



# Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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## SUNDAY SERVICES ARE IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAMED

Sunday, October 1, 9:00 a.m.  
FIRST SUNDAY FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE  
MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE  
DHARMA SCHOOL

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

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

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

Sunday, October 29, 9:00 a.m.  
SUNDAY FUN DAY SERVICE  
HALLOWEEN

# TRUNK or TREAT

## October 28, 2023

*See Page 10 for details.*



## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

### The Masks We Wear

On October 28 (Saturday), we'll host the 3rd Annual "Trunk or Treat" event, and on Sunday the 29th, we'll be having the second annual *Sunday Fun Day: Halloween*, so start thinking about your costumes now!

Halloween is one of my favorite holidays because both children and adults get to pretend to be something we are not, whether it's a super-hero, monster, or angel. From a Buddhist perspective, Halloween is an excellent opportunity to reflect upon the masks we wear everyday, how we often pretend to be something we are not, and how our self-centered Ego drives so much of what we think, say, and do.



As an "advertising man," I learned many things, including how to lie with a straight face, how to read people and then say what they want to hear, how to use the FUD factor (fear, uncertainty, and doubt) to disrupt rational thought and trigger impulsive behavior, like buying more stuff you don't actually need!

As a "minister," I am expected to wear many masks: religious leader, minister to those in need, speaker of inspirational words, thinker of profound thoughts, a learned scholar. In reality, of course, I am none of those things...I'm just good at pretending to be something I am not!

As a "minister," it is also my privilege to visit *kupuna* in senior centers, hospitals, care homes, and hospice. My "minister" mask means I am supposed to be a compassionate presence, give comfort through familiar rituals, and say profound and inspiring words.

In reality, *kupuna* always teach me something, including the power of the Nembutsu at the end of life. Embraced by Amida's Compassion and Wisdom, the *kupuna* has no doubt their Birth in the Pure Land is assured, and thus they have no fear or anxiety about dying and what happens after death. Nobody wants to die but to be able to face the reality of the Truth of Impermanence with serenity and gratitude is a remarkable thing.

There was one woman who was 100+ years old in hospice and I was called to officiate the *rinju-gongyō* bedside service since this *kupuna* had been "unresponsive" for a week. As I began the chanting, she suddenly opened her eyes, put her palms together in *gasshō*, and said, "Namo Amida Butsu! Thank you!"

When I had completed the service, she looked me in the eye, and said, "Thank you for coming. Namo Amida Butsu!" And then, "I'm hungry. I want some yogurt!" Everyone was so surprised we didn't know what to do.

It was a remarkable experience that I can only explain as Amida's Great Compassionate Vow working in my life, teaching me that I did not have all the answers, that I wasn't as smart as I thought, and that life was filled with wonderful people and inconceivable events.

I have been called many things in my professional life: CEO, COO, CMO, Consultant, Copywriter, and "you bastard!" I have been called many things in my personal life: son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather.

Each time, I wore a mask and just pretended to be something or someone that I wasn't, playing it by ear, and hoping no one noticed that I had no idea what I was doing!

Now I am called "Reverend" even though I am certainly not worthy of reverence. I am called "sensei" even though I am a total beginner as a priest-minister, stumbling and bumbling while learning the ropes of being a temple minister.

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Everyday, I learn something new about my Ego-Self, about how selfish, self-centered, and egotistical my thoughts, words, and actions are. And yet, even becoming aware of my true nature, I still revert to wearing masks, pretending to be something I am not!

The experience of *shinjin* in Jōdo Shinshū is transformative because you become truly aware of your utter humanness, and you must accept your human limitations and weaknesses, because only then will you realize that Amida's Compassionate Vow is for you and you alone.

Put simply, Amida's Compassion is so great that Amida vowed to save the "ordinary being filled with blind passions and burdened with karmic evil" — beginning with me because I am the biggest fool of them all! The hardest thing to accept in Jōdo Shinshū is that I am the object of Amida's Compassion, not because I am good or have studied hard or do pure and beautiful things but because I am karmically inept, a fool.

In the words of Shinran, **"When I consider deeply the Vow of Amida, which arose from five kalpas of profound thought, I realize it was entirely for the sake of myself alone. Then how I am filled with gratitude for the Primal Vow, in which Amida resolved to save me, though I am burdened with such heavy karma."**

Even with these words burned into my brain, I struggle to accept my foolishness and regret many things I have thought, said, and done in my life. And yet every moment of every day, Amida's Compassion and Wisdom works in my life to illuminate just how big my Ego is, and how determined I am to cling to the illusion of "self."

