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NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER?

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Minister's Message

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"Itadakimasu!" By Rev. Sol Kalu

In the Japanese culture, the saying of the words "itadakimasu" before a meal is common practice. It has become so ingrained in the mentality of the partaker of the meal that without saying these words would appear out of place or even transgressing basic table manners.

The word "itadakimasu" and its dictionary form "itadaku" means to receive, to get, to take or humbly accept. Its origin comes from Japan's roots in Buddhism which teaches that all forms of life is precious and to be respected. Inclusive in this thinking is the recognition and expression of gratitude during mealtimes acknowledging the effort and sacrifice of all beings: plants, animals, farmers, chefs, hunters and fishermen, involved in the preparation of a meal that sustains the life of another sentient being.

Most people outside of Japan and maybe even some modern day Japanese people who have heard of or say "itadakimasu" unfortunately do not have a proper understanding of its meaning and often equate saying it before eating to: "Let's eat!, Dig in!, Bon Appetit! and even think of it as the equivalent of saying grace before meals in other religious traditions. In a way, it is similar in that there is the expression of gratitude but the gratitude is directed to all beings, not just to deities or gods, but also to everyone who had played a part in the making of the life sustaining food that one is about to consume. Mindful of all these factors that came into play in the making of a meal, the one who is about to partake of the meal says "itadakimasu" to humbly receive that which has been offered.

It is the Buddha's teaching on interdependence and oneness of all life that people are so vividly reminded of when receiving and saying "itadakimasu". For every grain of rice, wheat, and other cereals, every edible fruit and vegetable, every ounce of animal flesh that people consume to continue living, do not just randomly and miraculously come into existence. They came about because of the confluence of fortunate causes and conditions, Not one person by himself can manufacture the essential things that ensures his continuing existence and well being. Although one might say that one travels a lonely path in the road of life, the journey wouldn't be possible without the influence and support of other beings and forces of nature. One, therefore, should reflect very deeply on the meaning of "itadakimasu", say it with humility and acknowledge that one's continuing existence is not by one's self effort but only through the influence, effort and sacrifice of others. 南無阿彌陀佛

~Rev. Shawn's Comment~

Before eating any meal, we put our hands together in Gassho and say "Itadakimasu". The expression literally means (from Kanji Dictionary:頂) "to raise thing(s) to one's head." Raising something to one's head is the traditional gesture of respect and gratitude. "Itadakimasu" is thus have expression of appreciation and gratitude before partaking of a meal. At the end of the meal, we put our hands in Gassho again and say "Gochisosama(ご馳走様) "Go" is an honorific prefix, "chiso" means "to run about busily", and "sama" is an honorific suffix. The term has no English equivalent but has the meaning of being grateful for and acknowledging the great effort put into preparing and presenting the food one has just eaten. Below is Hawaii Kyodan's "Words of Thanksgiving before and after Meals". Please recite every meal time.

Namo Amida Butsu
Rev. Shawn K Yagi



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Words of Thanksgiving
Before Meals

We are truly grateful for this wonderful food, a gift of life. May we share its benefits with all beings. As we partake of this food, let us remember Amida Buddha's compassion, which surrounds all people and all forms of life. Namo Amida Butsu. *Itadakimasu* (We gratefully receive).

After Meals

We are truly grateful for the precious food we have received. May the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha so shine within our hearts that we are able to realize true harmony in our daily lives. Namo Amida Butsu. *Gochisosama deshita* (with appreciation to all).



If you are homebound or in a care home or hospital, and would like Rev. Yagi to visit with you, please call him at 488-5685 to arrange a visit.

