



Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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Sunday, January 1, 9:00 a.m.
NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE
OZONI REFRESHMENT

Sunday, January 8, 9:00 a.m.
FIRST SUNDAY FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE
MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE
DHARMA SCHOOL

Sunday, January 15, 9:00 a.m.
FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE

Sunday, January 22, 9:00 a.m.
Goshoki Ho-onko

Sunday, January 29, 9:00 a.m.
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



New Year's Greeting

Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

In view of the Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022, as Nembutsu followers who have deeply inscribed in our hearts and minds Shinran Shonin's message of "May there be peace in the world," we firmly stand against the military infringement of the other nation's sovereignty, and also aspire for immediate return of peace in Ukraine.

Over the last year, COVID-19 continues to be a global pandemic. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to those who fell victim to the disease and express my sympathies to those who are undergoing treatment. I would also like to express my respect and sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and other frontline medical professionals who have been engaging in the treatment of infected people, as well as all essential workers who have made it possible for us to continue with our lives.

The pandemic has forced us to learn firsthand that we will continue to be confronted by unexpected situations even in modern times despite technologies both in science and medical fields being highly developed. Sakyamuni Buddha, who passed on the Dharma to us, made clear that there is no life nor entity in this world that lasts forever. This truth, the principle of impermanence, has never changed even in this time and age approximately 2500 years since his time. Another fact that does not change is our inability to accept this truth as it is, and because of this, we continue struggling.

This is the very reason why, regardless of the pandemic, we can rely on the Jodo Shinshu teaching clarified by Shinran Shonin, which guides us as a spiritual foundation that enables us to move forward even when being overwhelmed with difficulties. A gathering at the temple with Amida Buddha as its center provides a great opportunity to receive the Dharma as well as an occasion in which people can support and reassure one another as fellow practitioners who follow the same teaching.

I hope you will continue to share the teaching within the greater society through various ways and your temple will or continue to serve as a place where people can gather and find comfort in its activities. I humbly ask for your understanding and cooperation in support of your temples. I would like to conclude my new year's greeting with my heartfelt appreciation to you all.

January 1, 2023

OHTANI Kojun
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Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-h



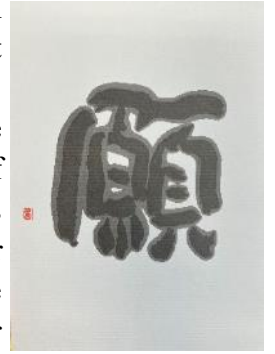
2023 Bishop's New Year's Message

My New Year's Resolution is...



Let me take this precious opportunity to wish you a sincere “Happy New Year!” More than any other time of the year, the start of the year is a time we are filled with hope and expectation for a brighter and better year.

While, we may have personal desires and goals for myself, let us not forget to also have more inclusive aspirations and goals which embraces all others. In the words of Mitsuo Aida, whose calligraphy piece for Gan (or Negai in vernacular Japanese) is reproduced here, he says very different from personal wishes centered only on oneself are wishes such as: may there be no wars, aspiring for peace and harmony in the world, and may our human contrivances not contribute further to the contamination of our natural environment of the land, sea, and air. When we sincerely embrace these sorts of wishes, they are referred to as “Gan” (or aspirations or vows). If held deeply in our hearts, even the tiniest aspiration will be reflected in our eyes and faces. May we embrace vows and aspirations within our means and contribute to a brighter prospect for our future.



When I look at Mitsuo Aida's calligraphy above, I am reminded of Amida Buddha's 48 Vows especially the Great Compassion of Amida Buddha which promises “If those who entrust themselves to my Vow should not be born [in my (Pure) land], I shall not become Buddha.” which expresses Amida Buddha great aspiration by conditioning the Buddha's own Supreme Enlightenment with the Enlightenment of all others including you and me. Could there be a greater wish or aspiration? Please reflect on this matter.

Further, let us make manifest our Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Theme & Slogan for 2023 which is “Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together.” As Shinran Shonin rejoiced in one of his poems, *The light of compassion illumines from afar; Those beings it reaches, it is taught, Attain the Joy of the Dharma, So take refuge in Amida, the great consolation.*

Do not keep that joy and happiness of the Nembutsu hidden within you. Culturally, for many of us, being reserved and somewhat stoic is a culturally emphasized trait, but when it comes to the Joy of Buddha-Dharma, “No enryo (Don't hesitate)” would be my recommendation. Let it flow from the depths of your being outward and allow it to be known to others. This is, one way, we are able to share our joy. Needless to say, this “Sharing Joy Together” is not limited to our close circle of family and friends, but it does start with them.

