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Monthly Newsletter of the Aiea Hongwanji Mission Embrace Change - Awareness (Seek Opportunities)

EVENTS OF DECEMBER 2015

Dec 3	Thu	9:00am	Aiea Buddhist Women's Association Meeting
Dec 4	Fri		Sanmu and Sanmu-Kanji Meeting
Dec 5	Sat	9:00am	Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Legislative Board of Directors' Meeting
Dec 5	Sat	4:00pm	HAIB Dharmachakra Festival at Fo Guang Shan (301 Alakea)
Dec 6	Sun	9:00am	Bodhi Day Service (Buddha's Enlightenment) at Hawaii Betsuin/ no service at Aiea
Dec 6	Sun	2:00pm	United of O'ahu Jr. YBA Meeting at Waipahu
Dec 7	Mon	7:30pm	Aiea Senior YBA meeting
Dec 8	Tue	7:00pm	Oahu Hongwanji Council Mtg. at Ewa
Dec 10	Thu	11:00am	Aiea BWA Year End Luncheon at Royal Palace (Stadium mall)
Dec 13	Sun	8:00am	Beautification Day - Temple & Lotus Day Care—no service
Dec 13	Sun	12:30pm	Lotus Adult Day Care Committee Meeting
Dec 15	Tue	10:00am	English Seminar: <u>Taken from the Paradise Isle: Hoshida Family Story</u> by Heidi Kim at Waipahu Hongwanji
Dec 15	Tue	6:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Dinner Meeting
Dec 20	Sun	9:00am	Family Dharma Service
Dec 20	Sun	10:30am	Preschool Committee Meeting
Dec 20	Sun	noon	Jr YBA Beach Potluck
Dec 27	Sun	8:00am	Mochitsuki (Annual Rice Cake Pounding)-no service
Dec 31	Wed	5:00pm	New Year's Eve Service

HIGHLIGHTS OF JANUARY 2016

Jan 1	Thu	10:00am	New Year's Day Service
Jan 3	Sun	9:00am	Dharma Service and School
Jan 3	Sun	11:30am	United of O'ahu Jr. YBA Meeting
Jan 7	Thur	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
Jan 10	Sun	9:00am	Dharma Service and School
Jan 10	Sun	10:30am	115th Anniversary Committee meeting
Jan 17	Sun	9:00am	Shinran Shonin Memorial Service (Hoonko)
Jan 18	Mon		Martin Luther King Jr. Day HOLIDAY
Jan 19	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Jan 23	Sat	4:00pm	New Year's Party (Shinnenenkai); dinner at 5:00pm
Jan 23	Sat	4:30pm	Installation Service (BWA Officers)
Jan 24	Sun	9:00am	Dharma Service and School
Jan 31	Sun	9:00am	Dharma Service and School

Aloha Members and Friends

Aiea Hongwanji members, if you would like to reserve the social hall for a party or celebration in 2016, please call the office and leave a message or come down to the office on Sunday or Thursday mornings to reserve a date. Hall reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.



A friendly reminder to Members who have not paid their 2015 Annual dues. Please send in your payment. \$125 for Regular members, \$50 for Associate members (40 years of age or younger).

NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER?

Please call Rev. Kosho Yagi at 488-5685 (residence) or 487-2626 (office). If he is not available, leave a message on the answering machine.

For religious emergencies (Makuragyo or bedside services), please call Rev. Yagi on his cell phone, 364-2825.

Temple President, Warren Tamamoto, is also available for assistance. His pager number is 576-4136.

Minister's Message

BODHI DAY



Bodhi Day or Jodo E marks the day when Prince Siddhartha “awakened” from a life blinded by ignorance and was “reborn” into an enlightened life as Sakyamuni Buddha.

Gautama meditated under the Bodhi Tree (Tree of Enlightenment) and became a Buddha, perfect in Wisdom and Compassion. This historic event took place on December 8 as the first faint light of day began to glow in the eastern sky. By his example he showed us that it was possible for man to become a Buddha—a fully Enlightened Person. We are, therefore, in possession of this potentiality—Buddha-Nature—which, when awakened and cultivated, will enable us to achieve supreme Wisdom and Compassion.

Bodhi Day, December 8, is relatively unknown as the day on which Sakyamuni was born as a Buddha; but Hanamatsuri, April 8, is widely known as the day on which Sakyamuni was born as a Prince. In the following paragraphs, I would like to relate some things about Sakyamuni’s attainment of Enlightenment, that is, his becoming a Buddha.

