



Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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SUNDAY SERVICES ARE IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAMED

Sunday, September 3, 9:00 a.m.
FIRST SUNDAY FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE
MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE
DHARMA SCHOOL

Sunday, September 10, 9:00 a.m.
FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE

Sunday, September 17, 9:00 a.m.
FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE
DHARMA SCHOOL

Sunday, September 24, 9:00 a.m.
FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE
Zoom Peace Day Service from Honpa
After Family Dharma Service

PEACE DAY
Hawaii September 21st

Ring Your Bells for Peace Day

Please come to the temple to ring bells in person on
Thursday morning September 21, 2023.

Program starts at 8:30 a.m.

Virtual event live streamed on Zoom.

Or register by September 12, 2023 to participate online at
<http://bit.ly/PeaceDay2023>

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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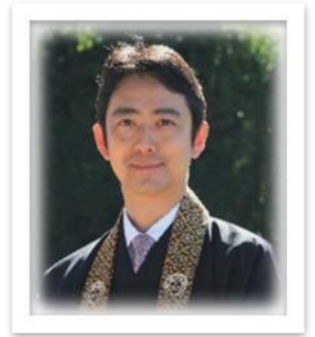
August 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

“Statement regarding the Disaster on Maui”

I would like to express my deepest condolences to those who lost their lives as a result of the disaster in Maui, and my heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost their homes and are living as evacuees.

The fire that broke out on August 8, 2023, devastated the city of Lahaina. As of today, 93 people are confirmed to have died, and more than 2,000 buildings have been damaged or destroyed. The historic town of Lahaina, which was once the capital of the Hawaiian Kingdom and a beautiful tourist destination visited by many people, was burnt to the ground.



Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, located in the center of the city, was not spared the destruction by the fire. The Resident Minister, Reverend Ai Hironaka, his family, and many of the temple members have safely evacuated and are currently living a life of inconvenience. As for the damage to the temple, it is expected to take some time to confirm its state, partly because the town is under lockdown.

The history of the Lahaina Hongwanji Mission began in 1904. Since then, the light of the Nembutsu Dharma has been successfully passed down through the dedication and contribution of the Resident Ministers, their families, temple members, and many people in the community. Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, along with other churches and temples, was the place of refuge for the people living in the area. I remember the sound of the Nembutsu reverberating in the Hondo on Sundays. It is truly sad for all of us that such a practice hall of the Nembutsu was destroyed by the disaster.

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii established the Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund. Since then, we have received much support not only from within the State of Hawaii but also from all over the world, including the mainland United States, Canada, and Japan. On behalf of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii ministers and members, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to those who extended compassionate words and actions for those on Maui. I would like to humbly ask for your continued support.

Recovery on Maui could take years. Many people are living in anxiety about their uncertain future. As fellow travelers of the Nembutsu, let us stand in solidarity with those who are experiencing suffering and sorrow brought about by this unprecedented encounter.

Even though the temple buildings have been damaged, our sincere aspiration of listening to and sharing the Nembutsu teaching never disappears. This is not the end of 119 years of the history of Lahaina Hongwanji. We are all the more determined to dedicate ourselves to establishing a society where the sound of the Nembutsu prevails.

May the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha embrace us all. May the sound of the Nembutsu brings us peace and comfort, and gives us the courage to move forward. Namo Amida Butsu.

Toshiyuki Umitani

Bishop

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha all. I hope you are well. The Maui Wildfire Disaster fills the news as we find out a little more each day about the wildfire's rapid spread, the work being done to care for those displaced from their homes, and the ongoing effort to find those who are still missing. We do know that the Lahaina Hongwanji temple buildings (with possible exception of the columbarium) have burned to the ground. My sincere condolences to those who have lost loved ones and sincere sympathy to those who have lost their homes and possessions.



We are grateful that there has been an outpouring of support from around the world. Donations of food, clothing, and monetary donations have arrived on Maui. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is on the ground in Maui, coordinating the disaster response with State and County agencies and personnel.

