



# Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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FIRST SUNDAY FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE  
DHARMA SCHOOL  
BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Sunday, June 12, 2022, 9:00 a.m.  
FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE

Sunday, June 26, 2022, 9:00 a.m.  
FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE

Sunday, June 19, 2022, 9:00 a.m.  
FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE

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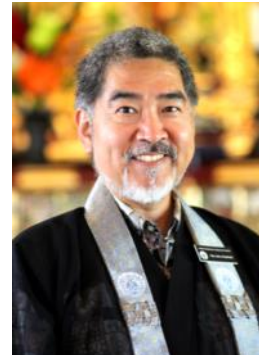
**OCTOBER 16, 2022**  
**Anniversary Celebration for**  
**Paia Hongwanji (115 years) and**  
**Makawao Hongwanji (50 years)**  
...More information to come...

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

*Aloha! I hope everyone is well and enjoying life under extraordinary causes and conditions. Volunteers preparing for the 115<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October have been combing through boxes of old newsletters. This month, we'd like to share Dr. Ken Tanaka's "Guidelines in Talking with Non-Buddhists", reprinted from Makawao Hongwanji Mission's newsletter 1990.*

*Mahalo, Rev. Kerry*

-----Reprinted from Makawao Hongwanji Mission's Newsletter 1990-----



### **Guidelines in Talking with Non-Buddhists**

by Ken Tanaka, Institute of Buddhist Studies

*Our members often inquire about some guidelines in dealing with questions asked by members of other faiths about our religion. The following is offered as a guideline in response to this need among our members. It will have served its purpose if an interested Shinshu follower is able to utilize it as a springboard for formulating with greater confidence his or her responses inspired by one's unite life experiences. (I welcome any comments for improvement in style, wording and content.)*

***What is Shinshu Buddhism?*** It is a religion of awareness.

***What does one become aware of?*** That: 1) life is shorter than you think, 2) life's a bumpy road, 3) life is interconnected and interdependent, 4) life can be fundamentally good and joyful. These ideals are found in all Buddhist groups, but in Shinshu we stress the need to become aware of oneself in comparison with the ideal human, the Buddha. I am (1) incomplete, (2) foolish and (3) powerless, when compared to a Buddha.

***What happens when you become aware of them?*** We live each moment fully with deep appreciation to all beings and things that nurture sustain our lives. We come to feel that "life is a privilege and not a right"; when this deepens we call it "shinjin awareness" or "true entrusting". We then work for the betterment of all beings as expression of our appreciation.

***Who does the statue in the altar represent?*** Amida Buddha, the Buddha of Boundless Life and Boundless Light.

***Is it some kind of God?*** What do you mean by God? (note: We should not simply assume the questioner is confident in his own understanding of what he means by "God"; many often turn out not to be as confident or knowledgeable as we expected. Discussions have proven to be more lively and meaningful when I began by questioning the questioner about what he or she means by "God". After the questioner responds, we can speak about Amida as follows:) Amida Buddha has the qualities of compassion and wisdom which are also attributed to God in Christianity. But Amida is not a supreme being who created the universe and lives somewhere out there to watch over and judge my thought and actions, with some divine purpose for me in this life. Amida is, instead, a symbol of wisdom and compassion that I am able to realize in the ordinary experiences of my daily life. Wisdom helps me to see myself and life as they really are, not how I wish them to be. Compassion enhances any appreciation for things and assures me that I am embraced and not forsaken.

***So, Amida has nothing to do with the creation of the universe?*** That's right. Though learning is important in our lives, our knowing how the world/universe began (even if it can be known for sure) does not help with the main Shin Buddhist goal of shinjin awareness or enlightenment. To be concerned about creation reminds me of the man in the famous "poison arrow" parable who when shot with a poison arrow kept asking all kinds of question, as he lay dying, about the arrow and the man who shot him, rather than yanking the arrow out!

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**So, your understanding is not one of “worshipping an “idol”?** That’s right. It’s because the statue is a symbol or representation and does not possess magical or supernatural power found in idols. More importantly, the statue helps to bring out deeply religious feels that would otherwise remain concealed. Amida’s facial expression conveys a deep sense of warmth and reassurance. And the stature leans slightly forward, reminding us of the cosmic compassion this is constantly at work to embrace and awaken us.

**What happens after you die?** A person of shinjin awareness no longer worries seriously about life after death because she is at peace with herself. According to our founder Shinran Shonin, we are assured of realizing eternal peace (nirvana) immediately upon death by becoming one with the cosmic compassion which we call “Amida Buddha.”

**What can you be proud of as a Buddhist?** We have in the long history of 2,500 years never provoked or engaged in a major war over doctrinal differences between the schools or against another religion.

