

# JIKO-"Wisdom-Light"

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

## EVENTS OF MARCH 2016

Mar 2	Wed		Hongwanji Day
Mar 3	Thur	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
Mar 6	Sun	9:00am	O`ahu Hongwanji Council Sangha Day at Mililani/no service
Mar 6	Sun	11:00am	United of O`ahu Jr. YBA Meeting at Mililani
Mar 7	Mon	7:30pm	Aiea Senior YBA Meeting
Mar 12	Sat	9:30a-12:30	Project Dana Caregiver Workshop at St John Church, Mililani
Mar 13	Sun	8:00am	Quarterly Temple Beautification Day/no service
Mar 13	Sun	11:00am	115th Anniversary Committee meeting
Mar 15	Tue	6:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Dinner Meeting
Mar 19	Sat	8:30a-12:30	Spring Seminar with Dr. Carl Becker at Moiliili Hongwanji
Mar 19-21	Sat-Mon		Young Enthusiastic Shinshu Seekers (YESS) Camp at Camp Timberline
Mar 20	Sun	9:00am	Buddhist Dedication Day (Spring Higan-Equinox Service)
Mar 22	Tue-Wed		Ryukoku University-BSC Ministers' 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
Mar 31	Thur		Extended deadline to register for Japan Accession Tour

## HIGHLIGHTS OF APRIL 2016

Apr 3	Sun	9:00am	Aiea Hanamatsuri Service
Apr 4-14			Rev. Yagi on vacation
Apr 7	Thur	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
Apr 8	Fri		Buddha Day HOLIDAY — office is closed
Apr 10	Sun		Hawaii Buddhist Council Buddha Day Service at Higashi Hongwanji Mission /no service at Aiea
Apr 16-17	Sat/Sun		Dharma School Teachers Conference (Hilo Betsuin)
Apr 17	Sun	9:00am	Dharma Service and School
Apr 19	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Apr 24	Sun	9:00am	Eshinni Day Service (Shinran Shonin's wife)/BWA Craft Sale

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

- 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 hall rental fees.
- Flowers wanted for our Hanamatsuri Service on April 3. Call the office for more info and if you would like to help decorate the hanamido (shrine for pouring sweet tea over Baby Buddha statue.) Mahalo.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to new member: Glenn K. Nishimoto. We look forward to your participation in our temple activities. Please encourage your family and friends to join Aiea Hongwanji.

**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



Hinamatsuri ~Girl's Day~

Hinamatsuri occurs on March 3 and is an occasion to pray for young girls' growth and happiness. It is the event loved as a "Girl's Day" even here in Hawaii. Most homes with girls display dolls for the Hinamatsuri and dedicate to them peach blossoms, rice cake, white sake, and other items. The origin of Hinamatsuri is an ancient Chinese practice in which the sin of the body and misfortune are transferred to a doll and washed away by setting the doll in a river to drift away. When this practice spread to Japan, it was linked to girl's playing with dolls and, in the Edo Period, was developed into the Hinamatsuri.

In the Jodo shinshu tradition, it is said "Understanding fully the principle of causality, we shall not practice petitionary prayer and magic, and do not depend on astrology and superstitions". At the home especially a girl is present, it is a pleasant event, so, please do not think as an event in which try to extinguish impurity and evil spirit.

There are many people in modern society who think that the meaning of freedom is just to live as their minds desire. They mistakenly think that they are taking good care of themselves because they let their minds go as they wish. But, in reality, we do nothing but lose ourselves if we let our mind go as it wishes.

Sakyamuni repeatedly taught the significance of controlling one's mind. This mind is still in the condition of a fetus which is not strong and cannot see. Thus I always teach—do not let it wander about because doing so will not be good for you. (Dhammapada)

Let us appreciate for growth and happiness of children and make the great day with reciting NEMBUTSU joyfully.

In Gassho,  
Rev. Kosho Yagi

AIEA HONGWANJII 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 in good spirits. On February 12 and 13, we (Rev. Yagi, Russell, Susan, Helen, Frank, Thelma and myself) attended the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii 104<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly at the Hawaii Betsuin on Pali Highway. I'd just like to share a few thoughts about the conference with you.