I am grateful that we (Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii) have been able to respond to this disaster, working together as a family. A GoFundMe effort was quickly organized, spearheaded by Rev. Kerry Kiyohara and has raised tens of thousands of dollars. The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's **Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund** was established with the goals of supporting non-profit agencies providing relief for everyone affected by the disaster (such as the Red Cross and Hawaii Community Foundation's Maui Strong) and the Lahaina Hongwanji temple members. Information about the Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund was shared with our sister organizations at the Buddhist Churches of America, the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada and our mother temple (Honzan) in Kyoto, Japan. We have many friends all over the world and they are eager to help.

The **Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund** has raised tens of thousand of dollars. If you are not familiar with this term, please check with your temple leaders or go to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii website at <https://hongwanjihawaii.com>. The HHMH Social Concerns Committee will be responsible for distributing the money collected for this fund drive, with valuable input from Maui members.

Here are a few of the things that we are doing to help our friends on Maui. The Social Concerns Committee helped with setting up the Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund, disseminating the information on social media and by keeping us informed of relief efforts that are available on Maui. The HHMH website is updated regularly and is an excellent place to find information about our effort to support the people of Maui. A group of ministers and temple leaders from Maui meets regularly via Zoom with the goal of connecting with Lahaina members and providing assistance with housing and other immediate needs. Phone calls to the Lahaina Hongwanji temple have been rerouted to Headquarters to help our Lahaina leadership and possibly get information about missing members. At the time of this writing, we are still trying to collect as much information about our Lahaina members as possible. Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani visited Maui on August 19th, to meet with key ministers and temple members on Maui. Thank you, Bishop Umitani.

I am thankful for the tremendous effort that our Sangha has made to help those who are suffering from the effects of the Maui wildfires. Headquarters personnel, District Councils, suborganizations such as the BWA, individual temples, and Sangha members have contributed to the relief effort. There may be more that we can do. If you have any suggestions or are able to help, please call our headquarters or send an email.

In Gassho,

Dr. Warren Tamamoto

President, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

NAMOAMIDABUTSU

What can I do” during a disaster? —*o-mimai* as an expression of caring—

As the impact of the wildfires on Maui becomes clearer each day, an all-too-human response would be to become overwhelmed emotionally, mentally, and spiritually, and frozen into the anxiety of inaction.

We are horrified, our rational minds are filled with images of destruction and anguish. Our compassionate hearts go out to so many people who have lost so much.

We want to help but “**what can I do?**”

Our compassionate hearts fill with sadness at the suffering of so many people, some we may know personally and countless people we have never met and will never meet. “**What can I do?**”

Our rational mind knows that, born human, we are simply grains of sand on the beach with waves of impermanence crashing down on us. “**What can I do?**”

This single thought-moment forces us to confront our limitations as ordinary human beings compelled to want to help, to bring comfort, to alleviate suffering, and yet ... we cannot help people as we may wish because we are, in fact, only human. “**What can I do?**”

The Japanese tradition of *o-mimai* gives us a path forward. *O-mimai* can be translated as “honorific expression of caring” to people who have experienced loss, grief, sadness, illness, or the pain of not knowing in the aftermath of a disaster.

The Japanese tradition of *o-mimai* guides us to **making the effort to express our caring**. The key insight of *o-mimai* is the expression of caring brings *our* compassionate hearts and rational minds back into balance because we re-connect with people in our lives.

In this re-connection, we truly grasp the inter-connectedness of all life, the Truth of Non-Self “it’s not about ME (my ego),” and the preciousness of this unrepeatable life and of all life.

The act of expressing our caring offers hope for people in suffering because if you’ve lost everything, knowing people care about you can be the first step toward rebuilding one’s life.

When you feel overwhelmed by “**what can I do?**”

- reach out and show people in your unrepeatable life you care
- give your ‘ohana loved ones a big hug every time you see them
- say “aloha” with kind eyes to everyone you encounter today
- gather the ‘ohana extended family together to share a meal
- just say NamodaButsu! in joy and gratitude for this unrepeatable life

All of these actions are “what I can do” today, right here, right now!

In the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji tradition, we express our gratitude for this unrepeatable life, and our connection with all life, by putting our palms together in *gasshō*, bowing our heads, and saying Namoda Butsu, Namoda Buddha, taking refuge in all-inclusive Wisdom and all-embracing Compassion.

NamodaButsu!

