poppies.











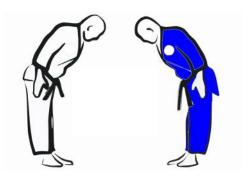




MHBT JUDO CLUB

By: Claude Moreau

Aloha. Our judo club is now active again, after a two year pause. We are now having one combined class on Mondays and Thursdays from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Starting May 9, we Will have judo on the same two nights, but we will have a small kids/beginners class from 6:00 to 7:15 pm, followed by a big kids/advanced class from 7:15 to 8:45 pm. All are welcome, but participants must be vaccinated. Call Sensei Claude at 808-283-4145 if you have questions.



OBON

Obon season is here!!! It has been two long years since Makawao Hongwanji had a live celebration. On July 22nd(Fri.) and 23rd(Sat.), we are planning to resume our Obon festivities inperson. We'll be having a one-night dance practice on June 1st (Wed) at 7 pm in our social hall. Come join us and LET'S DANCE!



TROOP 18 BOY SCOUTS -- Troop 18 April campout and election. Congratulations to New Senior Patrol Leader Brayden Kitagawa!

If you see a friend without a smile, give them one of yours.

IN MEMORIAM

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

Family of the Late Mr. Dick Teruto Fukushima (96) who passed way on March 6, 2022.

May & July 2022 Memorial Anniversaries

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

1st Year Memorial Service 2021

May 20 Melvin Takeo Hamamoto

3rd Year Memorial Service 2020

May - None

7th Year Memorial Service 2016

May 11 Goro Fujikawa May 21 Haruko Goshi

13th Year Memorial Service 2010

May - None

17th Year Memorial Service 2006

May 31 Bich Thuan Pham

25th Year Memorial Service 1998

May 20 Tsuru Unemori

33rd Year Memorial Service 1990

May 09 Hyozo Noda

50th Year Memorial Service 1973

May 11 Jyue Migita

1st Year Memorial service 2021

June - None

3rd Year Memorial Service 2020

June - None

7th Year Memorial Service 2016

June 10 Tadashi Gohara

13th Year Memorial Service 2010

June 17 Tatsuo Horita June 21 Misao Y. Tamura

June 23 Tadashi Sugimura

17th Year Memorial Service 2006

June 29 Susumu Nishiyama

25th Year Memorial Service 1998

June 24 Yoshito Kawabe

33rd Year Memorial Service 1990

June 16 Hideyuki Honda

June 19 Otaka Terasako

June 24 Masaru Doi

June 26 Naoyoshi Tsukuda

50th Year Memorial Service 1973

June 23 Toyohiko Kato



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Thank You!

Contributions March 22, 2022 to April 21, 2022

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AED service - Clyde and Gail Hamai

Ohigan Service – Noboru Hironaka

In memory of Namiko Nakagawa – Iwa and Robert Yoshioka

In memory of Ed Yamamura (3rd year memorial) – Iwa and Robert Yoshioka

In memory of Shizuko Kawabe - Annette Ward

In memory of Susumu & Tamae and Jay Satoru Murashige – Mitzi Yamamoto

In memory of Mitsue Hamai – Clyde and Gail Hamai

In memory of Shirley Hamai – Clyde and Gail Hamai

In memory of Toshio and Tomie Okuda - Alan and Jane Tamiya

In memory of Dick Fukushima – Jane Fukushima

In memory of Michiko Tanaka – Mitzi Tanaka

In memory of Kenneth Y. Oishi – Rena and Ron Matsunaga, Robert Oishi

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Daikon donation – Henry Koja

NOKOTSUDO:

Hiromi and Jo-Ann Tanaka, Mark Tanaka In memory of Yoshio Kijima – Mark Kijima

OFUSE:

1st year memorial service for Yoshiharu Nakamura and Robin Tengan – Family of Yoshiharu Nakamura and Robin Tengan, Emiko Nakamura, Kondo family, Gay M. Sibonga
 7th year memorial service for Shizuko Kawabe – Family of Shizuko Kawabe
 Funeral service for Dick Fukushima – Family of Dick Fukushima

NEWSLETTER:

Betsy and Kenneth Nishida Alan and Jane Tamiya

PERPETUAL DHARMA FUND:

Shane Hedani Hamai Appliance Karen and Rogers Ishizu

AMAZONSMILE Charitable Donation - \$66.21

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April 24 Dharma Family Service BWA State Conference May 1 First Sunday May 8 Dharma Family Service May 15 Fujimatsuri (in-person WHM) May 22 Dharma Family Service May 29 Dharma Family Service

Upcoming events at Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple



June 1 - Obon dance practice at 7:00 p.m in the Social Hall.