To conclude, once again, I hope you detached Gomonsu's “Our Pledge” from last year's Hawaii Kyodan Calendar and have it where you and others can see and recite it daily as it shares how we can live our life together. As I express my best wishes to you for a happy, joyous and meaningful New Year, please join me in awareness, joy and gratitude of Great Wisdom and Compassion which guides, nurtures, and embraces us (eventually transforms with birth in the Pure Land of Enlightenment), to recite Namu Amida Butsu or The Buddha's Name Which I Call (in gratitude) in response to Namu Amida Butsu or The Buddha's Name That Calls Me (to entrust). Namu Amida Butsu. Thank you and, once again, “Happy New Year” from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's Office of the Bishop.

In gassho/anjali, Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop
January 1, 2023

President's New Year's Message for 2023 Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

Happy New Year! Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu! Hauoli Makahiki Hou!

I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and in good spirits as we enter the New Year, 2023. The COVID-19 situation in the USA has improved over the past year with the development of effective and safe vaccines and antiviral treatments. However, over 1 million Americans (and much more worldwide) have died since the pandemic started in 2020. The COVID-19 virus still results in serious illness and death for susceptible people. Therefore, we must continue to be cautious and respectful of others. Simple guidelines that we can follow include vaccination, staying home when sick, handwashing and wearing masks when close to others. Please try to be safe as we re-open our temples.



As we move into the new year, we will reflect often on our theme and slogan for 2023, “*Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together*”. As we reflect, let us remember the concept of **ondobo-ondogyo** as a guide to our thoughts and action. Shinran used this phrase to explain that we are all fellow travelers, or companions on the Nembutsu path. Shinran saw himself as an ordinary person, a *bombu* (foolish person) walking the Nembutsu path along with his Dharma friends. In Shinran’s view, we are all equal. As fellow travelers, we share each other’s joys and sorrows, each other’s burdens and celebrations. In **ondobo-ondogyo**, there is a profound sense that we are equal and interdependent. Also, with the spirit of **ondobo-ondogyo** there is a natural experience of gratitude as we give support, and we are in turn supported by the presence of our fellow travelers.

As we look back on our journey for the past few years, let us express our appreciation to our ministers and temple leaders for their dedication, resilience and creativity in sharing the Nembutsu teachings with our community under difficult circumstances. And, let us continue on our journey in joy and gratitude for Amida’s universal and unconditional compassion for all.

With Gassho,

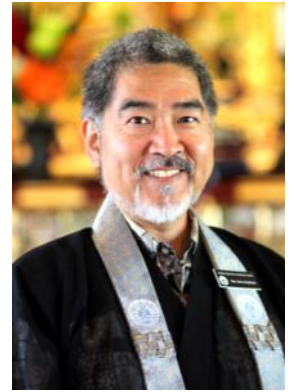
Warren Tamamoto

President, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Buddhist Christmas *and* Buddhist New Year!

Born Japanese-American Buddhist in America, I've always had to balance the different and sometimes conflicting sides of who I am. As an American, I have always respected how my Christian friends were filled with such joy when observing and celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Being an LA boy, I also learned how my Jewish friends observed Chanukah traditions—and how my Chinese-American friends loved Jewish people because they always ate Chinese food at a Chinese restaurant on Christmas Day.



Born in 1960, I grew up watching “A Charlie Brown Christmas” on the TV, listening to a reading of “’Twas the Night before Christmas”—and NORAD tracking Santa’s progress—on the radio(!), and going to the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra’s annual free Christmas Eve Concert, which was a mind-blowing experience for a kid growing up in South-Central LA. Christmas morning, we’d wake up early and run to see what Santa had left in our Christmas stockings, excitedly imagining what that big box from Uncle Lefty might contain, and pretending to be amazed the milk and cookies for Santa were gone! Later in the day, we’d gather at Uncle Tak and Auntie Aiko’s place for a huge potluck dinner.

As a Japanese-American Buddhist, the following Sunday, we’d attend service at Senshin Buddhist Temple, then go home and take down the Christmas tree and decorations, and...clean up the entire house because that’s what Japanese people do—the *ōsōji* “big clean-up” before the end of the year. That week, we’d be at Bachan’s house every day because the whole clan gathered to prepare the special New Year delicacies, including the *tai* sea bream because it was *omedetai*—a play on words that means “honorific cause for celebration,” just as *kombu* sea weed was special because *yoroko (m)bu*, Japanese for “to be happy”.

On New Year’s Eve, we’d go to the temple for New Year’s Eve service to listen to the ringing of the temple bell, and we’d be at Bachan’s house for dinner and watching the *Kōhaku Utagassen* “red vs. white singing contest”), which mystified this LA boy who much preferred the Motown sound over “*enka*”. At midnight, Uncle Ronnie would grab his shotgun and fire off a couple of blank rounds!

