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EVENTS OF APRIL 2017

Apr 2	Sun	9:30am	Hawaii Buddhist Council Buddha Day Service Jodo Mission (guest speaker Dr. George Tanabe/no service at Aiea)
Apr 3	Mon	7:30pm	Senior Young Buddhist Association Meeting in Office
Apr 6	Thu	9:00am	Aiea Buddhist Women's Association meeting
Apr 8	Sat		Buddha Day HOLIDAY for Minister
Apr 8-9	Sat/Sun	5pm to 10am	O'ahu Hongwanji Council Youth Retreat at Wahiawa Hongwanji
Apr 9	Sun	8:00am	Decorate Hanamido in Hondo
Apr 9	Sun	9:00am	Aiea Hanamatsuri Service
Apr 9	Sun	11:00am	Preschool Committee Meeting
Apr 9	Sun	11:30am	United of O'ahu Jr. YBA Meeting at Aiea
Apr 14-15	Fri-Sat		YESS Camp 34: <i>YESS-topia</i> at Camp Kokokahi
Apr 16	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Apr 16	Sun	4:00pm	Reverend (retired) Tetsuun Ama funeral at Hawaii Betsuin
Apr 18	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Apr 23	Sun	9:00am	Eshinni-Kakushinni Day Service (Shinran Shonin's wife and daughter) with guest speaker Rev. Yuika Hasebe/BWA Craft Sale (10am-noon)
Apr 23	Sun	noon	Lay Convention Planning Committee meeting at Waipahu
Apr 30	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School

HIGHLIGHTS OF MAY 2017

May 4	Thu	9:00am	Aiea Buddhist Women's Association meeting
May 5	Fri		Sanmu and Sanmu-Kanji Meetings
May 5	Fri		PBA Commencement Exercise (note <i>corrected date</i>)
May 6	Sat		Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Board of Directors' Meeting
May 7	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
May 7	Sun	noon	O'ahu Lay Association meeting at Pearl City
May 14	Sun	9:00am	Mother's Day Service
May 16	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
May 16	Tue		Preschool CPK Fundraiser
May 21	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School— Rev. Yagi on Kauai
May 21	Sun	1:00pm	Buddha Bowling Bash (formerly Spring Fling) at Leeward Bowl
May 26			Aiea Hongwanji Mission Pre-School Graduation
May 28	Sun	9:00am	Gotan-E Service (Shinran Shonin's Birthday)— note NEW DATE
May 29	Mon		Memorial Day HOLIDAY

Aloha Members and Friends

- The Aiea Hongwanji Mission Hawaiian Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2017.
- **Call for volunteers to assist the frail and elderly in Aiea. Please call Frank at 772-3050 for information on becoming a Project Dana volunteer. Volunteers assist with transportation for doctor and dentist visits, shopping, light housekeeping, and respite visits. Orientation and training will be provided to the volunteers. Thank you very much!**
- BON DANCE PRACTICE—The Eisa Okinawan Dance group is holding bon dance practice open to the public on Friday nights (until the beginning of June) in the Aiea Hongwanji hall from 6 to 8:30pm. Some Fridays may be pre-empted by other hall activities. As of March 29, there are none yet scheduled.
- Check the aieahongwanji.org website calendar for events coming up.

NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER?

Please call Rev. Shawn 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.

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Minister's Message



About a month ago, I had Memorial Service at Temple. Some of the family don't have Buddhist back ground so I tried to explain about Buddhist etiquette as much as I can. Just after I concluded the Service, one boy came to me and asked me "What is Recite Nembutsu? Is that special prayer?" I believe I could answer his questions but I wish to spread to our Sangha about this topic more.

Recitation of Nembutsu is calling the Name of Amida Buddha as "Namo Amida Butsu, Namo Amida Butsu..." We call Shomyo Nembutsu(称名念仏) in Japanese. Originally the practice of Nembutsu meant, literally, to be mindful of the Buddha.