It was at the age of 29 that Prince Siddhartha had set himself out on a long journey in search of a path that would lead to the end of suffering. He was compelled by an inner urge to seek the answer. He was long aware of the fleeting nature of life and was struggling with some of life’s basic questions as: For what purpose has man come into existence? What does he live for? For six long years, he sought worthy teachers who might give him the answers.

He followed the difficult disciplines. But all was vain. He failed to find the means by which to liberate man from the suffering of birth, old age; illness and death.

He realized then that he must resolve these perplexing problems by himself. He crossed the River Nairanjana and entered a retreat in a quiet forest near the village of Uruvilva where he began to take up ascetic practices. The religious austerities were such that the Prince literally became skin and bone. Yet he found no light that would illumine his darkened mind.

It was a common belief in those days that man would attain enlightenment and gain peace and liberation by suppressing the desires of the flesh. The Prince came to have a totally different view. Desires could not be suppressed as long as man has his physical body.

To completely subdue them meant death. Austerities are not the way to free oneself from sufferings. When he arrived at this conclusion, he adopted a new approach. As the common saying would have it, “sound mind in sound body,” the Prince thought that true wisdom is not born of an emaciated body. He partook of the milk offered by Sujata, the daughter of a landowner in Uruvilva. He regained his strength and went on to a place which later became known as Buddhagaya. Settling under a pippala tree (which was named Bo or Bodhi Tree as the Prince attained the Bodhi under this tree), he made a firm resolution that he will not rise from this seat until he attains enlightenment. He entered quiet meditation to discern the true nature of himself. In the meantime, Mara, the evil one, appeared and attempted to impede his path to the goal; but the Prince was not perturbed. He went right on with his Dhyana, dispersed the evil one and finally attained Buddhahood. (Needless to say, Mara was no other than his own illusion or klesa. Illusory views prevent one from seeing the true nature of things.) The Prince was then 35 years of age. He must have been a solemn sight on the morning of December 8 with the morning star shining above with brilliancy when this epoch-making event took place. BODHI DAY is to commemorate this event.

Namo Amida Butsu,
Rev. Kosho Yagi

AIEA HONGWANJI HALL WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Dharma Service	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday & Thursday	Hosha Work Days	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Monday to Wednesday, & Friday	Preschool Use	8:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Monday & Thursday	Kumon Class	2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Monday & Wednesday	Zumba Class	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	Judo	5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	Sanshin Class (classroom)	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
1st Thursday	BWA Meeting	9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Thursdays	BWA Craft Class	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi everyone,

I hope you are well. We had a really nice evening on Saturday, November 7th at the Aiea Hongwanji Mission Annual Hawaiian Luau. Every year, Ito K. along with his *menehunes* and the energetic Aiea Buddhist Women's Association ladies put on a terrific dinner for our members and guests. The *lau-lau* was steaming hot, *kalua* pig was tender and moist, *lomi*-salmon salted just right and *poi* smooth and creamy. As always, the *pupu* table and drinks were "the best". The desserts were fantastic as well. Ben and Mona Lum and friends provided authentic Hawaiian music for our entertainment. Attendance was very good and people had a great time.

Thank you, Ito, for your leadership. Thank you to everyone who contributed with hard work and *pupus* or desserts. It was a busy day, but everything ran smoothly. Clean up went quickly because everyone pitched in. We plan to do this again next year. If you are able, come out early to help with food preparation and cooking. You might get to check out the *lau-lau* (quality control) when it first comes out of the steamer—the best time! I usually hang around in the afternoon for this as I consider it one of my responsibilities.

Our next major social event is our New Year's Party on Saturday, January 23rd. This is another very nice social event. See details in our January newsletter.

Lots of great things are happening at Honpa Hongwanji Headquarters and the Pacific Buddhist Academy. See pages 4, 5 and 10. The Pacific Buddhist Academy received a pledge of 250,000,000 yen from the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha. Together with the donations that PBA has received from Hawaii Kyodan and some other organizations and generous individuals, PBA will be able to break ground on their new facility during the winter holiday.

The Hawaii Buddhist Council will observe Bodhi Day with a joint service on Sunday, December 6, 2015, at Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (Pali Highway). Bodhi Day celebrates the day that Siddhartha Gautama attained enlightenment and became the Buddha. Details are on page 7. If you are interested in going on a bus, please call Susan in the office or contact Rev. Yagi.

Please try to attend either the New Year's Eve service on December 31 at 5:00 pm or the New Year's Day service at 10:00 am (or both). Let's try to start the year on a positive note.

Gassho,
Warren Tamamoto

Great news! The temple bell that was stolen from the Papaaloe Hongwanji Mission a short while ago was found, apparently in good condition.

YESS Camp Fundraiser

Please support YESS Camp 33 by purchasing a Big Island Crunch Bar. Proceeds will be used to help defray some of the camp cost.

