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## Message from Bishop Eric Matsumoto

### LET US CONSIDER...

As we witness what is unfolding in our Nation after the 2016 Elections, there is room for concern as emotions and feelings run high, but let us have faith in ourselves as residents of America and also as humanity.

For me, the wise counsel of Prince Shotoku comes to mind. Prince Shotoku lived in a period of uncertainty and needed to unite various factions so that the country could be unified, better organized and prosper. He mentioned some guiding principles which are still important for us, today, to consider. As Article 1 in his 17- Article Constitution, he emphasized the value of harmony in society with the words "Harmony is to be valued." He sought harmony and collaboration among the various individuals and factions that were divided and wanted them to work together towards a common goal, a unified nation. Prince Shotoku realized how we, many times, each tend to emphasize and focus on our own viewpoints and disregard that of others to the point of not even lending an ear. He realized that if we each continue to do this we would get nowhere as no discussion could even begin. The Prince was very astute and sensitive to the fact that, too often, we are driven by our egos and also our emotions and feelings like anger, fear, doubt and arrogance. Thus, in Article 10, he shares his wisdom when he says, Let us cease from wrath and refrain from angry looks. Nor let us be resentful when others differ from us. For all people have hearts and each heart has its own leanings. Their right is our wrong, and our right is their wrong. We are not unquestionably sages, nor are they unquestionably fools. Both of us are simply ordinary people. How can any person lay down a rule by which to distinguish right from wrong? For we are all, one with another, wise and foolish, like a ring which has no end.

From *A Guide to Japanese Buddhism*-BuddhaNet [www.buddhanet.net/nippon/nippon\\_partIII.html](http://www.buddhanet.net/nippon/nippon_partIII.html)

He sincerely revered The Three Treasures of Buddhism which also speaks of the middle way in which we avoid extremes. As the Historic Buddha shared if the strings of a lute are too tight it will break, on the other hand, if the strings are too loose the lute will not produce its music. What is needed are mutual respect, balance, trust, participation and collaboration and adherence to the virtue of non-violence by all of us. Moreover, we should see the value of interdependence by realizing that we are all interrelated and interconnected as Indra's Net, beautifully and profoundly, shares. It is a fact that we affect each other locally, nationally, internationally and even galactically through our thoughts, words and actions and how we approach a matter is just as important as the goal or objective. The intent of this message is not to dissuade people to express their thoughts through peaceful rallies and methods. As we face our challenges (to alleviate suffering and promote peace, happiness and people's welfare) as a Nation, this message is suggesting that we must consider ways, approaches and outcomes which emphasize the oneness and equality of life with all its diversity, foster mutual respect and harmony amongst all, and will nurture unity in our Nation and the World from today and into the future. In Hawaii, I believe, the Spirit of Aloha will guide us in our endeavors. As a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist, I say, may we (all) be guided and inspired by an All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion.

**Let us "Mutually reflect, respect and interact."**

Eric Matsumoto

Bishop, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

**NEED THE  
ASSISTANCE OF  
THE MINISTER?**

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(residence) or  
487-2626 (office).  
If he is not  
available, leave a  
message on the  
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**For religious  
emergencies  
(Makuragyo or  
bedside  
services), please  
call Rev. Yagi on  
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**Temple  
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assistance. His  
pager number is  
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Minister's Message



**LET US CELEBRATE BODHI DAY**

In the world of Buddhism, an important day of celebration is December 8th. This is the day that many Buddhists celebrate Bodhi Day, or the occasion when the Buddha attained enlightenment on this same day in 596 BC while sitting under the Bodhi tree. The Buddha taught his followers to fit into the neighborhood in which they lived and not to make a spectacle of themselves or to draw undue attention.

Due to this adaptable way of thinking, Buddhist culture and traditions are easily shared and enjoyed even by non-Buddhists. Learn the background of this Buddhist celebration and the ways you can join in this December.

**The Buddha**

Siddhartha Gautama, who would later become the Shakyamuni Buddha, was a prince in Nepal who had lived a comfortable and sheltered life under the care of his family. Still, Siddhartha was an inquisitive sort and traveled about witnessing the misery of old age, sickness, and suffering. These profoundly affected him, and at the age of 29, he chose to leave his comfortable surroundings and seek meaning in life.