The next morning, we’d wake up early to the aroma of Dad cooking his classic *o-zoni* “honorific mixed boil” which consisted of carrots, *daikon*, *mitsuba* greens, *mochi* in a *dashi* and *shōyu* based soup. We all loved toasting the *mochi* in the oven and eating it with *satōjōyu shōyu* sweetened with sugar. Then, it was off to the Temple for New Year Day service, more *mochi* and *o-zōni*, and then to Auntie Sachi’s house where my mother’s side of the family, the Nakawatase clan, would gather for a massive feast, somehow fitting 70 people in a 800 square foot two-bedroom, one bathroom house.

THEN, it was time to head over to Bachan’s house to celebrate with the Kiyohara clan, where the spread was truly hmongous even by Japanese-American standards. Uncle Lefty would be grilling the teriyaki chicken outside, Auntie Aiko, who was originally from Hawaii, would have make her famous mac potato salad, and there’d be a “Chinese Chicken Salad” a delicacy of LA in the 1960s-70s that my Chinese-American friends would always say, “You know that’s not really Chinese food, right?” and then “Can I get a second helping, it rocks, dude!”

Whew! Now it’s time to watch the Rose Bowl game on TV...which means every Uncle will be sleeping in about 10 minutes, and all the aunties will be talking story in the kitchen, so the cousins could run outside to get into trouble.

In reflection, these memories are the core of my identity as a “Japanese-American Buddhist.” The “Japanese” side of me knows firsthand how much work is involved in preparing for a New Year feast. So, when Bachan and Dad insisted we put our palms together in *gasshō* and say, *itadakimasu* “we gratefully receive this food”, and *gochisō-sama* “(we thank the) honorific running around persons” after eating, we knew what it meant because we watched our uncles and aunties running around, and we all helped in the kitchen, setting the table, and cleaning up.

The “American” side of me loved the pageantry of Christmas season, the story of the birth of the baby Jesus, the tale of Santa and his reindeer, the Christmas lights, decorations, and music, and how indeed people seemed to be happier and nicer at Christmas. The “Japanese-American” side of me was always amused at the contrast of how Bodhi Day was a big deal only to Buddhists and the observance paled in comparison to the religious significance of Christmas for my Christian friends and Chanukah for my Jewish friends, and how a quiet reflection at the past year while listening the temple bell was completely different than the American “Let’s get wasted, dude!” on New Year’s Eve.

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New Year's Day was "nurse your hangover" day for most of my friends but for me, January 1st was the one day of the year you would be eating unlimited quantities of once-a-year, insanely delicious, homemade foods for every meal, a special time when I truly knew at my core I was part of two families and extended families (more than 100 people!).

The Buddhist side of me was cultivated by attending services in the temple and listening to Dharma Talks. Even as a kid and teenager, when I listened to the Dharma, I began to realize the Truth of Non-Self, the insight of Oneness and interdependence, applies to ME! All this amazing food is not possible without seeds, soil, water, sunlight, air, farmers, truck drivers, grocery clerks, and uncles & aunties & cousins planning the menu, shopping for the ingredients, and then preparing, cooking, and serving the food (and cleaning up afterwards).

And each year, as my cousins and I grew up, our Bachan and uncles and aunties started talking about aches and pains and getting old, the older cousins went off to college, fell in love, got married, and had kids (new cousins!). And eventually, it was me graduating high school, going off to college, falling in love and getting married, having kids, and now grandkids! The Truth of Impermanence is intuitively obvious when I put my ego on pause for a moment.

As we begin 2023, a new year in this unrepeatable life, let us reflect upon the people, causes, and conditions that brought us to this time, place, and occasion. Let us remember we have been given the opportunity to create memories for other people in our lives because we wouldn't be here without them. Let us pause for a moment to listen and truly hear the Dharma Teachings because they are for us, just as we are.

Mimy and I thank you for your friendship and support in the past year and wish you all a happy and prosperous 2023!

Namo Amida Butsu,
Rev. Kerry



Our grandson found his presents early!

MHBT ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Everyone's invited to attend Makawao Hongwanji's Annual Membership Meeting to be held on Sunday, January 29, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Those sustaining members present at the Annual Membership Meeting shall constitute a quorum.

The minimum agenda for this meeting will include:

1. A written report presented by the President concerning the work of the Temple and its related activities during the preceding year.
2. Approval of the actions of the Council and its activities of the preceding year.
3. A written budget for the upcoming year presented by the Treasurer and/or the Director of Finance Committee.
4. Approval of the 2023 budget.
5. Notice that a full financial report is available to any sustaining member upon request.