And so even when I remove my masks, I still cannot accept the inescapable reality that I am not Superman, Snoopy, or Wonder Woman.

What masks do you wear? Show us on October 28-29! Namo Amida Butsu!

***Namanda-boo!***  
***Rev. Kerry***

*P.S. This message was originally published October 2019. Dates have been changed for 2023's Halloween fun!*



## IN MEMORIAM

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

Family of the Mr. Harold Haruo Kametani (92) who passed away on August 3, 2023.

Family of the Mr. John Yutaka Karakawa (78) who passed away on July 30, 2021.

Family of the Mr. Thomas Kiyoshi Imoto (79) who passed away on August 28, 2023.

### October & November 2023 Memorial Anniversaries

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

#### 1st Year Memorial Service 2022

October 04 Misao Iwaishi

#### 1st Year Memorial service 2022

November - None

#### 3rd Year Memorial Service 2021

October 24 Frank Munden  
October 24 Paul Takeshi Otani

#### 3rd Year Memorial Service 2021

November - None

#### 7th Year Memorial Service 2017

October - None

#### 7th Year Memorial Service 2017

November - None

#### 13th Year Memorial Service 2011

October - None

#### 13th Year Memorial Service 2011

November 11 Lily Toshiko Okamoto

#### 17th Year Memorial Service 2007

October - None

#### 17th Year Memorial Service 2007

November 02 Yoshitaka Ushijima  
November 11 Hiroko T Yamashita  
November 17 Daniel Kiyoshi Kiyomoto

#### 25th Year Memorial Service 1999

October 14 Clara Sadame Okamura

#### 25th Year Memorial Service 1999

November 12 Kaoru Masusako  
November 23 Yuichi Okinaka

#### 33rd Year Memorial Service 1991

October - None

#### 33rd Year Memorial Service 1991

November 20 Takeshi Masusako  
November 21 Chiyome Kawamura

#### 50th Year Memorial Service 1974

October - None

#### 50th Year Memorial Service 1974

November 13 Tetsuo Mihara

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**Contributions August 27, 2023 to September 26, 2023**

**DONATION:**

Christine Kubo  
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In memory of Yoshito Nishikawa – Kay Nishikawa  
In memory of Sally Nakamura – Amy and Colin Nakamura  
In memory of Noboru Nakamura – Amy and Colin Nakamura  
In memory of Kazuo and Misao Tamura – Merle and Lorna Beghtel



**NOKOTSUDO:**

In memory of Grace Kijima – Mark Kijima

**OFUSE:**

Memorial service for Thomas Imoto – Family of Thomas Imoto  
3<sup>rd</sup> year memorial service for Ayame Kametani – Family of Ayame Kametani

**NEWSLETTER:**

Donald and Carol Matsumoto

**SENIOR PROGRAM**

By: Alison

Senior Program is on a roll. We made a fabric box in September that took a lot of patience and a lot of needle work. But, everyone was very happy with their cute fabric boxes. Thank you to Sharon and Diane for teaching the ladies. I wonder how the boxes are going to be used?

Senior Program in October will be a work day. We will be preparing for the Winter Bazaar. Come and help us make price tags. This is one way we can help and do our part for the temple bazaar. Price tags seem like a small thing but it is a very necessary part of the bazaar. We will be meeting on the second Thursday of October at the Dana House. See you at 9:30 a.m. for a work day, talk story and good eats!



## Makawao Jr. YBA

By Diane Nako

**66th Jr. YBA State Convention June 23-25, 2023: Theme - "Sangha Our Interdependent Environment"**



Our second and third day of the State convention was filled with an array of activities that kept us busy until our heads hit our pillows back at Frear Hall on the UH Manoa campus! The Jr'ers listened intently to our panel guests, Kumu Keola Kalani and his students who have taken on the project of restoring an ancient Hawaiian Fish pond nearby Pearl Harbor. The students shared with the Jr'ers their personal stories about discovery, kuleana as well as pride for their Hawaiian culture especially their love for the aina. In doing so, they made an impression on the Jr'ers that the next HBY (Hawaii Buddhist Youth) project for 2024 will be focused on each United island's lo'i (taro) or fishpond to help to promote sustainability.