After spending six years living the life of an ascetic and serving under six teachers, he was still unsatisfied. He tried many different disciplines, even going so far as to survive by eating only one grain of rice per day, but he soon realized that this was not the answer. Unable to find answers to his questions, he vowed that he would sit under the Bodhi tree (sometimes called Pipala tree, Peepul tree, Pippul tree, or Bo tree in certain texts) until he had his answers.

Siddhartha fasted and meditated under this tree for a week, and on the morning of the eighth day came to several realizations which were to become the principles of modern Buddhism. It was here, as Siddhartha meditated and gazed upon Venus rising, that the basis of The Noble Eightfold Path and Four Noble Truths were born.

From this point forward he was referred to as the Buddha - The Enlightened One. He was also known as Shakyamuni (the sage of the Shakya clan) Buddha.

**Celebrating Bodhi Day (Article authored by Mr. Alden Smith)**

Bodhi Day, the day of enlightenment, can be celebrated in many ways. To the Buddhist, it is a day of remembrance and meditation, much like the Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus on December 25th.

To the layman, a good way of recognizing this important event in Buddhism is to dwell on its meaning and place reminders in the home of this event. Often, colored lights are strung about the home to recognize the day of enlightenment. They are multi-colored to symbolize the many pathways to enlightenment. The lights are turned on each evening beginning on December 8th and for 30 days thereafter. A candle is also lit for these thirty days to symbolize enlightenment.

In Buddhist homes, you will sometimes see a ficus tree of the genus ficus religiosa. Beginning on Bodhi Day, these trees are decorated with multi-colored lights, strung with beads to symbolize the way all things are united, and hung with three shiny ornaments to represent the Three Jewels - The Buddha, the Dharma, and the Sangha.

A meal of rice and milk is significant on this holiday. According to Buddhist legend, following his awakening this was the first meal offered to the Buddha by Sujata to help him regain strength.

Bodhi Day is of importance to Buddhists being especially celebrated by Buddhists of the Pure Land, but participating in your own way can be a noteworthy experience for anyone of any culture.

Namo Amida Butsu,  
Rev. Shawn K. Yagi



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi everyone,

Happy Thanksgiving! We've had a busy month, as usual. Not just at work, at home or at the temple. On October 29<sup>th</sup> some of us attended the Oahu District Nembutsu Seminar at Pearl City Hongwanji. The theme was "Personal Buddhism". The seminar was very well attended and participants were very positive about the seminar.

Rev. Kazunori Takahashi and Rev. Yuika Hasebe shared their journey to Buddhism and the Buddhist ministry. Although you might think it was a simple choice for them-growing up in Japan, it wasn't. They each had a different path.

Rev. Takahashi was a very reluctant pupil. He never wanted to follow in the family tradition (Buddhist ministry). The only college that accepted him was the Ryukoku University Religion Department and he shared that (at first) he was not a very enthusiastic student. Fortunately, he took a class in Buddhism from a professor who did not start by talking about Buddhism. His professor had the class discuss life situations and events. Then, he gradually introduced Buddhist ideas and teachings into the discussion. Rev. Takahashi responded to this and eventually graduated and even pursued and obtained a Master's degree in Buddhist Studies.

Rev. Hasebe shared her thoughts through her father's illness. She realized that our lives are finite and life passes quickly. As she attended to her father in the hospital, she fully realized her selfish nature. She realized that Jodo Shinshu accepts the reality of life. That we are not alone, that we should live each day fully and walk in the Buddha's Path.

I'm not able to fully share all of their ideas in such a short space. However, I'm very grateful that they were able to share their thoughts so openly. We met in small groups after the speakers and each person was able to share their own life experiences-inspired by our speakers.

The second half of the seminar was about the role of a couple of our Japanese-American soldiers during and after the Battle of Okinawa (1945) in World War II. These soldier/ heroes are credited with saving the lives of hundreds of Okinawa citizens. They were able convince hundreds of women and children to come out of hiding rather than face starvation or commit suicide. Takejiro Higa and Herbert Yanamura have received the Congressional Gold Medal for their actions in the Battle of Okinawa. First we viewed a video. Then, Mr. Yanamura and Mr. Higa answered questions from the audience. Their memory of events that took place 70 years ago was excellent; they were so humble and they had a great sense of humor. It was inspiring!