June 1 - Garage Sale accepting clean reusable clothing and household items. The following items will not be accepted: Beds, mattresses, child car seats, computer equipment.





July 3 - Bazaar will feature crafts items and prepared foods.

July 22-23 - Obon will feature in-person Hatsubon services, prepared foods and craft items for sale, children games, and DANCE around the newly refurbished yagura.

MAKAWAO HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE Council Minutes Highlights Sunday, April 10, 2022

- 1. Jr. YBA will have an overnight event using Makawao's Social Hall 4/23/2022.
- 2. State Dharma School Gathering will take place on Sunday, 5/1/2022.
- 3. Two individuals from Pauwela Cemetery were transferred to the Makawao Columbarium.
- 4. Pauwela Cemetery Management Update: Gail Hamai emailed report that cemetery reserve fund is being set up.
- 5. Fujimatsuri: Wailuku will be host site from 9:00 a.m. to noon on May 15, 2022.
- 6. Garage Sale July 2 & 3, 2022: Donations will be accepted starting 6/1/2022. Bazaar will be on Sun day featuring crafting items and prepared foods.
- 7. General Clean Up Sunday July 17,2022: Floyd Nagoshi is coordinating, working on schedule.
- 8. Obon July 22 & 23, 2022: Sharon Nagoshi is scheduling dance practice. The Scouts will refurbish the yagura.
- 9. Anniversary October 16 2022 for Paia 115th and Makawao 50th: Chair Persons Karen Ishizu and Diane Kosaka discussed plans. Catering will be by Pukalani Superette along with some foods prepared by temple members. Jean Heselden and Marilyn Morikawa will put the booklet together.
- 10. BWA Anniversary Project Refurbish Sinks in Restrooms: Karen Ishizu is working with Keith Maeda.
- 11. COVID Precautions: Rev. Kerry posted new signs around campus to include masks on (indoors), clean hands, and always aloha.
- 12. Japanese Language Instructor: Discussions of new instructor since Sensei Aoyagi has retired.
- 13. Jr. YBA 65th State Convention: The in-person convention will be in Hilo June 17-19, 2022.
- 14. Repair & Maintenance: Our new internet provider is Spectrum.
- 15. Membership: Report submitted.
- 16. Funeral/Columbarium: Report submitted.
- 17. Dharma School: Sharon Nagoshi reported 13 children attended the Sunday in April.
- 18. Judo Club: Meeting regularly.
- 19. Preschool: Classes are full for the Summer and Fall.
- 20. Project Dana: Alison Nakagawa will restart the Senior Program on Thursday 4/14/2022 at 9:30 a.m.

(Full text of Council Meeting and reports can be obtained from Temple Office.)

SENIOR PROGRAM

Bv: Alison

We had our first meeting in two years in April. What a wonderful reunion! We really enjoyed each other's company. Our April activity was to make a sunflower jar which we can use as a vase or pencil holder or to use as anything you can think of! We all worked hard and they were all amazing works of art!

After our activity we were all hungry for a delicious lunch. What a feast! Come join us on May 12, the second Thursday in May, 9:30 a.m. at the Dana House. We will be working on a project to help with the Bazaar. We try our best to help where we can. Hope to see you in May.







Following the temple service, there will be adult and children activities.

Lunch will be served.

