



Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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Sunday, September 4, 2022 , 9:00 a.m.
FIRST SUNDAY FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE
DHARMA SCHOOL

Sunday, September 11, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE

Sunday, September 18, 2002 9:00 a.m.
FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE

Sunday, September 25, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE

PEACE DAY SEPTEMBER 21

In the spirit of promoting Peace Day in Hawaii and throughout the world, we invite the world to join us in ringing bells for PEACE DAY. At 9:00 a.m., we will have a minute of silence. Immediately following the minute of silence, bells will be rung. Come to temple to ring bells in person. Or register here by September 12, 2022 to participate online:

bit.ly/PeaceDay2022

MINISTER'S MESSAGE



(Photo Credit: Alex Wang. Source: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wildlife/birds/kolea/>)

Why did the Shin Buddhist cross the road?

To get to the Other Shore.

—Shinran-*shōnin* (never said that)

「彼岸」

Higan literally means the “Other Shore” and in Jōdo Shinshū Hongwanji tradition refers to the Pure Land of Amida Buddha, *Sukhavati*—the Realm of Ultimate Bliss, Nirvana, Supreme Enlightenment, and Oneness with Amida. In Japanese tradition, *Higan* marks the seasonal equinoxes. *Higan* is also referred

to as *o-higan*, using the honorific prefix “o-” to express reverence and gratitude for the significance of the event. The Equinox occurs twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall, when day and night are exactly equal. The Autumn Equinox traditionally marks the end of the heat of summer and start of the cold of winter.

Twice a year, we mark the Equinox as the perfect moment in our unrepeatable life to pause and sincerely reflect upon the balance between our spiritual and secular lives.

In our secular lives, we are always busy with all kine stuff at each stage of life: students are starting a new year full of hope, young people are discovering a brave new world, parents (and grandparents and uncles and aunties) are frantically running around and amazed how fast the kids are growing up, retirees are wondering how they’ll fill the day, caregivers are pondering how they’ll find enough time in the day... and life goes on. Which is why today, right now, *higan*, the Equinox, is the perfect time to reflect upon the reality-as-it-is of your unrepeatable life—just as it is—and who you are in this moment—just as you are.

One of the joys of living on the temple grounds of Makawao Hongwanji is the rare and wondrous presence of the *kōlea* Pacific Golden Plover birds who begin arriving in August to winter in Hawaii, flying thousands of miles from Siberia and Alaska in a single flight! The temple’s *kōlea* birds can be seen protecting their turf fearlessly from the chickens of Makawao, random magpies, and that Buddhist priestly guy who hangs around the temple.

For this city boy, whose childhood memories of birds are limited to sparrows and pigeons fighting for fast food french fries and hamburger bun crumbs on asphalt parking lots of Los Angeles, the idea that a bird would fly thousands of miles to winter in Maui is absolutely...understandable! Doesn’t everyone appreciate how amazing life in Makawao is in every moment of every day? Beaches and mountains and water falls! Birds! Chickens! Goats! Rabbits! Horses! Trees! Avocados! Papayas! Hibiscus! It’s eerily quiet as soon as the sun goes down but oddly noisy early in the morning—no need alarm clocks because the neighborhood roosters have a daily Zoom meeting at 3:35 a.m., always forget to “mute” their MICs, and refuse to admit they are hard of hearing so they cock-a-doodle-doo at maximum volume.

For Shin Buddhists, *higan* also marks a time for reflection, meditation, and re-dedication to living this life to the fullest, embracing the joys and sorrows of human life—and everything in between—just as it is. Shan-dao, the fifth of the Pure Land Masters revered by Shinran for revealing the doctrine of the Nembutsu path, teaches the Parable of the White Path as a metaphor for our journey in this unrepeatable life. A river of fire (anger) and a river of water (greed) separates this shore (*shigan*) (our lives in the “real” world) and the other shore (*higan*) (the Pure Land of Amida Buddha). The only way to cross the two rivers is a narrow **white path**, which is only four inches across. This is the Path of Nembutsu, NamoAmidaButsu, Mindfulness of Amida.

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On this shore, you hear voices of Bandits saying, “You’ll never make it! Give up and stay where you are! You’ll never be good enough! You’ll fall off the path!” On this shore, you hear wild animals and beasts growling and fighting over who gets to eat you!