The Fukunaga Dana Award will also be presented by a representative from Wailuku Hongwanji to this year's awardee.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



WELCOME TO 2023!

Happy New Year and welcome to 2023! It seems a little strange to me, but I can remember just recently welcoming in 2022. I'd like to give thanks to all our members and friends of the temple. Because of you, we were able to cautiously return to most of our temple activities in 2022, after over a year of having a very limited amount of in-person activities. This is part of our transient life and we must all be able to adapt to changes. I am finding it more challenging to adapt when there are so many changes in a short period of time, and I have learned to understand and accept the fact that what was considered normal a couple of years ago may not be normal today. I would never have imagined going into a bank 3 years ago wearing a mask. I'd probably be arrested. What a change!

I am very grateful for the resilience and boundless energy of our Board of Directors who have volunteered to serve another term, and for all our sangha who helped to guide and lead us through the year. I would like to ask for everyone to join me in welcoming in the New Year 2023! Wishing all of you a happy and healthy new year!

We hope that you can join us at our annual General Membership Meeting on January 29, immediately following our Sunday service.

May you all be happy and well!

Clyde

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Advisors: Robert Yoshioka, Calvin Higuchi, Nalani Archibeque,
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January & February 2023 Memorial Anniversaries

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

1st Year Memorial Service 2022

January 26 Leroy Michio Shibuya
January 31 Harriet Harue Owara

3rd Year Memorial Service 2021

January - None

7th Year Memorial Service 2017

January 10 Nadao Makimoto
January 24 Masaya Kametani
January 28 Jason Mitsuaki Kawahara

13th Year Memorial Service 2011

January 10 Chiyono Ito
January 16 Allan M. Iwaishi

17th Year Memorial Service 2007

January 06 Mitsuo Honda
January 10 James Tatsuo Tanaka
January 11 Robert "Heko" Taniguchi
January 15 Sueko Sameshima
January 17 Clara Masae Hamai
January 25 Jean Chikuko Shimahara

25th Year Memorial Service 1999

January 01 Tetsuji Tagawa
January 17 George Kazuto Murashige

33rd Year Memorial Service 1991

January - None

50th Year Memorial Service 1974

January 03 Ryunosuke Kanamori

1st Year Memorial service 2022

February 11 Namiko Nakagawa

3rd Year Memorial Service 2021

February 13 Yoshio Kijima
February 16 Helen Freitas

7th Year Memorial Service 2017

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February 23 Narue Nitahara
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17th Year Memorial Service 2007

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February 07 Akira Hedani
February 08 Ethel Mitsue Okazaki
February 16 Yoshimi Uchiyama
February 20 Mitsie Mitsuko Abe

25th Year Memorial Service 1999

February 03 Tsuruo Imamura
February 07 Masami Masusako
February 14 Shizuko Hashimoto
February 15 Tamashi Sumida

33rd Year Memorial Service 1991

February 02 Shinichi Robert Akemoto
February 13 Kana Nakasato
February 28 Harue Yamazaki

50th Year Memorial Service 1974

February - None

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Contributions November 26, 2022 to December 25, 2022

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33rd year memorial for Raymond Akeo Nakamura – Amy Curry and Colin Nakamura

17th year memorial for Mitsuo Honda – Richard and Betsy Honda

50th year memorial for Kazuto Masuda – Ken and Susan Cassman

In memory of Hatsuichi and Shizuko Nishiyama – Janet Okuhama

In memory of Aryn Tanaka – Hiromi and JoAnn Tanaka, Mark Tanaka, Mitzi Tanaka

In memory of Masamitsu “Sam” Tanaka – Hiromi and JoAnn Tanaka, Mark Tanaka

In memory of Tetsuo and Katsue Aoki – Gail Terada

In memory of Clara Hamai – Clyde and Gail Hamai

In memory of Roy G. Onikama – Burton Onikama

In memory of Kenneth & Mitsue Sato Kubo and Kubo family – Marian and Robert Merce

In memory of Susumu and Tamae Murashige – Mitzi Yamamoto

In memory of Toshio and Tomie Okuda – Melvin and Carole Endo

In memory of Mitsugu and Rachael Jio – Beryl and Patrick Jim

In memory of Tadashi and Hatsumi Sugimura – Warren and Marian Sugimura

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In memory of Hideo and Misayo Nakamura – Louise Yue

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17th memorial service for James T. Tanaka – David Tanaka

AmazonSmile Charitable Donation: \$77.53 (July 1 – Sept 30)

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

December 2022 Plant Sale a Success

By: Sharon Higuchi

Despite facing severe conditions due to the drought, deer overpopulation and mandated County water restrictions, plant donors persevered, and the donated plants made for a very successful fundraising event. In fact, the July and December 2022 Plant Sales made the second highest amount of money in 20 years!

