



Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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MONDAY, February 4, 9:00 a.m.
SCOUT SUNDAY

Sunday, February 11, 9:00 a.m.
SUNDAY FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE

Sunday, February 18, 9:00 a.m.
SUNDAY FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE
CHILDREN DHARMA SCHOOL

Sunday, February 25, 9:00 a.m.
SUNDAY FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE

SCOUT SUNDAY

**COME JOIN US FOR SCOUT SUNDAY. SEE THE SCOUTS
RAISING OF THE FLAGS CEREMONY AND MEET OUR
GUEST SPEAKER MAX NISHIKAWA.**



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

—Buddha, *Dhammapada*, verse 313

As an ordained priest of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, overseas missionary assigned to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, and resident minister of the Makawao Buddhist Temple, causes and conditions often force me to reflect upon “time” — sometimes it seems “there isn’t enough time in a day!”

And yet, I regularly “waste” time, kill “time”, or “make time” for satisfying self-centered cravings and attachments. “Time” is of course an essential part of life, an extremely convenient conceptual construct created by human beings to measure the passing of days and nights, prepare for the changing of seasons, and mark significant and meaningful life stage events.



I confess to being a big procrastinator! Part of the reason is my creativity as a writer is driven by fear, stress addiction, and caffeine (daily) and nicotine (not anymore), and more recently a tendency to forget stuff! But in reality-as-it-is, **I simply assume (and convince myself) that “the sun will come up tomorrow”—that I “still have time.”**

The Buddha taught the **Truth of Impermanence**—the constantly changing nature of all things, beings, phenomena, and events that arise from causes and conditions. As a child, I delighted in Rev. Tetsuo Unno’s telling a children’s story about time that leads to the true understanding of the truth, “tomorrow never comes” — the life-changing realization we have only this moment of this day of an unrepeatable life. As adults, we know “tomorrow never comes” but still want to believe (and tell others) “every day is a new day”! And yet we see the truth of the wisdom of Mother Theresa’s words.

**Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today.
Let us begin.**

—Mother Theresa (1910-1997)

Shinran-*shōnin* always emphasized he was simply sharing the “*shinshū*” (true essence) of “*Jōdo*” Pure Land Buddhism as taught by his revered master and great teacher Hōnen-*shōnin*. Shinran is said to have often quoted Hōnen-*shōnin* as saying:

Just say NamoAmidaButsu and be saved by Amida. Nothing else is involved.

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JUST SAY IT.
南無阿彌陀仏
NAMO AMIDA BUTSU

Shinran taught that as ordinary unexceptional human beings, we are the object of Amida's Vow to Save All, that we are brought to hear and say Namō Amida Butsu, the Name of Amida, the Calling Voice of Amida implores us to say, "take refuge in Amida Buddha", to say the Name of Amida, to walk the Path of Nembutsu, the Path of Mindfulness of Amida in our everyday lives. NamōAmidaButsu!

So, why don't we simply and naturally "Just Say It. NamōAmidaButsu!" every moment of every day? Because of our (very human) ego-attachment to wanting to "understand" and to "explain" NamōAmidaButsu! before we say NamōAmidaButsu! Transcending the critically thinking mind requires a literal "leap of faith" to close the gap between the simplicity of Shinran's teaching of the Nembutsu, and what we experience in our everyday life: moments of sublime wonder, joy, inspiration together with very human loss, grief, and sorrow.

My personal, thus subjective, experience of the Faith of *Shinjin* continues in each moment of every day I wake up, get out of bed, and walk the Path of NamōAmidaButsu! The Nembutsu, NamōAmidaButsu!, comes to us through the Other Power of Amida but we also have to make the effort to humbly and gratefully receive the gift of Faith of *Shinjin*.

You're already on the Path of Nembutsu, NamōAmidaButsu. What are you going to do today?

May your day be filled with Aloha! NamōAmidaButsu!

Mahalo!

Rev. Kerry

NAMO AMIDA BUTSU

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shinnenkai! Oh, what a day it was! Of course, it's a matter of opinion. So, you decide how you thought the day went because it is definitely your opinion. Everyone should have an opinion. If you weren't there to witness the day, let me see if I can share a snapshot of what happened. Remember, it's my opinion.