Well, space is short. Don't forget Bodhi Day Service on December 11<sup>th</sup>, Temple Beautification on December 18<sup>th</sup> and Mochitsuki on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> (this is a holiday for most people). Also-New Year's Eve and New Year's Day service!

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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### 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 #1	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Monday & Wednesday	Zumba Class #2	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	Judo	5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	Sanshin Class	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. - 1:00 p.m.

**HEADQUARTERS UPDATE**

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**HMH SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT AND FELLOWSHIP TOUR.**

The Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu tradition (Accession Ceremony) or Dentō Hōkoku Hōyō started on Oct 2, 2016 and continues until May 2017. This



special observance is being conducted before Amida Buddha and Shinran Shonin at the Main Temple (Honzan) in Kyoto to formally announce that His Eminence Kojun Ohtani has taken on the responsibility of Monshu. He is thus following the footsteps of his predecessors to spread the Dharma with an emphasis on sharing the Nembutsu teaching to a greater number of people throughout the world. Eighty services will be conducted during this time. Honzan has designated two dates for overseas members (Oct 21, 2016 and Mar 31, 2017) to participate in this auspicious observance.

On Oct 14, 2016, a group of members from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii led by Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani and Rev. Kazunori Takahashi joined in a special Japan tour to participate in the Accession Ceremony and as well as to enrich their spiritual understanding and appreciation of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition. The group also visited sites and places associated with the 8<sup>th</sup> Head Priest of the Hongwanji, Rennyo Shonin: Honshuji, Takayama Betsuin (Higashi Hongwanji), Yoshizaki Betsuin, Eiheiji, Hieizan Enryakuji, Tsumura Betsuin and Osaka Castle. It was truly an educational and gratifying experience to visit those historical sites and to meet with the ministers/members who shared their joy, appreciation, and commitment of the Buddha-Dharma.

On the Oct 21st morning of the Accession Ceremony, members from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii,

together with members from the Buddhist Churches of America and the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada, were privileged to have a private audience with the Gomonshu. The staff of the Hongwanji International Center had arranged this special audience for the overseas members, and the Gomonshu kindly took the time for us in spite of his very busy schedule. Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani and daughter, Ms. Naho Umitani, delivered messages of appreciation to the Gomonshu on behalf of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. It was a very heartwarming experience for each participant to shake hands and have a group picture with the Gomonshu.

Then in the afternoon, the Accession Ceremony was held at both Goei-do (Founder's Hall) and Amida-do (Amida's Hall) simultaneously. Hawaii members were seated in the very front section of the Amida-do. Both halls were filled with people, and the voice of the Nembutsu resounded in the temples during the newly introduced "Hosan Dento Saho" ritual. The earth actually shook during this ceremony, as a large earthquake in Western Japan was felt in Kyoto. The ceremony was interrupted for 15 minutes and then re-started!

Immediately after the Accession Ceremony, a "Dharma-Light Gathering" was held and the Ohtani Family (Gomonshu, Lady Ruzumi Ohtani, 5 year old son and infant daughter, Former Gomonshu, and Former Lady Noriko Ohtani) were introduced. During the Interview, the Gomonshu and Lady Ruzumi Ohtani delivered messages in English for the overseas participants. Lady Ruzumi Ohtani encouraged us to continue to follow the Nembutsu path by holding the Dharma close to our hearts as our spiritual foundation. The Gomonshu said, "I would like to extend my heartfelt welcome to you for coming all the way here. I am very happy to be able to observe this commemoration together with the delegates from overseas as well as those from across Japan. I hope to see you all again in your own respective districts."

(Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani, Executive Assistant to the Bishop)  
**CONGRATULATIONS!** Rev. & Mrs. Daido Baba recently welcomed a baby girl. **Anna Baba** was born on October 10,





2016 weighing 5lb. 14oz. She is their third child, the first daughter and the first Hawaii-born child in Baba Family. Rev. Daido Baba currently works as Associate Minister at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin.



