



# Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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## SUNDAY SERVICES ARE IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAMED

Sunday, November 5, 9:00 a.m.  
EITAIKYO PERPETUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE  
MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE  
DHARMA SCHOOL

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

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

Sunday, November 26, 9:00 a.m.  
**NO SUNDAY SERVICE**

**DECEMBER 2, SATURDAY  
WINTER GARAGE SALE  
7 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

## EITAIKYO

Eitaikyo is a Buddhist observance, usually in November. It is a memorial service to pay tribute to predecessors. This service is dedicated to all those who lived and died as Buddhists in due respect of their contribution to the growth of local sangha. It is an opportunity to express gratitude to the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Sangha.

*Jodo Shinshu, a Guide*

**ALOHA STRONG!**

The loss of the Lahaina Hongwanji Mission—the temple, education building, social hall, kitchen, and minister residence—in the wildfires of August 2023 is a tragic and painful reminder of the truth of impermanence.

The Buddha taught that all things arising from causes and conditions are not permanent, are constantly changing, and inevitably come to the end of life or existence. The Buddha taught the more we are attached to impermanent things—including ourselves—the more we suffer because things always change. We know this intuitively, from experience and observation, and yet we continue delude ourselves into thinking otherwise, that, somehow, we are the exception, and cling to our ego-centered attachments.



Letting go of attachment to form, feelings, perception, cognition, and consciousness (the "Five Aggregates") is the goal of Buddhist practice in the traditional monastic Path of Discipline.

Since we are not monks, the unthinkable loss of life, property, and community in the Maui Wildfires has been a tremendous shock of our sense of order, turning all our assumptions upside down, and challenging our delusions.

And yet, out of the ashes, arises hope as together we face the long road of recovery and rebuilding that lies ahead for everyone who lives in Maui and Hawaii.

From day one, local communities sprang into action, organizing relief efforts in any way they could—we have all been inspired by stories of neighbors helping neighbors, people helping people, entire communities coming together expressing their caring and concern for those who have lost so much.

The spirit of **aloha** (unconditional love), **mahalo** (gratitude), **‘ohana** (family) shines through the darkness, and has not been diminished by the tragedy. In reality-as-it-is, Aloha is growing stronger every day as more and more people reach out to help others to address needs and challenges in the community, both their local communities and the greater community of Maui.

**Let us focus on the spirit of aloha, mahalo, and ‘ohana as we recover and rebuild together!**

November is traditionally a time we observe *Eitaikyō*, a major service in the Hongwanji tradition, dedicated to the “perpetuation of the Dharma Teachings.” Generations of Hongwanji sangha members worked hard, sacrificed, raised funds, and in some cases literally built the temple and structures by hand! Every Hongwanji temple has an “*eitaikyō*” fund intended as a long-term capital appreciation fund that is only used in emergencies to ensure the survival of the temple and thus the Dharma Teachings.

Makawao Hongwanji Mission—temple, columbarium, social hall, kitchen, Scout House, Dana House, minister residence, rental units—is a precious gift we received from generations of honored ancestors. Makawao Hongwanji represents the gratitude, dreams, hard work, and sacrifices of the first immigrant plantation workers, and the second and third generations who ensured the survival of the Dharma Teachings through the Pacific War, end of the plantation era, and statehood.

For generations, the temple has been the center of “Japanese-ness” or Japanese values, culture, language, and traditions for the Japanese and Japanese-Americans who grew up as Hongwanji members. As the fourth and fifth generations, we face a new future where “Japanese-ness” is no longer the key to one’s identity—in the state of Hawaii, close to half of respondents say they are of “mixed” heritage—that is to say, their identity is not “Japanese”, “Japanese-American”, or “*hapa*” with Japanese/Japanese-American identity.

Thus, the role of a Hongwanji temple as the center of “Japanese” community is diminishing. And yet, it is Buddhist ideals expressed in the context of Japanese/Japanese-American culture that make the Hongwanji “Hongwanji” in Hawaii.

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Going forward, we must preserve and perpetuate the cultural values of **kindness, mutual support, and active acceptance of differences** leading to the **“community of communities”** that makes the Hongwanji “Hongwanji” in Hawaii.

These cultural values reflect our spiritual aspirations, as expressed in the Golden Chain of Love, written by Rev. Dorothy Hunt, the first non-Japanese female ordained in the Hongwanji tradition, in 1927.

*“I will try to be kind and gentle to every living thing and protect all those weaker than myself.”*

*“I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, say pure and beautiful words, and do pure and beautiful deeds, knowing that on what I do now depends not only my happiness or unhappiness but also that of others.”*

In the Light of Wisdom, we are brought to realize the important part of the Golden Chain is “I will try...” because if we were capable of being “kind and gentle to every living thing” we would already be a Buddha, not just ordinary human beings stumbling through life!

And yet, embraced by Great Compassion, we are *compelled* to try “to be kind and gentle”!

How? Let us turn to the calligraphy penned by Monshu Kojun OHTANI, the 25th Chief Priest of the Hongwanji, and Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha. The calligraphy is a famous passage written by Master Shandao, the Fifth of the Seven Masters of the Pure Land tradition.



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“First, settle your Faith of Shinjin, then teach others the Faith of Shinjin.” The full passage continues, “for this is the true way to repay our debt of gratitude to Amida.”

Let us aspire to be Aloha Strong, settle our Faith of Shinjin, and then share the Faith of Shinjin with others! NamoAmidaButsu!

**“If something needs to be done, then do it, and do it wholeheartedly.”**

—Gautama Buddha, Dhammapada, verse 313

NamoAmidaButsu!

**Rev. Kerry**

# NAMO AMIDA BUTSU

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“What shall we have for breakfast today?” “Oh, I don’t know...anything!” “French toast?”  
“Yeah, that would be ok.”

While doing the breakfast dishes that morning, it came to my attention that my cook always used the same blue and white flowery Japanese pottery dish to prepare French Toast. Was it because it was the best dish to mix the egg and milk? Was it because it was located in the most convenient place in the cupboard? Or, was it because it belonged to my mom who used that same dish every morning to eat her cream of wheat breakfast?



We talk about attachments, yet somethings it is hard to let go for they bring back memories of what and how things were in the past. I cherish items my parents left me. However, they are not necessarily the ones that have the most monetary value. Instead, the most valuable things are those things that bring back unrepeatable moment in time. It could be a song, an instrument, a rose blooming in the garden or any pictures we have set in our minds.