It may have sounded chaotic outside the Hondo as if we were at a Plant/ Garage and Bazaar Sale. The commotion came from the Scouts looking sharp as ever and excited for the Revelry to enter the Hondo to start the day.

Lois Nishikawa, the MC, called on Rev. Kerry to begin the Service, followed by the Installation of Officers and the General Membership Meeting. Many of the officers and participants feel grateful to be able to serve MHBT in "Building Healthy Sanghas."

At the General Membership Meeting, it was time for me to do my part. I felt unsure as to how it would go. But with the help of council members, I pulled it off. It was not 100% perfect, but more like 85% good.

The rest of the time was spent in the Social Hall filled with laughter, live music, good food, singing, dancing and lucky # winners. I've never been a part of a group with slightly over a hundred people doing all those things simultaneously. Though I may not have gotten a lucky # prize, I still consider myself a winner. I was among happy people participating with positive vibes. How good is that?

Now, that's my opinion? How did you enjoy the celebration?

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

Karen



2024 Officers, Directors, Advisors: (L to R) Floyd, Sharon, Rev. Kerry, Diane, Jean, Karen, Bobbi, John, Nalani, Calvin, Joann, Robert, Sharon, Lois.

February & March 2024 Memorial Anniversaries

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

1st Year Memorial Service 2023

February 09 Hatsue Terada

1st Year Memorial service 2023

March - None

3rd Year Memorial Service 2022

February 11 Namiko Nakagawa

3rd Year Memorial Service 2022

March 06 Dick Teruto Fukushima

7th Year Memorial Service 2018

February - None

7th Year Memorial Service 2018

March 19 James Masato Nakamoto

13th Year Memorial Service 2012

February - None

13th Year Memorial Service 2012

March 02 Doris Miyoto Nakamoto

March 24 Tokihiko Hamai

17th Year Memorial Service 2008

February - None

17th Year Memorial Service 2008

March 19 Masaaki Doi

25th Year Memorial Service 2000

February - None

25th Year Memorial Service 2000

March 01 Satoki Ikeda

March 21 Helen Kikue Inaba

33rd Year Memorial Service 1992

February 01 Toshiko Tanimoto

February 05 Sadako Enoki

33rd Year Memorial Service 1992

March 29 Miyo Nishimura

50th Year Memorial Service 1975

February 26 Tomie Okuda

50th Year Memorial Service 1975

March 09 Hatsugoro Makimoto



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Contributions December 27, 2023 to January 26, 2024

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In memory of Michael Ogasawara (1st year memorial) – Kay Ogasawara, Nobuo and Kikue Kanemoto

In memory of Tamaho Oda (50th year memorial) – Timothy and Joyce Guillermo

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

In memory of Lester and Clara Hamai, Kuniko Matsui – Glenn and Katherine Hamai

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

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In memory of Yoshito Takishita and Takishita Ohana – Timmy and Katherine Takishita

In memory of Lester and Clara Hamai – Clyde and Gail Hamai

In memory of Rachael and Mitsugu Jio – Beryl Jim

In memory of Tamaho Oda – Kelvin and Lynn Nakamura

In memory of Megumi and Susumu Takemoto – Janice Kam

Social Concerns, Dharma School, and Kyodan – Lyman and Marilyn Morikawa

Support for children's Dharma Story Time, Digital Dharma, Vimeo Livestreaming subscription, Sound system Digital Ministry – Jean Heselden



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NOKOTSUDO:

Marion Morikawa

Celestine Uradomo

In memory of Susumu and Tamae Murashige – Mitzi Yamamoto

In memory of Makiso and Harumi Kawaharada, Stella Kawaharada – Anonymous

In memory of Misayo and Hideo Nakamura – Louise Yue

OFUSE:

Sutra chanting for James Tatsuo Tanaka family – David Tanaka

Memorial service for Robert Taniguchi – Family of Robert Taniguchi

WE WORKED TOGETHER, WE SHARED NEMBUTSU TOGETHER

By: Marilyn Morikawa

Makawao Hongwanji bid farewell in January 2024 to two of our centurion members:

Florence Sakae, 105 years old, was Makawao Hongwanji Kyodan president 1987-88 and Asoka Club/ BWA president for over 20 years. She and the Paia ladies worked tirelessly in the kitchen, especially making nishime. Among her most important tasks was serving as a translator for the Reverends and their wives who didn't understand much English. She was a classical Japanese dancer, Karaoke singer, and determined hanafuda player. She once said, "Some people didn't like me because I was bossy." But Florence was very dedicated to the church and got things done. Thank you, Florence Sakae.

