

# JIKO-"Wisdom-Light"

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

## EVENTS OF APRIL 2016

Apr 2-3	Sat-Sun	5pm-10:30am	O`ahu Hongwanji Council Youth Retreat at Wahiawa
Apr 3	Sun	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Decorate Hanamido</b>
Apr 3	Sun	9:00am	Aiea Hanamatsuri Service
<b>Apr 4-14 Rev. Yagi on vacation</b>			
Apr 5	Tue	10am-10pm	O`ahu Jr YBA Fundraiser at CPK Pearlridge
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 10	Sun	4:00pm	10th Annual PBA Taiko Festival at Pearl City Cultural Center
Apr 16-17	Sat/Sun		Dharma Educators Conference (Hilo Betsuin)
<b>Apr 16-18—Rev. Yagi on Big Island</b>			
Apr 17	Sun	9:00am	Dharma Service and School
Apr 17	Sun	8:30-1pm	Taste of Hongwanji at Hawaii Betsuin
Apr 19	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Apr 22	Fri	5:30pm	Sr. YBA dinner at AHM
Apr 22	Fri	6:00pm	Timber Hawkeye of <u>Buddhist Bootcamp</u> at BSC
Apr 23	Sat		State Federation of YBA's meeting at Aiea
Apr 24	Sun	9:00am	Eshinni Kakushinni Day Service (Shinran Shonin's wife and daughter)/ <i>BWA Craft Sale afterwards</i>
Apr 30	Sat	9:00am	Friends of the Aiea Library Book Sale

## HIGHLIGHTS OF MAY 2016

May 1	Sun	9:00am	Dharma Service and School
May 1	Sun	1:00pm	OUBWA meeting at Waianae
May 5	Thur	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
May 5	Thur		PBA Baccalaureate Ceremony
May 6	Fri		PBA Commencement Exercise
May 6	Fri		Sanmu and Sanmu-Kanji Meetings
May 7	Sat		Honpa Hongwanji Hawai`i Board of Directors' Meeting
May 8	Sun	9:00am	Mother's Day Service
May 15	Sun	9:00am	Dharma Service and School
May 15	Sun	noon	O`ahu Lay Association Meeting at Waipahu
May 17	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
May 22	Sun	9:00am	Gotan-E Service (Shinran Shonin's Birthday)
May 22	Sun	11:00am	Lotus ADC Committee meeting
May 23	Mon	7:00pm	O`ahu Buddhist Education Meeting at Mililani
May 27	Fri	9:30am	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Pre-School Graduation
May 29	Sun	9:00am	Dharma Service and School
May 29	Sun	10:30am	115th Anniversary Committee meeting

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

- Rev. Yagi will be on vacation from April 4 to 14, and in Hilo from April 16-18. In case of religious emergency during his absence, please call Rev. Mariko Nishiyama (Pearl City Hongwanji), at 455-1680.
- To our Hall Users: Please do not leave rubbish in the Green Recycle Bins in the Hall. These bins are not emptied every day. Recently we found a soiled baby diaper! Auwe...

**NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER?**

**Rev. Yagi will be on vacation from April 4 to 14, and April 16-18.**

**For religious emergencies during this time (Makuragyo or bedside services), please call Rev. Mariko Nishiyama at 455-1680.**

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

**Messages can also be left at the office (487-2626)**

**After his return, please call Rev. Yagi at 488-5685 (residence) or the office (487-2626.) Leave a message on the answering machine if there is no answer.**

**Rev. Yagi can also be reached on his cell phone (364-2825) for urgent matters.**

Minister's Message

HANAMATSURI  
THE CELEBRATION OF BUDDHA'S BIRTH

Hanamatsuri, literally flower festival, is celebrated on April 8, commemorating the birth of Siddhartha Gautama. Siddhartha became enlightened as Sakyamuni Buddha and this marks the release of sentient beings from suffering and sorrow.