**What kind of religious practice do you do?** Our teaching does not prescribe any one particular form of practice such as meditation, since it is not our action that directly causes our enlightenment. However, it does not mean we do nothing. In our daily affairs we remain mindful of our indebtedness to the interdependent nature of our existence, and of our appreciation and desire to learn more about ourselves, we take part, for example in listening to Dharma talk, participating in religious services at home and temple, reciting and reflecting upon the before- and after-meal words of appreciation, and engaging in efforts to assist the less privileged in the community. These activities serve as a mirror to increase our awareness about our imperfections and indebtedness in our community and the world. These efforts do not directly cause shinjin awareness but help to prepare the self for it.

**Going back to Amida, what does he do if he did not create the world or judge our actions like the Christian God?** The essence of Amida is boundless compassion and wisdom, as the name indicates. The anthropomorphic (human-like) representation of the statue is not to be taken literally, because for what is important is the deeper meaning that the form represents.

**What is that meaning?** There are many, but for me personally it means that I am embraced in the boundless compassion reality that permeates my life and beyond. This appreciation, when fully realized here and now in this life, is called “shinjin awareness” or what I like to call “small enlightenment”.

What other meanings do you see in Amida?

I find Amida in my daily experience of awe and appreciation for the life-giving, unseen forces that produce, nurture and sustain my life; the DNA, the sunshine, the rain, just to name a few.

Also, I can’t forget to mention the beauty and grandeur of nature that enhance the quality of my aesthetic life. Last but not least, the inextricable bond I have with my family members and tested friends are so painfully precious.

I also find Amida is the “negatives” of life, such as the funeral of a cherished friend who had to die at a young age of 40. In my anger, sorrow, and eventual acceptance, I am gently led to see life ‘as it really is’, not ‘how I would like to see it’. The funeral experience is another reminder for me to cherish the present and to contribute in my own, however small, way to improve the imperfect world.

These ideals are difficult, if not impossible, for lay Buddhists to fully actualize, but they serve to point the way. And in the process of sincerely trying to live up to these ideals, one gradually but surely is humbled

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in the realization that “my very existence is indebted to the myriads and myriads of causes and conditions that encompass the universe.” Even this very realization, in the final analysis, originated from beyond the self.

And this boundless set of everyday cause and conditions reflects what Amida means to me. Amida is not a transcendent, supreme being but the immanent, mundane reality that was there all along; I was just too wise and too lazy to notice.

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## President's Message

Here's some food for thought. *“You throw away the outside, cook the inside, eat the outside, and throw away the inside. What is it?”* ..... (Answer: An ear of corn).

These days I read a lot of health magazines and in addition to healthy eating, they all recommend three things for keeping your mind and body healthy - 1) doing brain challenges, 2) physical activities and 3) having social interaction. For brain challenges they recommend doing games like crossword puzzles, checkers or mahjong, and the recently popular NY Times Wordle, that, by the way, are all free. Physical exercises like walking around your neighborhood, online exercise programs offered through Kaunoa and the County Office on Aging are resources to check out for exercising regularly. All of these are free. Finally for social interaction, I know where you can find plenty of that for free too. At Makawao Hongwanji Sunday services you can listen to the dharma, meditate and enjoy social hour after service. Volunteering is also good for mental and physical health. At Makawao, we have been fortunate to have many volunteers over the years, for whom we are truly grateful for. They work hard, are willing to help whenever they can and as much as they can. Our volunteers just try to do as much as they are able to do. Our present crew of volunteers are getting on in years, but, we continue to do just as much as we are able to. What's great is there's a lot of social interaction, and it's all free too.



I want to say thank you to the ladies who participate and represent Makawao at Maui District Hongwanji activities. This past April, the BWA State On-line Convention was outstanding with volunteers from all Maui temples. For Hanamatsuri, our Dharma school teachers and students produced a wonderful video play on the birth of the Buddha. It was well done and certainly entertaining! And at last month's Fujimatsuri, Makawao ladies provided the games for children and delicious vegetable salad.

In May and June the Peach picking and pickling has been going on with Ray leading a steady crew of volunteers. Sanbaizuke is also made throughout the year whenever we receive donations of daikon. These are all part of our temple's necessary sustaining fundraising activities. The best part is that in addition to the good fun, healthy social interaction, there's always good “healthy” food too. 😊

We've also been gearing up for O'bon season. I want to thank Calvin for volunteering to fix the Yagura with Keith Mayeda. Calvin's been trying to retire from the physical work of repair and maintenance but we can't seem to find a replacement to manage the repairs even though the temple is willing to hire skilled help. If there's anyone who can help in this capacity as a manager of Repairs and Maintenance, your service will be greatly appreciated too.