After lunch, the FUN began with the Jr'ers and adult leaders getting hands/feet in mud to help at the Ka Papa Lo'i O Kanewai. What was once a massive amount of weeds in the lo'i disappeared when many hands contributed to clearing the overgrown areas. It was a feeling of getting "knee deep" into a worthy cause!. Immediately following this activity the Jr'ers participated in taiko drumming led by Jay Toyofuku. Wait, we still had the rest of the afternoon and early evening left...we hopped on a bus that took us to the Wahiawa Hongwanji bon dance! Everyone forgot about their tiredness by dancing the night away! Congratulations to the Oahu United for hosting this year's Jr YBA State Convention.

Lastly, our 2024-2025 Federation Jr YBA officers are: President, Chad Okawa; Vice President, Kaylie Okuni; Secretary, Emily Fujikawa and Treasurer, Jaimee Yokoyama. Congratulations to our officers for the upcoming year!

If you know of anyone between 6th grade to 12th grade who may be interested in joining our Maui United Jr. YBA group please contact the office.

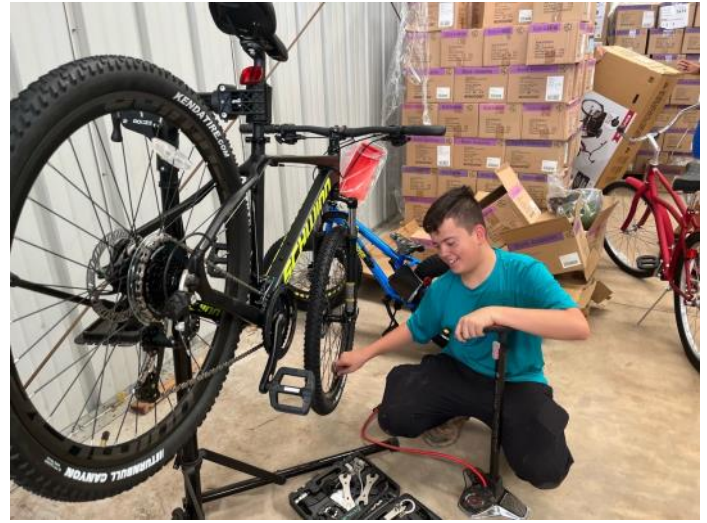
## TROOP 18 NEWS

By: Christina Wehner

This month, families of Troop 18 were invited to attend the Troop's Court of Honor. Many of the Scouts were awarded merit badges and a number of them advanced in Scout rank.

We also took part in a couple of service projects. We helped at Hamai Appliance who partnered with "No Child Hungry" and put together food boxes and hygiene bags for the fire victims. At the same time, Parker Kaho'ohanohano helped Krank Cycles build 400 bikes for victims of the Maui wildfires.

Here are a few pictures of our activities.



# Peace Day 2023

by Jean Heselden



**Ring Your Bells for Peace Day**



**Peace Day Special Service**

On Thursday September 21, 2023, we joined the Zoom version of the Ring Your Bells for Peace Day event along with hundreds of others from around Hawaii, the mainland USA, and Canada.

On Saturday, September 23, 2023, we hosted Maui's Peace Day Special Service sponsored by the Maui United Buddhist Women's Association and the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

The origami cranes are a symbol of our wish for inner peace of mind and heart for the people of Maui as we join hands to help each other rebuild after the devastating wildfires of August.

For additional information and photos, please see the blog entry on the temple's website at this link <https://www.makawaohongwanji.org/blog/peace-day-2023>

**MAHALO** to everyone who participated in this year's Peace Day activities!!



**Dharma School Students**



**Nearly 3,000 Origami Cranes Send Messages of Healing and Peace**

# PEACE



## Looking Forward to November and December 2023 AT MHBT

### **NOVEMBER**

- 5                   **Eitaikio Perpetual Memorial Service**  
First Sunday Dharma Service  
Monthly Memorial Service  
Children's Dharma School
- 12                   Family Dharma Service  
Veterans Day
- 18-30               Garage Sale Set Up
- 19                   Family Dharma Service  
Children's Dharma School
- 26                   Social Concerns Service