According to our tradition, the historical Buddha, Sakyamuni, was born in Nepal on April 8, 566 B.C. He was born the son of King Suddodhana and Queen Maya. There are many flowery descriptions of the scene at his birth, including celestial birds singing beautiful songs, beautiful flowers, and a sweet gentle rain bathing the baby Buddha. It is not necessarily the beauty of the flowers, the sounds of the celestial birds, nor the sweet gentle rain that fell, but the vibrant fact that on this day was born the greatest of sentient beings who became the Enlightened One, the Buddha

Every year we celebrate our own birthday. In our youth we are anxious to reach "adulthood", and in our old age we attempt to cling to our "youth". What is the meaning and reason for celebrating our birth? Much of the meaning of our own birth is often lost in the gifts and the merriment. The celebration of our birth is an expression of gratitude. This gratitude is extended towards our friends, parents and to life itself. This gratitude grows from an understanding that our birth is the result of many people and that our lives are intertwined with all others.

Understanding the Buddha's teaching of interdependency of all things will make it clear that our birth is the result of many causes and conditions. Realizing this we can see that our birth is truly a rare and wonderful gift, and we have an obligation to live out this life in accordance with the teachings of the Buddha.

This obligation to live our lives out to the fullest becomes even more striking when we look at the symbolism and the significance of the flower. The flower, as with all human beings, has its moment of youth and beauty, but its beauty soon begins to fade and eventually it dies. Our birth is like the blossoming of a beautiful flower, but it is the seed of our own demise. When we can understand our own impermanent nature, then it becomes very clear how we should live our lives.

From the murky depths of this quagmire of life, there still are occasions when sentient beings may, out of sincerity of mind, effort and intelligence, produce pure thoughts which may bloom into the ultimate purity of the white lotus, enlightenment. Hanamatsuri represents one of these occasions. It is a time for us to show our gratitude and rededicate ourselves as we contemplate the importance of the birth of our teacher, master, spiritual guide and friend, Sakyamuni Buddha.

This year, we will be celebrating Birth of Sakyamuni Buddha on April 3, at 9:00am at Aiea Hongwanji, and HBC Hanamatsuri Service will be held on April 10, 9:00am at Higashi Hongwanji Betsuin. Please encourage your family and friend to attend this Great Event. Namo Amidabutsu.

In Gassho,  
Rev. K. Yagi

AIEA HONGWANJI HALL WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

I hope you are in good spirits. We just returned from a short (6 day) trip to New York to visit our son, Craig. We did a lot in a short amount of time-enjoyed every minute. Ate a lot of good food-New York pizza, Indian curry, Barbecue (smoked pork belly was the best), dim-sum in Long Island City's Chinatown, oysters at the Oyster Bar at Grand Central Terminal, lobster rolls at the Red Hook Lobster Pound, burgers at the Shake Shack, Greek food at a neighborhood restaurant in Long Island and Italian food at Babbo, a well-known restaurant owned by "Iron Chef" Mario Batali. Had a bit of beer and wine. We also took in the sights of New York-Central Park, Rockefeller Center, Grand Central Terminal, Times Square and Madison Square Garden. I'm getting to like this city!

We took time to visit the World Trade Center site, which now includes a museum below the twin reflecting pools that you may have seen in the news. The **National September 11 Memorial** is a tribute of remembrance and honor to the nearly 3,000 people killed in the terror attacks of September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center site, near Shanksville, Pa., and at the Pentagon, as well as the six people killed in the World Trade Center bombing in February 1993. It is a somber reminder that the world is still far from being a peaceful place.

Here at the temple, people are hard at work. The workers at Haramura Construction are busy with various projects in the preschool and at the temple. We found out that part of the exposed curved beam supporting the mauka end of the temple roof is rotting. The rotted portions are being cleaned out, new marine plywood covering will be placed and foam filling injected into the space. Looks



like they are doing a great job!

Please make time this **Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** for our Aiea Hongwanji Mission **Buddha Day Service**. This year we will be decorating the Hanamido at 8 am, followed by service at 9 am. Come down and help us celebrate the Buddha's birthday!

Gassho, Warren



### SAVE THE DATE:

- Aug 14, 2016—Set up of yagura/concession booths for Bon Dance
- Aug 21, 2016—Hatsubon Service
- Aug 27, 2016—Bon Service and Bon Dance
- Oct 25 or Nov 5, 2016—Hawaiian Dinner
- Dec 26, 2016—Mochitsuki
- Jan 28, 2017—Shinnenenkai (New Year's Party and Annual Meeting)
- Oct 14, 2017— 115th Anniversary Celebration of Aiea Hongwanji Mission!