EVENTS OF NOVEMBER 2018

Nov 1	Thur	9:00am	Aiea Buddhist Women's Association meeting
Nov 2	Fri	5:00pm	Sr. Young Buddhist Association (YBA) Dinner in hall
Nov 3	Sat	9:30-11:30am	First class for the ABC's of Buddhism at Aiea Hongwanji
Nov 3	Sat	8-11am	Pearl City Hongwanji Bazaar
Nov 4	Sun	9:00am	No service (100th Anniversary of Aiea Taiheiji Soto Mission)
Nov 4	Sun	noon	O'ahu United Jr. YBA meeting in Waialua
Nov 5	Mon	7:30pm	Sr. YBA meeting in office
Nov 6	Tue		General Election Day — Preschool and Lotus are open
Nov 10	Sat	8:30-2:30pm	Joint Nembutsu Gathering at Jikoen
Nov 11	Sun	9:00am	Sangha Memorial Service (Eitaikyo), Speaker: Rev. Bert Sumikawa
Nov 11	Sun	2:30pm	Karaoke Funfest at Pearl City Hongwanji, Lotus Room
Nov 12	Mon		Veterans Day HOLIDAY
Nov 15-16	Thur-Fri		State Ministers' Continuing Education Seminar
Nov 16	Fri	5:30-8:30pm	PBA's Lighting Our Way Banquet, Waialae Country Club
Nov 18	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Nov 18	Sun	noon	O'ahu Lay Association meeting at Waipahu
Nov 20	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Nov 21	Wed	2:00pm	Lotus Adult Day Care closes early
Nov 22	Thur		Thanksgiving (Preschool/Lotus closed, no Kumon)
Nov 23	Fri		(Preschool is closed; Lotus open)
Nov 25	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Nov 26	Mon	7:00pm	Oahu District Buddhist Education Meeting at Aiea

HIGHLIGHTS OF DECEMBER 2018

Dec 2	Sun		Hawaii Buddhist Council Bodhi Day Service/ no service at Aiea
Dec 6	Thur	9:00am	Aiea BWA Holiday Luncheon
Dec 7	Fri		Sanmu and Sanmu-Kanji Meetings
Dec 7	Fri	5:30pm	Sr. YBA Year-End Potluck at the Tamamoto's
Dec 8	Sat	9:00am	Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Board of Directors' Meeting
Dec 9	Sun	9:00am	Aiea Hongwanji Bodhi Day (Buddha's Enlightenment) Service
Dec 10	Mon	7:00pm	O'ahu Hongwanji Council meeting at Mililani
Dec 16	Sun	8:00am	Quarterly Temple Beautification Day/no service
Dec 18	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Dec 21	Fri		Last Day of Preschool; resumes on Jan 2, 2019
Dec 23	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
Dec 24	Mon	2:00pm	Lotus Adult Day Care closes early
Dec 25	Tue		Christmas Day HOLIDAY (Preschool/Lotus closed)
Dec 29	Sat	8:00am	Mochitsuki (Annual Rice Cake Pounding)
Dec 30	Sun	9:00am	No service

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello everyone,

I hope you are well. We had a wonderful Hawaiian Dinner event on Saturday, October 13th put together by Chef Ito and his band of merry men and women. The pork *lau lau* was especially juicy and tasty. The *kalua* pig, *lomi* salmon, chicken long rice, *haupia* and yes, spaghetti were delicious as well. The pupus and desserts provided by our members and friends again were a big hit with everyone.

We enjoyed spending the evening with our friends and family. This year we enjoyed special entertainment—as Diane O. danced the hula for us. She did it in tribute to Ito K. who has spearheaded this event for the past 17(!) years. Thank you Ito, thanks Diane and thank you also to everyone who pitched in to make the evening a success. Next year, if we decide to have the event it will take a committee of 4 or 5 people to take the place of one person. Let's hope we can recruit them.

This past Saturday, Claire and I attended the funeral of an old friend from our University of Hawaii days. Our friend was born in Laupahoehoe Dispensary (same as yours truly), graduated from Honokaa High School and the University of Hawaii. It was sad to say goodbye. It was also a chance to refresh old memories, and reflect on how quickly the years have passed. It was another lesson in impermanence. Namō Amida Butsu.

This Saturday (November 3) Aiea Hongwanji is hosting another series of lessons in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. The course is titled: The ABCs of Buddhism: Universal Teachings. Please look for information in your JIKO. The course is for AHM members, but the public is invited. Cost is a very nominal \$20. If you have never been to a Buddhist education seminar, this is a good time to start. I attended last year and I found it to be very interesting and informative. Hope to see you at the sessions.