### **DECEMBER**

- 2 (Sat.)**           **Winter Garage Sale**
- 3                   **Jodo-e BODHI SERVICE**  
Children's Dharma School
- 10                   Family Dharma Service
- 16 (Sat.)**           **MOCHI TSUKI**
- 17**                   **WINTER GENERAL CLEAN-UP**
- 17                   No Sunday Service
- 31**                   **Joya-e Year-End Service - 6 p.m.**  
**New Year's Eve Refreshments**

#### ***About HHMH Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund***

- *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:*
  - *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*
    - *Mail to: Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, 1727 Pali Highway,  
Honolulu, HI 96813*

#### ***About the Maui Strong Fund***

- *If you'd like to donate to support 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 on-the-ground relief efforts by local and national relief agencies on Maui. <https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/maui-strong>*

**MAKAWAO HONGWANJI BUDDIST TEMPLE**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS**  
**Sunday, September 10, 2023**

1. Treasurer's Report: Report submitted.
2. Minister's Report: Report submitted.
3. Photocopier: Rev. Kerry reported progress with Maui Office Machines on copier lease.
4. Hondo Lanai Floor Covering: New floor covering was installed.
5. Lay Association Reorganization: Report submitted.
6. Bylaws Revisions: Jean Heselden distributed printed version of proposal. If approved by Council, revisions will be published in newsletter and presented for vote at the 2024 Annual Membership Meeting.
7. Preschool's Future: Bobbi Nakagawa will contact Pukalani Elementary School Principal to set up informational meeting regarding Pukalani Elementary's vision for their preschool.
8. Support for Lahaina Hongwanji Members: Discussion of how MHM will provide additional monetary support to LHM's members. Honpa will soon distribute funds to each LHM member.
9. Support for MHM Members on Water Restrictions: Karen Ishizu will contact those members that live in Kula and ask if they would like delivery of water.
10. Disaster Preparedness at MHM:
  - People: Jean Heselden will prepare a roster in a spreadsheet to use as a "phone tree" to check on wellness of church members.
  - Buildings and Contents: Jean Heselden will prepare a spreadsheet inventory, with photos, of certain building contents and replacement values for insurance purposes.
  - Documents: Important or irreplaceable documents should be stored on the cloud.
11. Tutu and Me Program: Report submitted. Council approved for Tutu and Me to use Social Hall once a week on Wednesdays. Sharon Nagoshi will serve as liaison.
12. Membership: Report submitted.
13. Funeral/Columbarium: Report submitted.
14. Maui District Hongwanji Council: The president for 2024 will be from MHM and treasurer will be Diana Kosaka.

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

## ***TRUNK-or-TREAT***

**WHEN: October 28, Saturday, 5:30 pm**

This event will include trunk or treating, picture taking, dinner and movie. More details will be sent out to Dharma School Ohana, Scouts and Judo Club. If you are not a member of these affiliates and are interested in attending, please let Mimy know via email.

Both Trunk-and-Treaters and treat givers need to sign up by sending email to [mimykiyohara@mac.com](mailto:mimykiyohara@mac.com) with "Trunk or Treating" as *subject*.



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

PEACE DAY HAWAII

September 21

International Day of Peace

# *Peace Day T-shirts*

In the spirit of promoting Peace Day in Hawaii and throughout the world, we invite you to order the new navy blue, dri-fit PEACE DAY t-shirts, which is also a fundraiser to support Lahaina Hongwanji families who were displaced by the wildfires and support relief efforts on Maui through the **Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund**.

**Order here:** [bit.ly/PeaceDayShirts2023](https://bit.ly/PeaceDayShirts2023)



- Origami Crane is the International symbol of Peace and Pink is the Island of Maui's color
- The white lotus is for purity and enlightenment

**PRICES: \$15.00 - S, M, L Children's t-shirts**

**\$20.00 - S, M, L, XL \$21.00 - 2XL, 3XL**

Cost for shipping requests to be added

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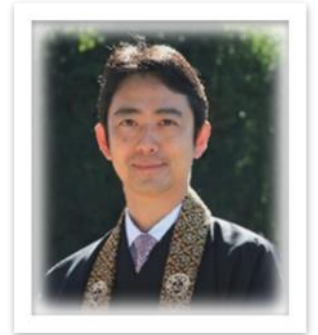
**HEADQUARTERS UPDATE**

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**September 2023**

**MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP**

The Maui wildfire has brought significant loss of life and property. The town of Lahaina has been devastated, and among the tragic loss of property was the Lahaina Hongwanji Mission. As of today, we have not yet been allowed to enter the property and, therefore, cannot officially provide the temple's status. Many people on Maui, including Rev. Ai Hironaka and his family and Lahaina Hongwanji members, continue living with grief over what they have lost and anxiety about their uncertain future. We have lost so much. What we have lost will never come back. However, despite these challenging times, there is always a lay of hope. Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is committed to extending a comprehensive and compassionate response to this unprecedented disaster. Here are some updates on the actions we have taken thus far.