**KUMAMOTO EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND.** On September 26th, Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Reverend Toshiyuki Umitani presented a donation of \$21,403.50 for Kumamoto earthquake relief from the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii to Consul General Yasushi Misawa, Consulate General of Japan. HHMH collected a total of \$46,403.50 of which \$25,000 was provided directly to Honzan for relief efforts for damaged Hongwanji temples and members impacted by the earthquake.



**BUDDHIST STUDY CENTER FELLOWSHIP CLUB PARTICIPATES IN A YOUNG PERSON'S FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT KAPIOLANI MEDICAL CENTER.** Extra life is an annual event where gamers across the nation join forces to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network hospitals (CMN), by pledging to play games for 24 hours. The primary beneficiary of CMN efforts in Hawaii is Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children. Since inception in 2008, the event has raised over \$22 million.



The Buddhist Study Center Fellowship Club put together a team to help support the cause. On Nov 5, they successfully played both board games and/or video games for 24 hours. More importantly, the team raised \$1,500 benefiting CMN Hospitals. This put the Buddhist Study Center Fellowship Club team within the top 11% of all teams in the nation. It was a fun event and went to a great cause. The club hopes to participate in the event again in 2017.

**ANNUAL APPRECIATION GATHERING FOR THE RETIRED MINISTERS AND THEIR SPOUSES.** The annual appreciation gathering for the Retired Ministers and their spouses was held on Nov 10, 2016. Thirteen retired ministers and spouses attended this year's gathering. At the Opening Service which was held at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Mr. Pieper Toyama expressed



their appreciation on behalf of the current active ministers and the members of HHMH. This service was also dedicated to the following ministers/spouses who passed away this year; Rev. Sonny Abangan, Mrs. Kimiko Okano, Rev. Chikai Yosemite, Mrs. Haruko Hoashi, and Mrs. Amy Nakanishi.

**MINISTER'S ASSISTANT RETREAT HELD AT THE BUDDHIST STUDY CENTER.** Purpose of the Retreat is to provide the opportunity to review and enrich the participants' skills and knowledge associated with Jodo Shinshu and the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha. Also it is a time that participants can get to know each other better as friends and fellow travelers on the Path of Nembutsu. Conventional lecture and question and answer forms of presentation was generally employed. Rituals and etiquette associated with the Hongwanji temple and service tradition was taught through interactive mentoring by the instructors. As much as possible actual performance of skills or articulation of knowledge was encouraged. Participants were also asked to help with all aspects of the Retreat as one family and community. Because it takes time and practice to assimilate the skills knowledge, prospective and active Minister's Lay Assistants are encouraged to attend and repeat attending the Retreat.

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani provided the participants in the standard practice and ritual within the Nishi Hongwanji Tradition and Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki reviewed Basic Buddhism



and introduced the participants to an approach that reveals Jōdo Shinshū doctrinal concepts through the study of Shōshinge, a gatha written by Shinran Shōnin.

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# Hawaii Buddhist Council Bodhi Day Service

Commemorating the Enlightenment of  
Shakyamuni Buddha



**DATE:** December 4, 2016  
**TIME:** 9:30 AM  
**PLACE:** Jodo Mission of Hawaii  
1429 Makiki St., Honolulu, HI 96814  
**SPEAKER:** Rev. George Kosho Finch  
Portland, Oregon  
**\*Light Refreshment will be served \***

For more information, please call  
Rev. Narashiba @ 808-949-3995

**Admissions Office Accepting Application for 2017-18.** PBA is accepting applications for 2017-18 for grades 9-12. Spread the word to family and friends about a great academics and environment and our new classroom building! For more information, please call our Admissions Director, Blanche Yarnell, at 808-532-2649 ext. 204.

**A Very Merry Event:** On Saturday, Dec 3, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., stop by Kahala Mall's Center Court to purchase "Very Merry" ticket booklets. The booklets are \$5 each and offer discounts at multiple stores throughout the mall. All proceeds earned for that day will be donated to PBA. <http://kahalamallcenter.com/calendar/event/589>. Another highlight: Hyaku Sen Ki Kai Taiko will grace us with a taiko performance starting at 4 p.m. Please spread the word to family and friends and take advantage of a family night at Kahala Mall. Any questions, please contact Blanche Yarnell at 532-2649 ext. 204.