This past Sunday I attended a lecture at the Jikoen Hongwanji. The presenter was Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, resident minister at the San Diego Buddhist Temple. Title of his presentation was *Wake up to Shin Buddhism*. Rev. Akahoshi's approach to sharing Buddhism, he said was shaped by his need to be able to explain Jodo Shinshu Buddhism to his own children. Rev. Akahoshi suggested that we should shift our minds from wanting things that we don't have to gratitude for what we do have. Shift our emphasis from "me" to "we". He asked this question-at the end of your life, will you be asking for one more day, or one more month or one more year? Or will you be grateful for today, for yesterday and for all the days of your life?

Gassho, Warren

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.

Namō Amida Butsu.

AIEA HONGWANJI HALL WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Dharma Service (temple)	9:00am—10:00am
Sunday & Thursday	Hosha Work Days	8:30am—12:30pm
Monday to Wednesday, & Friday	Preschool Use	8:45am—11:45am
Monday & Thursday	Kumon Class	2:00pm—5:30pm
Monday & Wednesday	Zumba Class #1	6:00pm—7:00pm
Mondays only	Zumba Class #2	7:30pm—8:30pm
3rd Tuesday	Aiea Hongwanji BOD meeting	7:00pm—8:30pm
Tuesday & Thursday	Judo	5:30pm—8:30pm
Tuesday & Thursday	Sanshin Class (classroom or Lotus)	7:00pm—9:00pm

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CHORALFEST 2018 A RESOUNDING SUCCESS. The seventh Choralfest of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii was held at Hawaii Betsuin on the weekend of September 29-30. This culmination of two years or more of preparation by the Kyodan Music Committee and its Gatha Translation Subcommittee had been anticipated with a great deal of eagerness and a little bit of trepidation by choir members and non-members alike, who were linked by their love of choral singing and Buddhist music.

Ms. Nola Nahulu, acclaimed choral director and Honpa Hongwanji Living Treasure, reined in the 106 voices of participants from Hawaii, as well as from Washington State, with a firm hand and a lovely sense of humor that soon had the singers relaxed, but striving to give Ms. Nahulu everything that she asked for, and, even to the untrained ears of the participants, sounding a lot better than when the afternoon began.

The hours-long rehearsal sessions on Saturday were fueled not only by inspiring music and laughter, but also by the generous contributions of food and snacks provided by choir members and dharma friends. When dinnertime arrived, everyone was much more confident of their singing, and ready for some relaxation. A bountiful dinner was followed by entertainment by pianist Ms. Jennifer Taira accompanying Ms. Laurie Ruben as she sang a number of beautiful operatic and popular pieces, to the delight of all...

When alarm clocks went off in hotel rooms and homes across Oahu the following morning, the singers began to gear up for a Sunday service they would probably long remember. Once again fueled by a generous breakfast at the Betsuin, the singers took their seats in the temple for final warm-ups and bracing words from Ms. Nahulu. Then, the temple bell began to ring...

After opening remarks and a very special rendition of the Shoshin-Ge sutra by the ministers, which sounded very appropriate for a music service, it was time for the choir to take their places. In the expectant hush of the hall, Ms. Nahulu raised her hand and the temple was filled with the elegant sounds of the piano played by Mr. Francis Okano, the Choralfest Choir's amazing accompanist for the weekend. As the first words left the singers' mouths, their hearts began brimming with the joy of singing as one, presenting the dharma so melodiously and harmoniously. By the time the last of the five songs presented that day began, hearts and tears were overflowing.

All too soon, Choralfest 2018 was over, but the music still echoes in the hearts and minds of the participants,

and, we hope, in those of the congregation. The event



ended with a fabulous lunch, of course, and then everyone was on their way home—taking with them lessons and songs well learned over the two days. Everyone had worked very hard, but Choralfest 2018 would not have been quite the success it was without the help of the BWA members and other choir supporters, and Betsuin and Kyodan office staff and ministers who all gave so much of their time and energy in preparing for this event, setting up the temple and social hall, and preparing and serving the nutritious offerings.

If you were unable to attend this year's Choralfest, videos of the musical presentations will soon be available on the Honpa Hongwanji website.