## 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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**GOMONSHU'S MESSAGE ON THE COMMEMORATION ON THE ACCESSION OF THE JODO SHINSHU TRADITION.**

On June 6, 2014, I came to inherit the legacy of the Jodo Shinshu tradition through receiving the transmission from the Monshu Emeritus Ohtani Koshin, succeeding to the posts of the resident priest of Hongwanji and the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Monshu. Today, I would like to announce that the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition (*Dento Hokoku Hoyo*) shall be scheduled for the years 2016 and 2017. My succession of the Jodo Shinshu tradition will be officially proclaimed to the Buddha and Masters, and through its observance, it is anticipated that the teaching of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow shall gain prosperity and Hongwanji in its entirety shall achieve further growth.

Amida Buddha's Primal Vow is directed without discrimination to every life and saves them just as they are. Despite our being filled with delusions and suffering, we are enabled to entrust ourselves wholeheartedly to Amida Tathagata's great compassion and be born in the Pure Land, the manifestation of the Buddha's true enlightenment. Although everything in this world, including ourselves, is unreliable, which Shinran Shonin expressed as "empty and false," we are always able to realize the assuredness in the working of the Primal Vow.

Modern scientific and technological sophistication urges us to pursue convenient and luxurious lifestyles, thereby making our desires swell boundlessly. However, I feel that people have begun to realize the futility of these efforts. In addition, such factors as the nuclear family unit and demographic shift from rural to urban areas have forced the conventional social structure to change greatly. As a result, the bonds between people have become weak, causing new anxieties and feelings of uneasiness to arise. On the global scale as well, we can see that there are a number of issues that threaten humanity's existence, such as armed conflict, economic imbalance, climate change, and the proliferation of nuclear materials, and it is anticipated that the situation will likely intensify.

Therefore, I believe it is important for us to listen to the Dharma. Listening to the Dharma clarifies for us the compassionate working of Amida Tathagata that always embraces us as just as we are and never abandons us. Hence, we should share our appreciation and gratitude for it with as many people as possible. As Nembutsu followers who are guided by the Buddha's wisdom, it is important for us to take the initiative and actively carry out programs to cope with the numerous problems and issues in contemporary society. I feel that such efforts will contribute to the actualization of a society in which everyone is able to live a life of spiritual

fulfillment.

It is my hope that this upcoming Commemoration of Accession shall become a significant event as the first major step of our organization. May this occasion serve as the impetus for the Hongwanji to effectively cope with the changing times while upholding the traditional religious values based on Amida Tathagata's unconditional compassion. The Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha administration is currently formulating new long-term plans in anticipation of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching. We kindly request your active cooperation and participation.

January 16, 2015

Shaku Sennyō  
OHTANI Kojun  
Monshu

**SOCIAL CONCERN DONATION TO HAWAII PROMISE.**

Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Dean Sakamoto, Committee on Social Concerns Chair, presented a monetary donation to Ms. Mary Saunders, Executive Director of Family Promise of Hawaii, on March 11, 2016.



Family Promise of Hawaii's mission is to mobilize existing community resources to aid families with children experiencing homelessness and help them transition to sustainable independence. The Honolulu Hongwanji Council have hosted families associated with the Family Promise of Hawaii's program. Family Promise of Hawaii is also very appreciative of the support received from various other Hongwanji related Affiliated Organizations like the Girl Scouts and Buddhist Women's Associations too.

**REV. DR. ALFRED BLOOM HONORED BY THE INSTITUTE FOR BUDDHIST STUDIES.**

On March 10, 2016, the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) honored Rev.

Dr. Alfred Bloom with the 2016 President's Award. The President's Award recognizes an individual's support for



the Institute since its founding in 1949. Previous recipients have been Prof. Taitetsu Unno (2014) and Prof. Lewis Lancaster (2015). The IBS, which serves as a Jodo Shinshu seminary, is affiliated with of the Buddhist Churches of America and the Graduate Theological Union in California. The IBS has been providing graduate-level Buddhist,

ministerial, chaplaincy, and other educational programs in Berkeley, California for more than fifty years. The current IBS President, Rev. Kodo Umezu is also the Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America. Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto, IBS Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Director of the Center for Contemporary Shin Buddhist Studies presented this honor to Dr. Bloom at the Kailua Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, where Dr. Bloom still teaches through a "KO" discussion group several times a month.