We hope to have a successful Garage Sale and Bazaar again this July after our two-year long break. We will need plenty of volunteers for that too. Please call the office to let us know if you wish to help and enjoy social interaction. The GS/B ladies guarantee that you will have a fun time. To all of you, thank you for all you do.

May you be happy and well.

*Clyde*

## **PACK 18 NEWS**

By: Sheri de Jesus

Pack 18 ended the scouting year with an award ceremony at Kalama Park in Kihei. All of our cub scouts ranked up and five Webelos II graduated with their Arow of Light award. Congratulations! We said a fond farewell to 3 of our outgoing leaders: Parrish Purdy, Maria Purdy and Robyn Lung. We welcomed new leaders: Sean Higuchi - Cubmaster, Carissa Holley - Chairperson, Shari de Jesus - Secretary/Advancement Chairperson, Blaine Bernades - Wolf Den Leader, Popcorn Chairperson - Hanna Mounce, Uniform Chairperson - Alexa Ballesteros.



# IN MEMORIAM

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

Family of the **Late Mrs. Chiyoko Joan Tokuoka** (99) who passed way on April 2, 2022.

Family of the **Late Mrs. Betsy Chieko Matsumura** (99) who passed way on April 4, 2022.

## June & July 2022 Memorial Anniversaries

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

### 1st Year Memorial Service 2021

June - None

### 1st Year Memorial service 2021

July 29 Misa Nishida

### 3rd Year Memorial Service 2020

June - None

### 3rd Year Memorial Service 2020

July 21 Jane Yukiko Seki

July 30 Glenn Haruo Otani

### 7th Year Memorial Service 2016

June 10 Tadashi Gohara

### 7th Year Memorial Service 2016

July - None

### 13th Year Memorial Service 2010

June 17 Tatsuo Horita

June 21 Misao Y. Tamura

June 23 Tadashi Sugimura

### 13th Year Memorial Service 2010

July 25 Sawayo Mizuguchi

July 28 Hideo Takemoto

### 17th Year Memorial Service 2006

June 29 Susumu Nishiyama

### 17th Year Memorial Service 2006

July 08 Motohisa Unemori

July 10 Masami Kagehiro

July 20 Tetsuo Iwaishi

### 25th Year Memorial Service 1998

June 24 Yoshito Kawabe

### 25th Year Memorial Service 1998

July - None

### 33rd Year Memorial Service 1990

June 16 Hideyuki Honda

June 19 Otaka Terasako

June 24 Masaru Doi

June 26 Naoyoshi Tsukuda

### 33rd Year Memorial Service 1990

July 31 Fumie Nomura

### 50th Year Memorial Service 1973

June 23 Toyohiko Kato

### 50th Year Memorial Service 1973

July 04 Hisao Nakagawa

July 07 Akira Masuda

July 22 Fusa Kadosaki

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**Thank You!**

**Contributions April 22, 2022 to May 21, 2022**

**DONATION:**

Wendy Hamai

Glenn and Lori Okimoto

Christy Vail

Burton Onikama

Christine Kubo

Annette Tashiro

Joann Yosemite

Doris Oshiro

M.M. Higa and S.M. Higa

In memory of Violet H. Onikama – Mr. and Mrs. Burton Onikama

In memory of Nakamura and Tengan families – Janet Nakamura

In memory of Sueko Matsunaga – Marlene Nomura, Kenneth and Joan Kitagawa

In memory of Teruko and Shoichi Karimoto – Allan and Janie Karimoto

In memory of Bich Pham – Mr. and Mrs. San Fujimoto

In memory of Betsy Matsumura – Mieko and Edwin Kanemoto

In memory of Janice T. Watanabe – Kyle and Colette Watanabe

In memory of Chiyoko Tokuoka – Pauline Abe, Richard and Gladys Tokuoka, Charlene and Clifford Suzuki

13<sup>th</sup> year memorial for Hatsumi Sugimura – Jerry Sugimura

Just Say Mahalo banner – Calvin and Sharon Higuchi

Toilet tissue – Alice Sugimura



**NOKOTSUDO:**

Family of Richard Hieda

Kelvin and Lynn Nakamura

Sidney and Diane Nako

Haruye Shirokane

Harold Makimoto

In memory of Tadashi Fukushima – George and Alice Fukushima

In memory of Yoshio and Grace Kijima – Mark Kijima

In memory of Tatsuo Terao family and Yao Hedani – Karen Yorimoto

In honor of Mother's Day – Ione Faye Isobe

**OFUSE:**

Funeral service for Chiyoko Tokuoka – Family of Chiyoko Tokuoka

Funeral service for Betsy Matsumura – Family of Betsy Matsumura

In memory of Itsuo and Janice Shiraki – Danny and Ellen Yamamura

In memory of Shizuko Kawabe – Sharon Fujioka

In memory of Betsy Matsumura – Norbert and Laura Ujii, Glenn and Lori Okimoto,  
Tsuzuki Matsumura, Norene Fukuda