Cost: \$4.00 per bar. Ingredients: chocolate, rice krispies, and macadamia nuts.

If you are interested in purchasing this

candy bar, please call Susan in the AHM office at 487-2626.

Make checks payable to *Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii* (put YESS camp in the memo corner.)

Orders from Aiea Hongwanji will be forwarded to the Buddhist Student Center, with delivery to the AHM office about the beginning of February 2016. Thank you!

Mettabhavana Meditation

Amida Buddha surrounds all men and all forms of life with Infinite Love and Compassion. Particularly does he send forth loving thoughts to those in suffering and sorrow, those in doubt and ignorance, to those who are striving to attain Truth; and to those whose feet are standing close to the great change men call death, Amida Buddha sends forth oceans of Wisdom and Compassion.
Namo Amida Butsu.

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WISH FOR PEACE ON THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II. As a special observance expressing our wish for peace, I solemnly pay tribute to the memory of all those who perished in World War II.

On August 6 seventy years ago, a single bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima devastated the beautiful city, and taking the innocent lives of many. The horrendous tragedy that the atomic bomb brought about, however, continues to remain as effects of radioactivity and as a painful memory for many to this day. In reflecting on this, I cannot help but be reminded of the stupidity of human beings, the brutality of war, and the cruelty of the atomic bomb.

This is why I feel there is deep meaning in our being able to renew our aspiration for peace together here in Hiroshima, at the very site of the atomic bombing, on this occasion of the 70th anniversary since the end of WWII.

Seventy years have passed since the conclusion of WWII. Although seventy years may have elapsed following the experiences of brutal warfare at an unprecedented global scale, have we really been alleviated from the deep sorrow and pain? As a result, has our aspiration for world peace and awareness really been deepened?

As those who experienced war firsthand become fewer, the painful memories of war becomes a thing of the past as it slowly fades away eventually becoming forgotten. We must also not forget the fact that Hongwanji at one point supported the then militarized regime's war campaign. Seventy years after WWII, it is our most important duty to pass down the memories and emphasize the importance of peace. In order to shape a brighter future, let us be guided by the teaching of the Buddha's wisdom and face the reality of the ongoing disputes constantly taking place somewhere in the world.

At the root of disputes is the notion of self-righteousness, which justifies our mindset while denouncing others who argue against us. Such human tendency filled with biased views was acutely pointed out by Shinran Shonin as, "With a foolish being full of blind passions, in this fleeting world that is empty and false, totally without truth and sincerity." In the name of justice, each individual or party is apt to persist in their legitimacy; however, their insistence is never detached from their selfish desires. However, this is inevitably shattered when illuminated by the light of Amida Tathagata's wisdom and compassion that embraces everything equally. With those words, Shinran Shonin also warns us that we all have the potential to behave inhumanely depending on the circumstances and situation.

We must take to heart that there is no war that is not accompanied with tears of sorrow. All of us equally receive birth as human beings in this world and live the same moment. Despite the bond with which we are tied together, why is it that we hurt one another, rejecting others' existence? By being aware of the Buddha's wish that is extended to all

life equally, we are able to realize a society in which each life cherishes and respects others under the guidance of the Buddha's wish. At the very least, we as Nembutsu followers must do our best to actualize a society in which all people can live in peace and harmony.

We should not let the seventy years following WWII become merely a time in making the sorrow and pain of warfare to be forgotten. Rather, together with all people around the world, let us take this 70th anniversary as the opportunity to pursue the realization of a global society that mutually supports one another, where every life can coexist through acceptance of differing values. It is my hope that each of us will reconfirm this principle on this occasion.

July 3, 2015

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

(This message was presented by the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Head Priest, OHTANI Kojun during the Memorial Service Wishing for Peace conducted in front of the monument for the atomic bomb victims in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park on July 3, 2015 and is an excerpt from the July 20, 2015 issue of the Hongwanji Journal)

PEARL CITY HONGWANJI BWA CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL. After several weeks of uncertain and bad weather, Sunday, October 11, 2015 dawned sunny and clear, a perfect day to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Pearl City Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association. It was in 1915 that the Pearl City Hongwanji Fujinkai, as it was then known, was first organized under the leadership of Mrs. Kisae Aoyama, wife of Pearl City Hongwanji's first resident minister.

The Centennial Celebration began with a Commemorative Service, during which a congratulatory message from Lady Ruzumi Ohtani, honorary president of the Buddhist Women's Federation of Japan, was read by Pearl City resident minister, Rev. Mariko Nishiyama. Bishop Eric Matsumoto gave a special Dharma Message, and congratulatory messages were delivered by several honored guests, including Hawaii Kyodan President Pieper Toyama; Hawaii Federation of BWA Honorary President and President ,Mrs. Tamayo Matsumoto and Mrs. Janet Honda; and Oahu United BWA President Mrs. June Asato.