The opening service on Friday morning is always a good one to attend. The service is well attended and the collective voices of the congregation and all the ministers are quite impressive. I'd recommend it to anyone. The opening service includes a moment of silence for *Ingo* recipients for the year 2015. One of them, Rev. Sonny Abangan was a Wahiawa Hongwanji member and a good friend to many of us in the Oahu District. *Namo Amida Butsu*, Rev. Abangan.

The business section is not always enjoyable. However, it is necessary. We passed the HHMH budget (expenditures lower than last year). We passed resolutions intended to keep HHMH fiscally sound, focus our attention on being good to our environment (sustainable), communicate better through the use of technology, and continue our financial support for the Pacific Buddhist Academy. We approved a document describing the full range of Shin Buddhist Ministry in Hawaii. The business meeting was hectic, but we got a lot accomplished.

This year's meeting also included short presentations, which were mini-history lessons. Katsu Goto is considered a Honokaa Hero for his actions in the early days of the sugar plantation in Honokaa. Check out the website <[KatsuGotoMovie.org](http://KatsuGotoMovie.org)> if you are interested. We also were introduced to two WWII veterans –Takejiro Higa and Herbert Yanamura. They are prominent in the story of Nisei soldiers in WWII and we watched beautifully made videos about these two men. They were introduced to the assembly and received a well-deserved standing ovation. We also learned that the Ellison Onizuka museum at the Kona Airport would close this year during renovations to the Kona Airport. The Kona community is aware and very active in trying to find a new home for the museum. The delegates at the 104<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly were very much in support of HHMH having an active role in efforts to relocate the museum in Kona.

Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Hawaii Kyodan President Pieper Toyama shared very similar thoughts in their messages to the Assembly. According to Bishop Matsumoto, "Although we are concerned about declining membership and dwindling revenues, our ultimate goal is not converting everyone to Buddhism, but sharing Buddha's wisdom and compassion so it can make a difference in all people's lives." "As Buddhists, let us share the message of mutual respect, equality, interdependence and the preciousness of all life". President Toyama said, "Let us be creative and sensitive and relentless in translating the essence of our message into words and actions that are understandable, real, and relevant to Millennials, Generation X-ers, and Boomers of all ethnic backgrounds and cultures."

I hope you have a good month.

Gassho, Warren Tamamoto

## **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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**The 104th Giseikai** or Legislative Assembly of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, was held at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin on Feb 12-13, 2016. 148 delegates and observers (temple representatives) from throughout Hawaii gathered to discuss resolutions including the 2016 Kyodan budget.

**Message from Bishop Chiko Iwagami, the Governor General of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha.**

On the occasion of the 104th Giseikai of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, I humbly extend my appreciation to you the ministers, and sangha representatives from throughout the state of Hawaii, for gathering here to discuss the many concerns being faced. In gratitude, I would also like to commend you for your continuing efforts in propagating Jodo Shinshu and maintaining temples within your respective districts.

Reflecting on our world, it appears that we are further deepening the confusion on global issues we face. Terror attacks in particular have brought about great fear to everyone throughout the world. Although it may be said that acts of evil exploit religion, we must not exclude or disregard other religions, becoming fundamentalists, and think one's own religion as being supreme.

It was brought to my attention that the Parliament of the World Religions was conducted in Salt Lake City from October 15-19 last year, with delegates from the Buddhist Churches of America, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, and Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada in attendance and exchanging dialogue with participants of other religious groups. In conjunction, the Salt Lake Buddhist Church hosted a Jodo Shinshu seminar with a presentation of the Ojo Raisan ritual and conducted active interfaith discussions.

'Dialogue' is a task which requires time and patience. But is it not the way for people to recognize and acknowledge each other's differences? It is my belief that we are here through our many encounters that enable us to look beyond our differences and endeavor for world peace.

Beginning on October 1 this year, the Dento Hokoku Hoyo, or Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition to the 25th Monshu Sennyō, will take place. We look forward to welcoming as many overseas members as possible to Hongwanji.

In closing, it is my hope that the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will continue to prosper and that many fruitful results will arise from this annual meeting.

**Bishop Eric Matsumoto's Opening Message at 104th Legislative Assembly.**

...As the main part of my message today, I would like to share more in detail the *Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha General Promotion Plan* which is the organizational policy which will guide us in our endeavors for a

10 year period from 2015-2025. In many areas, we (in Hawaii) have already begun and so they should not seem unfamiliar to you.