Inurnment service for Richard Hieda – Family of Richard Hieda

Memorial service for Janice and Itsuo Shiraki – Family of Janice and Itsuo Shiraki

17<sup>th</sup> year memorial service for Bich Pham – Family of Bich Pham

1<sup>st</sup> year memorial service for Janice Shiraki – Reiko and George Matsunaga, Fay and

Allen Matsunaga, Myra and George Uchida, Judi and Richard Jinnai, Rena and Ron Matsunaga

Inurnment service for Shizue Hedani – Family of Shizue Hedani

**115<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY DONATION:**

Jean Heselden

Glenn and Diane Kosaka

Makawao BWA – Sink and counter replacement in the women's and men's restrooms

**THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING: \$28.05**

## GARAGE SALE/BAZAAR

After nearly three years, plans are in the works for Makawao Hongwanji's annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Garage Sale and Bazaar! Be sure to save the date for:

**Saturday/Sunday, July 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.**

**Saturday Garage Sale only: 7am – 2pm**

**Sunday Bazaar (food) & Garage Sale: 7am – 12 noon**

We are also now accepting donations for the sale. We ask that you please kokuu; items we cannot accept are large TV's, beds, mattresses, sofas, printers, computer equipment, old paints, flammable materials, baby strollers and car seats. Thank you for your wonderful donations!

## 2022 Maui Bon Dance Schedule

June 11: Puunene Nichiren Mission 6 p.m.  
Service, 7:30 p.m. dance,  
(808) 871-4831 dyomura808@gmail.com

June 17: Wailuku Jodo Mission, 6 p.m. Service,  
7 p.m. dance, (808) 244-0066

June 18: Wailuku Shingon Mission, 6:30 p.m. Service,  
7:30 p.m. dance, (808) 244-3800  
sorapapa@yahoo.com

June 25: Kahului Jodo Mission, 6:30 p.m. Service,  
7:30 p.m. dance, (808) 871-4911

July 9: Mantokuji Mission of Paia, 6 p.m. Service,  
No dance, (808) 579-8051,  
info@paiamantokuji.org

July 15-16: Kahului Hongwanji Mission, 6 p.m.  
Service, 7:30 p.m. dance, (808) 871-4732,  
Kahuluihongwanji@gmail.com

Aug. 5-6: Wailuku Hongwanji Mission  
6:45 p.m. Service 8 p.m. dance,  
(808) 244-0406,  
whm@wailukuhongwanji.org.

Aug. 12-13: Lahaina Hongwanji Mission,  
6 p.m. Service, 7:30 p.m. dance,  
(808) 661-0640,  
lhmkyodan@yahoo.com

Aug. 20 (tentative): Paia Rinzaï Zen Mission,  
6 p.m. Service, 7 p.m. dance,  
(808) 579-9921, info@rinzaï-maui.org

Aug. 27: Kula Shofokuji Mission, 6:30 p.m.  
Service, 7:30 p.m. dance. Contact  
Lahaina Shingon Mission for more  
information at (808) 661-0466  
or email lahainashingon.org

July 22-23: Makawao Hongwanji Mission,  
6 p.m. Service, 7 p.m. dance,  
(808) 572-7229, makawaohngwanji@gmail.com