Memories live in our heads and sometimes we are lucky enough to have tangible items to hold them close and remember those moments that are unrepeatable in this life. Having this one dish made in Japan to hold, use and remember my mom, makes me feel close to her. This is why I “Bow in Gratitude.”

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

**Karen**

### **GARAGE SALE WORK SCHEDULE November 18 - December 2, 2023**

|                                  |  |
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| <b>Sat Nov. 18</b>               | <b>8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Set up tables, move items to hall, unloading</b>                        |
| <b>Sun Nov. 19</b>               | <b>10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Moving and unloading boxes</b>   |
| <b>Mon Nov. 20 - Wed Nov. 22</b> | <b>8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sorting/cleaning/pricing</b>  |
| <b>Thurs Nov. 23</b>             | <b>THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY! TAKE A BREAK!</b>   |
| <b>Fri Nov. 24 - Fri Dec. 1</b>  | <b>8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sorting/cleaning/pricing</b>  |
| <b>SATURDAY DEC. 2</b>           | <b>GARAGE SALE DAY 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Parking Help 5:30 a.m.<br/>Clean Up 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.</b> |

**ALL PAU! MAHALO, MAHALO, MAHALO!!!**



## November & December 2023 Memorial Anniversaries

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

### 1st Year Memorial Service 2022

November - None

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December 13 Michael Isao Ogasawara

December 20 Masao Joe Takahashi

### 3rd Year Memorial Service 2021

November - None

### 3rd Year Memorial Service 2021

December - None

### 7th Year Memorial Service 2017

November - None

### 7th Year Memorial Service 2017

December - None

### 13th Year Memorial Service 2011

November 11 Lily Toshiko Okamoto

### 13th Year Memorial Service 2011

December 30 Haruki Nakamura

December 31 Dorothy Haruye Iwaishi

### 17th Year Memorial Service 2007

November 02 Yoshitaka Ushijima

November 11 Hiroko T Yamashita

November 17 Daniel Kiyoshi Kiyomoto

### 17th Year Memorial Service 2007

December - None

### 25th Year Memorial Service 1999

November 12 Kaoru Masusako

November 23 Yuichi Okinaka

### 25th Year Memorial Service 1999

December - None

### 33rd Year Memorial Service 1991

November 20 Takeshi Masusako

November 21 Chiyome Kawamura

### 33rd Year Memorial Service 1991

December - None

### 50th Year Memorial Service 1974

November 13 Tetsuo Mihara

### 50th Year Memorial Service 1974

December 01 Tamaho Oda

December 15 Yuriko Suda

December 17 Akino Okamoto



**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 September 27, 2023 to October 26, 2023**

**DONATION:**

Jean and Paul Nishida

Burton Onikama

In memory of Shigeichi Karimoto – Yvonne and Toshio Kishi

In memory of George and Caren Gohara – George Shishido

In memory of Masao and Sueko Matsunaga – Ken and Joan Kitagawa

In memory of John Yutaka Karakawa – Mr. & Mrs. Raymond, Rivera, Duane & Jan  
Yoshizu and family, Lynn Kaholewai

In memory of Seiso and Tsugie Otani – Anthony and Caroline Otani, George and Janet  
Otani

In memory of Paul Takeshi Otani – Bernice Otani

In memory of Tadashi Fukushima – George and Alice Fukushima

Peace Day – Sandra Hirata, Florence Tanaka, Michiko Moriyasu, Toshiko Sugiki, Janet  
Kubota, Susan Emura, Cathleen Murayama, Irene Matsuda, Roberta Arita,  
Colleen Suyama

**NOKOTSUDO:**

George and Alice Fukushima

In honor of Grandparents' Day – Nora Nishiyama



**OFUSE:**

Funeral service for John Karakawa – Family of John Karakawa

O-but Sudan Blessing – David Hongo

***December 2, 2023 Plant Sale Coming Soon***

By: Sharon Higuchi

Can you believe that we are coming to the end of 2023? This year has been highlighted not only with the drought conditions which weakened and killed some beloved plants, the explosion of the deer population which caused landscaping difficulties, the spread of invasive weeds like the thorny thistle and then came the unimaginable wildfires in Lahaina, Kula and Olinda.

We see pictures of the devastation caused by the wildfires and the ruins are black and gray. There are no green trees and colorful tropical plants which define Hawaii. We are reminded of the value of our environment and its contribution to our well-being. Even amongst the bleak landscape, people have the urge to nurture plants to bring back the vivid landscapes which we often take for granted.

**The Saturday December 2, 2023 MHBT Plant Sale provides the opportunity to share the gift of plants.** We have about a month to nurture plants to donate for this fundraising event. **The December venue is a smaller event compared to the summer sale and is located right in front of the Social Hall. Please deliver plants on Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> so they can be priced and organized. Leave your name at the office or write a note by the plants. Remember, even one plant demonstrates aloha for our aina.**



## **BOWING IN GRATITUDE**

Members at Lahaina Hongwanji Mission were prepping that week for the upcoming Obon Festival on August 11th and 12th. It is ironic and poignant that we fretted a little about possible rain from Hurricane Dora. Then, on Tuesday the 8th the winds came . . . and the rest of the story is embedded in us forever, through personal experience, sharing of tales, and from the media. The fires in our beloved Lahaina town displaced about half of our 80 members. They are scattered over parts of Maui, the islands of Hawaii as well as the Mainland. We lost our Temple, Social Hall, Office, Minister's Residence and School Building. Weeks later we learned that one member, Matsu Osato, perished.



Even as we visibly or stoically weep over losses in lives, property, livelihood – one powerfully encouraging force is the overwhelming scope and depth of support we have received. This support has come from the innermost circles of family and ohana, friends, neighbors, from Lahaina Hongwanji members and relations. The support widened to the sangha of Maui Hongwanji temples, Honpa Hongwanji and statewide temples . . . and finally from the larger communities and agencies, local to world-wide.

We bow in gratitude to the following:

Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani, Honpa Hongwanji Headquarters staff, Social Concerns Committee and Maui Wildfire Emergency Response Adhoc Committee for setting up the Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund. Kahului, Wailuku, Lanai and Makawao Hongwanji Temples for offering familiar and comfortable places for Lahaina members to gather, and for invitations to attend their services, as well as donations of gift cards.