During the service, the Pearl City Hongwanji BWA formally presented their Centennial Commemorative gift to the temple, a beautiful set of *Uchishiki* and *Tocho* to be used for special services, and which adorned the altar for the first time that day. Following the Commemorative Service was a Keirokai in honor of the elder members of the Pearl City BWA. Fellowship and delicious food were enjoyed at the buffet luncheon which ended the day's festivities.

The theme of the Celebration, "Celebrating a Hundred Years with Gratitude," reflects the Pearl City BWA members' deep appreciation of contributions made to their organization over the years. The Pearl City Hongwanji BWA has been able to carry on projects to benefit the temple and community

for 100 years due to the dedication and hard work of not only its past and present members, but also through the support and assistance of many others, such as ministers, temple members, and friends from the greater community.

(by Joan Masaki, Pearl City Hongwanji BWA President)

OAHU DISTRICT AFFIRMATION RITES CEREMONY (KIE-SHIKI). On October 10, 2015, the Oahu Hongwanji Council held the Affirmation Rites as a commemorative event in conjunction with the Pearl City Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association's 100th Anniversary Centennial Celebration at Pearl City Hongwanji.

Affirmation Rites is a ritual that provides the recipient an awareness of becoming a follower of the Buddha's teachings. There were 25 members from Oahu District temples who participated in receiving their Buddhist Names. The ritual was a breathtaking experience for the recipients; each of them recited the Three Treasures and Nembutsu as Bishop Matsumoto performed the ritual of giving him/her a Buddhist Dharma Name. Receiving a Dharma Name gives one a more significant and deeper meaning to being a follower of the Buddha. One of the recipients from that day summed up the sentiments of all the recipients with the following words, "I strongly urge those of you who have not yet received a Dharma Name to get one when an opportunity is available."

HONPA HONGWANJI CONTINGENCY VISITS HONOULIULI. It was 8AM in the morning when a group of Buddhist and Shinto priests boarded a bus which departed Honolulu headed for Leeward Oahu. At a predestination stop, one could see the wide expanse of land stretching out with Diamond Head in the distance. It was a breath-taking view. However, as they got back on the bus and headed down a valley the vista changed dramatically. There was no longer the view of the spacious plains nor the blue ocean. Only the walls of the valley. It was Honouliuli, the site of an Hawaii internment camp. Through the generosity and thoughtfulness of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (Carole Hayashino, CEO) a group of clergy including Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Rev. Tatsuo Muneto and Rev. Blayne Higa of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii were granted the honor of seeing the site of (up until now) the little known Honouliuli Internment Camp. Today, through the efforts of JCCH and others, the site is registered as a national monument with the National Park System. The group heard real-life accounts of people who were interred at Honouliuli along with photographs of the camp and drawings by individuals who were interred there. Unlike 70 years ago, fortunately, that day the mosquitos were not swarming. The most visible remnants of the camp site area are pre-camp structures like the aqueduct and a stone wall which still remain today. At the close of the visitation, a short ceremony in honor of Internees was held at which various individuals were asked to read actual quotes and comments of Internees, and a short closing remembrance was offered by Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

CONDOLENCE. Mr. Sonny Abangan, who was a member of Wahiaawa Hongwanji Mission, passed away on November 1, 2015. Mr. Sonny Abangan held the Tokudo Ordination status and he assisted the resident minister of Wahiaawa Hongwanji Mission as his assistant from September 1, 2002 to December

31, 2008. Mr. Abangan received the Ingo (The Posthumous Title) of Ondoku-In from the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, and this was presented to his family at the Funeral Service which was officiated by Rev. Kojun Hashimoto, the resident minister of Wahiaawa Hongwanji Mission, on November 9, 2015.

PARLIAMENT OF WORLD'S RELIGIONS. Salt Lake City, Utah was the host site of the 2015 Parliament of World's Religions ... [which] covered Income Inequality, War, Violence & Hate Speech, Climate Change and Indigenous Communities ... featured speakers such as His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Dr. Karen Armstrong, Karenna Gore, and Chief Arvol Lookinghorse.... The Mission Statement of The Parliament of the World's Religions states, it "was created to cultivate harmony among the world's religious and spiritual communities and foster their engagement with the world and its guiding institutions to achieve a just, peaceful and sustainable world."... Bishop Eric Matsumoto attended representing the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and was honored to meet Dr. Karen Armstrong of The Charter for Compassion (See photo).