In 1986, Dr. Bloom, a noted Shin Buddhist scholar, teacher and author, was appointed Dean and Head Professor of IBS after serving twenty-six years on the faculties of the University of Hawaii and the University of Oregon. During his tenure at University of Hawaii, Dr. Bloom was instrumental in establishing the Hawaii Buddhist Study Center (BSC) on University Avenue. In early 1972, Dr. Bloom informed then-Bishop Kanmo Imamura about the sale

of the two original properties where today's BSC exists. Dr. Bloom retired in 1994. Rev. Bloom received Shin Buddhist Ordination in 1990 and Full Certification in 1994, and has been a member of the Hawaii Betsuin since the 1970's.

### HONGWANJI SOKYOKU ADMINISTRATION CHANGES.

The Hongwanji Sokyoku has announced the following changes to the Governing Board of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha effective on March 8, 2016.

Socho (Governor General)	Bishop Chiko Iwagami
Somu (Governors)	Rev. Koyu Nakato
	Rev. Rigaku Mitsuoka
	**International Department affairs
	Rev. Kosho Tsuruno
Fuku-Somu (Vice Governors)	Rev. Wagyo Narukawa
	Rev. Kyoyu Maruta

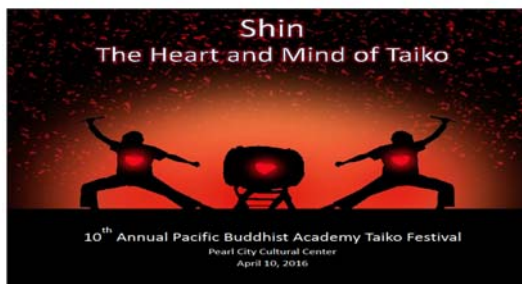


## Pacific Buddhist Academy News

The Pacific Buddhist Academy's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary festival will be held on **Sunday, April 10**, at **4 p.m.** at the **Pearl City Cultural Center**. The theme is *Shin/The Heart and Mind of Taiko*, calling forth the belief, spirit and heart of a tradition that began with PBA's founding and continues as it commences breaking ground for a new classroom building this year.

Taiko is an integral part of the curriculum at Pacific Buddhist Academy, the only high school in the United States with a Peace Curriculum based on Buddhist teachings. Considered a reflective art, Taiko is required for freshmen who may choose to continue to study it through their senior year. "Taiko builds a foundation for our students that enriches the mental, physical, and spiritual dimensions of their daily lives," said Sensei Jay Toyofuku, who has taught Taiko since the school's founding in 2003. All PBA students participate in the festival along with faculty and guest artists.

Tickets for the festival are **\$25**, general admission, or **\$20** for students, alumni, and seniors (65+), and may be purchased in person at PBA's Main Office at 1727 Pali Highway, by calling phone number **808-532-2649**, or online at website [www.pacificbuddhistacademy.org](http://www.pacificbuddhistacademy.org). **If you are a member of Aiea Hongwanji Mission and wish to obtain a ticket to the Taiko performance, call Susan in the Aiea Hongwanji office at 487-2626 for assistance, but please don't wait too late because the tickets sell out fast.**



Pacific Buddhist Academy  
*High school in a whole new light.*

February 28, 2016

Dear PBA supporters,

The long-awaited day has finally arrived! PBA's Classroom Building Project will get underway in early March, and will proceed with demolition of two vacant residential buildings, followed by grading and site work, then foundation and building construction.

The whole project is slated to last between ten to twelve months. During that period, PBA will work to keep all constituencies informed of the project progress and of how the construction project may affect those coming to the temple and campus. That information will come primarily through the following existing information sources:

- PBA: the *What's New* bi-weekly newsletter
- HMS: Gradelink
- Hawaii Betsuin: the *Goji* newsletter
- Kyodan: the *Headquarters Update*


The construction company is Ralph S. Inouye Co. Ltd. (RSI), one of Hawaii's construction leaders. PBA is pleased to be working with RSI because of its sterling reputation and knowledge of the HHMH community.