As part of this Promotion Plan, there are two observances: *The Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition* by the 25th Sennyō Gomonshu in 2016 and 2017, and *The Joint Service of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teachings* scheduled for 2023. As stated in our Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Constitution, the basic purpose of our organization is that *"The organization transmits the wisdom and compassion of Amida Tathagata to all people, and in doing so, contributes to the realization of a society in which everyone, both within and outside of the organization, is able to live a life of spiritual fulfillment."* Our Hongwanji Constitution makes clear that the basic outcome of our efforts is that all people of the world are able to live a life of spiritual fulfillment. It is not only the happiness and well-being of current Jodo Shinshu followers which we seek, but all of humankind. How do we accomplish this arduous task? By sharing the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha so it can become a guiding force and inspiration for Buddhists and non-Buddhists alike. I firmly believe that one can be inspired by Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion even though one is not a Buddhist by faith. I cite the example of a Franciscan-Episcopalian Minister who said and I partially quote her, "...my own conception of Christ has been changed and deepened through my encounter with Amida Buddha. Amida Buddha symbolizes the universal embrace of compassion and in doing so, calls and inspires us to follow in the Buddha's footsteps." "...to be a Buddha is not merely to attain enlightenment for one's self--it is to strive to bring all people into the light and life of true enlightenment... Amida Buddha sacrificed everything...he vowed and aspired never to reach full enlightenment unless all beings would join him in enlightenment upon hearing and entrusting in his name. To me, this symbolizes the ultimate end of faith and life not only for Buddhists, but for all people on the spiritual journey. Like Amida, I desire to embrace this level of compassion that I may touch and know what it means to truly love others. And this is grace...to be drawn irresistibly by the light and life of true compassion. I find inspiration from Buddhism--with its universal hope in humanity...its path of humility, non-attachment, liberation, wisdom, and peace...but above all, its compassion and grace."

**(The full text of Bishop Matsumoto's message and a summary of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha General Promotion Plan can be found on Headquarter's website, or upon request from the AHM office. Hawaii Kyodan President Pieper Toyama's Giseikai message will be printed in next month's JIKO.)**

**Ministerial Assignment.** Rev. Jay Shingo Okamoto, Resident Minister of Waipahu Hongwanji Mission and Oversee Minister of Ewa and Waianae Hongwanji Missions, will resign from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii as of March 31, 2016. During the absence of the resident minister after April 1, 2016, ministers of Oahu District will provide spiritual care (such as conducting services) and guidance at meetings and any other gatherings for these three temples.

**A REMEMBRANCE OF COLONEL ELLISON ONIZUKA**

**Message from Bishop Eric Matsumoto on Jan 28, 2016 .** To the Family, Relatives and Friends of the late Colonel Ellison Onizuka and the Members and Supporters of Kona Hongwanji,

As you gather at Kona Hongwanji, on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the passing of the late Colonel Ellison Onizuka and his fellow Astronauts in remembrance of them, I am sure there are many who can still vividly recall the scene of the exploding Space Shuttle Challenger on January 28, 1986 which left us in shock and disbelief. For the people of Hawaii, it was sad, to say the least, as we lost one of our greatest home grown heroes. A local boy who grew up in rural community, but through education, perseverance, personal commitment and diligence went on to become a national hero as an elite NASA astronaut recognized by the world for his contributions and especially his encouragement to the youth to ever aspire for bigger and better things for the sake of humankind. In a message he delivered to Konawaena’s Graduating Class of 1980, he said,

*“If I can impress upon you only one idea . . . Let it be that the people who make this world run, whose lives can be termed successful, whose names will go down in the history books...are the adventurers, the explorers, and doers of this world. When they see a wrong or problem, they do something about it. When they see a vacant place in our knowledge, they work to fill that void.” “Every generation has the obligation to free men’s minds for a look at new worlds . . . to look out from a higher plateau than the last generation.” “Your vision is not limited by what your eye can see, but by what your mind can imagine.” “... your education and imagination will carry you to places which we won’t believe possible.” “Make your life count – and the world will be a better place because you tried.”*