On this shore, you hear the calming voice of Shakyamuni Buddha saying, “Take refuge in Amida Buddha’s Great Love and Great Compassion, you are already embraced never to be abandoned, just as you are! Have no fear!”



From the Other Shore, you hear “Namo Amida Butsu”—the Calling Voice of Amida—“Proceed on the Path with singleness of heart. You will not drown in the River of Fire, or the River of Water. You will not be hurt by bandits, you will not be eaten by wild animals! You will cross to the Other Shore without fail.”

The White Path crossing the River of Fire and the River of Water is, of course, our lives in the “real world”—chased by bandits and wild animals, we desperately seek refuge but the path is narrow, we have doubts, we have fears, we get distracted, we are lost. On this Shore, our lives are filled with shouting voices telling us, “Buy this, want more, get ahead!” “Bandits”—corporations who want ALL of our money—yell at us, “Use this shampoo, you’ll always look young! Eat this, you’ll live forever! Invest in this, you’ll retire comfortably! Buy this, you’ll have peace of mind!” On this Shore, our lives are filled with wild animals and beasts growling at us, “Hate the other!” “Give into your anger!” “Destroy them!” The River of Water, our greed, tells us, “If I only had more money, I’d be happy!” The River of Fire, our anger, fear, and doubt, insists, “I’m right, they’re wrong!”

Shakyamuni Buddha teaches in a calm voice, “Life is a winding road filled with potholes of pain and suffering. Selfishness causes all the suffering in your life. Eliminate selfishness, and suffering ends. The way to eliminate selfishness is the Noble Eightfold Path.” Amida Buddha calls to us, “If the Eightfold Path is difficult, or if you are unable to achieve the perfection of the Six Paramita, take refuge in Namo Amida Butsu, and you will reach the Other Shore of Enlightenment, without fail, through Birth into the Pure Land.”

When we are brought to truly hear Namo Amida Butsu, the Calling Voice of Amida Buddha, the inconceivable power of the Vow to Save All is already working in our lives ceaselessly to guide us to the Faith of *shinjin*, the Heart of Great Compassion and the Mind of Non-Discrimination of Amida Buddha.

Higan, when day and night are exactly equal, is a perfect time to reflect upon the balance between our spiritual and secular lives. Everything we need has been given to us: Are we truly living the Life of Nembutsu, the Life of Gratitude, making the effort and taking the time to be humble, grateful, kind and gentle? Truly reflect upon the balance between your “real world” life and spiritual life, and you will realize everything is as it should be, the *kōlea* birds have come back, life goes on naturally unfolding to its own cadence, creating the rare and wondrous opportunity for you to truly appreciate and savor this moment of this day of this unrepeatable life!



NamoAmidaButsu!

Rev. Kerry

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



WHO'S YOUR HERO?

We all have heroes who have helped us as we were growing up. Who's yours? While watching the Boy Scouts help us during our major events in July, I thought about one particular hero in my life who helped me during my grade and high school years while I was a Boy Scout in troop 18, sponsored by Paia Hongwanji. Wayne Masato Kono was our scout master for many years and nurtured several hundred boys at our troop. Almost every weekend we had some kind of activity to do with Masato's planning. I remember Masato driving the plantation labor truck, with wooden benches across the back of the bed, taking us all around the island. It was something we all looked forward to and had fun while learning a lot. It seemed like Masato dedicated those years to help us grow up. We even had Boy Scout dances at our social hall at the church and Masato drove us and our dates to the Kahului Dairy Queen after the dance. It was a big treat and I'm sure our dates were thrilled to ride in the back of the truck to eat the ice cream cone or dilly bar at Dairy Queen! Masato helped many of us to attain the rank of Eagle Scout and we had one of the highest percentage of Eagles for troops in Maui. Masato later married Yasuko Kono, who some of you may remember, and resided in Pukalani.

Masato was one of my many heroes who I will be gratefully thankful to and think of him especially when I see the young men and women growing up and helping our temple in our many activities. Do you remember and thank your heroes who helped you?

May you all be happy and well!

Clyde



SCOUT NEWS: Pack 18 kicked off the new scouting year with a Campfire meeting, filled with songs and skits that had scouts dancing, laughing and raising the roof!

IN MEMORIAM

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

Family of the **Late Mrs. Harumi Ushijima** (97) who passed way on July 16, 2022.