PACIFIC HEALTH MINISTRY'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY.

Bishop Eric Matsumoto and representatives of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii attended the Pacific Health Ministry's 30th Anniversary Dinner on Sunday, Oct 14 at the Ala Moana Hotel.



HMH Attendees took a photo with Mernie Miyasato-Crawford, President of PHM Board of Directors.

From the PHM website: "Pacific Health Ministry (PHM) was established in 1986 as a not-for-profit organization to develop hospital ministry, and Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) programs in Hawaii. The idea for the agency evolved in the hearts and minds of healthcare and religious leaders. In the early 1980s, there was a growing interest in the value of spiritual care in healthcare institutions to address complex bio-ethical questions and end-of-life issues."

“The agency began services on Oahu in 1988 at three of the major Hawaii health care institutions: Kapiolani Medical Center for Women & Children, The Queen's Medical Center and Kuakini Medical Center. Since that time programs have been established at Hawaii State Hospital, Kahi Mohala, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, Pali Momi Medical Center, Maui Memorial Medical Center, Pohai Nani Good Samaritan, Straub Clinic & Hospital.”

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii has been involved in and supporting this program since its early years. Several ministers took its Clinical Pastoral Education program.

In conjunction with the 30th Anniversary of Pacific



Health Ministry, a group of approximately 120 members from the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education from the Mainland visited Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, the next day. They were greeted by Bishop Eric Matsumoto and, then, listened to a presentation by Dexter Mar who, also, is an Advisory Board Member of PHM. For many, it was the first time they stepped inside a Buddhist Temple. PHM Executive Director Rev. Anke Flohr was truly grateful for the opportunity afforded to the Association members and students currently studying at PHM, to visit a Hongwanji Buddhist temple.

PBA LIGHTING OUR WAY BANQUET.

Reserve Your Seats for Lighting Our Way! Pacific Buddhist Academy is excited to announce that its Annual Lighting Our Way Banquet will be held on Nov 16, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Waialae Country Club.



This year's distinguished honorees include Maya Soetoro-Ng, Director of the Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Carole Hayashino, President and Executive Director of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, and Ian Kitajima, Director of Corporate Development at Oceanit; also Japanese American Citizens League Honolulu Chapter represented by Alison Kunishige, President of the Board of Directors.

The Banquet is a showcase for PBA students to demonstrate Buddhist values such as gratitude, compassion, and selfless service to others. Proceeds from the event help more families send their children to PBA.

To reserve a table or purchase individual tickets, please call Rüdiger (Rudy) Rückmann in the PBA Advancement Office at 808-532-2649, write him rudiger.ruckmann@pbahi.org, or go to: <https://www.pacificbuddhistacademy.org/13th-annual-lighting-our-way-banquet-sponsorships-and-tickets>

To donate to the Silent Auction, please call Office Coordinator Debbie Martin at the same number or write her debbie.martin@pbahi.org. We would be especially grateful for donated hotel stays, spa days, restaurant gift cards, or food gift baskets.

Thank you for supporting PBA's students and the Lighting Our Way honorees by attending or donating to this wonderful annual event.

2018 MINISTER'S LAY ASSISTANT RETREAT, OCT 12 TO 14. This year there were twelve participants, three mentoring ministers and one support staff.



Front row from left to right: Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani, Ritual and Traditions Mentor & Lecturer; Rev. Shingo Furusawa, Assistant Mentor; Lynn Nakata, Hawaii Betsuin; Wayne Nishida, Wailuku Hongwanji, Jaryd Oshiro, Jikoen Hongwanji; Brandon Hee (closest to the incense burner), Mililani Hongwanji; Dorothy Colby, Moiliili Hongwanji; Jennifer “Jenn” Kane, Kailua Hongwanji; Gail Okata, BSC; Barbara (Barbie) Nomura, Moiliili Hongwanji; Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki, Buddhism and Jōdo Shinshū Mentor and Lecturer.

Back row from left to right: David (Minh Tri) Fiedler, Wahiawa Hongwanji; Daniel (Danny) Topp, Wailuku Hongwanji; Carson (Andy) Anderson, Moiliili Hongwanji; Keith Lee, BSC.