The new classroom building progress is becoming more and more visible! Foundation for the first floor is almost complete. Work on the retaining walls continues. In spite of winter approaching, the construction team is making progress every day to keep us on track to open in autumn 2017.



### NEWS from Lotus Adult Day Care Center

- If you have an aging senior who is in need of care on a daily or part time basis; the Lotus Adult Day Care Center might be the answer. We provide safe, physically and mentally interactive care for your loved ones.
- Though the Lotus Adult Day Care Center is nearing capacity, we are still accepting applications for part-time and full-time participants. Give us a call at 486-5050 if you are interested in learning more.

In just a few weeks runners from PBA's sangha will again embrace the Honolulu Marathon to support the Annual Fund! Every mile pledged benefits PBA students. Team members include students Sho Imanishi and Shayna Yasunaga, parents Carmen and Eric Meyer and Mitchell Taketa, and Director of Advancement Rüdiger Rückmann. The team is accepting pledges at the following website: <https://sites.google.com/site/pbarunforpeace/>.



## Aiea Hongwanji Preschool

Highlights in October and November

- Visit from Royal Hawaiian Band.
- Halloween Haunted Streets in Hall.
- Field trip to Hawaii theatre to see Hansel & Gretel.
- Fire Department visit in Hall.
- Visitation to Lotus Adult Day Care Center.



**Major Yearly  
Memorial  
Service  
Schedule**

For The Year  
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

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

Family Memorial Service

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

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

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

December 2016

Clara Kanno	3rd
Kenji Yamada	3rd
Tomio "Tommy" Fujimoto	3rd
Masami Ohara	7th
Yutaka "Spike" Nako	7th
Katherine Miyoko Okamoto	13th
Harry Rakuichi Kadoyama	13th
Richard Kamei	17th
Ekiso Jike	25th
Yoshino Kato	33rd

January 2017

Elsie Hisano Nakagawa	1st
Richard Chagami	7th
Nancy Natsuko Gould	17th
Teruko Miyoga	17th
Masayuki Morikawa	17th
Fujino Nakata	17th
<b>John Haruto Oka</b>	17th
Hazel Hatsuko Jike	25th
Toyoichi Kuroda	33rd
Seiichi Yoshikane	33rd

Nokotsudo (Columbarium)

If you would like to visit the Nokotsudo, please call 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.

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.

*Aiea Hongwanji Mission extends its  
Deepest Sympathy  
to the families of the late  
Tetsuo Tateishi and Ellen E. Nuibe*



## Mochitsuki on Monday, December 26th at 8:00 am



The traditional mochi-pounding ceremony in Japan is Mochitsuki. Mochi is a traditional food at New Year's. Here at Aiea Hongwanji, we have modified the traditional method of preparing the mochi by grinding the cooked mochi once before putting it into the *usu* (stone mortar) for pounding. This shortens the amount of effort and allows everyone-young and old to participate. Come out and share a good time!

## Aiea BWA News

Aloha to All !

How quickly 2016 has flown by..... I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the BWA members, family and friends of Aiea HM for helping and participating in all the activities we have had this year. It couldn't have happened or been so successful without your kokua! We are grateful for all the donations, flowers, and time & energy you continue to share with us to make AHM a great place to be.

In December, we will have our annual BWA End of Year Luncheon to thank all the BWA members and Hosha Gang who have worked so hard at all our functions, Kitchen Hosha on Sundays and take care of the temple grounds.

On December 13, Rev. Yagi and a few of us will visit the Homebound BWA members. We appreciate their membership even when they are not able to come to the temple.

Please join us on December 26 at our annual Mochitsuki gathering in the social hall from 8 to 11 am. It's a good time to see old and meet new friends.

We would like to welcome Ms. Sayuri Nakashima from Hiroshima, Japan to our temple. Please say "Hello" to her.

Happy Holidays !!!