September & October 2022 Memorial Anniversaries

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

1st Year Memorial Service 2021

September 06 Yoshito Nishikawa
September 06 Hisao Yoshizu
September 25 Ayame Kametani

1st Year Memorial service 2021

October 24 Frank Munden
October 24 Paul Takeshi Otani

3rd Year Memorial Service 2020

September - None

3rd Year Memorial Service 2020

October - None

7th Year Memorial Service 2016

September 01 Agnes Tsuruko Ariyoshi

7th Year Memorial Service 2016

October - None

13th Year Memorial Service 2010

September - None

13th Year Memorial Service 2010

October - None

17th Year Memorial Service 2006

September 11 Umeyo Kiyota

17th Year Memorial Service 2006

October 10 Yoshiko Sentani
October 14 Roy Tadaichi Ishizu

25th Year Memorial Service 1998

September - None

25th Year Memorial Service 1998

October 02 Haruko Taketa
October 12 Katsumi Okazaki
October 18 Yasunari Hamai

33rd Year Memorial Service 1990

September 23 Kanichi Taketa

33rd Year Memorial Service 1990

October 08 Wataru Okamoto
October 24 Takushi Minobe

50th Year Memorial Service 1973

September - None

50th Year Memorial Service 1973

October - None



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.

Thank You!

Contributions July 27, 2022 to August 26, 2022

DONATION:

Burton Onikama

Shave Ice sales – Jasmine and Rielyn Domingo

Daikon donation – Henry Koja

In memory of Moriaki and Sumiko Nakashima – Myles Nakashima

In memory of M. Kawaharada family – Nancy Shimoda

In memory of Shizumura and Nagahiro families – Roy and Ann Toma

In memory of Isao Kametani, Harlan Kawahara, Clyde Matsui, Mitsuko Matsui, and Clayton Sato, Michael and Kay Ogasawara

In memory of Edward Nakamoto, Doris Nakamoto, and James Nakamoto – Harriet Kitazawa

In memory of Mitsutoshi Terada – Hatsue Terada

In memory of Sam Morikawa and Ed Kagehiro – Sylvia Saiki

In memory of Hitoshi Yamashita (7th year memorial) – Cathlyn Watanabe

In memory of Betsy Matsumura – Glenn and Lori Okimoto

In memory of Harumi Ushijima – Alton and Susan Watanabe

In memory of Lei Matsumura – Robert and Iwa Yoshioka

In memory of Misao and Kazuo Tamura – Merle and Lorna Beghtel

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

115th and 50th ANNIVERSARY DONATION:

Robert and Iwa Yoshioka

Allen and Janet Fukuda

NOKOTSUDO:

Susan and Alton Watanabe

Kenneth and Debra Okuno

Emiko Nakamura

In memory of Misayo and Hideo Nakamura – Louise Yue

OFUSE:

Funeral service for Harumi Ushijima – Family of Harumi Ushijima

Funeral service for Kaori Mizomi – Family of Kaori Mizomi

3rd year memorial service for Michael and Miyoko Suda – Mavis Suda

17th year memorial service for Motoshisa Unemori and 25th year memorial service for Tsuru Unemori – Family of Tsuru Unemori and Motohisa Unemori

7th year memorial service for Jean Migita – Carol Matsumoto, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Migita,

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Matsumoto, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hanagami, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Migita,

Sheri Matsumoto, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Nakahara

17th year memorial service for Umeyo Kiyota – Family of Umeyo Kiyota

In memory of Motohisa Unemori and Tsuru Unemori – Charlotte Kennedy

In memory of Kinuye Nihei – Calvin and Sharon Higuchi

In memory of Jean Migita – Todd Hanagami and Wendy Yokoyama

AmazonSmile Charitable Donation: \$47.95

Thank you to customers who shop at smile.amazon.com and have selected Makawao Hongwanji as their charity.

RECYCLE: \$43.85

Thank you for recycling!



MHBT DHARMA SCHOOL Starts September 4, 2022.

As we begin another Dharma School year, we looked back at an article written by Dr. Cliff Tokumaru in the September 1982 issue of MHM Newsletter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHILDREN, By Dr. Cliff Tokumaru

(MHM Newsletter September 1982.)