# MAKAWAO HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

## Council Minutes Highlights

Sunday, May 8, 2022

1. Treasurer Report: Report submitted.
2. Minister's Report: Report submitted.
3. Pauwela Cemetery Management Update: Gail Hamai announced that escrow closed on the sale of cemetery property.
4. Fujimatsuri at WHM on 5/15/2022: Diane Kosaka reported that activities for 20 children are being organized by Karen Ishizu, Sharon Nagoshi and Diane. MHM will bring salad/vegetables for luncheon.
5. Garage Sale and Bazaar July 2-3, 2022: Co-chairs Gail Hamai and Karen Ishizu reported date set for July 2-3, 2022, with Bazaar on Sunday, July 3, only. Dates for Social Hall closure will be June 18 through July 3, 2022.
6. General Clean Up Day Sunday, 7/27/2022: Floyd Nagoshi is organizing this event.
7. Obon July 22 & 23, 2022: Chairperson Sharon Nagoshi announced dance practice will be on June 1, 2022 at 7 p.m. in Social Hall. Calvin Higuchi and Keith Maeda will repair Yagura. Details for the following are being worked on: Security, guest speaker, parking control.
8. Anniversary Celebration on October 16, 2022: Co-Chairpersons are Karen Ishizu and Diane Kosaka for Paia Hongwanji's 115th and Makawao Hongwanji's 50th anniversary. To commemorate this celebration, BWA sponsored outside restroom project: Replacement of countertops and sinks and faucets. Ballpoint pens will be ordered with custom message "MBT 50th Anniversary" and "Namo Amida Butsu" on the barrel.
9. Rev. Kerry found a Japanese language instructor for adult class on the weekends, details need to be worked out. Still searching for instructor for after-school children program.
10. Fumigation of outside restroom building scheduled for May 24, 2022.
11. Buddhist Education and Dharma School: Sharon Nagoshi reported that Dharma School for the first Sundays is going well, including Scouts attending. Rev. Kerry reported he is planning "Introduction to Buddhism" classes on weekends and evenings for adults.
12. Membership: Report submitted.
13. Funeral and Columbarium: Report submitted.
14. Properties: Report submitted. Karen Ishizu reported that Makawao BWA restroom anniversary project is complete. BWA participated at Maui Matsuri at Queen Kaahumanu Center for children's day origami demo.
15. Dharma School: June 5 Sunday Dharma School will be last before summer break. Dharma School will resume on the first Sunday in September.
16. Preschool: Fred Wong reported on grant from Department of Human Services. In order to increase enrollment, school still need an additional pre-school teacher.
17. Project Dana: Alison Nakagawa held a Senior Program with a craft project and lunch.



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



On May 8k 2022, Rev. Earl Ikeda was our guest speaker.

Rev. Earl Ikeda recently retired as *kaikyōshi* minister of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha. Many of you know Rev. Earl from his years of service at the West Kauai Hongwanji, Puna Hongwanji (overseeing Naalehu and Pahala temples), and Moiliili Hongwanji 2000-2014. Rev. Ikeda then served the Buddhist Churches of America, assigned to the New York and Seabrook Buddhist temples until December 2021. Rev. Earl Ikeda was born and grew up on the Big Island of Hawaii and received a Bachelor's of Arts in Japanese from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Rev. Ikeda later attended Ryukoku University and the *Kaikyōshi Kenshū-sho*, Study Center for Overseas Ministry, in Kyoto, Japan. Rev. Ikeda received Tokudo ordination in 1972, returned to Hawaii to do something completely different, and returned to Kyoto in 2000 receive *kyōshi* certification and subsequent assignment as *kaikyōshi* minister to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

## **BWA: HALE MAKUA VISITATION**

Hale Makua Wailuku Activities Director Julia (third from left) receives a monetary donation from Maui United Buddhist Women’s Association. Makawao members Diane, Gail, Karen, Sharon, and Marilyn, who made the visitation, also donated craft and bingo prize items for the residents. They were happy to share greetings and smiles.



## **HELP WANTED**

Makawao Buddhist Temple Council is in need of volunteers to do “handyman work” to perform Repair & Maintenance work around the temple campus. This would be on an “on-call” basis according to the need for repairs and light maintenance. The temple does have some tools and hardware supplies in storage which may be used. Cost of all supplies needed for repairs and maintenance will be reimbursed. If specialty work (i.e. plumbing, electrical, refrigeration repairs, etc.) are required beyond the handyman’s capabilities, those will need to be coordinated and contracted (and paid for by the temple).

If anyone knows of, or can refer a “handyman” services contractor for the temple, (the temple would pay for services), please submit name(s) and contact information for that contractor.

If interested, please leave your name or a message at the temple office. Temple office phone 572-7229; email: makawaohongwanji@gmail.com



A special HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our very own Centenarian Natsue Kametani as she celebrates her 100th year birthday.



Mahalo nui loa to Sharon and Calvin Higuchi for their donation of a brand new “Just Say Mahalo” banner for the front gate entrance.

## The Maui United Jr. YBA Zips through their Membership Drive

By Diane Nako, Jr. YBA Advisor

The Maui United Jr. YBA held their membership recruitment drive on Saturday, May 21. The members and their guests were treated to a zipline experience at Maui Zipline at the Maui Tropical Plantation. For most, it was their first time experiencing what it's like to be high up on the towers and ziplining over the tropical gardens. We all experienced the thrill of anticipation (i.e. butterflies and screams) and doing zipline tricks along the way. "Towards the end I just relaxed and let myself lean back and had a great time!" said Jaimee Yokoyama, Maui United President.



Following the zipline thrills, the group held their monthly meeting while enjoying a wonderful lunch at the Mill House Restaurant. It was perfect weather with beautiful views from the restaurant lanai. The Maui United Jr. YBA would like to say "Mahalo" to Mr. Duane Ting who helped make this activity possible. During this recruitment drive we now have two potential Jr. YBA members for the upcoming year.