Rev. Kerry Kiyohara and Rev. Shinkai Murakami, who offered their presence at weekly gatherings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Wailuku and Kahului Hongwanji Temples.

Rev. Ai Hironaka, who has been a voice for Lahaina Hongwanji and its sangha . . . and, by common experience, for others displaced by the disaster.

Our temple members, for being LAHAINA HONGWANJI STRONG and helping each other through group texting (cell phones rule!) and heart to heart hanashi.

Island community groups, foundations and many organizations from afar who graciously bestowed monetary donations for displaced persons --- temple members and others.

Last but not least, gratitude for: “ground zero” firemen, policemen, National Guardsmen, Red Cross, FEMA, and all others who served and are still serving.

To close on a “feel good” note – one post-fires photo online shows a portion of Lahaina Hongwanji that appears to have resisted the flames. It is a scene with a still relatively green lawn, which was so diligently watered and cared for by our member. On the lawn stands the red yagura ... dutifully repainted late summer for Obon. And the columbarium/nokotsudo still stands upright and seemingly intact. At roadside is the temple ‘kiosk’, and visible inside the glass protection is the name, LAHAINA HONGWANJI, as well as a poster advertising OBON on August 11 & 12, 2023.

We are still awaiting the day we will be allowed back at Lahaina Hongwanji Mission to assess what our future will be. In the meantime, we have a new mailing address since our Post Office was damaged in the fire. Our new mailing address is: Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, P O Box 12911, Lahaina, HI 96761. Our phone number remains as 808-661-6641 but is forwarded to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

In Gratitude.....

**LAHAINA HONGWANJI SANGHA**

## **JUDO NEWS**

By: Claude Moreau

Our Judo club is one of nine judo clubs sponsored by the Honpa Hongwani Judo Federation. Every year a different club hosts a judo tournament where only members of this federation can participate. This past weekend Puna Hongwanji was the host. There were 124 contestants, ranging in age from five to thirty years old. Our club entered nine contestants. The tournament was held in the Sanga hall of the Hilo Hongwanji in downtown Hilo. This year is the 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the first Honpa tournament.

This annual tournament is very different than most open invitational tournaments. Usually this tournament is spread out over two days, and includes individual (kojin), team (dantai), and kata competition. This year, due to after effects of the pandemic, it was shortened to one long day. Since it is sponsored by the Hongwanji, it begins with an elaborated opening ceremony, including a blessing from the local Hongwanji reverend. It starts with all the teams entering the venue carrying banners that have each team's name on it. A local taiko group entertained us as the teams marched in wearing their judo gi. After lining up in rows, each team had two members offer oshoko. The reverend gave a heartfelt talk encouraging all the judokas and thanked all the coaches and parents for all their work. There was a flag ceremony and speeches from a few dignitaries, and then the competition began. Competition was fierce. The following Makawao Hongwanji contestants placed: Hollis Atkinson, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Krystel Valoroso, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Elle Senamontry, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kaylie Okuni, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Landen Lung, 1<sup>st</sup>, Luca Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Toby, Borja, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and A'ali'I Nakahashi 2<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations to all of our team members. After the tournament, the host invited us to share major pupus at the Puna Hongwanji, including lots of fresh fish. Was ono.



In 2024 our club will be hosting this tournament. Tentatively, it will be a two day event on Labor day weekend. I will keep you posted as plans develop. Anyone who wishes to volunteer and be a part of the festivities is welcome to contact me at 808-283-4145. Claude Moreau

### ***Golden Chain of Love***

**I am a link in Amida Buddha's Golden Chain of Love that stretches around the World.  
I must keep my link bright and strong.**

**I will try to be kind and gentle to every living thing and protect all who are weaker than myself.**

**I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words,  
And to do pure and beautiful deeds, knowing that on what I do now depends on  
Not only my happiness or unhappiness but also that of others.**

**May every link in Amida's Gold Chain of Love  
Be bright and strong  
And may we all attain perfect peace.**

***NAMO AMIDA BUTSU***



## **PROJECT DANA**

By: Carol

Project Dana awarded Lynn Pilarski, caregiver for church member Marion Morikawa, the Longs CVS award for 2023.

Lynn has been tirelessly caring for her mother. Lynn always has a smile on her face. Congratulations for receiving this award.

P.S. Lynn felt someone else with more needs could use the card and returned it to us. We will find a needy family and give them the card.



## **SENIOR PROGRAM**

By: Alison Nakagawa

The mighty Seniors have done it again! We met in October to do work for the upcoming Winter Garage Sale. Although we cannot do heavy lifting, we can do many other things. This October 9, we made price tags for the furniture as well as for the garage sale items. Our group talked story and had really good food to keep us happy. The Seniors just keep on going!

Come join us next month when we will be making ornaments. Please bring a ruler (6" or 12") or a measuring tape and a pair of scissors that can cut a toilet paper roll. There will be extra scissors to share. See you on the 2nd Thursday of November 9:30 a.m. at the Dana House.

## **TROOP 180**

On Friday, October 13, Troop 180 popped up tents on the great lawn at Makawao Hongwanji. This one-night campout was a first time camping for at least one of our scouts. These girls worked together to prepare dinner, breakfast and, with the help of their Troop 18 brothers, practiced some scout skills. What a time it was!



Oh, it's dark out there!



L to R: Lauren, Sierra, Emilie, Reagan, Natasha, Zoe, Autumn



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**MAKAWAO HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS**  
**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

**Minister's Report:** Report submitted.

**Photocopier:** New copier and agreement secured. Council approved.

**Tutu and Me:** Program will use Social Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
Council approved.

**Bylaws Revisions:** Copy submitted. Council approved.

**Preschool's Future:** Discussion of items discussed during meeting with State Rep. Kyle Yamashita and Pukalani Principal Ty Ogasawara. Notes taken by Sharon Higuchi submitted. Council approved sending letter of intent to Rep. Kyle Yamashita and Principal Ty Ogasawara for future discussion of Pukalani Elementary School's future expansion vision.

**Peace Day Special Service 2023:** Jean Heselden reported service had participation by Maui Hongwanji temples, Soto Zen, and Vietnamese Zen Buddhists from Maui and Oahu. The event was well attended. Many thanks to the people of the "Crane Crew" - Sharon/Calvin Higuchi, Sharon Nagoshi, Diane Kosaka, Alma Nakano, Alison Nakagawa, and JoAnne Wong for their hard work putting up and taking down the 3,000 origami cranes.