Hawaii Kyodan is a religious/spiritual partner of Charter for Compassion International. Hawaii Kyodan sponsored an ad in the Convention Booklet to promote Jodo Shinshu....Also, in attendance were Bishop Kodo Umezu of Buddhist Churches of America and ... Bishop Tatsuya Aoki of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada...

(Report from Alan Goto) With the urging and assistance of the Board of Directors of The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii, my wife, Rosemary, and I were extremely fortunate to take part in the Parliament of the World's Religions. This event was held from October 16 to October 20, 2015 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Parliament invites all of the world's religions and spiritual traditions (including pagans and atheists) to join



together in interreligious harmony based on respectful, appreciative and cooperative relationships with persons and communities of other traditions. The first Parliament was held in 1893 in Chicago and is recognized as the birth of a global interfaith movement. In addition to known faith traditions, this gathering for the first time recognized the beauty of Baha'i, Buddhism, Hinduism and Jainism. D.T. Suzuki, the renown Zen scholar, was one of the noted presenters.

This year's theme was RECLAIMING THE HEART OF OUR HUMANITY – Working Together for a World of Compassion, Peace, Justice and Sustainability. In addition, the Inaugural Women's Assembly focused on: (1) Responsibility of world's religions to affirm women's dignity and human rights; and (2) Share sources of religious

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Eitaikyo Service Speaker -
Rev. Chikako Tsuyama
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Group picture after Service—
Smile! Please join us at the
next service!



Hawaiian Dinner



Dharmachakra Festival

Celebrating the First Teachings of the Buddha



Saturday, December 5, 2015

Fo Guang Shan Hawaii - 222 Queen Street (entrance on Alakea)

4:00 - 8:00 pm • Donation for Dinner: \$10 (Dinner by Fo Guang Shan Hawaii)
 "Adaptation: Buddhism for Hawaii" - Speakers • Music • Chanting
 Sponsored by the Hawaii Association of International Buddhists

Aiea Hongwanji Preschool

- Enrollment is at full with 97 students, and we are continuing to take applications especially for the 2016-17 school year.
- Thank you to the Hoshida gang for cutting our grass, trimming the guava tree, fixing our kitchen window cranks and green bench, and caulking the gap around our office air conditioner.
- We are in the process of replacing the lanai carpet.
- Movie night has been postponed to January.
- Application has been completed for the 2016-2017 Child Nutrition Meal Benefit Program.
- The Preschool hosted its quarterly CPK fundraiser on November 18, which raised \$558, and \$120 in donations. Thank you for your continued support.



Hawaii Buddhist Council's Annual Bodhi Day Service

Sunday, December 6, 2015
 at 9:00 AM

Location: Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin 1727 Pali Hwy.

Guest Speaker:

Edwin P. Hawkins

President Emeritus Japan-America Society of Hawaii
 Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation

Mr. Edwin (Ed) Hawkins is President Emeritus of the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) and the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation. Born in Japan, Mr. Hawkins has spent a lifetime immersed in international affairs. A retired Air Force colonel, Mr. Hawkins was a career intelligence officer and Foreign Area Officer and served in Japan, Korea, Germany and Turkey. He was JASH President from July 2007 to September 2014. In spring 2015, he was presented with the Imperial Decoration, Order of the Rising Sun with Gold and Silver Rays by the Japanese Government. Mr. Hawkins is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy (B.S., East Asian Studies), Harvard University (M.A., East Asian Studies), and Japan National Institute for Defense Studies (senior military school), and is fluent in Japanese.



Light Refreshments / Entertainment by Ohana Arts and Dharma School Children

HBC Bodhi Day Food Drive 2015

Let's help the Homeless/Houseless be able to say,
 "Itadakimasu" and "Gochisōsama deshita."

Please bring your donation to the Bodhi Day Service. Recommended are non-perishable food items like canned goods, rice, spaghetti ingredients, pasta, cornstarch, cooking ingredients and so forth. Thank you for your dana!

HBC Photo Contest: Theme: "Peace"

Everyone is Invited to Enter / Deadline is November 23, 2015
 Details available from HBC or participating temples!

OAHU DISTRICT HONGWANJI COUNCIL SPONSORED SEMINAR

TAKEN FROM THE PARADISE ISLE

THE HOSHIDA FAMILY STORY

SPEAKER: PROF. HEIDI KIM

DECEMBER 15, 2015, 10:00AM

REFRESHMENT TO BE FOLLOWED

AT WAIPAHU HONGWANJI

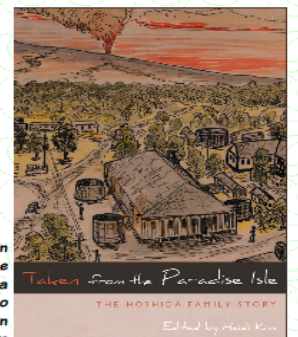
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Heidi Kim is assistant professor of English and comparative literature at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has published essays on the food policies of the Japanese American incarceration camps and the legacy of Korematsu v. United States and regularly teaches courses devoted to the history and literature of Japanese American incarceration.