Their next activity coming up is **The 65<sup>th</sup> Hawaii Federation of Jr. YBA's State Convention** to be held at the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin and Hilo Hawaiian Hotel on June 17 – 19, 2022. This year's theme is **"AMIDA, I CHOOSE YOU!"** If you know of any youth between 7th grade and 12th grade who would like to be a part of this dynamic group of young Buddhists, please feel free to contact the office for more information (808) 572-7229.



### July 2022 Plant Sale Happening! By: Sharon Higuchi

Who can predict the future? The MHBT Council chose to be optimistic and voted to begin in-person public activities this summer. July will be an extra busy month with preparations for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend Garage Sale and Bazaar and Obon. After following two-years of COVID-19 safety restrictions, volunteers are being called upon to come out and help at these temple activities which draw the community together and help the temple financially.

During the shut-down, many people spent time at home gardening in their yards. Growing plants and working outdoors can be quite soothing whether its raking leaves, weeding, or watering flowers and vegetables. Connecting with nature reminds us of the oneness of life.

Please start thinking of potted plants which you can donate to the MHBT Plant Sale. Now is the time to start making the plants look their best. Fortunately there are no water restrictions Upcountry right now, so we can all water our gardens, keeping Maui green and beautiful. Remember, even one plant would be appreciated. Plant donors will be asked to deliver plants to the temple grounds the Thursday of the Garage Sale so plants can be priced and organized beforehand. Mahalo!

**CELEBRATING PAIA HONGWANJI'S 115<sup>TH</sup> AND  
MAKAWAO HONGWANJI'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR**

By: Marilyn Morikawa

The 115<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Paia and Makawao Hongwanji will be held this year on October 16, 2022. In researching information for the Anniversary booklet, I found out some amazing facts that happened in 1977 at Makawao Hongwanji, the year we celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Paia Hongwanji and burning of the mortgage to pay off the new temple at Makawao.

**WHAT HAPPENED AT MAKAWAO HONGWANJI IN 1977?? 45 YEARS AGO??**

Information from Newsletters, written and edited by resident minister Rev. Chikai Yosemori)

- January            Lester Hamai serving 3rd year as President  
4th VP Martha Mihara, Asst Secretary Lei Matsumura, Auditor Florence Sakae  
Women taking more leadership roles since 1975  
Martha Mihara and Tokie Seki selected to be observers at Giseikai  
January 27, New Years Party chaired by Masuyo Doi
- April                Forming Sunday School Booster Club
- May 6-8            1st Camping Seminar at YMCA Camp Keanae
- June 9-15          Disneyland, California Trip for Sunday School
- July                 July 9, Bazaar Chair Tsugie Otani and Assts Martha Mihara and Tokie Seki  
July 13, final payment of \$95,000 mortgage of Church Building Fund after bazaar  
July 22-23 Obon, "Choba at Obon dominated by young ladies... in place where only men folks  
were sitting down in olden times. No wonder we increased Choba this year." Newsletter.
- November          70<sup>TH</sup>/7<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary and Celebration of paying off mortgage. Men did all the work, even  
cooking the food, to show appreciation to all the ladies (in fact most debt paid by ladies hard  
work).
- Activities:          Sunday School was held at 9:15 am and other Buddhist services, some at night; District  
Seminars, State Meetings, Clean-up Days, Graveyard clean-up in Hana and Kipahulu, Activities  
of Fujinkai, Asoka Club, Sadhana Kai, Senior YBA, Jr. YBA, Sunday School.
- Social Events:    April 2 Grand Opening of Hamai Appliance, at Wakea Ave., marriages of three current church  
officers; and... who had 60<sup>th</sup> and 88<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations?

**WHAT A RICH HISTORY OF MAKAWAO HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE!!!**

Now it's time to write more about Makawao Hongwanji's history! In preparation for our Anniversary on October 16, we are searching for more pictures and stories to fill our archives of wonderful remembrances. **SO WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please look for old pictures of church activities, especially from early 1970s, and share any special memories from any years. Please volunteer to be interviewed or say "Yes" when we ask to talk story with you. Whatever you can remember would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Marilyn or Karen at church, 572-7229. Thank you to our members and children/grandchild of our members.