**Lay Convention September 2023:** Report submitted.

**112th Legislative Assembly on February 9-10, 2024:** Karen Ishizu shared preliminary planning information for the meeting which might be a hybrid of in-person and Zoom attendance.

**Slate of Temple Council Candidates for 2024:** All officers and directors in attendance agreed to continue in their current positions. Advisors will be Nalani Archibeque, Lois Nishikawa, and John Yannell. Jean will send Karen sample ballot for approval, finalized ballot will be published in November Newsletter. Voting results will be published in the December Newsletter.

**Trunk or Treat:** 10/28/23, Saturday, at 5:30 p.m.

**Garage Sale:** Winter Garage Sale set up in Social Hall will begin on November 18 and continues until Garage and Plants Sale on December 2, 2023, one day only.

**Membership:** Report submitted.

**Funeral/Columbarium:** Report submitted. Assistance of BWA members for funerals and receptions should be requested through Makawao BWA President Carol Yamamura.

**Properties, Repairs, and Maintenance:** Meeting will be scheduled with Agent Alan Manibog on 10/18/23 or 10/25/23 to help Council understand our current insurance policy.

**Maui District Hongwanji Council:** Carol Yamamura and Bobbi Nakagawa will co-chair presidency for this body, which meets quarterly. Diane Kosaka will remain as treasurer.

**HHMH Board of Directors:** Report submitted.

**BWA:** Makawao will not participate in the Senior Fair this year which will be held at Queen Kaahumanu Center. MUBWA Fall General Assembly on Saturday 11/25/2023 at WHM. Rev. Kerry will be Minister Advisor for MUBWA in 2024.

**Project Dana:** Carol Yamamura is Site Coordinator.

**Social Concerns Fund Drive:** Program runs from 11/1/2023 to 8/31/2024, with donations being sent to Honpa by 9/30/2024. Donations envelopes were included in the mailing of print newsletter for October. On-line donations will be set up by Rev. Kerry on the temple website.



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

# 2023 PROPOSED MHM BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

(as of 10/8/2023)

Deletions are marked as ~~strikeout~~

Additions are marked as *italic*

## SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

- Article III on Membership:** Change from “enrolled as” to “deemed” member, clarify voting privileges and listing of other privileges for sustaining members.
- Article III, IV, VI, and VIII:** Change from Annual Membership Meeting to Annual GENERAL Membership Meeting to be consistent throughout and to distinguish general membership meetings from the Annual General Membership Meeting at which the sustaining members vote on approving the Council’s actions and activities of the past year and the budget for the new year.
- Article IV, Section 4 on Activities Committee:** Change from “rummage” to “garage” sales and change from “July” to Summer.
- Article IV on Administrative Management:** Add numbered section headings for all sections following the first paragraph. Change bullet points to lettered subdivisions for lists under Powers and Responsibilities of Council Members for ease of reference.
- Article IV on Administrative Management in Section 7 on Executive Board:** Add a provision authorizing email votes by the executive board for matters of extreme urgency which must be reported and ratified at the next regular Council meeting.
- Article VII on Affiliated Organizations:** Update #5 to be Scouts BSA Troop 18 (Boys). Add Scouts BSA Troop 180 (Girls) as #6, and renumber list from that point to the last item as #10.

## BYLAWS OF THE MAKAWAO HONGWANJI MISSION

(as amended February 5, 2021 at Annual Membership Meeting)

### ARTICLE I

#### Name

The legal name of the mission shall be MAKAWAO HONGWANJI MISSION. “Buddhist Temple” will be used on signs and to publicize temple activities and events.

### ARTICLE II

#### Location, Organization, and Purpose

The location of the principal office of the MAKAWAO HONGWANJI MISSION shall be at 1074 Makawao Avenue, Makawao, County of Maui, State of Hawaii. The MAKAWAO HONGWANJI COUNCIL shall have the discretionary powers to determine the future location(s) of the principal office and meeting place as circumstances may require.

The MAKAWAO HONGWANJI MISSION shall be an unincorporated charitable organization, hereinafter referred in these Bylaws as TEMPLE unless otherwise determined by the general membership of the TEMPLE.

The TEMPLE shall be an affiliate organization under the HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII, an incorporated charitable corporation, duly constituted and organized under the laws of the State of Hawaii.

The TEMPLE shall function as an autonomous organization, subject to the direction and guidance of the HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII.

The TEMPLE shall develop, establish, maintain, and coordinate its policies, functions, activities and programs consistent with those of the HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII and all other similarly affiliated organizations.

The purposes of the TEMPLE shall be as follows:

- To plan and direct programs and to implement all of its activities and functions toward the understanding and acceptance of the principles of Buddhism based on the teachings of Jodo Shinshu.
- To conduct religious ceremonies, practices, and related activities for the understanding, propagation and acceptance of Buddhist doctrines, principles, and teachings among all who seek the knowledge and blessings of the Buddhist Religion.
- To establish and maintain the MAKAWAO HONGWANJI MISSION as the principal place of worship and center for all of its activities.
- To encourage and preserve harmonious and cooperative fellowship, understanding and unity among the members of the TEMPLE and the members of the various affiliated organizations of the HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII, and to work toward the promotion and improvement of the general welfare of the community.

### ARTICLE III

#### Membership

Any person who embraces the purposes of the temple and is willing to support, follow and carry out such purposes shall be ~~enrolled as~~ *deemed* a member of the MAKAWAO HONGWANJI MISSION, and shall be entitled to attend all functions of the TEMPLE. *However*, only sustaining members have the right to speak and vote at any general membership meeting *or the Annual General Membership Meeting. Membership privileges are described in Article VI.*

#### Section 1. Sustaining Dues Paying Members

The Sustaining Dues Paying Members, hereinafter referred to as SUSTAINING MEMBERS, shall be the governing body for the TEMPLE and is composed of members who are willing to support the TEMPLE through payment of membership dues established in the manner provided herein. The general management and direction of the TEMPLE shall be vested in the SUSTAINING MEMBERS. These members shall have the right to speak and vote at the *Annual General* Membership Meetings

#### Section 2. Membership Dues

Membership dues shall be assessed each SUSTAINING MEMBER. The amount of the dues shall be determined jointly by the Finance Committee and Membership Committee with the approval of the Makawao Hongwanji Council.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Administrative Management

The MAKAWAO HONGWANJI MISSION shall be the principal organization and shall be composed of all persons who support the purposes of the TEMPLE through participation and payment of dues.