Not pictured is Kerrie Wong, Assistant to the Director of BSC, Dexter Mar, Ministerial Training Committee Member, Lecturer on the Minister's Lay Assistant Experience, and Bishop Eric Matsumoto, who delivered the welcome address

The participants were able to learn more about the traditions and rituals of the Nishi Hongwanji and review and enhance their technical understanding of Buddhism and Jōdo Shinshū. A new activity was added where all participants were asked to write a 10 minutes dharma talk. Some delivered it during a service, others during various times during the retreat. It is the first retreat one

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OUBWA officers for 2019-2020



BWA Annual Seminar on Oct 6, 2018 "Panel on Changing Dynamics of Buddhist Women: Their Needs, Talents and Passions"



Early Birds at the Hawaiian Dinner



graceful hula





Shave Ice

BWA's Treasures Sale

SALE

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must complete to become a Minister's Assistant, but completion does not imply any position or title.

Everyone is reminded that all participants were approved by a Hawaii Kyodan ministers and in the case of a temple member by their temple minister. Also no one who completes this retreat is entitled to carry out the responsibilities of a Hawaii Kyodan minister or is obligated to assume such responsibilities. Certified Minister's Lay Assistants are recommended to the Bishop by a Hawaii Kyodan minister, usually the head minister of the temple. The Bishop can then choose to certify.

AFFIRMATION RITES. Affirmation Rites was held by Oahu Hongwanji Council in conjunction with Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission's 110th Anniversary on Sunday, Oct 21. In the solemn atmosphere, 10 individual participated in the ceremony and received a Buddhist Name from Bishop Eric Matsumoto.

Affirmation Rites is a ceremony in which one takes refuge in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and pledges his/her faith before Amida Buddha. The Buddhist Name is the name given to those who follow the Three Treasures of Buddha, Dharma and Sangha, and pledge to live their lives

as a Buddhist. The following is a comment from one of the recipients:

"Today was my affirmation. What an amazing and deeply moving experience for me. It was a homecoming as well as a commitment towards my future with the sangha. An investment in me and my sangha. Thank you to everyone who has helped me, supported me , and committed to walk this path with me. NAMO AMIDA BUTSU. It is so good to be home spiritually, emotionally, and physically."



Senior YBA News

All Senior YBA members are invited to the YBA dinner in the hall on Friday, Nov 2 at 5pm. The main dish will be pork tofu. Whoever attending is requested to bring dessert or pupu.

The next Senior YBA service project is Eitaikyo Service on Nov 11. We are in charge of the service and refreshments.

Reminder—Dec 7 is the Senior YBA Year End /potluck Dinner at the Tamamoto's. At our Nov 5 meeting (7:30pm in the office) we will discuss what to bring and the grab bag.

In Gassho,
George Zakahi



NEWS from
Lotus Adult Day Care Center

The Lotus Adult Day Care Center offers a safe environment where our kupuna can interact with other Seniors and enjoy activities.

There may be a few more openings. If you are interested in respite care for your loved



Aiea BWA News

Thank you to all those who helped out at the Hawaiian Dinner on October 13. A lot of work was involved in making the laulau and other dishes, as well as setup and cleanup. Thank you to chef Ito Kurasaki for once again sharing his talents. Thank you to all who attended and especially to those who brought those yummy desserts to share.

Your BWA is putting together a Hoshu Meal Planning booklet which will include menus and scaled recipes that have been or can be successfully used for meals for AHM members, guests, and volunteers. Please let us know if you have favorites that you can recommend.

December 6 is the date for the BWA End of Year Luncheon at Royal Palace Chinese Restaurant. We will be working on table decorations, party favors, and door prizes in the next few weeks in addition to continuing with fun craft projects every Thursday morning.

We are still working on sending out letters to update our membership list. We hope to gather information and to improve communication. Please let us know if you might be interested in joining the BWA, formally or informally. BWA members can be found in the kitchen on Thursday and Sunday mornings.