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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BISHOP'S CORNER APRIL 2022

"Dharma Message for a 49th Day Service in honor of the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh" (Part 2)

Bishop Eric Matsumoto
This message was given at a 49th Day Service in honor of the Venerable
Thich Nhat Hanh at Honokaa Hongwanji on March 12, 2022

(Continued from Bishop's Corner for Headquarters Update March 2022)



In the Mahayana Pure Land Tradition, there is the story of Honen Shonin who founded the Pure Land Tradition centered on verbal recitation of the Name of the Buddha Amitayus-Amitabha or Amida Buddha in Japanese, as an independent school in Japan. When he was about to pass away over 800 years ago, a similar conversation took place in which a disciple said, "From olden days, memorial temples were built for distinguished masters. However, there are none in praise of your great achievement. Where shall we build a temple in honor of you?" Honen Shonin replied, "The Nembutsu Teachings will not permeate among the people if you build a temple in my honor. I have devoted my entire life to spreading the Dharma because I want people everywhere to receive the Nembutsu teachings. Therefore, any place, whether a king's palace or a thatched hut, any place where people recite the Nembutsu is my temple."

Shinran Shonin of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji probably inherited this perspective from Honen Shonin for as we know Shinran Shonin did not attempt to build any temples nor did he have any attachments to his physical body. According to records left by Shinran Shonin's grandson, Shinran Shonin is known to have requested that after he dies his body should be left in the Kamo River as food for the fish. His understanding, probably based on interdependency, was that during his lifetime the fish he consumed provided him with sustenance, at least, at minimum, now as he discards his body, let him be of benefit to the fish.

For Shinran Shonin too, his main focus was the Dharma or Teachings, in his case it was living the life of Shinjin-Nembutsu or to Realize the Buddha Endowed Awakened Mind of True Entrusting-Reciting the Nembutsu of Awareness, Joy and Gratitude in response to the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light, Amida Buddha's Great Wisdom and Compassion, which promises this "spiritually foolish being" that I am assured the great enlightenment at the end of this finite life by the Compassionate 18th Vow of Amida Buddha by simply whole-heartedly entrusting in Great Compassion.

For Shinran Shonin, for people everywhere to rejoice in Amida Buddha's Great Wisdom and Unconditional Compassion was most important. Thus, we have records of Shinran Shonin having exclaimed, "If you are rejoicing in the Nembutsu know that there are two people rejoicing, if there are two people know that there are three people, for that other shall be I, Shinran." Shinran Shonin's unending gratitude and also his commitment and dedication to sharing the Nembutsu Dharma, in response to Amida Buddha's Great Compassion, is expressed by his words known to us today as "Ondokusan" which goes like this "Such is the benevolence of Amida's great compassion, That we must strive to return it even to the breaking of our bodies; Such is the benevolence of the masters and true teachers, That we must endeavor to repay it even to our bones becoming dust." These words have been dearly embraced by our Jodo Shinshu predecessors, both minister and lay, for centuries and has brought us to the present. Honokaa Hongwanji Temple, Temple of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow, is a testament of it.

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Again, from the perspective of many great Buddhist leaders throughout the ages, more important than holding memorial rites, more important than even passing on a physical structure of a temple, is our living the Dharma or Teachings and passing the Dharma on to future generations. I believe this is what the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh also said when he had to flee Vietnam that most important is that Buddhism remained alive in people's hearts and minds.

To me, the words of the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh "I am not in here.", "I am not out there either." and especially the third and last phrase, "I may be found in your way of breathing and walking." is emphasizing that he continues to exist, live on when people continue their practice, continue to live their lives in the Dharma. This is his encouragement. This is his last teaching to those who follow the path that he dedicated his whole life to. Generally speaking, due to the truth of interdependence, while we do have our individual existences, at the same time, we are all interconnected and interrelated as the metaphor of Indra's Net shares and we are not as separate and completely independent of each other as we think we are. The Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh often referred to "interbeing." We are all a part of each other's life regardless of our current state of being. Thus, to-day, while it is sad that the physical presence of a revered Buddhist Teacher respected by so many around the world can no longer be seen by our human eyes, but his presence is still here. He has not completely disappeared forever.

To summarize and slowly conclude, let me share a quote from "The Teaching of Buddha" by the Society for the Promotion of Buddhism/BDK in hopes that it provides some comfort and provides an aspiration. It says:

"When the moon sets, people say that the moon has disappeared; and when the moon rises, they say that the moon has appeared. In fact, the moon neither goes nor comes, but shines continually in the sky. Buddha is exactly like the moon: He neither appears nor disappears; He only seems to do so, out of love for the people that he may teach them."