The general management and direction of the TEMPLE shall be vested in sustaining members.

### **Section 1. Makawao Hongwanji Council**

The officers and directors of the Makawao Hongwanji Council shall be elected from among the sustaining members. The Makawao Hongwanji Council, herein referred to as the COUNCIL, shall be vested with responsibilities to provide the administrative leadership, direction and control over all of the affairs, property, and business of the TEMPLE.

The COUNCIL shall be composed of the officers, directors, advisors, ex-officio members, and the president or representative of the Buddhist Women's Association, as identified herein below.

### **Section 2. Makawao Hongwanji Council Members**

#### **1. Officers of the Council**

The officers of the Council shall be comprised of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All Council officers shall have one vote each.

#### **2. Directors of the Council**

The Directors shall be composed of sustaining members who shall serve as chairpersons of a standing committee or special committee. Each Director shall have one vote. Co-Directors share one (1) vote and a Director of 2 committees has one (1) vote only.

#### **3. Ex-Officio Members**

The resident Minister of Makawao Hongwanji Mission shall be a member of the Council and shall serve with vote.

The immediate Past-President shall be a member of the Council and shall serve with vote.

#### **4. Advisors**

The advisors shall advise the President, the Minister, and the Executive Board, who may participate in meetings and activities of the Council without vote.

#### **5. Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) President**

The BWA President or a designated representative of the BWA shall serve with a vote.

### **Section 1. Section 3. Meetings**

The President of the COUNCIL shall be the Chairperson and Presiding Officer of all meetings of the COUNCIL. Dates of all regular COUNCIL meetings shall be determined at the beginning of each calendar year. The COUNCIL shall also meet at the call of the President, the resident Minister, or by any three (3) COUNCIL members.

### **Section 2. Section 4. Quorum and Vote**

a. The attendance of the majority of serving COUNCIL members at a duly called meeting of the COUNCIL shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of approval shall be necessary for valid action by the COUNCIL. Any action of the COUNCIL without a quorum shall not be binding upon the TEMPLE unless such action is ratified by the COUNCIL at a subsequent meeting when a quorum is present.

b. Meetings of the COUNCIL may be held in-person, or as an electronic meeting, or as a combination of the two. An electronic meeting may be held if the COUNCIL determines that a centralized in-person meeting is not appropriate, or that an accommodation is needed for members not able to be physically present at the meeting.

c. An electronic meeting shall be conducted through the means agreed upon by the COUNCIL, which at a minimum provides for simultaneous aural communication among all participants.

### **Section 3. Section 5. Terms of Office**

The terms of office of all voting members of the COUNCIL shall be for one calendar year from January 1 through December 31.

### **Section 4. Section 6. Powers and Responsibilities of Council Members**

#### **1. President**

The President:

- a) Shall preside at all business meetings of the general membership, of the COUNCIL, and of the Executive Board.
- b) Shall assist the resident Minister whenever so requested or whenever such assistance is indicated.
- c) Shall together with the resident Minister, be the official representative of the TEMPLE, and shall be empowered to act in such capacity.
- d) Shall appoint standing and special committee chairpersons and advisors with the approval of the COUNCIL.
- e) Shall make, or cause to be made, a report to the Annual General Membership Meeting concerning the work of the TEMPLE during the preceding year.
- f) Shall sign all legal papers of the TEMPLE authorized by the COUNCIL.
- g) Shall review the bylaws annually with the Council and make any changes necessary.
- h) Shall, in the absence of the Secretary, appoint a temporary secretary.

#### **2. Vice-President**

The Vice-President:

- a) Shall assist the President whenever requested by the President.
- b) Shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President in the absence or inability of the President to act.
- c) Shall be responsible for finding nominees for all elected positions.

#### **3. Secretary**

The Secretary:

- a) Shall keep the minutes of all the business meetings of the membership, the Council, and the Executive Board, and shall attest the same with his/her signature.
- b) Shall have custody of the record of the minutes of all business meetings of the general membership, COUNCIL, and EXECUTIVE BOARD, which shall be kept in the TEMPLE OFFICE.
- c) Shall be responsible for all correspondence.
- d) Shall notify all officers of their elections and all committee chairpersons and advisors of their appointments.
- e) Shall notify all COUNCIL members of all business meetings of the general membership, COUNCIL, and EXECUTIVE BOARD.

#### **4. Treasurer**

The Treasurer:

- a) Shall receive, disburse, invest, and have care and custody of the funds of the TEMPLE, subject to such regulation as may be prescribed by the COUNCIL.
- b) Shall make a report to the COUNCIL at its monthly meetings and to the TEMPLE at the Annual General Membership Meetings and at such other times as required by the COUNCIL.
- c) Shall keep a correct book of accounts of all receipts and expenditures of the TEMPLE

## 5. Advisors

There shall be one or more Advisors. The Advisors:

- a) Shall advise the President, the resident Minister and the Executive Board on Council matters including, but not limited to Council finances, minister transitions, District and State responsibilities and issues.
- b) May attend and participate in all Council meetings, without vote.

## 6. Directors

There shall be a minimum of seven (7) Directors who shall serve as chairpersons of the following STANDING COMMITTEES: Finance, Membership, Buddhist Education, Activities, Repair and Maintenance, Properties, and Funeral Services/Columbarium. There shall be Special Committees for the establishment, management, control and direction of allied functions of the TEMPLE.

### a) Finance Committee

The Finance Director and committee will work with the Treasurer and shall be responsible for the following areas:

- 1) Fiscal administration
- 2) Fiscal duties of the elected Treasurer of the Temple
- 3) Annual budget
- 4) Annual membership contribution
- 5) Donations at any event
- 6) Updating, as needed, of fees paid for services rendered and for the use of facilities
- 7) Fundraising to meet the budget needs
- 8) Jointly with the Membership Committee, establishing the amount of dues assessed to sustaining members

### b) Membership Committee

The Membership Director and committee shall be responsible for:

- 1) The establishment and maintenance of the current membership list of the TEMPLE
- 2) Recommending to the Council positive ways to stimulate membership expansion and membership retention
- 3) Working jointly with the Finance Committee to determine the amount of dues paid by sustaining members
- 4) The Membership Director shall be responsible for communicating with the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii regarding the number of sustaining members and therefore, Makawao Hongwanji Mission's assessment for the year.