Thank you to the following plant donors: Galan Arakaki, Lynn Fujimoto, Janet & Allen Fukuda, Sharon & Calvin Higuchi, Noboru Hironaka, Shigeru Karakawa, Harold Makimoto, Pam Murakami, Ray Nakagawa, Tommy Nishida, Michael Nishimoto, Sharon Nohara, Warren Orikasa, Amy Teves, Laura Ujiiie, and Iwa & Robert Yoshioka. If your name was inadvertently left out, please contact the office.

Thank you to the volunteers who, among other things, set up and dismantled the tent, loaded and transported plants, priced and cleaned up the potted plants, counted money, helped customers and answered questions, carried plants to cars, and set up and organized the plants. Without these volunteers, the Plant Sales would not be possible: Sean, Carlys and Tori Higuchi, Amy Teves, Cy Yoshizu, Tommy Nishida, Chris Wong and others.



Thank you to the public for appreciating and buying plants which help to keep Maui green and beautiful. Thank you to all for supporting MHBT. We look forward to your continued help for the next Plant Sale in 2023.

Thank You!

MAKAWAO HONGWANJI PRESCHOOL



What a happy group of preschool children as we practice for the Holiday Program which was videoed and forwarded to preschool families. Our preschool is also having a fundraiser of Kalua Pork, 1 lb at \$11, made by Pukalani Superette to be picked up by January 9, 10, & 11. There are still a few tickets available at our church office. We wish you all a happy new year!

Group Photo from MHBT 50/115 Anniversary

The professional group photo, with a caption at the bottom and the power lines edited out, is now available on the temple's website for you to download.

- Please click on the link below, or copy it into your web browser.

<https://www.makawaohongwanji.org/blog/makawao-50th-and-paia-115th-anniversary-celebration>

- Small size/low resolution version is in the photo gallery, if you would like a thumbnail size.
- High resolution **7MB** version of the photo is in a frame below the gallery. Please use this one if you want to have a print made.
- To download the photo to your computer, right mouse click on the photo, click on “save image as”, and then choose where on your device you want to save the photo. These steps should work whether you are a Windows or Apple user.
- To download to your phone, the steps might be different, but it can be done.

Winter Garage Sale 2022

Thank you to all our hardworking garage sale team and volunteers who worked really hard to make the garage sale such a huge success. We were also grateful and happy to see our regular customers who come early every year and wait in the cold to be sure to get a good spot at the front of the line. This year the first in line was Mochizi Fernandez who got there around 4 a.m. Joining her a little later was her friend, Rae Sabas. Thanks for coming out so early!



We heard many compliments for the items being so clean and each item had a price on it. The team of ladies and gentlemen worked from morning to late afternoon for two weeks, cleaning, scrubbing, polishing, testing appliances and audio items to make sure they worked. There were so many toys for Christmas; many were like new and that made it a great place to find bargain toys for kids. All thanks to Sharon Nagoshi who single-handedly priced and bagged all the hundreds of little toys with so many small parts. Sharon's toys even overflowed into the Temple pews!

Our on-site artist, Julie Biddle has a great eye for displaying all the beautiful paintings and valuable art works. Because of the nice displays, many art works sold very well.



In crafts and gifts, Jean Nishida and Jean Heselden sold many wonderful

quilts, bags and pot holders, etc. made by the ladies of the BWA sewing club. Kudos to the sewing craft ladies!



Out back in the furniture department, our guys worked hard moving some rather large furniture and all sorts of camping gear, golf clubs and beach chairs, etc. Ray Nakagawa's team this year was manned by Eric Hirose, Arlen Ito, David Yoshida and Rogers Ishizu. Thank you for your hard work, gentlemen!

In the food department, this year the ladies prepared delicious Maki Sushi under the direction of Mimy Kiyohara. The sushi had many different ingredients that

made them so delicious. Even Reverend Kerry got his hands in the sushi preparations. There were about 8 ladies helping to roll the sushi. Thank you everyone for the delicious sushi. We also had Marilyn M. and Sharon N. and their crew making spam musubi while Diane K. & Diane N. served up great chili bowls from the kitchen. Everyone knows to be in the kitchen crew you have to be there from 4 – 4:30 a.m. Thank you to Rie & Donald Taketa who show up so early in the morning to start baking their delicious biscuits. And to all who arrive so early to help prepare the food for us, big MAHALOS!



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We also received a lot of donated baked items from the BWA ladies to add to the country store. Everything was so festive and delicious!!! Thank you, ladies !!!

Let us also not forget our brave parking lot attendants. This year's crew was spearheaded by Judo Instructor Claude Morreau and Floyd Nagoshi who put up all the signs ahead of the event. Thank you to the Judo dads...they are the first to arrive in the dark at 4:30 a.m., but still customers come before them!