With Gassho, Arlene Sunada



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Participants were: Linda Nagai from Kona Hongwanji, Rod Moriyama from Wahiawa Hongwanji, Joy Nishida from Kailua Hongwanji, Wayne Nishida from Wailuku Hongwanji, Jaryd Oshiro from Jikoen Hongwanji, Chris Richardson from Lanai Hongwanji, Dennis Tashiro from Kailua Hongwanji, and Pieper Toyama from Jikoen Hongwanji. All successfully completed the Retreat and returned to their respective temples to continue to be mentored by their mentor ministers. Their mentor ministers will decide the appropriate time to request the Bishop designate them as Certified Minister's Lay Assistant. The certification formally recognizes the role of Minister's Lay Assistant and a satisfactory level of competence but does not entitle them to assist. It is the temple's Resident Minister or Rimban's decision to have anyone assist a minister for that specific temple.

(Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki, BSC Director)

**KAUAI HONGWANJI COUNCIL JOINT DHARMA SCHOOL SUNDAY SERVICE.** On Nov 6, the Kauai Hongwanji Council held a joint Dharma School Sunday Service at Salt Pond Beach State Park, as a Dharma School membership drive. 46 Dharma School students, families and ministers got together for Service and

activities. One of the icebreaker was a golf ball spoon relay. After we divided into three groups; Preschool to elementary school, middle school to high school and adults, each temple



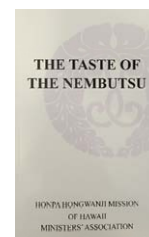
prepared one activity for each group. The three temples' Sangha had a wonderful fellowship. One member said, "Let's get together once a year and have service at the beach." Another member said, "The service was so beautiful since the ocean was behind the Obutsudan."

(Rev. Tomo Hojo, West Kauai Hongwanji Mission)

### Looking for birthday or year end presents for your family and friends, or yourself?

Earlier this year, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Ministers' Association published *The Taste of the Nembutsu*, a collection of fifty (50) insightful messages contributed by our ministers statewide. The office has a limited supply of this book left which you can obtain for a donation of only \$10 to the temple.

Also available is 'AIEA, Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, an 'Aiea Oral History Project, sponsored by the 'Aiea Community Association, —for only \$25. Call Susan in the office at 487-2626 for further information or to reserve a copy today!



## 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 November 18, 2016. Donations received after this date will be published in another month's newsletter.*

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### 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 Hosha days. Thank you Kazu for your hard work!
- Please deposit non Hi-5 items and card board at our neighborhood school depositories or your blue home recycle bins.



- To all Hall Users—Please deposit your Hi-5 recycle items in the Recycle area, not in the trash can.
- Please note—plastic drink bottles cannot be redeemed without the Hi-5 label. If label is detached, please roll it up and stick it in the bottle. Also please remove plastic caps as they will reject containers w/caps.
- If you would like to be recognized for your donation, please include your name. Thank you for your continued support.



**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  
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pure and  
beautiful words  
and to do pure  
and beautiful  
deeds, knowing  
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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.



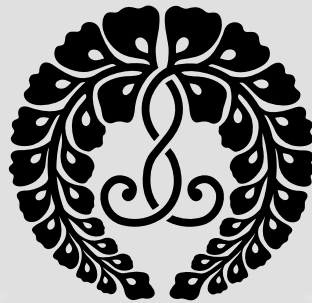
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## BEAUTIFICATION DAY

The fourth quarterly cleanup day on Sunday, December 18, 2016, will beautify the Temple, Columbarium, Hall and Preschool. Volunteer members, family, friends and users of our facilities are invited to please help clean for the coming year. This is our Annual Temple cleaning.

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

Come early to enjoy a little light refreshments before the cleaning. Lunch will be served by 12 noon.

Thank you, for your participation in the Beautification Days for 2016.



## SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 28, 2017 (SATURDAY)

Aiea Hongwanji Mission's  
New Year's Party (Shinnenenkai)

and

Annual Membership Meeting



Members and friends--our food, refreshment and entertainment committees are hard at work planning our New Year's Party. Please plan to join us for an early delicious dinner and a good time.

Further information will be provided in next month's issue of the JIKO.