Before demolition of the Tanaka House and Caretaker's Residence can take place, existing flooring and ceiling materials, as well as light fixtures and air conditioning units, must be removed because they contain hazardous materials requiring special handling. Unitek Contracting Group, one of the industry leaders in Hawaii, will perform all hazardous materials removal, adhering to the highest standards of compliance as required by Federal and State laws.

During the coming months, PBA's highest commitment is to community safety. **We request that any questions or concerns regarding the project be routed directly to the main school office at (808) 532-2649. If you observe any activities that are in your opinion unsafe, we request you contact the school immediately so that appropriate measures can be undertaken.**

This is for all of us an exciting moment in PBA's history. For your support in helping to advance educational excellence and Shin Buddhism in our community, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude. Getting to this point has required the dedication of us all. We will count on your continued support in the coming months to realize the dream of so many of Hawaii's Shin Buddhist leaders – Bishops Imamura, Yosemite, Okano and Matsumoto – and we look forward to celebrating the project completion in the near future.

In gassho,

  
Josh Hernandez Morse  
Head of School



## Aiea Hongwanji Preschool

- March 3: Field Trip to Hawaii Theatre to see "Noodle, Doodle Box Play."
- Thank you to Russell and Jared Nonaka for hanging the new Preschool sign.
- During Beautification Day, the parents cleaned the interior of the Preschool and painted the lanai wall a bright yellow.
- The annual Accreditation report was filed last month.
- During Spring Break, Masa's Builders replaced four classroom sinks, and storage cabinets.
- In addition, Narito Sheetmetal replaced the lanai gutter.



Adult Day Care and Preschoolers enjoy the Uncle Wayne and Dr. Pha Concert on March 16 in the hall.

## NEWS from Lotus Adult Day Care Center (LADCC)

- New carpet and vinyl flooring have been installed, and the room looks very nice and bright.
- Though the Lotus Adult Day Care Center is nearing capacity, we are still accepting applications for part-time and full-time participants. Please call 486-5050 for information. Leave a message if there is no answer, and the Interim Director will call you back.



## Junior YBANews

The O'ahu Jr. YBA is holding their CPK Fundraiser on April 5, 2016. Just present the flyer (printed on right) when you go to PEARLRIDGE CPK. Please distribute as many flyers as possible (*though not at or near California Pizza Kitchen, or the event will proceed will be void*) and encourage people to go....

Timber Hawkeye will be the guest speaker at a number of Hongwanji events (see flyer on page 12.) He does not ask for orei, so we'd like to make a donation toward his efforts to get his book "Buddhist Bootcamp" into prisons. We'd also like to help fundraise for other Jr. YBA projects for O'ahu District. Please ask your temples for support. We have a very active United and we are hosting the April Fed meeting (at Aiea), so let's show our support for each other.

Email received recently from Gay Tanaka:



Ohana Arts has released a new version of Peace on Your Wings with new songs and smaller cast in preparation to take the show to New York in the summer and to Japan later this year. Discount code for performances at Mamiya Theater available by entering honpaohana in in online order form. The shows are on April 1,2,3.

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  
**Oahu Jr Young Buddhist Association**  
**April 5, 2016, Tuesday**

### 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!

Join the  
**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.

# PEACE ON YOUR WINGS

A New Musical



April 1st, 7:30 PM  
April 2nd, 2:00 PM  
April 2nd, 7:30 PM  
April 3rd, 2:00 PM