- Since HHMH established the Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund on August 10, we have raised over \$400,000. We thank many individuals and organizations, including ministers, temples, BWAs, Lay Associations, Jr. YBA, PBA, BCA, Canada, Japan, and worldwide.
- The Committee on Social Concerns has donated to various organizations and affected individuals. We have processed \$2,000 Omimai for each member of Lahaina Hongwanji and other members of our Hawaii Kyodan Ohana who have been impacted by the wildfires, totaling \$222,000.
- The Maui Wildfire Emergency Response Ad-Hoc Committee, which includes representatives of the Office of the Bishop, Social Concerns Committee, and ministers and lay leaders of the Maui District Hongwanji Temples, has been meeting frequently. The Ad-Hoc Committee serves as a central coordinating forum for addressing the needs of Lahaina Hongwanji and other Maui Hongwanji temple members affected by the disaster.
- The Office of the Bishop has been closely communicating with Honzan, our mother temple headquarters in Kyoto. They have also launched a fundraising campaign and are actively soliciting donations from those who reside in Japan. The Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha and its affiliated organizations have also generously contributed financially to our relief effort.
- The State Ministers Association and the Maui Ministers Association will host the Maui Wildfires Memorial Service on Sunday, September 24, 2023, at 10 a.m., at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Hondo.

I apologize that I cannot list all of the compassionate actions you extend to HHMH and to those on Maui. If you would like to know more about our relief efforts, please go to <https://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/tag/maui-fires-2023/>.

Recently, there was news that the Lahaina Banyan Tree's greenery blooms in a sea of dead leaves. After just over a month since the blazing fires, new clusters of green leaves have begun sprouting on its massive branches. It once again reminds us of the teaching of impermanence. Life goes on. The power of life is so strong that amidst the unimaginable tragedy, we will stand strong. We stand in solidarity with those experiencing suffering and sorrow, and together, we will move forward in rebuilding our community. A new life, a new community, will sprout and thrive once again.

Namo Amida Butsu

**Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani**

**HEADQUARTERS UPDATE**

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September 15, 2023

**Committee on Social Concerns Maui Wildfire Relief Update**

In the few short weeks since we launched the Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund, we have raised over **\$400,000** as of 9/12/2023! Mahalo for your generous contributions as we support our Dharma friends and Maui residents affected by the devastating wildfires. The outpouring of aloha has been inspiring and healing for our community. We are grateful for your continued support as we help the members of Lahaina Hongwanji and others along the long road to recovery.

The Committee on Social Concerns has made the following donations from the funds collected to support relief efforts and individuals impacted by the wildfires. Omimai is an expression of caring and concern for those affected by this disaster.

**Organizational Support**

\$10,000 Hawaii People’s Fund Maui Aloha  
\$5,000 Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement Kāko'o Maui Fund  
\$5,000 Maui Mutual Aid via Grants Central Station

**Omimai**

\$1,400 Rev. Ai Hironaka of Lahaina Hongwanji Mission  
\$1,000 Rev. Gensho Hara of Lahaina Jodo Mission  
\$1,000 Rev. Takayuki Meguro of Lahaina Shingon Mission

We have also processed \$2,000 Omimai for each member of Lahaina Hongwanji and other members of our Hawaii Kyodan Ohana who have been impacted by the wildfires totaling **\$210,000**. The Maui Wildfire Emergency Response Ad-Hoc Committee provided the list of recipients.

**Immediate Emergency Relief**

Through our Social Welfare Fund, we were able to immediately support relief efforts on Maui in the aftermath of the devastating wildfires, giving **\$28,000** to various organizations and affected individuals. Your generous support of our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive ensures we have the ability to respond quickly when disasters strike.