The meaning of the character *nen* of the word Nembutsu means the practice of contemplation, or visualization (観念kannen). When the meaning of *nen* is understood as recitation (称念: shonen), it is called *Shomyo*(称名).

Recitation of "Namo Amida Butsu" is neither a prayer nor a magic. It is the calling of Amida Buddha who is concerned for us who drift in this world of delusion, and it summons us to come to his world of enlightenment all the more quickly. Recitation, in this case, means it is heard by the very person who recites it. When the mind of Amida Buddha, which reaches us as his calling, is heard by us just as we are, it is called shinjin (Entrusting Mind).

Now I would like to explain about first two letters of "Namo Amida Butsu".

Namo is the transliteration of the Sanskrit word *namas*, which means taking refuge in, adoration to, homage to, worship to, or following faithfully. The most basic condition for becoming a follower of Buddhism is to take the three refuges: "I take refuge in the Buddha," "I take refuge in the Dharma," and "I take refuge in the Sangha." Taking refuge in the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha is the mark of being a Buddhist.

The great Chinese master Shandao, in his interpretation of "Namo Amida Butsu," explained the meaning of "namo" as follows:

"Namo" means "to take refuge"; it also has the significance of "making aspiration and transferring merits." (Essential Meaning of the Contemplation Sutra, quoted in Kyogyoshinsho)

Following Shandao's interpretation, Shinran Shonin further explained that:"Kimyo" [taking refuge], therefore, is the command of the Primal Vow, summoning us to trust it.

"Making aspiration and transferring merit" (hotsugan eko) refers to the mind of the Tathagata who already made the Vow resolving to endow the practice to sentient beings. (Kyogyoshinsho)

Shinran Shonin understood the word Namu as the command of Amida Buddha who is concerned for us and summons us to come back to the Pure Land even before we have taken refuge in the Buddha. Shinran taught us that namo is the mind that gives us the working (practice) to be able to be born in the Pure Land even before we aspire to do so. He praises not only Amida Buddha's mind but also the mind of Bakyamuni, who encourages us to be born in the Pure Land.

Namo Amida Butsu.

In Gassho,
 Rev. Shawn K. Yagi



AIEA HONGWANJI HALL WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Dharma Service (temple)	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 #1	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Monday & Wednesday	Zumba Class #2	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi everyone,

I hope you are in good spirits. We had a really great (my opinion) Sangha Day here at Aiea on March 5th. About 180 Sangha members from the Oahu District temples joined us for a day of fun.

Rev. Shawn Yagi welcomed everyone and shared a short Dharma lesson as taught by the Buddha. How many candles does it take to light an entire box of candles? The answer is “one”, because one candle lights another and that candle lights another until all of the candles are lit. *“Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the single candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.” Buddha. Thank you, Rev. Yagi.*

A magician, “Harvey O”, entertained the entire group. Children of all ages enjoyed his show and tried to figure out how he did his tricks. After the magic show, the group broke up into smaller groups. Some played Hanafuda while others learned to make inari sushi and namasu. A third group went to the Lotus Adult Day Care Center to make luggage tags, greeting cards, yarn leis and flower pens. People were allowed to move to another area of interest on their own schedule. After these activities, we gathered together again before lunch. Everyone got a chance to participate in a short Zumba session. Great music that focused the energy of everyone, got them up, dancing and moving to the music and allowed them to be free! Fun! Thank you to the Zumba group that uses our hall on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Then, to quiet everyone down and focus our minds, we had a brief introductory session on “Mindful Meditation” led by Mr. Stephen Chinen. Mr. Chinen pointed out that mindfulness is anytime you are completely focused. So Zumba can be a kind of mindfulness! Lunch was a delicious bento and shave ice was served to everyone.

I received many good comments from the participants. The most gratifying part of the day was the amount of support provided by our Aiea Hongwanji members and friends. So many people showed up to help in some way. Thank you to everyone who was able to help. Please continue to share happiness!