(From the introduction of *Taken from the Paradise Isle*)

George and Tamae Hoshida and their children were an American family of Japanese ancestry who lived in Hawaii. In 1942, George was arrested as a "potentially dangerous alien" and interned in a series of camps over the next two years. Meanwhile, forced to leave her handicapped eldest daughter behind in a nursing home in Hawaii, Tamae and three daughters, including a newborn, were incarcerated at the Jerome Relocation Center in Arkansas. George and Tamae regularly exchanged letters during this time, and George maintained a diary including personal thoughts, watercolors, and sketches. In *Taken from the Paradise Isle* these sources are bolstered by extensive archival documents and editor Heidi Kim's historical contextualization, providing a new and important perspective on the tragedy of the incarceration as it affected Japanese American families in Hawaii.



OPEN TO PUBLIC, ANY QUESTIONS TO WAIPAHU HONGWANJI AT 677-4221

**Major Yearly
Memorial
Service
Schedule**

For The Year
2015

2014-1st year

2013-3rd year*

2009-7th year

2003-13th year

1999-17th year

1991-25th year

1983-33rd year

1966-50th year

* from the 2nd anniversary, please follow the Japanese custom of holding the service the year ahead.

Family Memorial Service

In the Japanese Buddhist tradition, families hold memorial services (Nen-ki Hoyo) in memory of our loved ones, and to express our gratitude for Amida Buddha's Infinite Light.

The Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion embrace our loved ones in the land of peace and happiness. May we also remember Amida's embrace on our lives as we remember those who have departed.

If your family would like to arrange a memorial service for your loved one, please call the temple at 487-2626 (please leave a message if no one is available). You may schedule the service either before or after the memorial date. The ideal time is when as many family members as possible will attend. If you have any questions about memorial services, please call Rev. Yagi at 488-5685 (residence).

December 2015

Clara Kanno	1st
Kenji Yamada	1st
Tomio "Tommy" Fujimoto	1st
Noboru Kawamura	7th
Keane Sunao Oka	7th
Wilson Rikuo Nasu	13th
Billie Mitsuno Nozawa	13th
Tomio "Tom" Higuchi	17th
Harry Tadaichi Kanbara	17th
Mitsuo Nagamine	17th
Katsuko Omori	25th
Toshiaki Onaka	25th
Taka Kido	33rd
Hitoshi Yamamoto	33rd
Yoshito Yoshida	33rd
Yoshito Inouye	50th
Iwazo Nitta	50th

January 2016

Roy Ishioka	3rd
Kazuo "Clarence" Hashimoto	7th
Ruth Hifumi Okazaki	13th
Grace Hisayo Ishii	13th
Mitsue Marumoto	13th
Tadaichi Kouchiyama	17th
Tamotsu Kawamoto	17th
Suyeno "Myrtle" Ukita	17th
Akiyo Honda	25th
Kina Omura	25th
Ito Nakayama	50th

*With Deepest Sympathy
To the Family of the Late
Mitsuo Masuda*

Nokotsudo (Columbarium)

If you would like to visit the Nokotsudo, please call the minister at 488-5685 (residence) or the office at 487-2626 at least two days in advance so that arrangements can be made to open the Nokotsudo for you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

The JIKO will publish names and amounts of donations made for services or projects. If you DO NOT want your name published, please mark your donation-"NO PUBLISH", and your name will be omitted and your donation marked "Generous Member or Anonymous".

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HI-5 RECYCLABLE DONATIONS

Deposit Hi-5¢ donations outside in the back (Makai) corner of hall building where our master recycler Kazuto Tomoyasu works on it on Hosha days.

Note: For Hi-5 recyclables, may we ask for your kokua in removing the caps from the plastic beverage containers. In addition, plastic drink bottles cannot be redeemed without the Hi-5 label. If detached, please roll up and stick it in the bottle.

Please deposit non Hi-5 items and card board at our neighborhood school depositories or your blue home recycle bins. If you would like to be recognized for your donation, please include your name.

Thank you for your continued support.

To all Hall Users—Please deposit your Hi-5 recycle items in the Recycle area, not in the trash can.

Thank you.