“I don’t think that there’s a single parent who doesn’t wish for his children to be truly happy. Deep down in every parent’s heart there is a tremendous yearning that his children will lead full, meaningful, peaceful and happy lives. This seems to be true throughout the world

Amida Buddha, who is like our spiritual parent, likewise has just one basic wish: That all suffering ends and that all beings be truly happy. The difference between us as parents and Amida as a parent is that Amida’s concern for his “children” is infinite unlimited ... and unconditional. His compassion always embraces all of us but the question is whether or not we will wake up to this compassion. In order to experience this kind of awakening, all we have to do is listen with all our might to the Buddha’s Teachings. Once this happens, and only when this happens, can we become truly free, truly human beings and truly happy.

Starting soon, on September 12th, there’s going to be a good opportunity to expose our children to this wonderful Teachings. Reverend Soga, the Kyodan officers and the Buddhist Education Committee really hope that all parents will take up this opportunity by encouraging all children to register for Sunday School and attend the family service regularly. As parents we ought to do this if for nothing else for the of the children.”



MHBT Bodhi Tree: Floyd Nagoshi mounted the plaque for our Bodhi Tree, just in time for our anniversary celebration on October 16, 2022.



MEMBERSHIP DUES

**Did you send in your membership dues?
Thank you to those who have already paid.
Except for Emeritus members, you are not a
sustaining member until dues have been sub-
mitted. Please send in dues by September 7,
2022.**

Thank you.

MAUI UNITED Jr. YBA

BAKED MANJU SALE: The Maui United JR YBA will be making, with the help of Diane Kosaka, Makawao's Sweet Potato Manju on Monday, September 5, 2022. This fundraiser is for the Hawaii Jr YBA Federation's project to support the World Central Kitchen. If you are interested in purchasing manju please contact any Jr YBA member or Diane Nako (808)281-0058. Cost: \$6.00

PANDA EXPRESS FUNDRAISER: Thank you to all who participated on August 12th. Friends and family from near and afar such as Hawaii, California and Arizona supported us through their online purchases!

AMIDA, I Choose You! Was the 65th Jr. YBA State Convention held in June 2022. Here is Part II of the convention activities. (Part I was printed in the July newsletter, pg. 7.)

After morning service on the second day we held our general assembly meeting:

Highlights of the meeting were:

Nomination/Election of 2022-2023 Federation officers:

President: Chad (Chihiro) Okawa (Oahu)

Vice President: Kaylie Okuni (Maui)

Secretary: Emma Fujikawa (Honolulu)

Treasurer: Jaimee Yokoyama (Maui)

Two resolutions were presented during the general assembly and were adopted:

Resolution for Inclusive Membership (submitted by United Jr YBA of Honolulu) and

Recognition and Awareness for Gender Neutrality (submitted by United of Oahu)

After our general assembly meeting the Jr's participated in energizing, hands-on and fun workshops led by Hawaii Island. The Jr's learned how to make baked manju from start to finish (including enjoying the finished product), bon dance workshop and onenju making for the Sadako Legacy project. Pictured are the Jr's having fun in the bon dance workshop (Jaimee and Kaylie), manju making (Wesley and Jaimee) and oneju making (Kaylie). To be continued next issue



MAKAWAO HONGWANJI HISTORY

By: Marilyn

Who are these Dharma School students and parents? Do you recognize them? If you have pictures of Makawao Hongwanji activities, please share them with us. We can scan pictures and return them to you. Please include year, activity, and names of people if known. Thank you, arigato!



1988 Sunday School kids.



1995 Disneyland Trip



2018 Hilo Trip Dharma School



MAKAWAO HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE
Council Meeting Minutes Highlights
August 7, 2022