Temple beautification on March 12th was a very good day. We concentrated our efforts on the Lotus Adult Day Care Center. Volunteers cleaned the windows, fans and support beams-areas that can't be cleaned on a daily basis. Thanks to all of our volunteers!



Buddha Day (Hanamatsuri) Service is coming up. April 2nd the Hawaii Buddhist Council hosts the service. This year it is at the Jodo Mission at 9:30 am. Please try to attend if you are able. Last year we found out that parking is available for free at Shriner's Hospital. Aiea's Buddha Day Service will be the following Sunday, April 9th at 9:00 am. Please come early to help decorate the Hanamido at 8:00 am.

Be your own light . . .

Warren Tamamoto

AIEA HONGWANJI HALL WEEKLY ACTIVITIES (continued)

Tuesday & Thursday	Judo	5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	Sanshin Class (classroom or Lotus)	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
1st Thursday	BWA Meeting (kitchen)	9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Thursdays	BWA Craft Class	8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Fridays	Eisa Bon Dance Practice	6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

* schedule is subject to change due to holidays, and other reasons.

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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YBICSE (YOUNG BUDDHIST INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL STUDY EXCHANGE) July 10-22, 2017

Hongwanji-sponsored educational trip to Japan



2015 YBICSE participants at Honzan

- Visiting Jodo Shinshu historical sites including the Hongwanji (mother temple) in Kyoto
- Fellowship with new friends from US Mainland, Canada, South America, and Japan
- Homestay Program
- Learn & experience Japanese Culture
- Share joy of living in the Nembutsu Teachings
- Many other life-changing experiences
- Minister Chaperone: Reverend Tomo Hojo

Candidate Qualification

- A person who appreciates Jodo Shin Buddhism
- A Person currently in 9th grade through age 25
- In good health
- *Fifteen (15) delegates will be selected.

Registration Fee: \$1,600.00

- Rest of the travel expense will be covered by Hongwanji
- Some meals and other personal expenses are not included
- Inter-island airfare within Hawaii is not included

Application instruction and travel itinerary will be available soon. Application deadline is April 30, 2017.

LIVE VIDEO OF THE JODO SHINSHU ACCESSION CEREMONY.

Hongwanji world headquarters in Kyoto, Japan provides livestreaming video of the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition. If you access the web pages <http://hongwanjihawaii.com/2016/10/05/>

[watch-live-video-of-the-jodo-shinshu-accession-ceremony/](#)

while the services are underway, you may watch and hear them as they happen.

A group from Hawaii Kyodan led by Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Rev. Yuika Hasebe will be attending the Accession Ceremony on March 31, 2017. There are other participants from the Buddhist Churches of America and the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada. Since Japan is 19 hours ahead of Hawaii, services start at 7 p.m. Hawaii time the previous day, tune in to the webpage on **March 30, 2017 at 7:00pm (Hawaii Time).**

2017 Legislative Assembly Special Presentation on “Becoming A More Dharma-centered Organization” Bishop Eric Matsumoto

Today, I would like to share what I see as the general solution to most, if not all, of our challenges. We must become an even more Dharma-centered Sangha! The answer may sound too simplistic, but I ask you to recall the words of Rennyō Shōnin when he said, “...even as one person awakens to Shinjin (or True Entrusting), this...is true prosperity in the deepest sense of the word.” It is my conclusion is that it is the Dharma that will save us, both as individual persons and as an organization. The two key words are Dharma and Sangha. Or if you wish, the three key words—the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha, the Three Treasures. There is a reason why we start all our meetings with the recitation of the Three Treasures, but maybe, just maybe, the recitation of the 3 Treasures has become a mere ritual and lost its impact. It is time to re-emphasize the importance of that recitation. We, the Sangha, must live the Dharma as shared by the Buddha. I would say, if we cannot become this truly Dharma-centered organization/Sangha, we have no hope and our days in Hawaii are certainly numbered.

