

# JIKO-"Wisdom-Light"

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Monthly Newsletter of the Aiea Hongwanji Mission Embrace Change - New Vision (Create Engagement)

## EVENTS OF FEBRUARY 2016

Feb 4	Thur	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
Feb 7	Sun	9:00am	Dharma Service and School
Feb 7	Sun	11:30am	United of O`ahu Jr. YBA Meeting at Mililani
Feb 8	Mon	7:30pm	Senior Young Buddhist Association meeting
Feb 11	Thur	9:00am	Honpa Hongwanji Hawai`i Board of Directors' Meeting and State Ministers' Association Meeting
Feb 11	Thur		Rap session
Feb 12-13	Fri-Sat		104th Legislative Assembly (Giseikai)
Feb 13	Sat	11:00am	Living Treasures Recognition Luncheon (Hilton Hawn Village)
Feb 14	Sun	9:00am	BWA Dana Day & Nirvana Day Service/Dharma School
Feb 15	Mon		Presidents' Day HOLIDAY
Feb 16	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Feb 19	Fri	5:00pm	Sr YBA Installation Banquet at Pearl Country Club
Feb 21	Sun	9:00am	Dharma Service and School
Feb 21	Sun	1:00pm	OUBWA meeting at Mililani
Feb 28	Sun	9:00am	Dharma Service and School
Feb 28	Sun	noon	O`ahu Lay Association Meeting at Waipahu
Feb 29	Mon	7:00pm	O`ahu Buddhist Education Meeting at Aiea

## HIGHLIGHTS OF MARCH 2016

Mar 2	Wed		Hongwanji Day
Mar 3	Thur	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
Mar 6	Sun		O`ahu Hongwanji Council Sangha Day at Mililani/no service
Mar 13	Sun	8:00am	Quarterly Temple Beautification Day/no service
Mar 13	Sun	10:30am?	115th Anniversary Committee meeting
Mar 15	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Mar 20	Sun	9:00am	Buddhist Dedication Day (Spring Higan-Equinox Service)
Mar 19-21	Fri-Sun		Young Enthusiastic Shinshu Seekers (YESS) Camp
Mar 22	Tue		Ryukoku University-BSC Spring Seminar (Prof. Tesshin Michimoto)
Mar 27	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Mar 29	Tue	7:00pm	O`ahu Hongwanji Council Meeting at Pearl City

### ***Aloha Members and Friends***

- This is just a reminder to turn in your membership (Gojikai) dues for 2015 if you have not already done so. Dues are \$125 per year, and \$50 if you are under age 40. Your dues help to support our temple and the Hongwanji organization and activities statewide. If you are no longer a member, or if you wish to sign up to become a member, please contact the office at 487-2626 or email: [aieajiko@gmail.com](mailto:aieajiko@gmail.com). Thank you!
- To avoid confusion, when submitting payment or donations, please indicate in the lower left hand corner of your check or on an attached note, the purpose of your payment—dues (for what year, and for whom), donation in memory of (who?), and who the donation should be credited to if it is not clear.
- If you are interested in renting the hall in 2016, please call the office at 487-2626 as soon as possible to reserve the hall. The hall is rented on a first-come first-served basis. Temple members receive a discount on the hall rental.

**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**

On February 14, we will have Nirvana Day and BWA Dana Day service. In this Jiko, I would like to explain what Nirvana Day is and also Life of Buddha.

**NIRVANA DAY: Feb 15-Buddha's *Parinirāḍna* —涅槃会 *Nehan-e***

Sakyamuni awakened to Truth and became a Buddha at the age of 35. After sharing the Dharma for the next 45 years, he attained perfect enlightenment or *parinirāna* with his death at age eighty. Nirvana Day is one of three observances commemorating Sakyamuni, the other two being his birthday on April 8 and his awakening on December 8.

The death of Sakyamuni underscores the teaching of impermanence- the idea that we, and all other beings and things in this world, are subject to constant change. It was the Buddha's intent that through his teachings we would understand the transitory nature of our existence, and ultimately experience Truth.