**HEADQUARTERS UPDATE**

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**“Congratulations, Graduates!”**

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

The greeting “Glad to see you!” held more meaning than ever this year as Pacific Buddhist Academy’s Commencement Exercise was, once again after 2 years, held in person. As is the tradition, on the Thursday evening before Commencement, a special Baccalaureate Service sponsored by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii officiated by Bishop Eric Matsumoto, planned by Executive Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Daido Baba and Ms. Liane Vilorio of PBA was held at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin with Temple’s Ministers and Family & Friends of the Graduates present. At the Service, each Graduate was presented with a special PBA montoshikisho in “recognition of their engagement with the Dharma, or Buddhist Teachings, during their studies at PBA.” Also, participating was Mr. Josh Morse, PBA’s Head of Schools, and Ms. Teddi Yagi, Vice Principal of Hongwanji Mission School who presented an award. Dr. Warren Tamamoto, State President of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii shared a congratulatory message on behalf of Hawaii Kyodan. A Congratulatory Message from the Administrative Head of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji World-wide Denomination Governor General Chiko Iwagami was read by Executive Assistant to the Bishop and PBA Chaplain Rev. Daido Baba.



Then, on Friday, May 6, 2022, the Commencement Exercise honoring the 26 Graduates of PBA’s Class of 2022 was held at the famous Waikiki Shell. The sharing of an individualized personal message crafted by the Head of Schools to each Graduate and the Graduates presenting kukui nut lei to their family members before the crowd of well-wishers as an expression of their gratitude for the love and support they received are two of the unique highlights of PBA’s Graduation every year.

The following Aspiration was given by Bishop Eric Matsumoto at Commencement.

Today, under a Hawaiian sky, as we gather for this Commencement Exercise for Pacific Buddhist Academy’s Class of 2022 at the Waikiki Shell, in the presence of All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion, Amida Buddha, let us reflect and aspire.

The Buddha’s compassion is often likened to the sun or rain. Just as life sustaining rain without prejudice falls equally upon on all and the sun casts its light on all without discrimination, so does Buddha’s wisdom and compassion shine upon all. It guides and nurtures us to truly understand Universal Reality and encourages us to do what is right and proper or “pono” as we would say in Hawaii. Also, I share with you the Historic Buddha’s exhortation to the monks and nuns of his time. The Buddha said *“Go forth for the good of the many, for the happiness of the many, out of compassion for the world, for the welfare, the good and the happiness of gods and people.”*

At Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and PBA, we hope that our Graduates have learned not only the academic knowledge and skills necessary to pursue their dreams and careers, but that they have also gained some insight and perspectives into truths like interdependence which gives rise to virtues like mutual respect and appreciation, and fosters being a caring presence with courage, humility, equanimity and equality, non-discrimination and non-judgement aspiring for peace and harmony throughout the world. May All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion continually guide them throughout their life so they may exemplify the ideal way of living which is “Simultaneously benefiting both self and others.”

Today, as we extend our congratulations to our Graduates and their Families, let us express our acknowledgment and gratitude to all others, not limited to our human relations, for the part they played in our lives and embrace the aspiration for the happiness and well-being of one and all.

To conclude this Aspiration, please join me in gassho/anjali, a gesture of reverence and respect in Buddhism, to recite Amida Buddha's Honored Name in awareness, joy and gratitude of Great Wisdom and Compassion.

Namo Amida Butsu, Namu Amida Butsu. Namu Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF JODO SHINSHU HONGWANJI-HA BISHOP CHIKO IWAGAMI FOR 2022 PBA BACCALAUREATE

First, congratulations to this year's graduates!

As we share this moment, you may be looking back on the many memories of your time spent here at PBA.

Graduation marks the end of one of many chapters in one's lifetime, and at the same time, it is also the starting point as you embark on a new goal. As you set off from Pacific Buddhist Academy, you will carry the memories of your days here at PBA together with your hopes and dreams in the next phase of your life.

In response to the Novel Coronavirus pandemic these past two years, in-person learning, as well as extracurricular activities and events have been limited. As a result, your senior year of high school may not have gone as you had hoped, and many may have found this very disappointing. But perhaps, these unprecedented circumstances gave us an opportunity to stop and carefully think about our lifestyle and future that we had been taking for granted.

Bulletin boards at schools are often used for making announcements and sometimes displays a motto or slogan. Buddhist temples also have this kind of bulletin board on which inspirational words or a short phrase filled with Buddhist wisdom are shared. Maybe you have seen one of these. A few years ago, a Japan-based Buddhist organization called Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai held a contest of inspirational phrases shared by Buddhist temples through their bulletin boards. This contest, which is called "Let it Shine! Temple Bulletin Board Project" has been gaining attention in Japan. The Grand Prize winner for 2020, which was selected from a total of 1,677 entries, was a remark made by a salesperson of a drugstore in Kanagawa prefecture, which was displayed at a temple in Kumamoto prefecture. It read, "The thing that scared me the most was not COVID, but humans."