As I reflect on the history of our Hongwanji organization, “What magnetically drew people to Hongwanji?” It was the equality and inclusiveness emphasized by Jodo Shinshu and also exhibited by Jodo Shin Followers beginning with Shinran Shōnin and people like Rennyō Shōnin. As we know, in Jodo Shinshu, we are all equal before Amida Buddha. In hierarchical Japan for especially the common people, the masses, this was a powerful impetus for people to support/join the Hongwanji. Listening to Jodo Shinshu Dharma Talks gave people a sense of worth and value. The message was you mattered. You are important. You are included in the embrace of Great Compassion!

What should not be overlooked is that it was not only the message, but when people came to Hongwanji or Jodo Shinshu that is what they were able to experience. There many stories or accounts of how Rennyō Shōnin received people that came to see him. The Spirit of Sangha was strong. In Hawaii, we might say the spirit of Ohana prevailed. The sense of community was strong in Jodo Shinshu. This sense of community/Sangha, I believe, is the key to our future. And for this reason, we are also trying to identify what are our community values as a Jodo Shinshu Sangha. People, of any age, are looking for a place to belong—a place where they are respected, appreciated, safe and feel welcomed. Are we such a Sangha? Do we make people who come to temple feel that way? Let us self-reflect, another important Buddhist virtue.

As a Buddhist religious organization, what should guide is the Dharma or Teachings. We should always first ask ourselves,

“What would a Buddhist do?” “Is what I am doing in line with our Buddhist Teachings?” “Am I going to the Dharma for guidance?” “What am I doing to contribute?” The Dharma must come to the forefront and to a lesser extent our culture, whether it be American or Japanese or any other. Of course, we live in America, so there are certain things which must be done in accordance with American laws and sensibility, but we need to go beyond this “Japanese style” versus “American style” and let the “Buddhist style” prevail!

Speaking of style, our Jodo Shinshu style or way is one of being nurtured by Amida Buddha and the Dharma. It is not one of following fixed dogma and set rules of do’s and don’ts or being reprimanded or scolded. Rennyō Shōnin said,

“If you have acquired Faith, you will abstain from speaking harsh words to your fellow-believers...Without Faith, one will become self-assertive and speak rough words, hence disputes are bound to arise. What a pity! You should be well aware of this.”

(From “ Thus I Have Heard from Rennyō Shōnin”, pages 124-125).

Important is continual moment to moment reflection including self-reflection and awareness including self-awareness or paying attention to one’s thoughts, words and actions/behavior. As the Shinshu Pledge says “I will put my effort in my work with self-reflection and gratitude.”

In Jodo Shinshu, many of the worldly/secular values with which we make distinctions between people were put aside and everyone was considered equal before Amida Buddha. In Shin Buddhism, one’s status in society, educational level, financial circumstances, gender, age, morality, whether one was ordained or not, all did not really matter as far as salvation was concerned. As we find in the Tannishō, “Amida’s Primal Vow does not discriminate between the young and old, good and evil; true entrusting alone is essential.”

Generally speaking, traditional Japanese society influenced by Chinese cultural influences had a tendency to favor men over women, elders over young people and the learned over the illiterate and so forth, but in Jodo Shinshu these distinctions were not primal. Again, in the eyes of Amida Buddha everyone was equally important. Now, this is a tremendous statement! In a society that had all kinds of hierarchy, to say that everyone is equal is potentially a dangerous statement. For this reason and others, in certain parts of Japan there occurred the suppressing of Jodo Shinshu as a dangerous philosophy along with fear of the deep loyalty and commitment that Jodo Shinshu members had to the Hongwanji.