Hanako Hashimoto, 104 years old, worked for many, many years alongside her husband John Hashimoto. She was a kyodan vice president, Bazaar co-chairperson, and vegetable & produce chairperson for Bazaar. She and the Kula ladies would come to help in the church kitchen when they could get away from their daily farmwork, bringing their fruits and vegetables to share with everyone. Hanako would be selling vegetables and produce at Bazaar time, first with their husband and eventually with her sons, grandchildren, and great-children. She always had a warm, happy smile for everyone. Thank you, Hanako Hashimoto.

MAUI HONGWANJI COUNCIL - In January 2024 offices were sworn in for Maui Hongwanji Council. This group consists of members from Maui Hongwanji temples and meets four times a year to discuss matters and share information regarding each temple.



(L to R) Rev. Murakami, Carol, Bobbi, Sharon, Faith, Aileen, Gary, Michael, Diane, Rev. Kiyohawa

PACK 18 CUBSCOUTS NEWS



Pack 18 workshop for emergency preparedness drew a big crowd.



Visitation to the fire station was exciting.



The new year was kicked off with the Pinewood Derby. This is always a Pack favorite, followed by a potluck. Look at all the pinewood cars!



A fantastic turnout of parents and scouts for our Pack bike ride to Kanaha Park.

Dharma Talk on Sunday January 7, 2024 By Wesley Kosaka

Teachings from Buddhism often spring from life's everyday experiences. Today, I'm going to talk about a journey through the fabric of existence, at least up to the point where I am now, and all the things that came before this moment. Many things in Dharma, or reality, can unexpectedly be great teachers of the values of Buddhism, like being the oldest sibling, having a large family, and even playing ping-pong.

Let's start with something that has been an essential part of my being since I was just barely two years old. Six days after my second birthday, I received the best present ever, a new baby sister. A measly few years after being born, I became a role model forever as the oldest child in a family. I began the difficult and tedious task of leading, carrying a lantern in the darkness of the night for my siblings to follow. It came with a silent responsibility, a duty to guide and protect, to light the way for those who come after. This simple accident of life, something no one can plan for, mirrors the role of compassion and selflessness in Buddhism. Just as an older sibling cares for their younger ones, the Dharma teaches us to extend kindness and support to all beings, creating and helping a sense of unity and harmony.

Growing up in a big family is even another incredible teaching of the Dharma that I stumbled into without anything of my own. Just like being part of a tapestry, each thread is different but interwoven beautifully, creating a whole, something larger and better than each part.. There's chaos, laughter, and occasional disagreements, but underneath it all lies a deep sense of connection. This mirrors the concept of interdependence in Buddhism, where every being is interconnected, affecting and relying on one another. From this, we learn the value of patience, understanding, and the beauty of diversity.

Lastly, a game in my life that has been with me: for a very long time, ping pong. A seemingly simple game, yet rich and full with profound and remarkable teachings. In the seemingly small, yet potent exchanges of the tiny ball, we learn about focus, adaptability, and resilience. Every shot, a reminder of impermanence, as the ball is at your side of the table in one moment, gone the next. It's a reflection of life's fleeting nature, teaching us to embrace change and stay present in each moment.

In Buddhism, the Dharma is not confined to ancient texts or grand temples. It's found in the rhythm of our daily lives, in the quiet moments of reflection and amidst the bustle of activity. Just as an elder sibling teaches their younger siblings, life presents us with countless opportunities to learn and grow. Being attentive to these lessons, whether through family dynamics or a simple game of ping pong, unveils the Dharma's teachings. Patience and understanding, cultivated through the trials and joys of being an elder sibling, resonate with the Dharma's call for compassion and empathy. The tapestry of a big family interconnectedness preached by Buddhism, reminding us of our shared humanity.

Meanwhile, the ping pong table becomes a complete symbol of life's impermanence and the need for presence and adaptability. The essence of these experiences teaches us the core principles of Buddhism. Just as an elder sibling navigates the responsibilities of leadership, a big family exemplifies unity in diversity, and a ping pong match encapsulates life's fleeting nature, the Dharma whispers its timeless wisdom through these ordinary yet profound moments. Let these reflections guide us in our journey.