### c) Buddhist Education Committee

The Buddhist Education Director and committee shall be responsible for the following areas of activities:

- 1) Coordination of the DHARMA SCHOOL activities
- 2) Coordination of Youth and Adult religious education
- 3) Coordination of temple services

### d) Activities Committee

The Activities Director and committee shall be responsible for securing and/or confirming activity chairs for the following events:

- 1) Obon,
  - 2) **Fourth of July Rummage Summer Garage** Sale and Bazaar,
  - 3) December **Rummage Garage** Sale and Bazaar,
  - 4) New Year's Celebration,
  - 5) Temple anniversary celebrations and other activities as determined by the Council.
- The Activities Director shall assist and support activity chairs in their events.

### e) Repair and Maintenance Committee

The Repair and Maintenance (R & M) Director and committee shall be responsible for:

- 1) Addressing maintenance issues for the Makawao Hongwanji Mission facilities and properties;
- 2) Soliciting proposals from vendors and recommending appropriate courses of action to address repair and maintenance work;
- 3) Developing a maintenance plan and member volunteer work schedule for regular maintenance of our buildings and grounds (weekly/monthly/semi-annual building cleaning, columbarium cleaning, lawn mowing, yard maintenance, etc.)
- 4) Developing a long-range maintenance plan for major facilities (e.g., periodic termite control, painting, reroofing, etc.); and
- 5) Coordinating general membership volunteerism for maintenance and repairs of Temple properties.

### f) Properties/Development Committee

The Properties/Development Director and committee shall be responsible for:

- 1) Preparing, organizing and maintaining a binder with records of all properties under the jurisdiction of Makawao Hongwanji (location, zoning, and other pertinent information).
- 2) Establishing policies for the use of all buildings and properties
- 3) Providing direction for future use of properties through a long range planning process.
- 4) Rental property management.

### g) Funeral Services/Columbarium Committee

The Funeral Services/Columbarium Director and committee shall be responsible for

- 1) Starting and maintaining a resource of information necessary for funeral services.
- 2) Assisting the temple secretary and resident minister once the funeral service date has been set.
- 3) Periodically examining funeral suggested donations for sustaining members of the temple, non-contributing members and non-members.
- 4) Keeping accurate records such as the number of niches, the names of people in the niches, and the number of available niches.

## **Section 5. Section 6. Vacancies**

In case any vacancy occurs among the Council members, a suitable person shall be appointed by the President to fill such vacancy, by and with the advice and consent of the COUNCIL.

## **Section 7. Executive Board**

The Executive Board shall consist of the Council officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the seven (7) Directors of the Council, who shall act for the COUNCIL in the interim between regular Council meetings, but shall not have the power to reconsider or reverse any action or policy of the COUNCIL.

The President or any two (2) members may call a meeting of the Executive Board at any time. It shall report all its actions at the regular Council meetings, which when approved shall become the action of the Council.

A majority of the serving members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and a vote of the majority of the serving members of the Executive Board shall be necessary for valid action by this body.

The Executive Board may hold electronic meetings in the same manner as the COUNCIL. **For matters of extreme urgency, the Executive Board may conduct a vote**



by email. The Secretary shall report the action at the next regular Council meeting, which when ratified by a quorum of the Council shall become the action of the Council.

### **Section 8. General Membership Meetings and Annual General Membership Meeting**

The Annual **General** Membership Meeting shall be held not later than February of each year or such other time the Council may determine. 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 the Finance Committee.
4. Approval of the budget.
5. Notice that a full financial report is available to any sustaining member upon request.

Notice of the membership meeting(s) shall be published in the monthly Newsletter prior to the meeting. In addition to the Annual **General** Membership Meeting, the Council may schedule periodic **general membership** meetings of the members of the Temple whenever it is deemed necessary or desirable. Those sustaining members present at **a general membership meeting or** at the Annual **General** Membership Meeting shall constitute a quorum.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **Elections**

The Vice-President shall be responsible for finding nominees for all elected positions.

The nominees list shall be finalized no later than October. The slate shall be printed in the November newsletter and the results of the election will be printed in the December newsletter. Installation of the newly elected Makawao Hongwanji Council members will take place at the New Years service.

### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **Fees and Dues**

Dues shall be assessed to the temple members who support the temple through the payment of annual membership dues. The amount of the dues shall be determined jointly by the Finance Committee and Membership Committee with the advice and consent of the Council. The status of a sustaining member shall be a member who is current in membership dues. Dues are collected per family unit.

Dues paying members of the Temple are entitled to the following:

1. Voting at general membership meetings **and at the Annual General Membership Meeting**, with one vote per family unit
2. Being part of the administrative management of the Temple (e.g., Council member, Legislative **Assembly** representative of Makawao Hongwanji, State Lay Association representative, etc.)
3. Priority enrollment of a child at the Makawao Preschool
4. Being on the mailing list of the monthly newsletter
5. Being able to use the Temple facilities (e.g., rent the Social Hall, etc.)
6. Discounted fees for Temple services and ceremonies
7. Receiving the annual Honpa calendar, upon request
8. Being able to reserve a niche in the Columbarium
9. Any other entitlement as approved by the Council

### **ARTICLE VII**

#### **Affiliated Organizations**

Affiliated organizations of the Makawao Hongwanji Temple are:

1. Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association
2. Makawao Hongwanji Project Dana
3. Makawao Hongwanji Dharma School
4. Makawao Hongwanji Junior YBA
5. ~~Boy Scout Scouts BSA~~ Troop 18 (**Boys**)
6. **Scouts BSA Troop 180 (Girls)**
7. Cub Scout Pack 18 (*renumbered from #6*)
8. Makawao Hongwanji Judo Club (*renumbered from #7*)
9. Makawao Hongwanji Pukalani Preschool (*renumbered from #8*)
10. Other organizations hereafter activated and organized and approved by the Council (*renumbered from #9*)

These organizations shall operate in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws and in support of the Temple. These organizations may draw up their own governing rules and regulations, subject to the condition that they be consistent with the provisions of these bylaws. All special activities and functions of these organizations shall be first cleared with the Council and the Temple secretary to avoid conflicts in scheduling of facilities and events. Affiliated organizations are required to turn in reports annually.

### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **Amendments**

Any provisions of the bylaws may be amended providing the amendment is submitted in writing to the Council at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled monthly meeting. If approved by the Council, it shall be presented in writing to the general membership through the monthly newsletter. In accordance with the statutory requirements for eleemosynary organizations, action shall be taken at **a the Annual** General Membership Meeting. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the sustaining members present shall be required for **the approval of** any amendment.

### **ARTICLE IX**

#### **Parliamentary Authority**

Parliamentary procedure in all meetings of this organization shall be based on the latest "Revised Edition of Robert's Rules of Order."

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Amended: xxxxxxxx, 2024 at the 2024 Makawao Hongwanji Annual General Membership Meeting.

**Amended:** February 5, 2021, by Mail-in Vote of Sustaining Members of the Makawao Hongwanji.

**Adopted:** January 18, 2015, at the 2015 Makawao Hongwanji Annual Membership Meeting.



Editor's note: Rev. Ai Hironaka, Resident Minister of Lahaina Hongwanji Mission that was destroyed in the Maui wildfires in August, shared the following message for the statewide vigil in Hawaii on Sept. 1 in Kaanapali Maui. The Wheel of Dharma is reprinting his message with the permission of Rev. Hironaka and the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH).

### **Lahaina Temple Minister's Message for People of Lahaina**

The fire destroyed the houses and took everything away. Many people were killed and many are still missing. I am at a loss for words when I think of the heartache of so many families. I would like to express my deepest condolences to people who lost their loved ones. People got hurt. People are still crying.

When I'm alone, tears well up at random moments, when driving alone, when I see the smiles of children. I can't cry when I want to cry, and I feel like crying when I shouldn't. I give up on controlling it. I never thought that a man could cry so much at the age of 46.

Now the same pained people are encouraging and comforting each other at Ross, Target, TJ Maxx, Costco, and more. Heart-to-heart hugs of those who share the same heartache are stronger than before the fire. People who know each other's faces in the town of Lahaina, but have never spoken to each other, now they are communicating with the healing of each other. After the fire, Lahaina's community ties are definitely stronger and thicker.

Now we need to see the future. The white shirt, tie, pants, socks, and shoes I am wearing today are all brand new. Except underwear..... All of this was purchased with donations from the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and many others. All the clothes I wear every day dress me up with donations from everyone. Thank you very much.

Like me, the town of Lahaina will be dressed up with donations from all over the world. This tie is not a fancy brand, but now I have a special tie that I don't want to burn for the rest of my life. Because behind this simple necktie, the thoughts of many people, not just my wife, are packed. All my photos from before the iPhone era have been burned. Gone are photos of my children when they were babies, photos of when I was married, and photos of myself when I was a baby too. Many of you must be as sad as I am.

But folks, the photos taken at your friend's house or shelter right now may be far more valuable than the lost ones. Casually taken photos at shelter, showing strong ties among family and friends. Those photos are embraced by the support and help of many people. These are the most beautiful pictures of family and friends desperately helping each other.

Things that we really don't want to burn—life, human ties, human kindness. All that is still within us. It seems like those who are hurt become more sensitive to the pain of others. They seem to be more mindful of others.

Lahaina, it will be a new town rebuilt by those who have been hurt. Lahaina, a town of history, aloha, tradition, culture, and diversity, will become a great town that incorporates new values of humility, kindness, and compassion.

One day the respected elders will say, "If you want to know the spirit of Aloha, go to Lahaina!" It may become a town where you can say that. A town full of compassion, it matches the local community that we at Lahaina Hongwanji Mission aim for. We of Lahaina Hongwanji Mission will also do our best to rebuild this town of compassion.

Finally, I would like to praise the name of Amida Buddha, who works in our struggling hearts to relieve the suffering. Amida Buddha is the Buddha of voice which delivered Amida's healing power to people's painful hearts. The meaning of reciting Namu Amida Butsu is,

"Strong one as strong, the weak one as weak, the crying people as crying, and I am embracing you just as you are now. You don't have to be strong, because you are not that strong. You are not alone, you are already embraced by me".

Amida's voice became by voice, and it reaches my ears. It is the Buddha, the voice of wisdom and compassion. Even if everything burns, the voice of Buddha never burned, but still shines and embraces us. NAMO AMIDA BUTSU, NAMO AMIDA BUTSU.

May peace prevail in Lahaina. May peace prevail in the world. May this event will raise the eye level of Lahaina people even as a little bit.

**Namo Amida Butsu Namu Amida Butsu  
Lahaina Strong  
Namo Amida Butsu Namu Amida Butsu  
Imua Imua Imua Let's go Lahaina  
Nan Man Dabu  
Nan Man Dabu**

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**October 2023**

**MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP**

**“Authentic Individuality”**

Today, we witness many sad news of hate, violence, and discrimination. A human criticizes, discriminates, hates, and hurts other human beings. It is truly a tragic thing. We are all different in our appearances, socioeconomic status, race, language, lifestyle, etc. Even family members who live in the same household have different thoughts and viewpoints. But we are all unique and beautiful. We all shine beautifully.

We seem like surfers who try to ride on a massive range of waves: waves of our life’s challenges. Some waves are small, and others are too large for a single person to overcome. Sometimes, we succeed in riding on the waves; sometimes, we are overwhelmed and fail to ride on it. It would be wonderful if we could work together. It would be wonderful if we could freely extend our compassionate hands to those needing help. But it seems like we are all too busy in the pursuit of our own happiness. We are all too busy catching the waves right before us. In the ocean of our lives, we often fail to understand and care for the people around us. Perhaps we are too focused on catching the waves we want and feel that the people around us should not belong in the ocean we enjoy. Driven by such narrow viewpoints, we have no moment of peace. Such viewpoints are the primal cause of hatred and discrimination.

Professor Kenneth Tanaka talked about “authentic individuality.” Buddhism is the teaching to cultivate this authentic individuality. Authentic individuality means that each of us is unique, each of us can contribute to others, and each of us is precious and has dignity. “Oneness” that we talk about in Buddhism does not mean being the same. Say you are an apple; Oneness does not mean that you and others must be pineapple. Oneness means that an apple can exist as an apple, and a pineapple can exist as a pineapple. Apple has its dignity and place, and pineapple has its dignity and place. The Buddhist teaching of oneness teaches us that we are all, no matter who we are, illuminated and embraced by the Buddha’s Wisdom and Compassion just as we are. In that awareness, we become aware of our self-centeredness and limitations and, at the same time, endeavor to cultivate peace and harmony, compassion for self and others, and live with confidence, conviction, and dignity. I understand this as the meaning of “authentic individuality.”