Mahalo,
Rev. Kerry



On August 5, 2023, our “once upon a time” Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani became our 17th Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii at his Investiture Ceremony at Honpa followed by a luncheon at the Sheraton Waikiki.



I say “once upon a time” minister because Rev. Umitani was assigned to MHBT on March 1, 2005. He served our congregation for approximate 6 years. Rev. Umitani was then assigned to Honpa as the Executive Assistant to Bishop Eric Matsumoto.

It is a privilege to have this connection with the new Bishop. Namo Amida Butsu, Bishop Umitani, as you continue your journey with the guidance of Amida Buddha.

We know in our heads that life is not predictable. But do we really consider it deep in our being? Or, will we only contemplate the thought when something destructive and devastating could happen to us? When Hurricane Dora came knocking at our doors, most thought of strong winds and the slim chance of rain. People were shocked when they tried to evacuate to find roads impassable. What was happening on the westside of the island? Only a few were aware that the Lahaina fire was consuming whatever its wicked flames could engulf. Lahaina underwent strong, unmanageable winds sprinkled with sparks that ignited dry brush that swirled unpredictably in the windy conditions. Unfortunately, the winds also affected homes on the slope of Haleakala. Many of us were in awe.

Maui continues to grieve the devastation of Dora that hit on August 8, 2023. The wind and fire were nothing anyone could have ever imagined. The acceptance and understanding of what happened will take a long time and the challenging process of planning and restructuring will be lengthy. This process will need immense patience, cooperation and thoughtful deliberation among many. Namo Amida Butsu.

I recently went to a Buddhist service where the MC shared this thought. In the face of adversity and disaster, remember the words of the Buddha: “Every experience, no matter how difficult it may seem, is a chance for growth and transformation. Just as a lotus flower emerges from the mud, our true strength and wisdom can arise from the challenges we face. Embrace the present moment with peace and harmony, for it is through facing life’s trial that we can cultivate compassion, resilience and inner peace. Keep your heart open and your mind steady, for in the midst of chaos, you have the capacity to find peace.” ***Namo Amida Butsu***

May your day be filled with smiles, laughter and kindness,

Karen

If you’d like to support on-the-ground relief efforts on Maui today, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii recommends the Hawaii Community Foundation Maui Strong Fund—100% of your donation goes directly to grants awarded to relief efforts and agencies on Maui right now.

<https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/maui-strong>

If you’d like to help Lahaina Hongwanji families displaced by the wildfires and support relief efforts on Maui, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii has established the Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund with three convenient and secure ways to donate today:

via PayPal <https://hongwanjihawaii.com/donate/>

via GoFundMe <https://gofund.me/ff77a520>

via Check payable to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii with memo: **Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief** and mail to: Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813, Attn: Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief

IN MEMORIAM

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

Family of the Mr. Warren Nishida (93) who passed away on June 25, 2023.

September & October 2023 Memorial Anniversaries

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

1st Year Memorial Service 2022

September 22 Masako “Grace” Hamai

1st Year Memorial service 2022

October 04 Misao Iwaishi

3rd Year Memorial Service 2021

September 06 Yoshito Nishikawa

September 06 Hisao Yoshizu

September 25 Ayame Kametani

3rd Year Memorial Service 2021

October 24 Frank Munden

October 24 Paul Takeshi Otani

7th Year Memorial Service 2017

September - None

7th Year Memorial Service 2017

October - None

13th Year Memorial Service 2011

September 09 Aiko Imamura

13th Year Memorial Service 2011

October - None

17th Year Memorial Service 2007

September - None

17th Year Memorial Service 2007

October - None

25th Year Memorial Service 1999

September 04 Tomie Okinaka

25th Year Memorial Service 1999

October 14 Clara Sadame Okamura

33rd Year Memorial Service 1991

September - None

33rd Year Memorial Service 1991

October - None

50th Year Memorial Service 1974

September 21 Matsuyo Murakami

September 24 Ichi Tokuoka

50th Year Memorial Service 1974

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, 2023 to August 26, 2023

DONATION:

Edward Tengan

Amy Izutsu

Alan and Susan Shimada

Irene Imada

Burton Onikama

Hale Mahaolu Central Office (Use of parking lot)

In memory of Shigemi and Gladys Ushijima, Sadao and Ruth Hamai (Obon) – Ronald and Gail Hamai