\$10,000 Hawaii Community Foundation Maui Strong Fund  
\$10,000 Maui Food Bank  
\$5,000 Hawaii Red Cross  
\$1,000 Makawao Hongwanji to support evacuees and first responders at local evacuation center with food and water.  
\$1,000 Rev. Ai Hironaka of Lahaina Hongwanji Mission (Omimai)

\$500 Rev. Gensho Hara of Lahaina Jodo Mission (Omimai)  
\$500 Rev. Takayuki Meguro of Lahaina Shingon Mission (Omimai)

### **Support from Japan**

The Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, our headquarters in Kyoto, Japan, also generously made an initial contribution towards our relief efforts.

- 10,000,000 Yen for Hawaii Kyodan
- 1,000,000 Yen for the State of Hawaii

Honzan has also launched a fundraising campaign and are actively soliciting donations from those who reside in Japan. <https://www.hongwanji.or.jp/news/cat5/002152.html>

Monshu Kojun Ohtani, Urakata Lady Ruzumi Ohtani, Monshu Emeritus Koshin Ohtani, and Urakata Emeritus Lady Noriko Ohtani also sent messages of condolences and sympathies to Rev. Ai Hironaka and Lahaina Hongwanji members.

The Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist Women’s Federation of Japan provided financial aid to Hawaii Kyodan to be used by Rev. Ai Hironaka to purchase the necessary robes and supplies for his ministerial duties.

You can find additional updates on the Maui fire disaster from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, including ways to donate, by using the shortcut link <http://honpahi.link/fire>.

Mahalo for your continued support! Your Dana is truly making a difference during this extraordinary time of need.

In Gassho,  
**Rev. Blayne Higa, Chair Committee on Social Concerns**

### **MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENT**

**Rev. Ai Hironaka**, currently serving at Lahaina Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister, will be assigned Kahului Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister, effective November 1, 2023. He will also continue his duties as the minister of Lahaina Hongwanji Mission.

### **HHMH TRIPLE CELEBRATION**

We are pleased to inform you that the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will commemorate the **Triple Celebration on September 7 & 8, 2024**. The year 2023 will mark the 850th anniversary of the birth of Shinran Shonin, the founder of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist tradition, and 2024 will be the 800th anniversary of the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu teaching and the 135th anniversary of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Accordingly, in 2024, we will observe commemorative services and workshops on those auspicious occasions.

[Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Triple Celebration](#)

Theme: Sharing the Joy of Nembutsu Together: Our Living Heart of Gratitude

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Rev. Takashi Miyaji (Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church)

Date: September 7 & 8, 2024

Place: Ala Moana Hotel The details will be shared later.



# The “Lost” Women of Buddhism

## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Futaba – Bloom Memorial Lectures

*Sponsored by Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin*

**Friday, October 6, 2023, 6-8:30 pm**

**Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Temple**

**1727 Pali Highway**

**Honolulu, HI 96818**



**Prof. Vanessa Sasson** will discuss the role of women in Buddhism through the lens of her two academic novels: “Yasodhara and The Buddha” and “The Gathering”.

In these two lectures, Sasson will explore some of the neglected stories, beginning with Yaśodharā, the wife the Bodhisattva left behind in his quest to achieve awakening. In the second lecture, Sasson will follow Yaśodharā as she joins a growing gathering of women who hoped to receive ordination from the Buddha, so that they might practice alongside him, and we will hear about the Buddha’s complicated response.

### ***PROGRAM SCHEDULE***

***Friday Evening, October 6<sup>th</sup>***

*(All times are Hawaii Standard Time)*

6 pm Welcome and Introduction

6:10 pm Lecture: ***Yaśodharā and The Buddha***

7:00 pm Discussion & Questions 7:10 pm Break

7:20 pm Lecture: ***The Gathering***

# October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am First Sunday Dharma Family Service & Dharma School	2 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	3	4 10:00 am Monthly Service Kula Hospital	5 6:00 pm Evening Study Class 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	6	7 8:30 am ~ Nihongo Class
8 9:00 am Family Service	9 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	10	11	12 6:00 pm Evening Study Class 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	13 (10 /12) 9:30 am ~ 12:30 pm Senior Program	14 8:30 am ~ Nihongo Class
15 9:00 am Family Service	16 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	17	18	19 6:00 pm Evening Study Class 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	20	21 8:30 am ~ Nihongo Class
22 9:00 am Family Service	23 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	24	25	26 6:00 pm Evening Study Class 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	27	28 8:30 am ~ Nihongo Class 5:30 pm TRUNK - AND - TREAT
29 9:00 am Family Service ( Sunday Fun Day Service Halloween)	30 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	31				