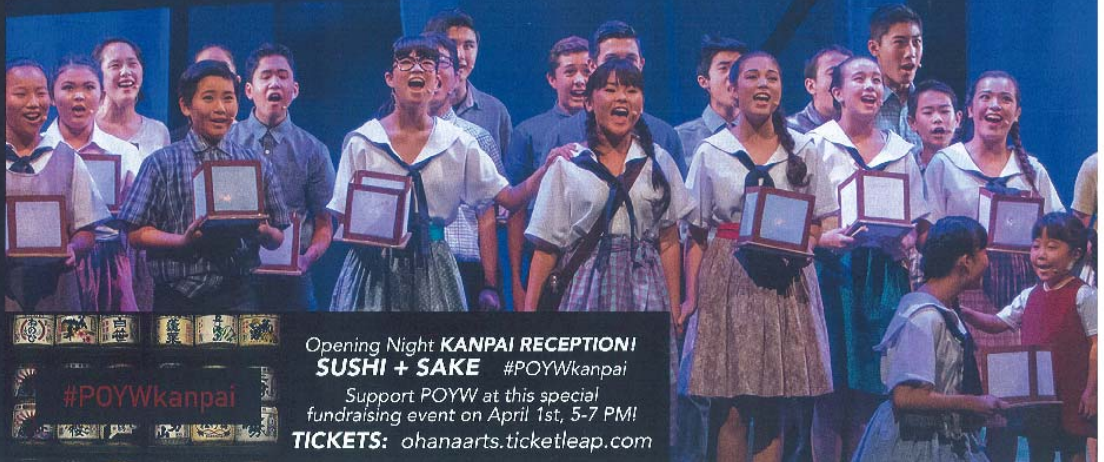
Mamiya Theatre  
3142 Waiialae Ave.  
Honolulu, Hawaii

TICKETS: \$30/\$24/\$18/\$12  
[peaceonyourwings.com](http://peaceonyourwings.com) or  
[ohanaarts.ticketleap.com](http://ohanaarts.ticketleap.com)

 **ohanaARTS**  
performing arts festival @ school  
[ohanaarts.org](http://ohanaarts.org)

## #POYWworldtour

Ohana Arts unveils a new, tour-ready version of Peace On Your Wings at Mamiya Theatre this April 1st-3rd, featuring new songs, a new and improved script, and Japanese translations!



Opening Night **KANPAI RECEPTION!**  
**SUSHI + SAKE** #POYWkanpai

Support POYW at this special fundraising event on April 1st, 5-7 PM!

TICKETS: [ohanaarts.ticketleap.com](http://ohanaarts.ticketleap.com)

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to new members Burt and Joy Masuda. We look forward to your participation in our temple activities. Please encourage your family and friends to join Aiea Hongwanji.

### Report on the 104th Legislative Assembly

**Attendees:** 95 delegates, 15 non-voting delegates, Directors & Advisors, 38 Observers, 3 Special Guests

**Aiea Delegates:** Rev. Kosho Yagi, Warren Tamamoto, Russell Nonaka,

**Aiea Observers:** Frank/Helen Takenouchi, Thelma Kawaguchi, Susan Morishige

**The 104th Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) was held on Feb 12-13, 2016,** followed by the Aloha Luncheon and Living Treasures Banquet at 12:00 PM at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. The five honorees were Paul Leland Breese, Dr. Dennis Masao Ogawa, Sooriya Kumar, Dr. Puakea M Nogelmeier and Lillian Noda Yajima.

**Resolution #1 HHMH 2016 Budget:** Adopted as amended.

Expense: \$1,298,640 // Funding Sources: \$485,210

2016 Assessment: \$813,430 (Last year was \$855,621).

**Resolution #2 Amendments to the HHMH Bylaws:** Adopted as amended by 2/3 vote. Changed allocation of Directors to the HHMH BOD and Delegates to the Legislative Assembly. Deleted Hawaii Fed of YBAs non-voting delegate. Modified language that indicated that each temple shall be represented by at least one delegate.

**Resolution #3 Green Hongwanji Initiative.** Adopted. Approved Green Hongwanji Initiative program that would educate, set goals, and develop an action plan to help temples and members live in ecological harmony within our communities. A committee will be tasked to implement this program.

**Resolution #4 The HHMH Assessment Policy.** Adopted as amended 51-40. Adopted an Assessment Policy that details the authority, determination method, administration, collection and application of assessments, and delinquency. The proposed policy was amended by deletion of the loss of benefits after two years of delinquency—loss of their minister.

**Resolution #5 Technology for Remote Communication** Adopted. A committee will be established to explore feasibility, method and cost of training and implementing the technology to support remote communication.