As I reread his words and as a Jodo Shin Buddhist, the life of Sakyamuni Buddha and Shinran Shonin come to mind. These two individuals were, to use Ellison’s words, explorers and doers, when they saw a wrong or problem, they did something about it. When they saw a vacant place in our knowledge, they worked to fill that void. Sakyamuni Buddha addressed the sufferings of the world by sharing the Wisdom of Enlightenment. As Prince Siddhartha, he realized that there was a void (ignorance or lack of true understanding) and sought to fill that void. By virtue of his attaining Great Insight, the void was filled with the Wisdom of Enlightenment which continues to guide people to this day bringing meaning to people’s lives. Shinran Shonin having experienced the Great Compassion of Amida Buddha shared the Nembutsu Teachings which has brought hope and joy to countless people for centuries. They are perfect examples of Ellison’s words “Make your life count-and the world will be a better place because you tried.”

It is this expression “Make your life count-and the world will be a better place because you tried” which lingers in my

mind on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary. This, I believe, is Ellison’s encouraging message to us. As we listen to the news, nowadays, we may feel overwhelmed and helpless with all the negative things that are happening around the world and even in our own Hawaii, but his encouraging words ring in my ears. Let’s try to make that difference. Let us try to be that difference. Challenging, and maybe impossible, as it may be for me as bonbu/ordinary foolish being, I should not give up. Just as Amida Buddha does not give up on this bonbu I (Eric), let us not give up on ourselves and our world. Let us live life of nembutsu in which we aspire to cast off our negative qualities in grateful response to Amida Buddha’s Unconditional Compassion and continually go to the Buddha-Dharma for guidance.

To conclude, I wish I could be there today in Kona with you all of you to remember and honor Ellison not only the famous astronaut, but a fellow Jodo Shin Buddhist, but even though I am not, I would like to ask you to please join me in gassho to recite “Namo Amida Butsu” in grateful response to Amida Buddha’s Great Wisdom and Compassion which is reaching out to embrace all of us and seeking the happiness, in the truest sense of the word, the happiness of all life, all existence. Truly, how fortunate we are to have encountered Namo Amida Butsu or All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion. Namo Amida Butsu. Entrusting in the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light.

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**Message from Dean Sakamoto, chair of the Social Concerns Committee of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii**

**Subject: Hawaii Faith-Based Summit on Homelessness**

On behalf of the Committee on Social Concerns, the following information is provided for your information and awareness and to request for your assistance to share the information with your temple members:

1. A public event called the "Hawaii Faith-Based Summit on Homelessness" is scheduled on March 14, 2016, at the Central Union Church on Oahu. The Summit is co-sponsored by the Institute for Human Services (IHS) and The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii (TIAH), and the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii’s Committee on Social Concerns will be participating in this event. Information...on the Summit can be found...by Google search "Hawaii Faith-Based Summit on Homelessness".\*
2. In preparation for this Summit, TIAH requested representatives from various religions to each "prepare a summary of your respective faith’s perspective"...."A Buddhist Perspective on Homelessness", was prepared by the Committee on Social Concerns. \*

Please share this information with your temple members, including making announcements on Sunday mornings and at your meetings or gatherings at the temple. Thank you.

\* Information from the event website and “A Buddhist Perspective on Homelessness” will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Aiea Hongwanji hondo. It can also be obtained by calling or emailing the Aiea temple office (see JIKO page 3)



R. Kimura was the MC for the February 14th BWA Dana Day and Nirvana Day Service.



D. Sekine was the MC at the Living Treasures Banquet on Feb 13.



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii  
104th Legislative Assembly  
February 13, 2016



Aiea and Waialua Table at the Living Treasures Banquet. Front row, L to R: B. Shimada, D. Aldrich, T. Kawaguchi, H. Takenouchi, F. Takenouchi. Back row, L to R, D. Matsumoto, C. Tamamoto, W. Tamamoto, Rev. K. Yagi, S. Morishige.

Official group picture of the participants of this year's (104th) Giseikai or Legislative Assembly.