"Whether Buddha appears or disappears, Buddhahood always remains the same. Knowing this principle, one must keep (to) the path of Enlightenment and attain Perfect Wisdom, undisturbed by the apparent changes in the image of Buddha, in the condition of the world, or in the fluctuations of human thought."

"Do not seek to know Buddha by his form or attributes; for neither the form nor the attributes are the real Buddha. The true Buddha is Enlightenment itself. The true way to know Buddha is to realize Enlightenment."

As a final reflection-aspiration, I would like to share a slightly adapted poetic rendition of how we honor the Buddha by A. Ferdinand Herold and translated from French by Paul C. Blum which is one of my favorite quotes. Our remembrance of the Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh does not end at the conclusion of this 49 Day Service in his honor. Please join me in anjali/gassho.

"Listen: the air is joyous with songs in honor of the Buddha. But the Buddha is paid a more enduring honor. Monks, nuns, all believers, all those who see the Dharma. All those who live within the Dharma, they are the ones that do the Buddha supreme honor. Therefore, live according to the Dharma and even in the most trivial matters always follow the Sacred Path of the Dharma."

For those who wish, please remain in gassho/anjali, as I end, today, as we traditionally do in our Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji Tradition of Pure Land Buddhism by reciting The Buddha Amitabha-Amitayus' Name Which I Call in awareness and joy in grateful response to Namo Amida Butsu, The Buddha Amitabha-Amitayus' Name That Calls Me to entrust. Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion.

Thank you/Mahalo iā 'oukou.

2022 LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAI'I™

The Living Treasures of Hawai'i™ Selection Committee has selected three individuals who have made significant contributions in their respective fields and positively impacted the quality of life in our local communities and the whole of Hawai'i. The Honorees for this 47th year event are Kenny Endo (Taiko Master), Patrick Kirch (Archaeology Researcher), and Keali'i Reichel (Kumu Hula, Musician Scholar and Community Leader). This recognition takes into account social and cultural impact, professional commitment, and character that embodies the values of our distinct and diverse homeland.

The Living Treasures of Hawai'i™ Designation, sponsored by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i, is traditionally conducted through a celebratory luncheon at Legislative Assembly (Giseikai). However, due to Covid safety concerns, Honorees will be recognized in a special TV program.

Living Treasures of Hawai'i



Kenny Endo



Keali'i Reichel



Patrick Kirch

The program will air on:
May 22, 2022, at 6:00 pm
(KHNL and live streamed on the Hawaii News Now Facebook page)

May 26, 2022, at 7:00 pm (KFVE)

For more information on the 2022 Honorees, please visit our website: https://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/2022/03/25/living-treasures-2022/

NOMINATIONS FOR 2023 LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAI'I™

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i is currently accepting nominations for the 2023 Living Treasures of Hawai'i.™

We invite you to nominate those in your community who have made an impact on those around them and continue share their knowledge and expertise with others. Candidates are selected based on their demonstration of continuous growth and learning their knowledge and understanding of their particular field, and their steady and significant contributions towards enriching our society.

An organization or person may nominate a candidate for this honor by submitting nomination form with information on the nominee, and a maximum of three letters of recommendation. The nomination form can be downloaded from our website: www.hongwanjihawaii.com and is also available at the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Headquarters Office. Nominations must be received by the Living Treasures of Hawai'i™ Selection Committee no later than August 1st.

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
I 9:00 am First Sunday Dharma Family Service & Children's Dharma School	7:00 pm ~ 8:00 pm Judo	3	4 10:00 am Monthly Service Kula Hospital	7:00 pm ~ 8:00 pm Judo	6	7
8 9:00 am Family Service Mother's Day	7:00 pm ~ 8:00 pm Judo	10	11	12 9:30 am ~ 12:00 pm Senior Program 7:00 pm ~ 8:00 pm Judo	13	14
15 9:00 am Maui Hongwanji Fujimatsuri Wailuku Hongwanji	7:00 pm ~ 8:00 pm Judo	17	18	7:00 pm ~ 8:00 pm Judo	20	21
22 9:00 am Family Service	7:00 pm ~ 8:00 pm Judo	24	25	7:00 pm ~ 8:00 pm Judo	27	28
29 9:00 am Family Service	Office Closed * Memorial Day	31				

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