**Resolution #6 Rescind the 2014 Resolution to Deposit Unexpected Budget into HHMH Capital Fund.** Adopted. Allowed for unexpended funds to be turned over to next year's budget instead of going into Capital Fund.

**Resolution #7 Strengthen Hongwanji Districts for Sustainability and Growth.** Adopted. Minister and Lay Leaders are urged to initiate dialogue and discussion to strengthen respective districts through collaboration and sharing of Resources.

**Resolution #8 Extension of HHMH Operational Financial Assistance for PBA.** Adopted. Authorized funding for 2017 (\$150,000, 2018 (\$125,000), 2019 (\$100,000), 2020 (\$75,000) and 2021 (\$50,000).

**Resolution #9 Adopting "The Shin Buddhist Ministry in Hawaii" Document as HHMH Official Policy.** Adopted. Adopted a policy that defines levels, roles, requirements, duties and responsibilities of all levels of ministerial vocation.

Also adopted: Resolution #10 and 11, Congratulations and Appreciation to Rev. Yoshiko Shimabukuro, and Appreciation and Condolence for Mrs. Fujiko Higa Yoshimoto, respectively.

Resolution #12 Condolence and Appreciation Warren Takemitsu Higa

Emergency Resolution #1, 2, 3 and 4, Condolence and Appreciation Rev. Sonny Abangan, Yoshio "Rusty" Nakagawa, Shuichi "Jack" Nagai and Hajime Jimmy Uyeki, respectively.

**It was announced that Pieper Toyama will serve another two-year term as President of HHMH.**

Submitted by Russell Nonaka



## Aiea BWA News

Happy Hanamatsuri !

Please join us on Sunday, April 24 at our Eshinni - Kakushinni Service.

Following the service , we will have refreshments and a Crafts Sale of beautifully handmade items by the talented BWA ladies.

If you have not already done so, please drop off your 2016 dues any Thursday or Sunday mornings. Dues are only \$10.00 and can be made payable to Aiea Hongwanji BWA. Or you can send in your payment to the office in the same Eshinni Day Service donation envelope.

We are happy to welcome Miyoko Marumoto back to our craft activities after her accident in Las Vegas.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Ben Kaito of our Hosha gang.

With Gassho,  
Arlene Sunada



## OAHU UNITED BWA June Asato

OUHBBWA Seminar and Annual Convention held on November 14 was open to all interested from the Oahu Hongwanji Ohana (men and women). We held a service in memory of members who passed away in the past year and featured Buddhist Education talk by Rev. David Fujimoto. The seminar speaker was James Koshiba and his talk on homelessness was well received. The main business of the annual convention was to adopt a bylaws revision and to elect new officers. Active membership in OUHBBWA, Hawaii Federation of BWA and the World Federation of Buddhist Women is open to all women of the Oahu district Hongwanji Ohana upon payment of dues assessment of \$7.50. Women may join through temple units or directly with the Oahu United if they do not belong to a unit. Associate members are those reported by units .

Officers for 2016 were elected: June Asato (Mililani), President; Susan Morishige (Aiea), Vice President; Diane Yoza (Mililani), Recording Secretary; Joan Masaki (Pearl City), Corresponding Secretary; Joyce Ogawa (Mililani), Treasurer; Susan Ushijima (Waianae), Assistant Treasurer; Takako Desaki (Pearl City), Auditor; Karen Shimabukuro (Pearl City), Auditor; Rev. David Fujimoto of Mililani is the Advisor.

Since our last Federation meeting, we have had two United meetings. Oahu United has active members from 4 of the 8 temples; there are no active, or associate, members from the two largest temples in the district. The temples with no active BWA members have units which are very active as local units in supporting the temples and districts. Oahu United will hold one major event for 2016 on Saturday, September 17 at Pearl City. The program will include our Educational Seminar and Annual Convention. The Oahu units and united continue to work closely with the temples, the district council and the district Lay Association. The membership count for OUHBBWA as of 12/31/2015: 135 Active Members; 108 Associate Members and 243 Total BWA Membership

The above report from the Oahu United BWA President is an excerpt from the spring 2016 edition of the newsletter for the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations (HHMHFBWA). If you are an Aiea Hongwanji BWA member and would like a copy of the newsletter, please call Susan in the office at 487-2626.