We were faced with many challenges when the first state of emergency was declared in Japan in April 2020. The media reported that a healthy person with no underlying health conditions had died of COVID-19 within a couple of days. People were panic buying face masks and hand sanitizers. Customers were lashing out at store employees because of the empty shelves. Some were even engaging in the reselling of medical masks and price gouging. In learning that we become infected through contact with others, we have become suspicious of people around us. Sadly, this has led to stigma and discrimination against frontline medical workers and COVID-19 patients. Everyone is scared in the same way, but the feeling of fear has driven us into an egocentric shell. The phrase, "the most terrifying are humans," is a description of the reality of us humans, which was revealed in the circumstance of the pandemic.

The phrase that took second place in the contest that year was one that was displayed on the bulletin board of Tsukiji Hongwanji in Tokyo, a Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha branch temple. The phrase is, "Even if you hurt me, I would not hurt you back. This is Buddhism."

In fact, Sakyamuni Buddha taught us that if you take revenge on someone, in turn, that person will take revenge on you, and so in this way, the hatred would never end. You may feel you have the upper hand

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when you take revenge on someone whom you hate, but it only puts that person in the same position as you were in and that individual would plot vengeance against you. Thus, hatred between the two of you would never diminish.

The only way out of this sad circle of hate is through sharing feelings with each other. Let us try to rid ourselves of our own egoistic mind and feel the joy and sorrow of others.

Just as no one could have ever predicted this pandemic, what awaits us in the future is also unknown. There may be happy occasions, as well as some sad ones too. Please continue learning more about Buddhism, which is the spiritual legacy of this school's foundation, and Buddhism will surely provide you with the guidance you need whenever you are feeling lost in your own fear or hatred.

Our lives are all interrelated and interconnected. It is important that we keep in mind this feeling of gratitude for one another, as we continue to practice the spirit of placing our hands in gassho, and make every effort to respect and uphold the dignity of all life. In today's world, we are too often only concerned with the results. Although you may endeavor, it may not always pay off. However, try to not feel distressed in such situations, and try not to boast when your efforts are rewarded. All you need to do is just continue in your efforts. When this naturally comes to you, you are then a truly respectful and beautiful human.

It is my hope that you will face things you encounter with a feeling of gratitude that "thanks to you, I am enabled to dedicate myself to this." Then, I am confident that a bright future will await you.

In closing, I would like to extend my congratulations once again. Thank you.

May 5, 2022

Governor General IWAGAMI, Chiko  
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

**Buddhist Study Center PRESENTS BSC 2022 Summer Satellite Session**  
**WAILUKU HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022, SESSION FROM 10:20 A.M. TO 12 NOON**

**"Jōdo Shinshū and the Making of American Buddhism:**  
*Is Shin Buddhism the foundation of American Buddhism?"*



The Buddhist Study Center will offer its 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Study Session as a free in-person and online class series on June 20-24, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (HST) featuring the noted scholar, **Dr. Scott Mitchell**, author of *Mid-Century Modern Buddhism*, examines Buddhism in the United States before, during, and after World War II, when Nisei Jodo Shinshu Buddhists reacted to the trauma of racial and religious discrimination by laying claim to an American identity inclusive of their religious identity. In the pages of temple-supported magazines, such as the *Berkeley Bussei*, Nisei argued that Buddhism was both what made them good Americans but also what they had to contribute to America, a rational and scientific religion of peace in a series of five two-hour lecture over five nights.

The study class series livestream will be available online through a link available at the Buddhist Study Center website, <http://bschawaii.org>. Pre-registration is required and the lectures are free and open to the public. Due to concerns with COVID-19, we are limiting the amount of in-person attendees to 30 people. Donations to the Buddhist Study Center are gratefully accepted in the spirit in which they are given. Detailed information and the full syllabus are available at <http://bschawaii.org>. For more information, please call the Buddhist Study Center at (808) 973-6555.

## June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1 10:00 am</b> Monthly Service Kula Hospital  <b>7:00 pm</b> Bondance Practice	<b>2</b>  <b>6:00 pm</b> ~ 8:45 pm Judo	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5 9:00 am</b> First Sunday Dharma Family Service & Children's Dharma School Baccalaureate Service	<b>6</b>  <b>6:00 pm</b> ~ 8:45 pm Judo	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9 9:30 am</b> ~ 12:00 pm Senior Program  <b>6:00 pm</b> ~ 8:45 pm Judo	<b>10</b>  Office Closed * King Kamehameha Day	<b>11</b>
<b>12 9:00 am</b> Family Service	<b>13</b>  <b>6:00 pm</b> ~ 8:45 pm Judo	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>6:00 pm</b> ~ 8:45 pm Judo	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19 9:00 am</b> Family Service	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26 9:00 am</b> Family Service	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  *Flower reception date for the plant sale		

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