Do you have an unwanted vehicle at home?
If so, please consider
Kokua in Kind (ph. 834-6603)



Proceeds go to Aiea Hongwanji
Mission and you could get
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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 on what I do now depends not only on my happiness or unhappiness but also that of others. May every link In Amida Buddha's Golden Chain of Love become bright and strong and may we all attain Perfect Peace. Namo Amida Butsu.



DENTO HOKOKU HOYO

The Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition

A series of services will be held at the Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto to officially recognize that transmission of the tradition of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching of Shinran Shonin to the 25th Sennyō Gomonshu, and to express the wish that the teachings of the Onembutsu will continue to spread throughout the world.

Two services are reserved for BCA, Canada, and Hawaii.

2016 Fall: October 21, 2016 (Openings for 50 Hawaii participants)

2017 Spring: March 31, 2017 (Openings for 60 Hawaii participants)

English translation will be provided during those two services, and a special joint event with BCA and Canada to promote bonding among the Sangha members is also planned.

In conjunction with the Accession Ceremony, 7-8 days of sightseeing, fellowship, and spiritual enrichment is being planned. Cost estimate for entire trip: Around \$3,000-\$3,500 per person.

Aiea members, please contact Rev. Kosho Yagi, PH: 487-2626, if you are interested in the Pilgrimage tour.



Pacific Buddhist Academy News



Dear Hongwanji Community:

Pacific Buddhist Academy big news to share! Thanks to a pledge of 250,000,000 yen (about 2 million dollars) from the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha and support from you and many temples, affiliate organizations and laypeople of the Hawaii Kyodan and other friends, PBA has reached a major milestone in our journey toward a new school building! We look to break ground on our future site during the winter holiday. The groundbreaking represents growth and promise as the new facility will enable the size of the student body to increase to at least 120 and will allow numerous education programs to expand.

To celebrate this auspicious occasion with you, here is a glimpse of PBA's building design concept. Classrooms, a science lab, a tea ceremony room and other design features were all developed by keeping in mind how learning in the 21st century can best accommodate new generations of practitioners of peace.

We are truly grateful for your support! Your generosity has helped us guide more students toward the practice of peace and brought us much closer to our vision of PBA's future. We've reached an important next step, but there are a few more to climb, and we hope we can count on you to reach them. We anticipate a new surge in fundraising with the pledge from Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, and we urge you to consider giving additional support. As our dream becomes a reality, we'll keep you informed of new milestones achieved.

Join us for the rest of the journey! Since unveiling our new educational model to families in 2003, PBA has successfully shown how an integration of peace education and Buddhist values transforms lives. Together, we have sustained a school where students aspire to academic excellence while learning such values as mindfulness, gratitude, and compassion. Now let's ensure that light shines brightly into the future. We invite you to call or write us if you would like more information.

With gratitude,
(Josh Hernandez Morse & Rüdiger Rückmann, PBA)



Headquarters Update (Continued from page 5)

and spiritual inspiration for women's empowerment.

People from more than 80 countries and 50 faith and spiritual traditions came together to learn about and consider solutions related to topics such as climate change, poverty and the struggle of indigenous people throughout the world. With plenary sessions and about 1,200 topical sessions over the four days, I started each day with a 7:00 am worship and self-reflective activities (meditation, tai chi and hatha yoga), then participated in various sessions dealing with homelessness, indigenous people and the work of small local community action groups. The session presenters were excellent with experiential knowledge and participants shared their experiences with mutual respect, mindfulness and compassion.

The Parliament concluded with a call to all religious and spiritual communities to urgently work for a compassionate, peaceful, just and sustainable world. With this sense of urgency, the next Parliament will be held in two years rather than four years. The location of next gathering will announced shortly.

The Hongwanji was well represented at the Parliament. Bishop Tatsuya Aoki (Buddhist Churches of Canada), Bishop Eric Matsumoto (Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii) and Bishop Kodo Umezu (Buddhist Churches of America)

represented the North American temples. In addition, Reverend Ron Kobata, Reverend Marvin Harada, Reverend Ron Miyamura and other BCA ministers conducted short Jodo Shin services for interested Parliament participants.

Reverend Jerry Hirano and his wife, Carmela, of the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple hosted Parliament participants from the Hongwanji. Salt Lake sangha members welcomed us with their warm hospitality and the Hiranos opened their home for a special dinner. We certainly enjoyed our brief visit with the Salt Lake sangha and appreciate their welcoming efforts.

For me, the Parliament demonstrated that religious and spiritual people can make a difference in the world.

(Call the office 487-2626 if you want the full text of HQ Update.)

PROJECT DANA NEWS

Project Dana in Aiea needs volunteers who are willing to help our elder clients with list shopping and doctor visits. We offer our services to Elders living in Aiea. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer should contact Frank Takenouchi at 772-3050. We also offer respite to those who care for family members.