Our plants sale provided by the Higuchi family and friends certainly add to the event's success. Everyone has to stop and look and end up purchasing the beautiful, healthy plants on display. There's a lot of work that goes into the raising and caring for the plants throughout the year. Many thanks to our plant sellers, Sharon & Calvin Higuchi and their dedicated plant suppliers.

In the main hall, where most of the items are sold, there are many "regulars"- elves specializing in clothing, jewelry, Kitchen wares, dishes, linens, hardware, collectibles, crafts and Christmas items. Mahalo to all our hardworking elves, Scouts & Judo volunteers who bring this event to the public every year to support the Temple and to recycle back to the community. When we think about it, the Garage Sale & Bazaars do play a part in ***Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together***, which is the Hongwanji's theme and slogan for 2023.

Happy New Year Everybody! ...until next time...!



Gardening Tips for a Changing Environment

By: Sharon Higuchi

Just as we age and deal with the realities of less acute hearing and vision, less flexibility and vigor, less muscle strength, etc. plants also adapt to survive. Here are some tips for gardeners in a changing Maui environment:

You may have encountered in your garden or have seen as you drive about, large trees and shrubs drying out and dying. At a recent Arbor Day event, I encountered Ernie Rezens (beloved plant guru) and some Maui Association of Landscape Professionals (MALP) ladies and asked them about my yellow lehua tree with brown leaves. Both said to deep water plus Ernie said to be sure to sterilize implements after cutting off branches so as not to spread any diseases. Unfortunately, even native trees cannot survive the long-drawn drought. One lady said she had the same problem and watered her ohia tree deeply and it revived.

The deer problem is acute and you probably know of people who have hit a deer while driving or have had precious plants eaten up in their yards. Books will often mention plants which are deer resistant, but caution that when starving, the deer will eat anything. I've heard and read that the only plant that the deer won't touch is taro. I've also heard that the deer stay away from plants with strong scents such as rosemary and lavenders. Fortunately, from my experience, these plants are easy to grow Upcountry.

Do you have chickens which dig around your plants, sometimes making a mess and uprooting emerging seedlings? One solution is to put potted plants in your garden, discouraging chickens from digging up the roots as they search for insects to eat. Plant pots of succulents and desert rose and put them where you don't want the chickens to dig. Be sure to pot plants which can take the heat and drought conditions.

Sometimes we have to be realistic. Climate change will not be solved instantly and drought conditions will persist into the future. Much as you love hydrangeas, for example, shade and water loving plants will not survive without much special attention. Your yard doesn't have to look like Arizona, but we need to select plants which will survive the present dry conditions. Potted plants can serve to discourage chickens from digging but watering the potted plants can also water the plants around them as water trickles out of the bottom.

By dealing with change, we can keep Maui green and beautiful!



MAKAWAO HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Council Minutes Highlights Sunday, December 11, 2022



1. Corrections from Ballot for 2023 Officers, Directors, and Advisors: Lois Nishikawa as advisor rather than Andy Hirose.
2. Minister's Report: Report submitted.
3. December 3, 2022, Garage Sale: Report submitted.
4. December 3, 2022, Plant Sale: Report submitted.
5. Summer 2023 Garage Sale: Karen Ishizu led discussion on possible date change to June instead of July, 2023.
6. Legislative Assembly February 10-11, 2023, in Honolulu in-person and via Zoom: Voting delegates will be Carol Yamamura via Zoom and Jean Heselden in-person. Rev. Kerry will also attend in-person and vote. Observers attending via Zoom will be Sharon Higuchi, Gail Hamai, and Clyde Hamai.
7. Shinnenkai Drive Thru on Saturday February 4, 2023: Bobbi led the discussion on details for this event in lieu of an in-person celebration. Council approved.
8. Obon July 21-22, 2023: Council agreed to hold a 2-night event in 2023. Diane Kosaka will be the Kitchen Coordinator. No more memorial lanterns will be offered. Scouts from Torrance, CA will be visiting and participating with the set up and fun according to Rev. Kerry.
9. Island-wide Hanamatsuri April 2023: Karen Ishizu discussed the concerns of the island-wide Hanamatsuri Committee. Much labor goes into the event with fewer and fewer people participating. 2023 is Makawao's turn to organize the event and take refreshments. The next Central Maui Hanamatsuri meeting is Feb. 6. We need someone to represent our Temple at the meeting. Makawao must decide if we will continue to participate.
10. Fujimatsuri 2023: Makawao Hongwanji will participate in the May 28, 2023, Fujimatsuri, to be held in Lahaina.
11. Buddhist Education: January 15, 2023 will be an island-wide Dharma School Kick Off event.
12. Membership: Report submitted.
13. Funeral/Columbarium: Report submitted.