Embrace the responsibilities with an open heart, cherish the connections amidst diversity, and face life's unpredictability with adaptability. In these simple experiences lies the profound essence of the Dharma, beckoning us to awaken and find peace in the dance of life.



MAKAWAO HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE
COUNCIL MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS
Sunday, January 14, 2024

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Report submitted.
- 2. Minister's Report:**
 - 1) Maui Interfaith Alliance: Launch on Saturday February 24, 2024, with reception from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Special guest will be actor/activist George Takei. Refreshments will be provide.
 - 2) Ingo Request for Florence Sakae who recently passed into the Pure Land at the age of 105.
 - 3) Search continues for new person to take over when Rie Taketa retires at end of February 2024.
 - 4) Chaplain Internship Program: Received final acceptance into the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) training.
- 3. Costs for Revising Preschool Deed:** Report submitted. Costs relating to removal of the religious use restriction in the property deed would be covered by preschool. Mahalo to attorney Paul Ueoka for assisting in the filing/acceptance process at the Land Court.
- 4. AED Training:** Karen Ishizu scheduled the training for Wednesday January 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
- 5. Election Results for 2024 Temple Council:**

Officers: President - Karen Ishizu, Vice President - Sidney Nako, Secretary - Jean Heselden, Treasurer - Fred Wong

Directors: Activities - Bobbi Nakagawa, Finance - Glenn Hamai, Funeral/Columbarium - Sharon Nagoshi, Membership Co-Directors - Diane Kosaka and Sharon Higuchi, Properties - VACANT, Repair/Maintenance, - John Yannell
- 7. New Gatha Books:** Karen Ishizu reported that 25 copies will be ordered.
- 8. Resident Minister Membership Dues:** Temple will continue to reimburse Rev. Kerry for various ministerial dues.
- 9. 2024 New Year's Party/Shinnen Kai:** Maui Hongwanji ministers and their families invited to party. Presidents of Hongwanji temples and their families also invited. This year, Lahaina Hongwanji members were invited.
- 10. Buddhist Education:** Rev. Kerry announced that Rev. Murakami is now Maui's representative to the statewide Buddhist Education Committee.
- 11. Activities:** Bobbi will revise 2024 calendar.
 - 1) Central Maui Hanamatsuri will be April 7 at KHM with MHM in charge this year.
 - 2) Maui Fujimatsuri will be on May 19 hosted by Makawao Hongwanji at MHM.
 - 3) No Sunday Service in August will continue for 2024.
- 12. Membership:** Report submitted.
- 13. Funeral/Columbarium:** Report submitted.
- 14. Properties:** Rental Property Manager Leslene will email monthly report to Karen Ishizu.
- 15. Repairs and Maintenance:** Report submitted.
- 16. Maui District Hongwanji Council:** Next meeting on January 22, 2024, Co-Presidents Carol Yamamura and Bobbi Nakagawa will preside.
- 17. HHMH Board Directors:** Report submitted. Resolutions were emailed and Carol Yamamura conducted discussion.
- 18. Judo Club:** 2024 State Hongwanji Judo Tournament will be in late August and early September.
- 19. Preschool:** Bobbi Nakagawa reported that preschool broke even during 2023 due to grants received.

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

SHINNENKAI AT MAKAWAO HONGWANJI

Under the direction of our fearless leaders, Diane and Karen, shinnenkai was a blast! Karen navigated the entire event with precision MC skills, filling us with laughter through it all. Diane made sure we had enough yummy food. Then there was the lucky-number drawings. Who knew there would be \$50 cash in three of the envelopes! A big arigato to Hamai Appliance for their donations as well as the people that donated the many gift cards and cash for doors prizes. We also had music from our in-house entertainers, John and Floyd. Take a look at the photos and all the smiling faces.



Welcome
2024



SHINNENKAI AT MAKAWAO HONGWANJJI



**Happy
New Year**

SENIOR PROGRAM

By: Alison

The January meeting of the seniors was a blast! Carol demonstrated how to make Temaki Sushi. Then we all got to make our own temaki sushi. It was not easy to do but it sure was delicious. We even made a second one to be sure we got it right or to try the different ingredients that Carol brought. Thank you Carol.