## Aiea Hongwanji Preschool

- Feb 2-Chinese Lion Dance at 11m in AHM Hall
- Feb 4-HTY: Tiny Tree in AHM Hall
- Feb 10-Walking Field Trip to Post Office
- Feb 18-Temple visit with Rev. Yagi
- Feb 21-Preschool Committee Meeting
- Feb 23 and 25-Field Trip to Discovery Center

Thank you to Arlene and Rev. Yagi for watching over our classrooms while the staff is having their meetings. Thank you to everyone for supporting the Preschool CPK Fundraiser on Feb 23.



### Pacific Buddhist Academy News



Taiko Festival Preparations Are Underway! The sights and sounds of Taiko Festival preparations are in the air at Pacific Buddhist Academy. Exuberant shouts of "Soran, Soran" are heard as students begin their morning with the rigorous Soran Bushi dance. During lunch, students sing, play the piano, bang the Okinawan drum, or dance hula. At the end of the day, rhythmic drumming carries across the Pali tunnel as our taiko players practice for their largest performance of the year. We hope you will join us at 4 p.m. on April 10 at the Pearl City Cultural Center for our special 10th anniversary celebration, which is also a farewell performance for our senior taiko members J. Holmberg, S. Nishiyama, and J. Sakaguchi. Tickets will be available on March 1.

To purchase online, visit [www.pacificbuddhistacademy.org](http://www.pacificbuddhistacademy.org). To order by phone, please call 808-532-2649. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please call Rüdiger Rückmann, 532-2649, ext. 209, or email him at [rüdiger.ruckmann@pbahi.org](mailto:rüdiger.ruckmann@pbahi.org) for more information.

**Hawaii Buddhist Council**  
**Buddha Day Service**

in commemoration of the Buddha's Birth

**Date: Sunday April 10, 2016**

**Time: 9:00 am**

**Place: Higashi Hongwanji  
 Mission of Hawaii**

1685 Alaneo St. Honolulu, HI 96817

**Speaker: Mrs. Chizuko Endo**

Co-Founder of Taiko Center of the Pacific

**Entertainments:**

Japanese Court Music and Dance

Children's songs and performances

**\*Light refreshments will be served.**

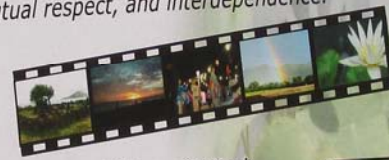
**\*Please call 522-9200 or 531-9088  
 for more information**

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Hawaii Buddhist Council 2016 BUDDHA DAY  
**PHOTO CONTEST**

**Theme: "Friends"**

Photo should capture Buddhist messages such as non-violence,  
 harmony, mutual respect, and interdependence.



**To Enter**

**Step 1**

Take a photo.

**Step 2**

Please use your name in the photo's file name that you will attach and send.

**Step 3**

Then, please email your photo to [aloha.hbc@gmail.com](mailto:aloha.hbc@gmail.com) with your name, age, telephone number, and temple name. (Children under the age of 10 must have parental approval to participate.)

- Only one entry per person will be considered.
- All entries will be displayed at Higashi Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin April 10-17, 2016.
- The photo must be taken by the submitter.
- Hawaii Buddhist Council reserves all rights to the photos submitted.

Peace Photo Awards:

- President's Award
- Gold Award
- Silver Award
- Bronze Award

**Deadline: April 1, 2016**

Moilili Hongwanji Buddhist Temple  
 presents its

**Spring Seminar**

with

**Dr. Carl Becker, PhD**



of Kyoto University

on

**Saturday, March 19, 2016**

**8:30-12:30 pm**

at

**Moilili Hongwanji Buddhist Temple**

902 University Ave.

**"Reducing environmental damage through lifestyle--  
 Ideas from Japan" and  
 "Dealing with stress in a busy lifestyle--  
 Ideas from Japan"**

Refreshments & light lunch will be served

Please call Moilili Hongwanji @ 949-1659 or email [mhm@moililihongwanji.org](mailto:mhm@moililihongwanji.org)  
 Registration fee of \$10.00 is due by March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Caring for Family is a Big Job.  
 Could You Use a Little Help?**

**FREE CAREGIVER WORKSHOP**

**Saturday, March 12, 2016**

**9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.\***

**St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church**

**95-370 Kuahelani Ave., Mililani**

**Phone registration:**

Ph: 625-7773 (Connie) or 348-2973 (Deb)

**Online registration:**

<http://aarp.cvent.com/care3-12>

**A resource fair of governmental and non-profit  
 service providers will be open at 9:30 a.m.  
 with featured speakers beginning at 10 a.m.**

**FEATURED TOPICS**



**Talk Story with Major General (Ret) Tony Taguba.** After his parents became ill, Major General Tony Taguba and his siblings were ill-prepared to care for them. They were faced with tough decisions to make about healthcare and finances and had little information to guide them. Hear his story and share your own! Learn about the CARE Act and how it could help caregivers.