In memory of Caren Gohara (Hatsubon) – Kenneth and Lynne Enoki, Cary and Calvin Hayashi,

Lauren Gohara

In memory of Shigeru and Chiyoko Karimoto, Richard Karimoto – Toshi and Yvone Kishi

In memory of Kazuo and Misao Tamura – Kenneth and Joann Tamura

In memory of Hisao, Sueko, and Clayton Sato – Reginald and Eileen Sato

In memory of Michael Ogasawara – Grace Polido

In memory of Sadagoro and Ume Imanaka

In memory of Nadao and Aiko Makimoto – Iwa and Robert Yoshioka

In memory of Lei Matsumura – Iwa and Robert Yoshioka

In memory of Megumi “Judy” Tadakuma – Raymond and Joyce Gee

In memory of Grace and Pat Hamai, Claire Kusakabe – Paul Hamai

Human Concerns – Iwa and Robert Yoshioka

Obon – Michele Shibuya, Colbert Abe, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Kashiwamura, Richard and Amy Blue, Gail

Matsuura, Kristl Lau, Leslie and Alice Yamanaka, Scott Shiraki, Mitzi Tanaka, Paul and Jean Nishida

Obon Shave Ice donation – Jasmine and Rolyn Domingo

Fire disaster relief – Paul and Mae Matsui, David Tanaka, Scout Troop 719 BSA

Facilities donation – John Yannell

NOKOTSUDO:

George and Alice Fukushima (Obon)

Ronald and Rena Matsunaga

In memory of Kyutaro and Towa Kobayashi – Catherine Lowenberg

In memory of Susumu, Hatsuyo, and Edwin Nishiyama – Laura and Norbert Ujiie

In memory of Roy and Violet Onikama – Lone Faye Isobe and Ohana

In memory of Yoshiharu Nakamura, Kathy Nakasone, & Robin Tengan – Gay Sibonga

In memory of Yoshiharu Nakamura and Robin Tengan – Emiko Nakamura

In memory of Yoshio and Grace Kijima, Joyce Okamoto – Mark Kijima

In memory of Yoshiharu Nakamura, Reed Nakamura, Kathy Nakasone, and Robin Tengan – Lynn Nakamura

Tengan

OFUSE:

Hatsubon service for Helen Kagehiro – Family of Helen Kagehiro

Hatsubon service for Kaori Mizomi – Family of Kaori Mizomi

Funeral service for Warren Nishida – Family of Warren Nishida

Funeral service for Hideaki Hiromoto – Family of Hideaki Hiromoto

Funeral service for Harold Haruo Kametani – Family of Harold Haruo Kametani

Memorial service for Mitsuo Ito and David Ito – Family of Mitsuo Ito and David Ito

Internment service for Harold Haruo Kametani – Family of Harold Haruo Kametani

In memory of Warren Nishida – Lloyd Sodetani

In memory of Kinuye Nihei – Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Chee

Makawao Jr. YBA

By: Diane Nako

Our Makawao Jr YBA'ers had a summer retreat on Thursday, June 22, 2023 prior to attending the 66th Jr. YBA State convention. It started off with an early morning flight to Oahu headed for the Wet N Wild park in Kapolei. Before heading out to the West side of Oahu we made a quick stop off at the Don Q. store in Pearl City browsing the many Japanese goods, snacks and electronics . We managed to stay safe on the rides while having a bunch of fun! The Jr's also enjoyed staying at the Embassy Suites in Kapolei along with shopping at the Ka Makana Alii and getting to experience all you can eat Hawaii shabu shabu pot!

With an early morning start we then checked out the hotel and spent time enjoying more shopping and eating at the Ala Moana Center prior to meeting up with the other Jr' YBA'ers.

This year's convention, June 23-25 was held at the Buddhist Study Center with lodging and meals at the University of Hawaii at Manoa's Frear Hall dormitory. It was like a flashback for advisor, Diane Nako, who was once a student there many many years ago! All of our meals were at the Hale Aloha student cafeteria with self service counters offering pizza, pasta, ice cream, kalua pork, etc. which provided a wide array of choices! Our services and business meetings were held at the Buddhist Study Center which was about a ½ mile walk from our dorm but the time went by quickly as we chatted and enjoyed the walk with one another.