But getting back to Shinran Shōnin and Rennyō Shōnin, they both considered themselves no better than anyone else. This too, is a tremendous statement when you really think about it. And this is part of what makes Shinran Shōnin and Rennyō Shōnin so special, the very fact that they claim that they are no better or no different from us makes them, to me, very, very special! They saw that they were bonbu too. This is not to say that we should not respect ministers for they are clergy. As Shinran Shōnin said, “Although monks are so in name only and keep no precepts, Now in this defiled world of the last dharma-age, they are the equals of Sharihotsu and Mokuren, and we are urged to pay homage to and revere them.” In Jodo Shinshu, while respecting Jodo Shinshu ministers for their profession as clergy there is also a strong understanding that they are also no different from anyone else. They have the same concerns, anxiety and

challenges as lay people. Jodo Shinshu Ministers are not a superman or a superwoman, a perfect, flawless person. As Rennyō Shōnin says about all of us, “Simply looking ahead without looking down at our feet, we shall stumble. To look at others and not look at our own self is a horrible thing.”

A person of Shinjin-Nembutsu in Jodo Shinshu, in grateful response to Amida Buddha’s Unconditional Great Wisdom and Compassion, laments about his/her imperfect and limited self and earnestly tries to live a more Dharma-centered life. Let me emphasize that the inspiration and original motivation for trying to live a more Dharma-centered life is not me-this foolish being, but Amida Buddha.

Today, once again, I refer to the late Rev. Jitsuen Kakehashi, a revered great scholar priest of Jodo Shinshu who said, a person who has become awakened to Amida Buddha’s profound Wisdom and Compassion

“...begin(s) to live a new life, refraining from committing selfish deeds and trying to respond to the Tathagata’s great compassion.” “Shinran points out that there must be necessarily be a big difference in the condition of person’s mind between before he heard the teaching of the Primal Vow and after he became a nembutsu practitioner guided by the Primal Vow, and that there must certainly be a difference in behavior before and after the person became a nembutsu practitioner.

In our daily life, we are liable to be dictated to by self-centered thoughts, but in the mind of nembutsu practitioners who are saddened and pained by this reality, there is a recurring transformation in which, with the heart and mind of the Tathagata’s great wisdom and compassion, we come to look back at our own thoughts and behaviors. When we look at the world with an ordinary human mind, it is distinctly divided into things we love and things we hate, but with the mind of the Tathagata, we are made to know that everyone is equally the Tathagata’s indispensably important child. From that standpoint, we realize that we are all brothers and sisters and fellow human beings. Then slowly but steadily, we come to reflect on our self-centered thoughts, reject our blind passions and make efforts to see things and live our lives in a way that can be approved by the Tathagata.”

(From Hearing the Buddha’s Call by Jitsuen Kakehashi.)

In a person of True Entrusting, because the Dharma is a part of their life, there is a certain degree of sensitivity towards others and going to go to the Buddha-Dharma for guidance is evident in their actions. However, we do not demand this of others. This might sound a bit confusing, but we do not expect things of others, but I should try to live up to those ideals. The complete text of Bishop Matsumoto’s talk can be found at <http://hongwanjihawaii.com/news/>, where you will find the March issue of *Headquarters Update*. If you are unable to access the internet, call Susan in the office at 487-2626 for a copy.



Bishop Matsumoto was speaker at Hawaii Island unit of Hawaii Association of International Buddhists (HAIB)’s Hanamatsuri Service, 3/12/17.



**Sangha Day
March 5, 2017**





**Beautification Day
March 12, 2017**



**Major Yearly
Memorial
Service
Schedule**

**For The Year
2017**

2016-1st year
2015-3rd year*
2011-7th year
2005-13th year

2001-17th year
1993-25th year
1985-33rd year
1968-50th year

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

*Aiea Hongwanji Mission extends its
Deepest Sympathy
to the families of the Late
Masae Kakimoto
June Kimura, and
Masae Sakurai*

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).

April 2017

Alan Mitsuyuki Nozawa	17th
Ethel Sadako Tokuyama	17th
Kazuo Yamamoto	17th
Yoshio Iwane	25th
Toshio Charles Okazaki	25th

May 2017

Suekichi Higa	1st
Teruo Kimura	1st
Annie Shinae Morimoto	1st
Matsue Shimabukuro	1st
Harry Sumida	1st
Kiyomi Hoshino	3rd
Kiyoko "Kay" Arakaki	7th
Mitsue Itaki Arita	17th
Elaine Kimiyo Hamada	17th
Jay Jitsuo Miyagawa	17th
Sadako Morikawa	17th
Takeo Shimabukuro	17th
David Nakamura	25th
Victor Ghesquier	33rd
Joe Yoshimi Sekine	33rd
Masano Alice Yoshioka	50th

We apologize if we have inadvertently made an error in printing the name of your loved one, or the date of memorial. Please inform the office of any errors at 487-2626 so that we may correct our records.