1. Treasurer's Report: Fred Wong reported that we should be on budget for 2022.
2. Minister's Report: Report submitted. Rev. Kerry will be off island on the following dates: Aug. 8-19, Sept. 14-26, Sept. 22-26, Oct. 6-11, and Nov. 8-15, 2022. Lay speakers for Sunday Services will be scheduled.
3. Pauwela Cemetery: Report submitted. Gail reported that property appears to be maintained in satisfactory manner.
4. July Garage Sale: Report submitted.
5. Obon 2022: Report submitted.
6. Anniversary Celebration October 16, 2022: Co-chairs Karen Ishizu and Diane Kosaka reported that plans are coming along.
7. Virtual Lay Convention 2022 on Zoom, September 16-17 2022: Delegates will be Jean Heselden and Bobbi Nakagawa, Carol Yamamura will be non-voting observer.
8. Passive Income Fund Raising Ideas: Glenn Hamai of Finance Committee will present ideas at a future Council Meeting. Anyone with additional ideas or comments can submit to Glenn.
9. August 2023 Summer Break for Temple: Council approved taking a Summer Break for Sunday Service for the month of August starting 2023. Temple Office would remain open.
10. Buddhist Education: Minister's Report.
11. Activities: Next event will be Senior Fair on October 29, 2022 with participation by Makawao BWA.
12. Membership: Report submitted.
13. Funeral/Columbarium: Report submitted.
14. Properties: Report submitted.
15. Jr YBA: Jaimee Yokoyama reported the following:
 - Panda Express fundraising on Friday, August 12.
 - Nenjus will be made for sale for Onenju for Peace Project.
 - Manju sale on September 4-5.
16. BWA: BWA will participate in Oct. 29 Senior Fair. Peace Day Project will include origami cranes to be distributed by businesses, Peace Day is September 21 of each year.
17. Dharma School: Monthly sessions starts again on Sunday, September 4, 2022.
18. Preschool: Detail discussion on status of preschool.
19. Senior Program/Project Dana: August 11 meeting will be in-person. This week's session will feature sushi making instruction by Jean Nishida.

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

GRATITUDE

IT'S CELEBRATION TIME at MHBT!

Sunday, October 16, 2022

9:00 a.m.

On October 16, 2022, Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will be celebrating two special anniversaries:

- 1) 115 years since the founding of our temple in Paia.
- 2) 50 years since the opening of our temple at its present location in Makawao.

Attendees will be able to connect with our ancestors and realize that our history runs deep throughout each precious year of existence. We are who we are thanks to those from our past, our present and those with similar beliefs for the sustainability of our temple for the future.

The day will open with a service followed by a special slide show capturing the history of our temple, highlighting activities and friends from years ago to the present. JoAnn Yosemite, representing the Yosemite family, will give her recollection of what life was like living at the temple when it opened in 1972. Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani will share the history of the bodhi tree that was planted for the 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2007.

Also, take this opportunity to meet our most noted guests who belong to an elite group known as our Keirokai members. As you see and hear about them, you will soon understand why we are so fortunate to have each and every one of them in our lives.

Following the service, we will exit the temple to gather around the bodhi tree. Rev. Kerry Kiyohara will dedicate the bodhi tree commemorative plaque, which was donated by Michael Emura of Emura's Trophies & Awards. Eaton Piero donated the mahogany backboard and helped with the mounting. Members and friends have worked to maintain and beautify the area.

Before we adjourn for lunch, a group picture to commemorate this double anniversary will be taken in front of the temple. We invite everyone to participate in this historic occasion.

These anniversaries are made possible by members and friends such as you, who continue to participate in and support the temple's activities. Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple would be truly honored by your presence at this celebration.

SENIOR PROGRAM

In August the Seniors got together for a day filled with activities. We started the day with Teacher Jean showing us how to make the small sushi rolls. We were challenged but we were also successful! And it was so delicious.

Later Marilyn showed us how to make origami hearts. These hearts are going to be used during Peace Day. Look for them in displays at our temple. We're so proud that we could contribute to the display.

We concluded with lunch – the main dish was the sushi. So-o-o Onolicious! Please come join us on the second Thursday of September (September 8) at the Dana House. We always have an activity and then we have lunch - all sprinkled with lots of talk story and laughter (so nice to see everyone again). Come join us!



レッツ日本語！ Let's Nihongo!

(1) Saturday Japanese Classes

Makawao Hongwanji is launching weekly Saturday Morning Japanese Language Classes in September 2022. We'll be forming small group classes (maximum seven students) by experience/fluency levels, meeting for 45 minutes each, as a start. We have no idea how many students will be interested and at what level, so please be patient as we improvise and adapt!



Beginner: no/little “exposure” to Japanese culture and language

Intermediate: some “experience” with Japanese culture and language

Advanced: comfortable “fluency” with Japanese culture and language

(2) Survival Japanese 1-2-3 for Locals with Japanese Faces!