**LIFE OF BUDDHA**

a. Birth. Into such a transitional society was born a prince to the ruling house of the Sakya clan. The year was 483 B.C. Traditionally, it is said that the prince was born in the garden of Lumbini in the foothills of the Himalayan mountains. He was given the name Siddhartha, and his family name was Gautama. His father was King Suddhodana, and his mother, Queen Maya, whom he lost soon after his birth.

b. His Environment. Prince Siddhartha enjoyed the courtly life, receiving the best possible education and showered with the luxuries of living. Yet he was not satisfied with his life and began to take interest in religion and philosophical thought. Two immediate realities may have stimulated his inherently spiritual tendency. One was the loss of his mother at birth, and the other was the precarious position of the weak Sakya kingdom, which was at the mercy of powerful neighboring kingdoms. Prince Siddhartha's thoughts turned to the fragility of human achievements, the sufferings of the lower castes, the impermanence of life, and upon the meaning of old age, illness, and death.

c. Great Renunciation. Prince Siddhartha married a beautiful princess, Yasodhara, and soon had a son, Rahula. Having fulfilled his duty by bringing into the world an heir to the crown, the Prince renounced the family life, so he would be free to pursue answers to the many questions of life. He was 29 years of age at the time of the Great Renunciation.

d. Abandonment of Asceticism. The Prince joined the spiritual teachers of his time, mastered their disciplines, and relentlessly practiced asceticism. But none could open the path to enlightenment. After six years of self- mortification and austerities when his body was emaciated and exhausted, he realized the meaninglessness of asceticism. Thus he abandoned the traditional practices and decided to seek his own path to enlightenment. This was the second Great Renunciation.

e. Enlightenment. Having renounced both the family life and the ascetic practices, the Prince was free to go forth in his own quest for enlightenment. Traveling to Buddhagaya, he sat under the Bodhi Tree. There with the sharpness of insight accessible only in the middle way of meditation, he penetrated into the true nature of things. In the early dawn of December 8 the Prince realized enlightenment. He was 35 years of age. The people gave him the title of Buddha, the Enlightened One, and revered him as Sakyamuni, the sage of the Sakyas.

f. Life and Death. The Buddha gave his first sermon at Benares to five ascetics who had practiced with him earlier. This is called the turning of the wheel of Dharma. Following this initial conversion, he traveled throughout northern India for 45 years teaching the rich and poor, the powerful and lowly, beggars and sages with deep compassion for all, with tempered wisdom and cool logic. The Buddha passed away peacefully at Kusinagara at the age of 80.

In Gassho,  
Rev. Kosho Yagi



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi everyone,

I hope you are well. We had a great New Year's Party this past Saturday! I hope you were able to attend. The *pupu* table, dinner, dessert and drinks were wonderful, as usual. Thank you to everyone who brought something to share. The crowd was larger than expected and everyone seemed to be having a great time. I think it is because of the good food and festive atmosphere. Chef Ito Kurasaki, the AHM Buddhist Women's Association, Hoshu Gang and others delivered a wonderful dinner. Maki-zushi was rolled on Saturday morning and was a "hit" at dinner.

Thanks to the Sr. YBA for organizing the Bingo and door prizes--everyone went home a "winner". We (Aiea Sangha) try to start the New Year off on the right foot, and I think we did that! The success of the evening required a cooperative effort involving many hands. We accomplished the task because of your hard work. Please accept my sincere thanks!

Last month I wrote a little about the concept of peace and the role that the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii plays in our community. I just finished a book by Carl Sagan called The Varieties of Scientific Experience. Carl Sagan was Professor of Astronomy and Space Sciences and Director of the Laboratory for Planetary Studies at Cornell University. He is best known for the book Cosmos and the award-winning television series of the same name. The book was about his thoughts on the relationship between religion and science. One chapter was about nuclear war, the amount of money that we (humans) spend on weapons of mass destruction and the possibility of the extinction of the human species, should there be a nuclear war.

Here is what he says: "When you look at earth from space, it is striking. There are no national boundaries visible. Humans have put them there, like the equator and the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. The planet is real. The life on it is real, and the political separations that have placed the planet in danger are of human manufacture. They have not been handed down from Mount Sinai. All the beings on this little world are mutually dependent. It's like living in a lifeboat. We breathe the air that Russians have breathed, and Zambians and Tasmanians and people all over the planet. Whatever the causes that divide us, as I said before, it is clear that the Earth will be here a thousand or a million years from now. The question, the key question, the central question-in a certain sense the only question-is, will we?"

Peace,

Warren Tamamoto

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to new members: Wayne and Ellen Nuibe! We look forward to your participation in our temple activities. Please encourage your family and friends to join Aiea Hongwanji. .