**Prepare to Care – Pat Bemis, RN.** It may start with driving your mother to get groceries or going with her to the doctor. Later you find yourself taking time off work, preparing meals, or handling bills. No matter where you are in the continuum of caregiving, it helps to have a good framework for starting the conversation, building a care team, understanding resources, and making a plan.

**Improving Quality of Life for Caregivers and Loved Ones at Home – Michael Cheung, PhD, University of Hawaii at Manoa.** Understand the importance of a team approach to caregiving. Learn core philosophies of the Eden Alternative, and activities to help improve quality of life at home for everyone.

\*Light refreshments and lunch will be provided.



**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).

March 2016

April 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

Tamotsu Miyamoto	1st	Asako Kamada Miyata	3rd
Judith Tateishi	3rd	Yoshihiko Yamate	7th
Kikuo Fujimoto	7th	Jane Miyoko Furukawa	7th
Minoru Nakagawa	7th	Hatsuko Matsumoto	13th
Tadamasa Yoshioka	7th	Shizuno Fuchisaki	13th
Jiro Tamao	7th	Guy Yamaoka	25th
Fujiko Grace Okamura	7th	Richard Saburo Kamano	25th
Bert Tetsuo Maeda	7th	Kazuo Tanoue	33rd
James Yoshio Yamamoto	7th	Mitsuko Masuda	33rd
Tadashi Tasaki	13th	Mitsuru Kiyosaki	50th
Richard Takeshi Kanno	13th	Hamataro Oba	50th
Matsuyo Nadai	17th		
Akira Yoshida	33rd		

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

*With Deepest Sympathy  
To the Family of the Late  
Elsie Hisano Nakagawa*

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. The best days to visit the Nokotsudo are Thursday and Sunday mornings.



## Senior YBA News

Friday, February 19 was a night to remember. Yes, it was our Senior YBA Installation at Pearl Country Club, Grille Room. Recap: Fellowship began at 5:30 p.m. Members and guests brought lots of ono kine pupu that was enjoyed by all. 6:00 p.m. Sensei Yagi led us with Words of Thanksgiving. Dinner was a delicious chicken, fish, and prime rib meal, complete with a good offering of side dishes. At 7:00 p.m., Sensei installed our Senior YBA officers. 7:15 p.m. – Lynn announced the winners of her guessing game and Harriet named the winner of her guessing game. Then Roy and Gayle Matsumoto did lucky number drawing. Thank you to Lynn, Harriet, Roy, and Gayle for donating the prizes for their respective games. After those games, the chair of this event thanked everyone who brought pupu and table favors. Norman Mizuguchi was thanked for his donation of a beautiful floral centerpiece for each of the 4 tables. Our chairperson also thanked Norman for reserving the Pearl Country Club Grille Room.

The President's Award honors the Senior YBA members who went that "extra mile" for our organization. Throughout 2015, Larry, Lynn, Roy,

Gayle, and Norman went above and beyond for us and were presented with the President's Award. Congratulations to our honorees!

The most lively portion of the evening was our group games. First we divided the women from the men. Yes, we played our favorite game, Man, Wolf, and Gun! The ladies won! We played Jan Ken Po – and again, the ladies emerged victorious. Next we formed 3 teams and competed against each other in Man, Wolf, and Gun, Jan Ken Po and a card game. Larry's team won first place. Everyone had a chance to claim prizes from the prize table and went home with a bag full of "winnings."

The evening ended with "talk story" time. I can say that we all had a wonderful time and everyone went home happy!

On August 21<sup>st</sup> our Senior YBA will chair the Aiea Hongwanji Hatsubon Service and will be providing refreshments. We will also sponsor the Eitaikyo Service on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget, March 7<sup>th</sup> is our next Senior YBA meeting, in the BWA kitchen at 7:30 p.m. See you there!