Booklet/DVD of the 15th BWA World Convention in Calgary, Canada has been received. Call Susan 487-2626. // Save the Date—next BWA World Convention will be held on the Labor Day Weekend in 2019 in San Francisco!!!

## STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

### 2016

Hawaii will once again be hosting student from Japan who are participating in our Student Exchange program from Aug 12 to 19, 2016. Oahu District will be the host on Aug 16 and 17, and has been asked to "Homestay" the students. If anyone in the Aiea Hongwanji Ohana is interesting in opening up their home to two exchange students from Japan, please call Susan in the office at 487-2626.

### 2017

Next year, 2017, Hawaii will be sending our two students (age 17-23) to Japan for 14 days (late July to early August) to be exposed to Buddhist and Asian culture and be a missionary of good-will. Application forms can be obtained from the temple office or online at [http://www.hawaiibwa.org/Student\\_Exchange/student\\_exchange.htm](http://www.hawaiibwa.org/Student_Exchange/student_exchange.htm). Deadline for submittal of completed applications is Oct 31, 2016.

**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).

April 2016

Asako Kamada Miyata	3rd
Yoshihiko Yamate	7th
Jane Miyoko Furukawa	7th
Hatsuko Matsumoto	13th
Shizuno Fuchisaki	13th
Guy Yamaoka	25th
Richard Saburo Kamano	25th
Kazuo Tanoue	33rd
Mitsuko Masuda	33rd
Mitsuru Kiyosaki	50th
Hamataro Oba	50th

May 2016

Kiyomi Hoshino	1st
Richard Goshi	3rd
Tokio Higa	7th
Kimiko "Eva" Omori	7th
Tomonori Sakaguchi	13th
Carl Masao Kitashima	17th
Masuichi Mitsui	25th
Kwanyei Toyama	33rd
Masako Kubo	33rd

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

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.

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

**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.

**THIS SPACE LEFT BLANK**

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


 Kokua in Kind

**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! And please deposit your refuse in the trash can, not the Recycle Bin!

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

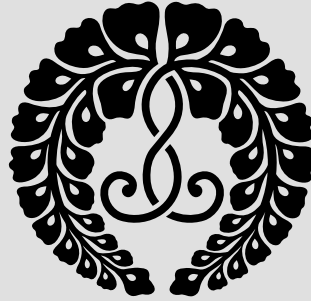
Please deposit non Hi-5 items and card board at our neighborhood school depositories or your blue home recycle bins. 

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

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Aiea, Hawaii 96701

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Buddhist Study Center, Hawaii Federation of Junior Young Buddhist Associations  
and Kailua Hongwanji Mission Present...

# TIMBER HAWKEYE

**\*\*RSVP Required For All Events\*\***

**Friday, April 22 at 6:30pm**  
Guest Speaker  
Buddhist Study Center  
1436 University Ave.  
Honolulu, HI 96822  
*RSVP via Timber Hawkeye  
Facebook Page*



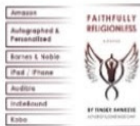
**Sunday, April 24 at 9:00am**  
Service Guest Speaker  
Milliani Hongwanji Mission  
95-257 Kaloapau St.  
Milliani, HI 96789

**Sunday, April 24 at 1:00pm**  
Guest Speaker  
Kailua Hongwanji Mission  
268A Kuulei Rd.  
Kailua, HI 96734  
*RSVP to kailuahongwanji@gmail.com*

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The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii presents...  
*A Celebration of Choral Singing!*

# Choralfest 2016

**September 24 - 25, 2016**

Hawaii Betsuin  
1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI



**Conductor:**

*Nola Nahulu*

**Gathas:**

*Touched by Kindness (Shiawase ni deattara)*  
*Entrusting Heart (Marui kokoro)*  
*The Buddha's Great Light*  
*Where, Oh, Where? (Hotokesama wa)*  
*How Happy I Am! (Go-on ureshiya)*  
**Congregation Gatha: Gratefulness II (Ondokusan II)**

**Deadline to Register:**

**April 30, 2016**

**Registration Fee: \$30.00**

Call the Office of Buddhist Education at 808.522.9202 for more information

Or Susan in AHM Office 487-2626