Temaki was a snack. We still had lunch with a lot of talk-story. It sure was fun to have a full house. We will be meeting again next month on the second Thursday of February. Come see what we are up to, guarantee to be fun and onolicious.



SANBAIZUKE - One of the popular items produced at Makawao Hongwanji is our sanbaizuke. The process is lengthy as well as labor intensive. After harvest, there is the daikon washing and chopping before soaking in brine and later in sauce. From harvest to packing takes about one month. If you are interested in purchasing our delicious sanbaizuke at \$6 per container, please call the office (808) 572-7229.



Makawao Hongwanji Saturday Japanese School is Back!

We are delighted to announce Makawao Hongwanji Saturday Japanese School is back in action with our *Sensei* Yuko Sakata-Wheelock. Born and raised in Japan, Yuko-*sensei* previously taught Japanese at adult schools for the County of Maui, enjoyed a career as a flight attendant, and now is a licensed real estate agent. Yuko-*sensei* hopes to contribute to the greater Maui community by sharing her love of Japanese language and culture.



OPEN HOUSE AND BOOK FAIR: February 17, 2024 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Social Hall at Makawao Hongwanji in Historic Makawao Town.

CLASSES: We will group students together by fluency level—beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Classes will be held in the Project Dana House, which is located behind the Social Hall, starting at 9:00, 10:00, and 11:00 a.m.

MONTHLY GATHERINGS: “Let’s speak Japanese!”

Monthly gatherings of native/fluent speakers of Japanese once a month in an informal setting so students will have the opportunity to observe, listen to, and join in “real” Japanese conversation between native/fluent speakers using the Japanese they have. Coffee, tea, snacks (potluck).

CLASS SCHEDULE: February-May 2024

February 17	Open House & Book Fair (Social Hall)
February 24	Class 1 (Dana House)
March 2	Class 2
March 9	Class 3
March 16	Class 4
March 23	Class 5
March 30	Monthly Gathering 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (Social Hall)
April 6	Class 6 (Dana House)
April 13	Class 7
April 20	Class 8
April 27	Class 9
May 4	Class 10
May 11	End of Semester Party 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (Social Hall)

SIGN UP TODAY!

Call Ms. Rie Taketa in the Temple Office (808) 572-7229, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Send an **email** to makawaohongwanji@gmail.com
Sign-up **online** <https://www.makawaohongwanji.org/sign-up>

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25 (per semester)

Please make checks payable to: Makawao Hongwanji Mission / Memo: J-school Reg Fee
or **Pay Online:** <https://www.makawaohongwanji.org/checkout/donate?donatePageId=631fd4c46539dc19be80c2ad>

PER CLASS FEE: \$5 per class, (ten classes = one semester = \$50)

Please make checks payable to: Makawao Hongwanji Mission / Memo: J-school Class Fee or
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Strength and Joy in Diversity

The Interfaith Alliance of Maui
Interfaith Gathering and Launch Party
With Special Guest: George Takei

February 24, 2024 (Sat) 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
1074 Makawao Avenue, Upcountry Maui, Hawaii

Seating is Limited / r.s.v.p. today!

<https://forms.gle/uhQcblvo9u3A7bnEA>



February 2024

Sun-	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	2	3
4 9:00 am Scout Sunday Service	5 7:30 am ~ 11:30 am Tutu and Me 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	6	7 7:30 am ~ 11:30 am Tutu and Me 10:00 am Monthly Service Hale Makua Kahului	8 9:30 am~12:30 pm Senior Program 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	9	10
11 9:00 am Family Service 11:00 am Council Mtg.	12 7:30 am ~ 11:30 am Tutu and Me 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm	13	14 7:30 am ~ 11:30 am Tutu and Me	15 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	16	17 10:00 am ~ 11:00 am Japanese School Open House
18 9:00 am Family Service & Children Dharma Service	19 Office Closed *Presidents Day	20	21 7:30 am ~ 11:30 am Tutu and Me	22 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	23	24 9:00 am ~ Japanese School
25 9:00 am Family Service	26 7:30 am ~ 11:30 am Tutu and Me 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo	27	28 7:30 am ~ 11:30 am Tutu and Me	29 6:00 pm ~ 8:45 pm Judo		