In Gassho,  
*George Zakahi*



## Aiea BWA News

Spring has sudden sprung on us!

Our Thursday ladies are busy sewing new projects for our April and Obon sale days. If you would like to take a peek, just come over on Thursday or Sunday mornings. We have so many talented seamstresses who are more than willing to help you get started.

Big Mahalo to those of you who bring flowers to the temple for our services. We really appreciate your generous offerings of these beautiful flowers. If you can, please drop them off on Thursdays so we can get them ready for Sunday services.

We will be in need of lots of flowers/ferns for the hanamido (shrine for the tea ceremony) for Aiea's Hanamatsuri Service, so please bring what you have between 8-9 am on Saturday, April 2, 2016. Thank you.

Catch up on your rest, exercise and spend time with your family!

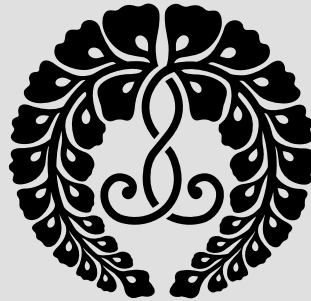
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#### THE ACCESSION CEREMONY (DENTO HOKOKU HOYO)

The Accession Ceremony (The Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition; *Dento Hokoku Hoyo* 伝灯奉告法要) will be conducted from October 2016 through May 2017 (a total of 80 services) at our mother temple (Honzan) in Kyoto, Japan.

The Accession Ceremony is conducted before Amida Tathagata and Shinran Shonin to formally announce that the newly-inducted Head Priest (25<sup>th</sup> Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani) 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. Over 2,000 people are expected to attend the ceremony each day from both within and outside of Japan.

Honzan has designated two dates for overseas members (BCA, HHMH, and Canada) to participate in this auspicious observance; **October 21, 2016 and March 31, 2017**. The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii would like to invite you to join in the Special Tours with a spiritual significance to participate in the Accession Ceremony and to enrich your spiritual understanding and appreciation of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition as well as sightseeing and fellowship with your fellow Sangha members from Hawaii and also from other parts of the World. English translation will be provided during the Accession Ceremony and throughout the tour.

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii has arranged the following four (4) options for you to participate in the Accession Ceremony.

- #1 Join in the "HHMH Spiritual Enrichment and Fellowship Tour" from October 14 to 23, 2016 which is arranged by Kintetsu International Hawaii to attend the Accession Ceremony on October 21, 2016. Registration deadline has been extended until **March 31, 2016**. Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani (HQ) and Rev. Kazunori Takahashi (Kauai) will serve as the chaperones to assist your trip.
- #2 You will make your own travel arrangement, and join in the tour group in Kyoto from October 20 to 22 to attend the Accession Ceremony on October 21, 2016. Two nights' accommodation at Kyoto Shin Miyako Hotel with breakfast (2) and dinner (1) will be arranged by Kintetsu. Registration deadline has been extended until **March 31, 2016**.
- #3 Join in the "HHMH Spiritual Enrichment and Fellowship Tour" from March 29 to April 7, 2017 which is arranged by JTB USA to attend the Accession Ceremony on March 31, 2017. Registration deadline is **May 13, 2016**. Bishop Eric Matsumoto (HQ) and Rev. Yuika Hasebe (Honolulu) will serve as the chaperones to assist your trip.
- #4 You will make your own travel arrangement, and join in the tour group in Kyoto from March 30 to April 1 to attend the Accession Ceremony on March 31, 2017. Two nights' accommodation at Rihga Royal Hotel in Kyoto with breakfast (2) and dinner (1) will be arranged by JTB. Registration deadline is **May 13, 2016**.

Please see the website for more information and registration;

<http://hqs963.wix.com/hhmhdhhtour>

If you have any questions or requests, please contact your resident minister or Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani at [hqs@honpahi.org](mailto:hqs@honpahi.org) or call (808) 522-9200. We sincerely hope that you will join in the Accession Ceremony at the Honzan in Kyoto, and take this wonderful opportunity to deepen and share your appreciation and joy of the Nembutsu teaching together with the fellow Dharma-friends. In Gassho,