## **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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Center:

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**HEADQUARTERS UPDATE**

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**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ALOHA LUNCHEON AND LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAII™ RECOGNITION.** The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will honor the following individuals as the 2016 Living Treasures of Hawaii™ in recognition of their personal and professional achievements and their contributions to the community. We welcome you to celebrate this honor with them.

- Paul Leland Breese
- Sooriya Kumar
- Dr. Puakea M. Nogelmeier
- Dennis Masaaki Ogawa, Ph.D
- Lillian Noda Yajima

Date: Saturday, Feb 13, 2016

Place: Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom

Time: 11AM - Registration, 12noon - Lunch and Program

Cost:

Early registration - \$70 for payments by Jan 31

Late registration - \$85 for payments Feb 1 – Feb 7

**TWELVE MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED.** Did you know that 1 out of 5 people, annually, need help in getting food? Yes, according to the

Fact Book of the Hawaii Food Bank 287,000 people, of all ages, receive help in getting food each year in Hawaii. Recently, on December 28, 2015, Rev. Blayne



Higa, Chair of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Committee on Social Concerns and Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Bishop of the Jodo Shin Buddhist Mission, visited Polly Kauahi, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Hawaii Food Bank to present this year's donation. Photo courtesy of Hawaii Food Bank. The Committee also made donations to Neighbor Island agencies such as Maui Food Bank, The Food Basket

(Hawaii Island) and Kauai Independent Food Bank & Hawaii Food Bank Kauai Branch as part of a State-wide effort to eliminate hunger. In total, \$6,000.00 was donated for the year, 2015. According to Hawaii Food Bank, a \$10 donation distributes food for 25 meals. This contribution is in addition to other efforts, directly or indirectly, connected with the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii such as the Oahu United Jr. YBA and Hawaii Buddhist Council Food Drives. The HHMH would like to express their gratitude to the Members and Friends of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for your generosity which allows the Mission to help those in need in our communities. It is anticipated that with the impact of the related concern of Homelessness/Houselessness across our State the need for food will also increase in the coming years. Once again, thank you for your dana!

**ACCESSION CEREMONY.** The Commemoration on

the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu

Tradition;

Dento Hokoku

Hoyo 伝灯奉

告法要) will

be held Oct

2016 thru May

2017 at Honzan

in Kyoto, Japan.

The Accession Ceremony is conducted before Amida Tathagata and Shinran Shonin to formally announce that the newly-induced Head Priest shall take on the responsibilities as Monshu, following in the footsteps of his predecessors to spread the Dharma to new generations and embracing the opportunity to spread the Nembutsu teaching to a greater number of people. It is also a festive occasion welcoming everyone to celebrate the inauguration of the new Monshu. **Please see the website for more information; <http://hqs963.wix.com/hhmhdhtour>**

**YESS CAMP 33: Through the Mirror.** Reminder that application deadlines are fast approaching for youth ages 13-23 to participate in leadership activities and learn about Buddhist values at this year's retreat at Camp Timberline, from March 19-21, 2016. Aiea youth, call 487-2626 or [email aieajiko@gmail.com](mailto:aieajiko@gmail.com) by February 16 to get your application form.



*Pacific Buddhist Academy News*

Save the Date, Saturday, April 10 for the 10th annual Taiko Festival at the Pearl City Cultural Center. The theme of the festival is *Shin: The Heart of the Drum.*

## Senior YBA News

Aiea Hongwanji's New Year's Party/BWA Installation was held on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Senior YBA would like to congratulate all the BWA officers for 2016 and 2017. The New Year party was well attended. The Senior YBA was in charge of the door prizes and Bingo game. A big MAHALO to our YBA members who assisted with awarding the lucky number door prizes and bingo prizes. Everyone went home a winner!

Our YBA is very happy to have 8 new members: Richard and Janice Ito; Harold and Charlene Asato; Reynold and Sandy Kawamura; Elaine Kutaka; and Sally Ohira. Welcome!! I'm sure you will enjoy

the camaraderie while participating in our various activities.

Mark your calendars. February 19<sup>th</sup> (Friday) is our Senior YBA installation banquet. Where? Pearl Country Club, Grille Room. Just a reminder for our officers – don't forget your *montoshikisho*.

The next Senior YBA meeting will be on February 8<sup>th</sup> (Monday), 7:30 p.m. in the BWA kitchen. On the agenda: planning our installation banquet program. So please attend. See you!

In Gassho,  
George Zakahi



## Aiea BWA News

I hope you all enjoyed the New Year's Party. It's always nice to see old friends and meet new ones. Games, entertainment and food were great! Thanks to the many ladies who helped Chef Ito make the ono sushi and other dishes.