A narrow viewpoint, characterized by limited personal experiences and a strong selfish attachment to oneself, can have far-reaching consequences that lead to hatred and discrimination. Buddhism teaches us the dignity of all lives and that all lives must be affirmed, respected, and appreciated.

Namo Amida Butsu

***Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani***

## 2023-2024 SOCIAL CONCERNS FUND DRIVE

The month of November is a special time for reflecting on gratitude. Observing Eitaikyo and celebrating Thanksgiving are opportunities to appreciate the innumerable causes and conditions which sustain our lives and how we are deeply connected to the world around us. It is in this spirit of profound gratitude that we kick-off our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive.

Your generosity enables the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii with the ability to support worthy organizations and programs making a difference in our community. Your selfless giving also enables us to provide compassionate aid during times of disaster and the ability to skillfully respond to issues affecting our local and world communities.

Through our Social Welfare Fund, we were able to immediately support relief efforts on Maui in the aftermath of devastating wildfires, giving over \$25,000 to various organizations and affected individuals. Your generous support ensures we have the ability to respond quickly when disasters strike.

We continued our advocacy for improving mental health care, addressing homelessness, and alleviating food insecurity in our community by donating to the Samaritan Counseling Center of Hawaii, Spill the Tea Café, Hope Services, and the various food banks on each island. This year, we also awarded several Golden Chain Grants to help nurture Sangha-based compassionate action. The fund drive will begin November 1, 2023, and run till August 31, 2024.

We request that temples submit their collected donations by the end of September 2024. Envelopes have been provided to temples wishing to use them. Extra envelopes are available in limited supply. Please make all checks payable to YOUR TEMPLE. Your temple will then remit one combined check to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

Your support of our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive is greatly appreciated. Mahalo!

In Gassho,

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani, Bishop

Dr. Warren Tamamoto, President

### NEW YOUTH SPECIALIST



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii welcomed Emi Hashi as the new Children and Youth Activities Specialist (Youth Specialist).

Emi was a very active participant in the HHMH programs, such as Jr. YBA (Maui & Federation President), YBICSE, BWA Exchange Student, YESS Camp counselor, and BSC Fellowship Club. She is originally from Maui and currently participates in the Aiea Hongwanji Mission's services and programs.

Her official starting date was Wednesday, October 4, 2023, and her office will be at the Buddhist Study Center (BSC). She works on Mondays and Wednesdays as a part-time employee.

As the Youth Specialist, Emi will develop, organize, and direct youth and youth-related activities such as Jr. YBA, YESS Camp, BSC Fellowship Club, Dharma School, and Young Adults. She will assist the operation of the BSC and OBE in matters relating to children, college students, and young adults.

We sincerely hope that this new assignment will be beneficial for the HHMH in propagating the teaching of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, especially to the children and young adults who will bear the future of the HHMH.

# November 2023

| Sun-  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|---|
|   |  | (11/1)<br>7:30 am ~ 11:30 am<br>Tutu and Me | 1<br>10:00 am<br>Monthly Service<br>Kula Hospital  | 2<br>6:00 pm<br>Evening Study Class<br>6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm<br>Judo  | 3   | 4<br>8:30 am ~<br>Nihongo Class<br>"Social Hall"  |
| 5<br>9:00 am<br>First Sunday<br>Dharma Service &<br>Eitai-kyo<br>Perpetual Memorial Service | 6<br>7:30 am ~ 11:30 am<br>Tutu and Me<br>6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm<br>Judo  | 7   | 8<br>7:30 am ~ 11:30 am<br>Tutu and Me<br>(11/9)<br>9:30 am ~ 12:30 pm<br>Senior Program | 9<br>6:00 pm<br>Evening Study Class<br>6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm<br>Judo  | 10<br>Office Closed<br>*Veterans Day<br> | 11<br>9:30 am ~<br>Nihongo Class<br>"Social Hall"   |
| 12<br>9:00 am<br>Family Service   | 13<br>7:30 am ~ 11:30 am<br>Tutu and Me<br>6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm<br>Judo | 14  | 15<br>7:30 am ~ 11:30 am<br>Tutu and Me  | 16<br>6:00 pm<br>Evening Study Class<br>6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm<br>Judo | 17  | 18<br>9:30 am ~<br>Nihongo Class at<br>"Dana House"<br><br><b>11/18 to 12/1</b><br><b>Garage Sale Set Up</b>      |
| 19<br>9:00 am<br>Family Service   | 20   | 21  | 22   | 23<br>Office Closed<br>*Thanksgiving Day                          | 24  | 25<br>9:00 am<br>MUBWA Fall Assembly at<br>Wailuku Hongwanji<br><br>9:30 am ~<br>Nihongo Class<br>at "Dana House" |
| 26<br>No<br>Sunday<br>Service   | 27   | 28  | 29   | 30  |   | <b>Dec. 2</b><br>7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.<br><b>Garage<br/>and<br/>Plant<br/>Sale</b>                                |
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# 2024 MAKAWAO HONGWANJI COUNCIL VOTING BALLOT

**DUE BY 1:00 P.M. on Monday 12/11/23 IN TEMPLE OFFICE**

(You may vote only if you are a member who has paid “sustaining” dues in 2023)

## OFFICERS

|                          |                |               |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | President      | Karen Ishizu  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vice President | Sidney Nako   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Secretary      | Jean Heselden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Treasurer      | Fred Wong     |

## DIRECTORS

|                          |                            |                                 |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Activities                 | Bobbi Nakagawa                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Buddhist Education         | Sharon Nagoshi                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Finance                    | Glenn Hamai                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Funeral/Columbarium        | Sharon Nagoshi                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Membership Co-Directors    | Diane Kosaka and Sharon Higuchi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Properties and Development |                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Repairs and Maintenance    | John Yannell                    |

## ADDITIONAL VOTING MEMBERS

BWA President - Carol Yamamura  
Past President - Floyd Nagoshi  
Resident Minister - Rev. Kerry Kiyohara

## ADVISORS (non-voting)

Nalani Archibeque, Calvin Higuchi, Lois Nishikawa,  
Joanne Wong, Robert Yoshioka