Jaimee and Kaylie presented the Maui United Jr YBA model contest for 2022 in which they were recognized as the best entry. Our group photos were done at the East West Center located on the University of Hawaii at Manoa's campus. This year's silent auction proceeds were donated to the Peace on your Wings musical troupe for their performance at Hiroshima, Japan.

One of the highlights of the convention was that Jaimee Yokoyama was selected Miss Jr YBA of Year and Kaylie Okuni runner up. We are also proud to say that both Jaimee (Treasurer) and Kaylie (Vice President) will continue as Federation Officers for the upcoming year!

An important resolution that was voted and passed was to the Expand age of HHMH Jr. YBA to include 6th grade and past two years post high school. For those of you who are interested or know of anyone who's interested in joining Jr. YBA please contact the office.



BWA

L to R: Karen, Marilyn, Jean, Diane, Alison.
BWA ladies visit Hale Makua on August 20, 2023. Carol also attended, not in photo.

Peace Day 2023

Be the Peace

September 23, 2023

Special Service

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Makawao Buddhist Temple

1074 Makawao Avenue
Makawao, Maui, Hawai'i

Everyone is welcome to join the Hongwanji Buddhist Temples of Maui in celebrating Peace Day 2023 through reflection, meditation, and folding of *origami* cranes, a symbol of the universal human aspiration for peace and harmony for all people and all forms of life.

9:00 a.m. Welcome

9:10 a.m. Buddhist Service officiated by
Rev. Kerry Kiyohara

Special Speaker: Rev. Shinkai Murakami

9:45 a.m. Meditation Extended Session

10:15 a.m. Peace Activities

11:00 a.m. Light vegan refreshments

Free and open to the public.

Ample parking is available on Temple grounds.

For more information, please contact

Makawao Buddhist Temple

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (808) 572-7229

or email peace@makawaohongwanji.org

This event is made possible by

Maui United Buddhist Women's Association

and

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

hongwanjihawaii.com



PACK 18 CUB SCOUT NEWS

Our Cub Scout Pack 18 made about 80 wood sifter boxes for Lahaina families when they are allowed to go back to their burned homes. Boxes are used to sift through ashes for small items.



DHARMA SCHOOL OPENING DAY - September 3, 2023

Welcome to a new Dharma School year at Makawao Buddhist Temple! Our year is September to June, with lessons and activities on the first and third Sundays with Aunty Sharon Nagoshi and Aunty Karen Ishizu. The theme for this year is THE EIGHTFOLD PATH, which are the teachings of the Buddha that help us to live a happy and fulfilling life.

Regular Sunday Family Service begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by Dharma School at 9:30 a.m., and refreshment time afterwards.

REMEMBER: On September 3, Peonies Refreshment Group invites everyone to dress in Hawaiian Aloha Attire like muu-muus, aloha shirts, any colorful "tropical" type clothes to begin the year of OHANA TOGETHER, ALOHA TOGETHER. Come join in the ALOHA SPIRIT.

MAKAWAO HONGWANJI BUDDIST TEMPLE
COUNCIL MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS
Sunday, August 13, 2023



1. Treasurer's Report: Fred reported that all is ok.
2. Minister's Report:
 - A. Rev. Kerry reported on Maui wildfire and the destruction of Lahaina Hongwanji.
 - B. Disaster Preparedness at Makawao Hongwanji - We can develop a team and a plan for disaster responses. This might include a contact communication tree.
 - C. Fundraising by Honpa - MAUI WILDFIRE DISASTER RELIEF FUND to support Lahaina Hongwanji may be made on the GoFundMe page, via Honpa's website, and by mail to Honpa.
 - D. In the spirit of compassionate action, Council approved opening up Social Hall as temporary housing if there is a need.
 - E. Camp Maluhia BSA and MHM Scouts are working on preparing the camp as temporary housing.
3. MHBT Bon Dance July 21-22, 2023: Report submitted. Repairs needed for yagura, electrical system, and rope for hoisting up lanterns were pointed out.
4. Hondo Lanai Floor Covering: Thanks to Warren Orikasa, we received a discount on floor materials. BWA will pay for half of cost. Thank you Calvin Higuchi for donation of leaf blower.
5. Just Say Mahalo T-shirt is available for purchase on the Temple website's "Store" page.
6. Buddhist Education: Rev. Kerry report in the Fall we will have two sessions of Dharma School each month, on the first and third Sundays. Family Dharma Service will be from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.. followed by the age appropriate Dharma School section by age. Refreshments will be served at 10:00 a.m.. Scouts will be able to earn the Sangha Award with this increase in Dharma School sessions.
7. Activities: December Garage Sale and Plant Sale will be held on Saturday 12/2/23. Set up will start on Saturday 11/18/23. General Clean Up day will be on Sunday 12/17/23.
8. Membership: Report submitted.
9. Funeral/Columbarium: Report submitted.
10. Properties and Repair/Maintenance: Report submitted.
11. BWA: Bingo with residents at Hale Makua is scheduled for August 20, 2023.
12. Preschool: Enrollment is 16 children, majority are boys. Per Fred Wong, financials are looking good due to grants and tax refunds.