We hope you will join us at the BWA Dana Day & Nirvana Day Service on February 14.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day, too!

We look forward to seeing you at the other services and events we have throughout the year. Our Thursday mornings have become very popular: sewing, crafts, social hours, movies. So please join us when you can. Special mahalo to the Sunday Hoshu ladies who prepare our ono Sunday meals and those who prepare the Jiko for each monthly mailout. Your unselfish dana is truly appreciated by all.

Thank you all for making our Aiea Hongwanji BWA a happy family of friends !

With Gassho,  
Arlene Sunada



## New Year's Party 2016

Many thanks to all our Sangha for another successful New Year's party and installation of BWA officers. Once again, an overflow of members and guests enjoyed the fellowship hour, dinner, and homemade desserts. Thank you Chef Ito for planning the dinner menu and for doing the cooking! Thanks go out to all who brought pupu and desserts.

A big mahalo and domo arigato to our Kyodan and Senior YBA for purchasing the door prizes and bingo prizes. Thank you to YBA members Elaine Kutaka, Sandy Kawamura, and Harriet Zakahi for donating some of the prizes. Special thank you to Rep. Aaron Johanson for donating three (3) \$25 Safeway gift cards. Wade's mom, Joan Yamamoto sent 8 fleece blankets from Lihue, Kauai. Also mahalo to the donors who anonymously placed their contributions on the prize table. Special thank you to George Kawaguchi for donating bird of paradise plants and potted aloe plants.

Yes, the party was enjoyable and everyone went home with a prize. Truly a great way to start 2016!

In Gassho,  
George Zakahi



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Dec 27, 2015



Sushi making in the morning

Aiea BWA Officers and Advisor for 2016-2017: L-R, Arlene, Helen, Harriet, Kikue, Charlene, Elaine Y, Elaine K, and Rev. Yagi.



Shinnen-  
Enkai  
New Year's  
Party



L-R: Keiro-sha George Hoshino and George Zakahi, Rev. Kosho Yagi, and President Warren Tamamoto.



Afuso Ryu Choichi Kai Aiea Dojo



**Major Yearly  
Memorial  
Service  
Schedule**

For The Year  
2016

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).

February 2016

March 2016

2015-1st year  
2014-3rd year\*  
2010-7th year  
2004-13th year  
2000-17th year  
1992-25th year  
1984-33rd year  
1967-50th year

Dorothy Riseko Onishi Nanbara	1st	Tamotsu Miyamoto	1st
Janet Yoshie Kojima	1st	Judith Tateishi	3rd
Helen Ishioka	3rd	Kikuo Fujimoto	7th
Yukie Muroda Hayashi	3rd	Minoru Nakagawa	7th
Harue Hazel Chagami	3rd	Tadamasa Yoshioka	7th
Mary Etsuko Kono	3rd	Jiro Tamao	7th
Kazumi Nishimoto	3rd	Fujiko Grace Okamura	7th
Thomas Katsumi Matsushige	7th	Bert Tetsuo Maeda	7th
Neal Tadashi Shigemura	13th	James Yoshio Yamamoto	7th
Fujie H. Kanno	13th	Tadashi Tasaki	13th
Hikoji Jike	13th	Richard Takeshi Kanno	13th
Melvin Yukio Miyata	13th	Matsuyo Nadai	17th
Kiyoko Aihara	13th	Akira Yoshida	33rd
Shizuko Nishimura	25th		

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 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.

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

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".

*Donations listed here were received prior to approximately January 24, 2016. Donations received after this date will be published in next month's newsletter.*

## **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.

## 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!

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

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.

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



## Aiea Hongwanji Preschool

- The Preschool is at full enrollment with 97 students.
- The recycled grease pit for the kitchen has been replaced. Thank you to Russell Nonaka and sons and Wylo with AA Grease Trap for installing it.
- Mirrors to classroom bathrooms have finally been installed. The mirrors were donated by Akamai Glass and Supply Co. and we only needed to pay for the installation.
- PV panels have been installed on the roof. Cool Roof coating has also been completed but awaiting final site check.
- The last twoensored soap dispensers for the Preschool have been installed, as well as soap dispensers in the hall bathrooms.
- We recently attended the Annie, Jr. production put on by the Hongwanji Mission School, and enjoyed the production and were impressed by the cast performance.