In Gassho,
Frank Takenouchi

Aiea BWA News

Our members are busy making special goodies for our End -of-Year Luncheon on Dec.10 at Royal Palace Chinese Restaurant. Hosha Gang and Sunday Kitchen Hosha groups have been invited in appreciation for all the help and dana they have shared throughout the year.

Call the office if you have not signed up (487-2626).

We will be visiting our homebound members at the beginning of the month. We are grateful for their membership even if they are not physically able come to the temple.

Election of our 2016-17 officers will take place at our December meeting. If you would like to become one of our officers, please call the office before Dec. 3. Please

send your email address to aieajiko@gmail.com so we can keep you better informed of our meetings and activities.

Please join us at our annual Mochitsuki on Dec. 27. It's a good time to see familiar faces and experience the joy of mochi pounding and making.

Thanks again for the flower donations for our temple services and sharing your time and efforts throughout the year. We are truly grateful to have each and everyone of you as part of our BWA family.

Happy Holidays !

Akemashite omedetou gozaimasu.

Arlene Sunada



2016 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARADE . The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations will once again be participating in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade.

We hope that BWA members, dharma school students and teachers, PBA faculty, staff and students, temple members and families will join us in honoring this man who was certainly an advocate for Embracing Change.

Please help to publicize this.... This is the critical info:

- *Date: Monday, January 18th*
- *Time: Meet at Magic Island between 7:30—8:00am. Parade begins at 9:00*
- *Wear: purple or Hongwanji shirt*
- *Route: Magic Island to Kapiolani Park*

The Pacific Buddhist Academy has generously offered to drive a bus to accommodate those who cannot walk the route.

In past years, we have handed out origami cranes along the parade route. We would appreciate donations of cranes for this event. It really helps us to connect to the bystanders. Please join us... it's a lot of fun!

Lois Toyama, VP, HHMHFBWA

NEWS from Lotus Adult Day Care Center

The LADCC will be accepting applications for the Director and CNA (Certified Nurse's Aide) positions. Applicants for the Director should have a knowledge of adult day care centers, administrative/financial background, management and computer skills and a willingness to work with the various entities on the Aiea Hongwanji Mission campus. Resumes can be emailed to aieajiko@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 487-2626 or email the aieajiko address.

LADCC is also accepting applications for day care participants.

Senior YBA News

Well, I hope everyone had their fill of onolicious Thanksgiving food. I know more ono kau kau is coming as the holiday season continues! We have so much to be grateful for!

Yes, 2015 went by so quickly and as the year ends, let us look forward to 2016. We will continue to support our AHM temple's activities. Our Senior YBA calendar of events will be printed in the January Jiko.

Please enjoy your holidays!! Let us all be healthy and let us all continue to support our Temple's activities and mission.

Happy Holidays!

In Gassho,
George Zakahi



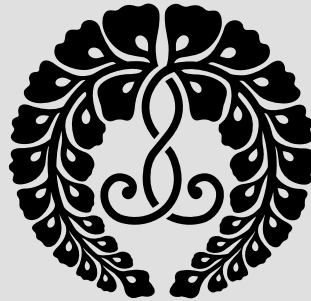
NEW AIEA HONGWANJI MISSION BON DANCE TOWELS FOR 2016

Suggestions are still being solicited from members and friends for a new design for our Bon Dance towels in 2016. Please submit designs and ideas to the Aiea Hongwanji Mission office by the deadline of Dec 10, 2015, via email Aieajiko@gmail.com or mail. All designs will become the property of Aiea Hongwanji Mission. and will not be returned. .

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BEAUTIFICATION DAY

Temple and Lotus (Preschool by Parents and Staff)

The fourth quarterly cleanup day on Sunday, December 13, 2015, will beautify the Temple and Lotus Adult Day Care Center. Volunteer members, family, friends and users of our facilities are welcome to please help clean for the coming year. This is our Annual Temple cleaning.

Come for Fellowship and Hosha. Many helping hands will help to make the tasks go faster.

Hosha cooks will serve breakfast at 7:30am and lunch at 12 noon.

Thank you, for your participation in the Beautification Days for 2015!



SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 23, 2016 (SATURDAY)

Aiea Hongwanji Mission's
New Year's Party
(Shinnenenkai) and
Annual Membership Meeting

Further information in next month's issue of the JIKO

Members and friends--our food, refreshment and entertainment committees are hard at work planning our New Year's Party. Please plan to join us for an early delicious dinner and a good time. Tickets are **\$10** for adults, **\$5** for children 7-12 years old and **free** for those under 7.