Three one-hour workshops will prepare you with “survival” Japanese—words and phrases that will help you enjoy your visit to Japan, whether it’s your first time or 10th time. Special focus will be given to the challenges facing locals from Hawaii when they visit Japan, with emphasis on the common experiences of Japanese-Americans “speaking Japanese” in Japan!

Presentation: 45 minutes | Talk Story/Q&A: 15 minutes

Presenter: Kerry Kiyohara

We'll figure out the schedule when we have at least 10 people signed up!

(3) Just for Fun: “*Gaman*” “*Mottainai*” “*Baka*” and other words from Buddhism!

Living in Hawaii, you might be surprised how many “Japanese” words are used in everyday conversation. But you might not know that many of these “Japanese” words are actually Buddhist in origin! We'll cover a range of words many people in Hawaii are familiar with, and explore what the original meaning of words mean in modern times.

Presentation: 45 minutes | Talk Story/Q&A: 15 minutes

Presenter: Kerry Kiyohara

We'll figure out the schedule when we have at least 10 people signed up!

Sign-up Today!

TELEPHONE: (808) 572-7229 Temple Office, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and tell Rie which classes you'd like to sign-up for!

ONLINE: Temple Website: MakawaoHongwanji.org, click on “Sign-up”

MHBT yummy pickled peaches available for purchase.



Gallon peaches in syrup, \$45.



3 oz dried peaches, \$4.

Experience Buddhism

Experience Buddhism through insights, ideas, and practice of simple rituals of meditation, chanting, mindful movement, and the offering of incense, flowers, time, and energy in gratefulness.

We'll meet in the main hall of the Temple and everyone is welcome to come as you are. There are no fees. Offerings and donations are always welcome but not expected. Our gatherings may be canceled on short notice due to Rev. Kerry's schedule but we'll do our best to stay on track.

Experience Buddhism: Meditation *Breathing in Gratitude*

Expressing gratitude for this unrepeatable life can be as natural as breathing. Learn a simple breathing meditation you can practice any time, anywhere, and in-person on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 7:00 p.m. at the Makawao Buddhist Temple. Just Say Mahalo!

Experience Buddhism: Chanting the *Shōshinge*

The *Shōshinge* is the most sacred hymn written by Shinran-*shōnin*, founder of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji tradition, and traces the lineage of Pure Land doctrine from the Buddha and the Seven Masters of the Pure Land Way, crossing borders, cultures, and languages from India to China to Japan over millennia.

Learn to chant the Shōshinge as meditation, as academic framework for understanding the Pure Land Way, or simply because it's much more fun to chant with others!

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays

Sunrise	6:00 a.m.
Mid-Morning	10:00 a.m.
Mid-Afternoon	2:00 p.m.
Sunset	6:00 p.m.

COMING SOON!

Experience Buddhism: Insights, Ideas, and Practical Techniques for Modern Life

Buddhism & Burn-out
Buddhism & Compassionate Leadership
Buddhism & Creativity
Buddhism & Coming Out

Experience Buddhism: *Sahō*: Mindfulness in Movement

Bowing, Walking, Sitting as Meditation
Eating is Our Practice: Expressing Gratitude Three Times a Day

Experience Buddhism: *Fuse* Offerings of Incense, Flowers, Time & Energy

Buddhist Flower Arrangement
Incense Appreciation
Project Dana: Compassion in Action

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BISHOP'S CORNER

July 2022

**“Ring Your Bell for Peace Day
Aspirational Message”**

Bishop Eric Matsumoto



September 2022 will mark the 16th annual observance of Peace Day in Hawaii. As we know, in 2007, due to the efforts of primarily the Hawaii Federation of Jr. YBAs, the State of Hawaii officially recognized September 21st as “Peace Day” in Hawaii. Once again, this year we will host a “Ring Your Bell for Peace Day” (3rd Annual)” virtual event planned by the Peace Day Committee, chaired by Rene Mansho. Please join us (the Honpa Hongwanji Shin Buddhist Mission of Hawaii) so you can contribute to world peace as we host this bell ringing which is gaining recognition beyond Hawaii as people from the US Mainland and other parts of the world join us. More information including the free registration is found elsewhere in this Update. Please ask your family, friends and neighbors to join us too.