We appreciate your assistance in updating our memorial records and contact information when you call in for a Memorial Service. Thank you.

Senior YBA News

April 3 (Monday) is our Senior YBA meeting. We will meet in the AHM office. Yes, meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. On our agenda: new YBA shirt; 115th Anniversary gift; 2018 YBA installation (banquet site); Calendar of Events for 2017; and April 29 (5th Sunday). Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting. Thank you!

In Gassho,
George Zakahi



Aiea Hongwanji Mission BWA
Craft & Treasures Fair
Sunday, April 23 2017
10am-12noon
Aiea Hongwanji Mission Hall
Handmade crafts, Goodies, gifts,
white elephant items, & more!



Nokotsudo (Columbarium)

If you would like to visit the Nokotsudo, please call the residence at 488-5685 or the office at 487-2626 at least two days in advance so that arrangements can be made to open the Nokotsudo for you. The best days to visit the Nokotsudo are Thursday and Sunday mornings.

Aiea BWA News

Happy Hanamatsuri !

Please join us at the Hanamatsuri service on April 9 at 9 am. If you have any flowers or greenery, please drop them off at 8 am on Sunday.

Many thanks to everyone who helped at the Sangha Day festivities held at AHM.

Special MAHALOs to Elaine S. & K, Gail & Roy, Cindy, Sally, Helen, Charlene, Jean, Janice, Thelma, Carol & Wade, Kim & Taylor, Rev. Yagi & Sayuri, Richard, George, Aki, Harold, Mark F., H, & S, Ikuo, Russell, Aaron & Jared, Claire & Warren, Ito, Charlotte, Kazu, Ransen & Kacie, Lynn and Susan. It was a big success thanks to everyone's help!

On April 23, we will be hosting the Eshinni-Kakushinni Day Service. Please join us after the service for light refreshments and a Craft Sale from 10am to noon. (Good time for Mother's Day shopping..... =)

Have a Happy April !
With Gassho, Arlene Sunada



Free Event Open to the Public - Free parking in parking structure

PATHWAYS TO PEACE IN THE WORKPLACE

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Keynote Speaker:

MAYA SOETORO-NG

Director,
Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution,
University of Hawaii at Manoa

Respondents:



PIEPER TOYAMA - Former Head Master, Pacific Buddhist Academy



JIM WALSH - Director of Pastoral Planning, Roman Catholic Diocese of Honolulu



VIMA LAMURA - Vocalist, Composer, Author, Speaker, Vedic tradition

Friday, April 28, 2017 from 7 - 9 pm preceded by
Satsang by Vima at 6:30 - 6:55 pm Mystical Rose Oratory, Chaminade University

How practices of faith bring peace within diverse career fields

Contact: Dr. Regina Pfeiffer, 739-8536 rpfeiffe@chaminade.edu

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".

Donations listed here were received prior to approximately March 24, 2017. Donations received after this date will be published in another month's newsletter.

HI-5 RECYCLABLE DONATIONS

- Please deposit Hi-5¢ donations outside in the back (Makai) corner of hall building where our master recycler Kazuto Tomoyasu works on it on Hoshu days. Thank you Kazu for your hard work!
- Please deposit non Hi-5 items and card board at our neighborhood school depositories or your blue home recycle bins.
- To all Hall Users—Please deposit your Hi-5 recycle items in the Recycle area, not in the trash can.
- Please note—plastic drink bottles cannot be redeemed without the Hi-5 label. If label is

detached, please roll it up and stick it in the bottle. Also please remove plastic caps as they will reject containers w/caps.