Join us at  
**California Pizza Kitchen**  
for a flavorful FUNdraising event!

**Just bring in this flyer**, present it to your server, and **20%** of your check will be donated to our organization. Purchases include dine-in, take-out, catering and all beverages!

Fundraiser in support of

**Aiea Hongwanji Preschool**  
**February 23, 2016, Tuesday**  
(All Day)

### California Pizza Kitchen

Pearlridge Mall (Downtown)  
98-1005 Moanalua Road  
Open 10:00 AM till 10:00PM  
(808) 487-7741

Go to [cpk.com](http://cpk.com) to view our pizzas, pastas, salads, appetizers & desserts. You can even order online!

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**CPK Adventure Club**  
at [cpk.com](http://cpk.com) and receive  
**\$5 off** your next visit!



Eligible groups include non-profit schools and 501c organizations. Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax, gratuity, gift card and retail purchases. Valid for dine-in, take-out, online orders, catering or curbside service. Alcoholic beverages included. Not valid on delivery. Event proceeds void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant. Manager, please attach this flyer to the guest check.

**Pre-registration Form (please print):**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Temple Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the course(s) desired:

<input type="checkbox"/>	ABC's of Buddhism	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/>	Buddha and Christ	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/>	Many Faces of Theravada Buddhism in Hawaii	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/>	Many Faces of Mahayana Buddhism in Hawaii	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/>	Many Faces of Vajrayana Buddhism in Hawaii	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/>	First Steps in Understanding Shin Buddhism	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/>	BSC Summer Session	\$50

Tuition Total \_\_\_\_\_

Payments by check or cash. Make checks payable to:  
 "Honpa Hongwanji Mission Hawaii" or "HHMH"  
 \* Tuition waivers available, please just attend!

Bring to the first class or send/fax/drop off to:  
**Dharma Light Program, Buddhist Education**  
**Buddhist Study Center**  
 1436 University Ave, Honolulu, HI 96813

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

- Q: How can I find out more about the classes?**  
**A: Please check the course descriptions on the website for more information.**  
[www.tinyurl.com/bschawaii](http://www.tinyurl.com/bschawaii)
- Q: Where will the classes be held?**  
**A: Classes will be held in at the Buddhist Study Center near UH & local temples. Check the course listing for the final location.**
- Q: Can only Temple members take these courses?**  
**A: These courses are open to everyone. Temple membership is not required.**
- Q: What is the cost for a course, and are materials included in that cost?**  
**A: Tuition is generally \$10-30 for each course. Some printed materials are included in that fee. Other required books and materials can be purchased at the first class session.**
- Q: How do I sign up for a class?**  
**A: Complete the registration form and drop off, send, or fax it to the office. Pre-registration is recommended, as maximum class size is 10 students.**
- Q: Is there a way I can attend if I cannot afford the tuition?**  
**A: Yes. Please come to class and request a tuition waiver. You are always welcome to listen to the Dharma.**

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[www.tinyurl.com/bschawaii](http://www.tinyurl.com/bschawaii)



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**2016 Schedule**  
 (February-July Issue)



**Illuminating the Buddhist Path**

**BUDDHIST EDUCATION CLASSES**  
[www.tinyurl.com/bschawaii](http://www.tinyurl.com/bschawaii)

**Buddhist Study Center (BSC)**  
 1436 University Ave, Honolulu HI 96822  
 Office: (808) 973-6551

See page 12 for a Summary of the 2016 Dharma Light Program Classes



**Sangha Day**

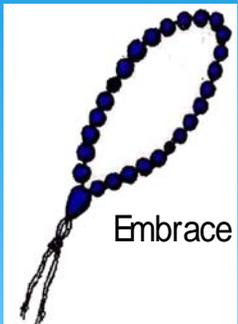
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Oahu District Hongwanji Council

**Sunday, March 6, 2016**

**9:00 am – 12:00 noon**

**Mililani Hongwanji**



Embrace Change: New Vision (Create Engagement)



**Schedule of Activities**

- 9:00 Temple registration
- 9:15 Worship service
- 10:00 What I did in the summer YBICSE presentation
- 11:00 New gathas
- 12:00 Lunch



To register  
 See below.



Sangha Day 2016 celebrates the 2016 Hongwanji slogan and theme "Embrace Change: New Vision (Create Engagement)" through the experiences of our younger members and music of worship. Sangha Day features two major activities that allow us to create different views of the teachings.