As I did recently at the Hiroshima Peace Bell Ringing Ceremony on the outskirts of Chinatown on August 6th, I would like to share a short message about the significance of a particular type of bell known as the bonsho in Japanese*. According to Tradition, this type of bell originated in India and in China, Korea and Japan, its sound is regarded as the Enlightened Voice of the Buddha calling out to us.

Traditionally, most people are familiar with this bonsho bell on New Year’s Eve, when it is rung 108 times at Buddhist Temples to awaken us from spiritual slumber so we can start the New Year fresh. The largest bonsho bell is located at the Chion-in Temple in Kyoto, Japan. It was cast in 1636, is over 10 feet in height with a diameter of close to 9 feet and weighs 74 tons. Here in Hawaii, bonsho bells are found at the Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission, Waialua Hongwanji Mission, Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin, Lahaina Jodo Mission, Paia Mantokuji Soto Zen Temple, Valley of the Temples-Byodo-in Temple, Neil Blaisdell Park, Nani Mau Gardens and at the site of the Hiroshima Peace Bell to name some. The deep reverberating sound of a large bonsho bell permeates to the deepest recesses of a person’s heart as its resonance passes through every cell of our bodies to reach the very core of our heart. There, it stirs the heart to become more open and receptive, sensitive and aware. A bonsho bell is not only heard, but felt.

In the case of the Hiroshima Peace Bell, the bell especially rings the message for world peace. However, from a Buddhist perspective, an important part of the message is that while we address the outward physical conditions such as the existence and growing proliferation of nuclear weapons and the clash of different political, social, cultural, economic and sometimes even religious institutions and ideologies which can lead to skirmishes and violence and even war, let us each not forget to also look inward into our own hearts and minds for those negative feelings and emotions of hate, greed, envy, jealousy, arrogance, and fear based on our self-centered ego which are, in many cases, the cause of our unwholesome actions and behaviors.

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Today, as we feel the sound of the bonsho bell may it touch our hearts, minds and bodies awakening us to the Enlightened Call of Great Wisdom which asks us to acknowledge the importance of mutual respect and appreciation and Boundless Compassion which aspires for the peace and happiness of all life and, even if ever so slightly, inspires us to move towards harmonious co-existence and the peace and well-being of all peoples of the world in the spirit of, as we say in Hawaii, kākou (us, we, all).

What is essential is an all-inclusive wisdom and all-embracing compassion to guide, nurture, and embrace us so we become more aware. May the sound of the bell resonate within our hearts, minds and bodies to stir the aspiration for world peace and harmony so we can truly acknowledge the words found in the Larger Pure Land Sutra, *"The land is prosperous and people live in peace, so there is no need to use soldiers and weapons. People respect virtue, cultivate benevolence, and diligently observe propriety and humility."*

Thank you very much. Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion.

**Most Japanese Buddhist temples have a smaller kansho bell which is struck immediately before a religious service starts to let people know the service is beginning.*

2022 MINISTER LAY ASSISTANT RETREAT

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2022 MINISTER LAY ASSISTANT RETREAT – OCTOBER 8-9

After a Covid hiatus, the annual Minister Lay Assistant (MLA) Retreat will be held at the Buddhist Study Center in Honolulu on the weekend of October 8-9, 2022. It will be held in conjunction with the 23rd Annual Bloom-Futaba Memorial Lectures on October 7th. Please see the attached documents for more information.

The MLA Retreat program is an update for current certified MLA's as well as an opportunity for novice temple service helpers who may want to become certified. The goal is to have trained lay assistants ready to perform Dharma services in the absence of their temple minister.

The faculty this year includes Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani, resident minister of Moiliili Hongwanji temple and Hongwanji-ha certified ritual instructor, and retired BCA minister Dr. Rev. Kenji Akahoshi who will lead the Dharma workshops.

Registration requires your temple minister's endorsement.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	2	3
4 9:00 am Family Service First Sunday Dharma Family Service & Children's Dharma School	5 Office Closed *Labor Day	6	7	8 9:30 am ~ 12:30 pm Senior Prgram 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	9	10
11 9:00 am Family Service	12 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	13	14	15 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	16 (9/16 ~ 9/17) 2022 State Lay Convention	17
18 9:00 am Family Service	19 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	20	21 Peace Day 9:00 am Bell Ringing	22 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	23	24
25 9:00 am Family Service	26 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	27	28	29 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	30	

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