- If you would like to be recognized for your donation, please include your name. Thank you for your continued support.



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
a tax deduction

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Aiea Hongwanji Preschool & Kindergarten

- The Preschool is at full capacity at 97 students,
- Wait list for the 3 year old class for next year.
- Accreditation status has been maintained.
- Thank you for your participation in the CPK fundraiser on March 14.
- Thank you to the Hoshu Gang for taking care of our sprinkler system and yard area, and to Mark for the outside lighting on the patio side.
- March 3—Field trip to Hawaii Theatre.
- April 19—Uncle Wayne Friendship Sing Along with Lotus attending.

NEWS from Lotus Adult Day Care Center

If you have an aging senior who is in need of care on a daily or part time basis; the Lotus Adult Day Care Center might be the answer. We provide safe, physically and mentally interactive care for your loved ones.

Though the Lotus Adult Day Care Center is nearing capacity, we are still accepting applications for part-time participants. Give us a call at 486-5050 if you are interested in learning more.



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.

PACIFIC BUDDHIST ACADEMY



Taiko Festival. Save the date! Pacific Buddhist Academy has one of the premier high school taiko programs in the nation. A showcase of student, faculty and guest talent will be celebrated on **Sunday, April 9, at 4 p.m.** at the Pearl City Cultural Center. The theme of PBA's 11th annual festival is *Taiji: The Yin Yang of Taiko*.

Tickets for the festival are \$25 for general admission, or \$20 for seniors, students, and PBA alumni. To purchase please call 808-532-2649, or visit PBA's Main Office at 1710 Pali Highway.

Next Open House PBA's next Open House will be on Wed, April 19, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Please help us spread the word in advance to your friends who may be interested in learning more about PBA's exceptional and inclusive learning environment.

PBA launches new website as a part of updating its online presence. Last month, PBA launched its new website as one part of an overall growth initiative to refresh the school's marketing, online presence, and ability to offer services to our growing community such as news about PBA and greater interactivity for the user experience. Visit <https://www.pacificbuddhistacademy.org>.

"We're very excited about the new website's launch," said Head of School Josh Hernandez Morse. "The new layout is a great design that will help us tell the story of the school even better than we already do."

Visitors to the site should expect content to be regularly updated, with access to the school's student news publication the *Karma Chronicle*, access to event tickets and sponsorships, and a full accounting of the school's history, philosophy and learning programs.

PBA Represented at BCA. Congratulations to Pacific Buddhist Academy sophomore Shayna Yasunaga and Ohana Arts for their performance at the recent Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) National Council Meeting banquet at the San Jose Betsuin!

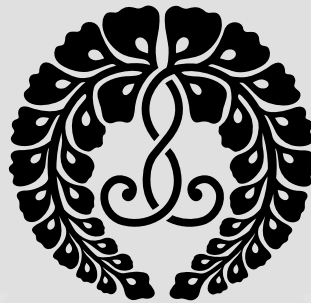


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Hawaii Buddhist Council's Annual
BUDDHA DAY SERVICE
Hanamatsuri
Celebrating the Birth of Shakyamuni Buddha



Guest Speaker: Dr. George Tanabe

Date: April 2, 2017, Sunday

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Jodo Mission of Hawaii

1429 Makiki St., Honolulu, HI 96814

Hawaii Buddhist Council (HBC) Buddha Day Food Drive 2017
Please bring your donation to the Buddha Day Service. Recommended are
non-perishable food items like canned goods, rice, spaghetti ingredients, pasta,
corn starch, cooking ingredient and so forth. Thank you for your dana.

Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, please call 949-3995

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Please sign up for an afternoon of fellowship and fun!
First timers, beginners, and sandbaggers welcomed! We're bowling
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DATE: MAY 21, 2017

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Cash or check payable to: Oahu Lay Association

RSVP: Rene Mansho ph: 291-6151
email: renemansho@hawaii.rr.com

DEADLINE: May 8, 2017

Hope to see you there!

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