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



2023 HONPA HONGWANJI CALENDAR

The 2023 calendar is ready to be picked up in the office if you have ordered. If you did not order, our office has a few extra calendars.

**Let's meet up with family and friends again
in 2023 !!!**



From Honpa Hongwanji Headquarter's Update

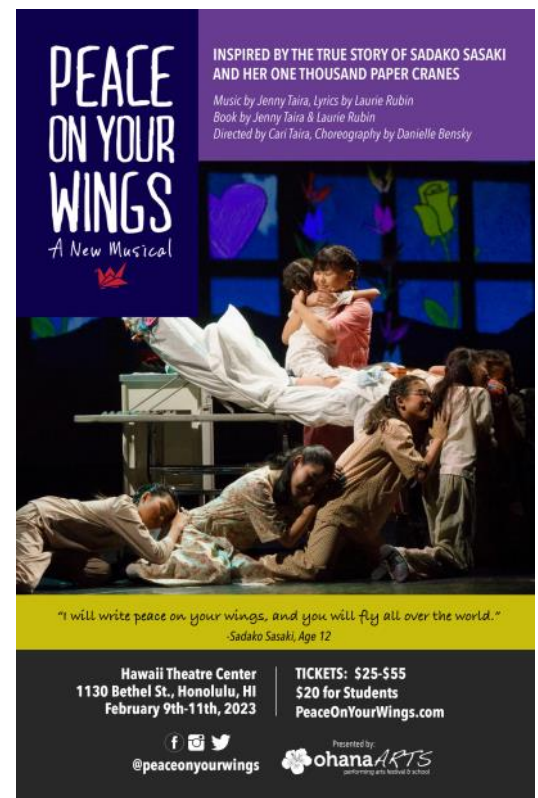
STATE DHARMA SCHOOL GATHERING

Our 4th Virtual Statewide Dharma School Gathering, "Sharing Our Joy" will be held on Sunday, February 19, 2023 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Zoom. Our service will feature Dharma School student emcees representing each of our Hongwanji districts. Acting Rimban Yuika Hasebe, from the Hawaii Betsuin will be our guest speaker and will also present a message in the Adult Breakout Room. Dharma School students will be in their own breakout rooms creating haiku based on the theme, "Sharing Our Joy," then sharing their creations once all participants return to the main meeting room. The last hour will be a gathering for Dharma School Teachers/Educators and will feature a Dharma School resource presented by Reverend Kevin Kuniyuki along with some time for sharing of successful in-person activities by Dharma School teachers. We welcome participants of all ages to join us! (Registration Link)

DOCUMENTARY FILM – CARVING THE DIVINE

The Hawaii premiere of the award-winning documentary film "Carving the Divine" will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2023, 11:30 am - 2:00 pm at Hawaii Betsuin, sponsored by Buddhist Study Center, Hawaii Buddhist Council and Hawaii Betsuin. It provides a fascinating look into the journey of mastering a 1,400- year-old tradition of the Busshi. Yujiro Seki has captured on film a world unknown to most. The journey of becoming a master sculptor of Buddhist images is one in which one also gets to know oneself. Meet the producer, Yujiro Seki in person. "Carving the Divine" has been shown at 30 film festivals in 22 countries winning awards at 13 festivals such as the Best Director Award of a Foreign Language Documentary at World Cinema Milan and premiering at the famous Raindance Film Festival in London.

PEACE ON YOUR WINGS "Peace On Your Wings", an Ohana Arts original musical based on the true story of Sadako Sasaki and her one thousand paper cranes, written by composer Jenny Taira and lyricist Laurie Rubin; directed by Cari Chung; and choreographed by Dani Hannah Bensky. Sadako Sasaki was made famous for having folded over a thousand paper cranes to fulfill an old Japanese legend that would grant one wish to anyone who would fold one thousand cranes. To this day she is a reminder of innocent victims of war, and her story of her thousand paper cranes have inspired a movement of folding cranes for peace. "Peace On Your Wings" was born from an idea sparked by Bishop Eric of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii to create a touring musical with a Buddhist message. Composer and Ohana Arts co-founder Jenny Taira suggested the writing of a musical adaptation of 12 year-old Hiroshima atomic bomb victim Sadako Sasaki's true story. "Peace On Your Wings," shares the message, "Ichi-go ichi-e," meaning "one chance, one meeting," or "today is the first and last day of your life" through Sadako's determination to focus on living every moment of life to the fullest, even as her health steadily declined. She became world famous for folding over a thousand paper cranes to fulfill the challenge presented by an old Japanese legend which promised that a wish would be granted to the folder of a thousand origami cranes. Long after her passing, her story lives on, and her paper cranes have become the symbol of a global peace movement. The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii provided funding through grants to produce the show for an Oahu premiere in 2014, and a subsequent tour to the neighbor islands of Kauai, Maui, and the Island of Hawaii in 2015. The show has been embraced by Jodo Shinshu Buddhist communities nationwide, and the show has continued touring with performances in Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, San Jose, and Sacramento. Ohana Arts will be remounting the production this February 9th - 11th, 2023 at the historic Hawaii Theatre. This short 1-weekend run will premiere a newly revised version of the show (with new songs!) that will be taken to Hiroshima next summer for its official JAPAN PREMIERE, starring this all-youth, Hawaii-based cast! There are only four performances, so be sure to book your tickets early.