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

MHBT Member Businesses Assist Fire Victims

Our temple members' businesses have assisted in the Maui fire disaster relief. Some include the following:

Bryant Hamai - Hamai Appliance donated refrigerators to War Memorial evacuation site.

Sean Higuchi - Anytime Fitness was a collection site for relief items for Maui fire fighters in the field and provided shower facilities at the gym for fire victims.

Carlys Higuchi - Maui Optix staff volunteered at Family Relief Center at Hyatt Kaanapali to provide for lost glasses/optometric care.

Megan Nakashima - Pukalani Superette actively setting up UPCOUNTRY STRONG collection center and distribution of goods to fire victims.

Katie Higuchi - Momentum Dance Maui collected and delivered goods for fire victims and fundraisers.

TROOP 180

By: Sheri De Jesus

At the end of summer, Troop 180 (all girls) had the opportunity to get to know visiting Troop 310G (all girls) from Torrance, CA. We joined them on a community service project at Kipuka Olowalu, enjoyed a Haleakala sunset and star gazing together and became fast friends. It wasn't since they left to return home when the Maui Fires broke out and our new friends were amongst the first to check in on our Troop 180 families.

Immediately Troop 310G went to work collecting donations for a place they had to come to love, our home, Maui. The first shipments arrive via Amazon. Troop 180 will be receiving the remainder by early September.

Mahalo also to the quick actions of the Makawao Hongwanji members for sorting and fulfilling many of the initial donation requests we received from the scout office. Two truck loads were sent to Camp Maluhia for their shelter efforts. Thank you Pack 18 and Pack 180 for all your support and efforts to help our Maui families need!



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Mark Kunimitsu of San Francisco, CA



MEMBERSHIP DUES

Don't forget to send in your yearly membership dues by **September 7, 2023** or earlier. Remember, except for Emeritus members, you are not a sustaining member until dues are paid.

So far, 84% of our members have paid dues. If you have already paid your dues, help us by reminding your relatives and friends to do the same.

**Mahalo,
Membership Committee**

SENIOR PROGRAM

By: Alison Nakagawa



Attention Seniors! Senior Program is happening in September. We took a pause in August due to the Maui wild fire disasters. But I think we are ready to get together to talk story and support each other. See you on the second Thursday in September. Please bring a sewing needle and some buttons if you have any (I have some to share).

Meeting monthly in the Project Dana House, the Senior Program offers fellowship, talk story, activities, including projects to support our temple, and sharing of food for our kupuna seniors and elders.

GIVE ALOHA!

Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program September 1-30, 2023

Give a donation to Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, up to \$249.00, by giving the Foodland cashier the ID CODE 79132.

Foodland will match a portion of your donation.

**Please send a copy of your receipt to the Temple Office
so we can credit you for your donation.**

MAHALO!

BISHOP TOSHIYUKI UMITANI INVESTITURE CEREMONY

On August 5, 2023, ten members of Makawao Hongwanji traveled to Honolulu to attend Bishop Umitani's investiture ceremony. It was a grand event, filled with tradition and ceremony. With all the ministers in attendance, the chanting and singing were enjoyably robust and grand. It was also very nice to be able to hug the first family. Most of us remember when the Umitanis lived with us for over five years when Rev. Umitani was our resident minister. Riho was born here! It was also wonderful to visit with Kenny (Marilyn's son living on Oahu) and Garrett/Ayaka (Gail's son/daughter-in-law living on Oahu).