Katelyn Otani and Evan Babcock will share their experiences in Japan as members of the Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange program (YBICSE) in 2015. Tyler Oshiro, who is away at college, also participated in this program and will share his perspectives in a prerecorded message.

We are beneficiaries of the musical gifts and talents of our Sangha. We will celebrate them through the music in praise of Amida's teachings in a gatha workshop where we will learn and practice new gathas to add to our repertoire.

AIEA, to register & order bento, please email to [aieajiko@gmail.com](mailto:aieajiko@gmail.com) or call Susan in office at 487-2626 by Sun, Feb 21.

- **Family Bento:** mochiko chicken, teri hotdog, teri spam, rice (\$5.75)
- **Deluxe Bento:** teri beef, mochiko chicken, fish patty, rice (\$7.80)

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Aiea, Hawaii 96701

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## Summary of 2016 *DHARMA LIGHT* Courses

(Complete course descriptions on the temple website: <http://www.tinyurl.com/bschwaii>)

### I. For all those interested in All Buddhisms:

#### **ABC's of Buddhism — Instructor: Dexter Mar**

Saturday mornings, 4 classes, 10-1130am, Feb 20,27 Mar 5,12 Buddhist Study Center (BSC) Classroom

An introductory encounter with the basic teachings of Buddhist philosophy. For those beginning to ask "what is Buddhism about?"

#### **The Many Faces of Buddhism in Hawaii Series**

##### **1. Theravada — Instructor: Dr. Patricia Masters**

Tuesday evenings, 630-830pm, 4 sessions, March 15,22,29, Apr 5 at BSC Classroom

Many Buddhist paths to awakening have developed and Hawaii has become home to dozens of denominations. Join us in learning about the differences and similarities of Theravada Buddhism including Vipassana and Thai (Wat Pearl City).

##### **2. Mahayana — Instructor: Dr. George Tanabe**

Tuesday & Wednesday evenings, 630-830pm, 4 sessions, April 19,20,26,27 at BSC Classroom

Many Buddhist paths to awakening have developed and Hawaii has become home to dozens of denominations. Join us in learning about the differences and similarities of various Mahayana schools including Tendai, Shingon, Pure Land, Zen and Nichiren.

##### **3. Vajrayana — Instructor: Dr. Patricia Masters**

Tuesday evenings, 630-830pm, 3 sessions, May 3,10,17 at BSC Classroom

Many Buddhist paths to awakening have developed and Hawaii has become home to dozens of denominations. Join us in learning about the differences and similarities of Vajrayana Buddhism including various Tibetan lineages.

#### **Buddha and Christ: Buddhism in a Christian Land — Instructor: Rev. Sherman Thompson**

Sunday afternoons, 4 classes, 1-3pm, April 3,10,17,24, BSC Classroom

Are Buddhism and Christianity so different? Explore the connections and differences with a Christian minister who grew up as a Shin Buddhist. Learn about the Christian beliefs, practices, various denominations, and inter-faith harmony. How Hawaiian Christianity and Buddhism influence each other.

### II. For those interested in Shin (Jodo Shinshu) Buddhism

#### **Understanding Shin Buddhism: First Steps — Instructors: Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki, Dexter Mar**

Saturday mornings, 6 classes, 10-11am: May 14,21 Jun 4,11,18,25, BSC Classroom

What is the Shin Buddhist way of living? Learn the terminology, concepts, rituals, and services of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism to become familiar with how Shin differs from other paths such as Zen and Tibetan.

## Faculty

**Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki**, Shin minister and Director of the BSC

**Dexter Mar**, Certified Minister Lay Assistant (MLA) and Chair, BSC Program Committee

**Dr. Patricia Masters**, Univ. Hawaii (UH) Manoa SEED Program Director and President of the Hawaii Association of International Buddhists.

**Dr. George Tanabe**, UH Emeritus Professor of Religion & President of Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai (BDK) Hawaii

**Rev. Sherman Thompson**, Christian minister and Kamehameha Schools chaplain

## Summer Session

July 11-15

## Mindfulness

**Dr. Jeff Wilson** is associate professor of religious studies and East Asian studies for Renison University College, at the University of Waterloo. He has written several books and numerous articles about the interaction of Buddhism and various aspects of North American culture. His recently published third book, *Mindful America*, is the first in-depth study of this sweeping phenomenon. Dr. Wilson will discuss various aspects of his book and its implications in Hawaii. Jeff is an ordained Jodo Shinshu minister and a member of Toronto Hongwanji Church.

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