Statewide JR. YBA REPORT

Hi Everyone,

On behalf of the Hawaii Federation of Junior YBAs, we hope you are all doing well! The last few months, Juniors have been busy with their Hawaii Buddhist Youth Month fundraising efforts. Every year, the congregation picks an organization they would like to support through community-focused or fundraising events. The year of 2022, we are supporting World Central Kitchen, a Humanitarian organization currently working to support victims in Ukraine. Listed below are a few events our Juniors led to help fundraise. A portion of their proceeds will go to World Central Kitchen to support their work.

- Hawaii: Managed a feed the hungry project
- Honolulu: Planning a CPK fundraiser & sold shaved ice at Bon Dance
- Kauai: Recycled temple members' cans and bottles
- Maui: Baked and sold sweet potato Manju to temples
- Oahu: Baked and Distributed Manju at temples across the Central Oahu district

Overall, all the Uniteds' fundraisers or community service efforts were successful. Thanks to Mr. Burt Tsuchiya, who led a Manju making workshop at the 2022 Jr. YBA Convention, some of the United's could apply his lessons and baked delicious Manju, which pleased many customers.

We are currently looking forward to two in-person events. After conducting meetings and get-togethers virtually over the last two years, it will be nice to see everyone together again. In January, the United of Maui will host the Winter Federation Meeting- the first In-person Federation Meeting since the pandemic. In the summer of 2023, the 66th Jr. YBA State Convention will be held. Hosted by the United of Oahu, the theme is Sangha- Our Interdependent Environment, which is inspired by the television series *Avatar the Last Airbender* and focuses on Environmental Awareness.

After passing a resolution in 2022, anyone can join our organization regardless if they are members of a temple. If you have any questions or are interested in joining, please check our website: <https://www.hawaiijryba.com/>. We encourage you to join!

In Gassho,
Chad Okawa,
President, Hawaii Federation of Jr. YBAs



December Birthdays Celebrated with yummy cupcakes and candles!!!

January 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:00 am New Year Day Service Ozoni Refreshment	Office Closed *New Year's Day Observed		10:00 am Monthly Service Kula Hospital	6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:00 am First Sunday Dharma Family Service & Children's Dharma School	6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo			9:30 am ~ 12:00 pm Senior Program 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:00 am Lay Dharma Family Service	Office Closed *M. L. King. Jr. Day			6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:00 am Shinran Memorial Service (Ho-on-ko)	6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo			6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo		
29	30	31				
9:00 am Family Service Installation of officers & Annual Membership Meeting	6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo					



2023 SHINNEN ENKAI NEW YEAR DRIVE THRU

What a year 2022 has been! As we did our best to get back some “normalcy”, we had our Summer Garage Sale/Bazaar, Winter Garage Sale, and we had our annual Obon. On top of that, we had our Paia 115th/Makawao 50th Year Anniversary Celebration. We thank you for all your support!

Although we will not have an in-person Shinnen Enkai event, we will be bringing in the new year with a Shinnen Enkai Drive Thru with a treat of bento.

Please turn in the order form on the next page, or email your information as instructed, by January 24, 2023.

We would love to see you Saturday February 4, 2023, when you pick up your bento and wish you a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**



Happy New Year 2023!!

Bento Drive Through

Saturday February 4, 2023
from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
at Makawao Buddhist Temple
1074 Makawao Ave.

FAMILY NAME:
FIRST NAME:
Phone or email:
HEADCOUNT:

Bento will contain teriyaki chicken, nishime, pickled vegetable, rice, dessert, and a party favor as the temple's gift to celebrate the new year with our Sangha. Bento will be distributed cold so you can take it home to heat up.

Please R.S.V.P. by January 24, 2023

Email your information to:

makawaofoodorders@gmail.com

Or

Mail this form to:

Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
P.O. Box 188
Makawao, HI 9676

Mahalo!

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Mahalo!