Naho and Riho Umitani, all grown up!



Rev. Matsumoto (L) read and presented letter of appointment to Rev. Umitani from Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani.



L to R: First row - Glenn, Diane, Karen, Rogers, Marilyn, Kenny. Second Row - Bobbi, Ed, Mieko, Carol, Gail, Garrett, Ayaka.



L to R sitting: President Warren Tanimoto, Yoshio Umitani, Bishop Umitani, Rev. Matsumoto.

TROOP 18 NEWS - Scouts of Troop 18 and Troop 180 made portable bulletin boards to be placed in Lahaina for residents to post notes as well as information.



L to R: Sierra, Blake, Nevin, Wesley, Brayden, Kaikili, Keegan (friend of scout).
Adults L to R: Lorin, Glen, Russell.



L to R: Blake, Nevin, Sierra, Wesley, Kaikili, Keegan (friend of scout), Brayden.

VISITING CALIFORNIA TROOP 719 - Troop 719 and Troop 310G from California visited Makawao Hongwanji. Their visit to Maui was comprised of hiking and outdoor adventures as well as enjoying the sights and sounds of Maui. At the end of their trip, they sponsored a feast of a lunch at our Social Hall. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie, children as well as adults!





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CANE TASSELS, WORK WHISTLES AND LABOR DAY CARNIVALS
Memories of Ewa Plantation Town in the Mid-1900s

Compiled by Dennis Irie

Personal accounts of more than 60 former Ewa Plantation residents are included in this compilation by Dennis Irie. Reminisce in the glory days of growing up in Ewa! Includes over 175 pictures/maps.

The first printing has sold out and we will be ordering another set. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of this iconic book, please let us know so that we can reserve a copy for you. Estimated availability is mid-September.

Please include your name, phone number, and address for shipping

email: ewahm1901@gmail.com

phone: (808) 681-5222 (please leave a message)

Donation of \$20 will be accepted (shipping included)

Proceeds will go to repair and maintenance fund for Ewa Hongwanji Mission

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MAUI WILDFIRE DISASTER RELIEF FUND

In the spirit of compassionate action, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii has established the **MAUI WILDFIRE DISASTER RELIEF FUND**. You can donate in the following ways:

Online at www.hongwanjihawaii.com by clicking on the “Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief” button under the “Donate” tab.

Through GoFundMe at the following link: <https://gofund.me/ff77a520>

Check and cash donations can be sent directly to Hawaii Kyodan Headquarters. Please make check payable to HHMH and in the memo line designate “Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief” to ensure proper credit.

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
1727 Pali Highway
Honolulu, HI 96813

All donations collected will go to support Lahaina Hongwanji and relief efforts on Maui. The Office of the Bishop and Committee on Social Concerns will prioritize addressing the immediate and short-term needs of temple families displaced by the fires and supporting the greater community as it rebuilds. The Committee will select reputable relief agencies and organizations to support in order to ensure our donations will directly aid those impacted by this disaster.

Updates will be shared on our website at <http://honpahi.link/fire>

Mahalo for your generosity and support during this time of tragedy.



Lahaina Hongwanji
before engulfed by fire.

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00 am First Sunday Dharma Family Service & Dharma School	4 Office Closed HAPPY LABOR DAY	5	6 10:00 am Monthly Service Kula Hospital	7 6:00 pm Evening Study Class 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	8	9 10:00 am ~ 11:00 am Nihongo Class *Open House
10 9:00 am Family Service	11 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	12	13	14 6:00 pm Evening Study Class 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm	15 9:30 am ~ 12:30 pm Senior Service	16 8:30 am ~ Nihongo Class
17 9:00 am Family Service Dharma Sch	18 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	19	20 	21 8:30 am Ring Your Bells For Peace Day 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm	22  (9/21) 6:00 pm Evening	23 9:00 am Peace Day 2023 Makawao Hongwanji
24 9:00 am Family Service (Peace Day Service)	25 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	26	27	28 6:00 pm Evening Study Class 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm	29	30 8:30 am ~ Nihongo Class