With Gassho,
Janice Ito,
BWA President



PROJECT DANA

Volunteers are needed in the area from Waimalu to Salt Lake, to assist with transportation for doctor and dentist visits, shopping, and respite visits. for the frail, elderly and disabled living at home. A Big Thank You to Frank and Helen Takenouchi for their ongoing work with Project Dana. Please call the office at 487-2626 if you are interested in becoming a Project Dana volunteer of Aiea Hongwanji. Orientation and training will be provided to the volunteers.

Aiea Hongwanji Mission extends its Deepest Sympathy to the families of the Late Thomas Katayama, Harry Nagai, Lillian Sakata, and Hideaki Uradomo.

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 Rev. Yagi at 488-5685. (please leave a message if no one is available).

Nokotsudo (Columbarium)

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

November 2018

Mildred Mutsuko Nomura	1st
Misuye Morita	3rd
Ellen Eiko Nuibe	3rd
Yayoe Kitashima	7th
Kiyoshi Miyamoto	13th
Kazuko Gibo	17th
Shizuko Kodama	17th
Richard Kusuo Sakumoto	25th
Kenichi Yamada	25th
Kunio Ohara	50th

December 2018

Keiji "Bob" Tokushige	1st
Mitsuko "Miriam" Nishimoto	1st
Joe Haruto Taniguchi	1st
June Sumii Nagamine	3rd
Michael Masami Miyatake	13th
Mamoru Nakagawa	13th
Hidetsura Kajioaka	33rd
Chisano Kubota	50th

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

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

Major Yearly Memorial Service Schedule

For The Year
2018

- 2017-1st year
- 2016-3rd year*
- 2012-7th year
- 2006-13th year
- 2002-17th year
- 1994-25th year
- 1986-33rd year
- 1969-50th year

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

Aiea Hongwanji Preschool & Kindergarten

Aiea Hongwanji Preschool is accepting applications for its 2019-2020 school year. All spaces are full for the current 2018-2019 school year and applications will be accepted for admission on a wait list, space available status. For applications, tours or questions please contact Aiea Hongwanji Preschool at 488-0404 or via our website ahmpreschool.com.

Aiea Hongwanji Preschool participates in a Federal sponsored meal program.

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Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.



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DONATIONS FOR HAWAIIAN DINNER

Desserts

- Ann Tomisato—Yaki manju, danish, cake
- Hisako Okihira—Chocolate bundt cake
- Koyanagi's—cake
- Sue - Lavosh, mini banana muffins
- Jane Kondo - Lemon mochi
- Elaine Suyama—Zapon
- Naomi Yamamoto—Brownies
- Roy Matsumoto—Starfruit

Pupu's

- Jane Kondo—3 large bags of chips and spinach dip and salsa
- Sally Ohira—Tostitos chips and salsa
- Claire Tamamoto—10 lbs. Sashimi/Poke
- Alan Tomisato—1 case Heineken Beer
- Ben Kaito—\$20.00
- Frank Takenouchi—2 kinds of Poke

- George Kawaguchi—Tako Poke, Namako
- Earl Asato—1 case soda
- Elaine Kutaka—Eggplant Poke

Sending warm wishes to Itsuo Harada!



Ryukyu Koten Afuso Ryu Ongaku Kenkyu Choichi Kai USA presents

Master Grant "Sandaa" Murata's Solo Recital

Aou Ou Sha Toku
報恩謝徳

A Selfless Resolve with Sincere Honor & Gratitude

Ryukyu Koten (Classical) and Minyo (Folk) Music

SAT NOVEMBER 17 2018
HAWAII THEATRE

VIP Tickets : \$150

(includes private reception after show)

General Admission : \$50

VIP Seating 2:45 pm

General Seating 3:15 pm

Show Begins 3:30 pm

Tickets Available at

Hawaii Theatre Box Office or

Hawaii Okinawa Center or at:

www.hawaii theatre.com

Call **497-3037** for more info.



Thank you for your response to our request for bon dance spam and drinks

- Lynn and Larry Onaka—8 cans of spam
- Marcia Koyanagi—2 case (24 ea) of water
- Carol K. Yamamoto—10 cans of spam
- Mavis Niino—8 cans of spam
- Elaine Yamanoha—6 cans of spam
- Doreen Takata—1 case of water; 6 cans of spam
- Marilyn & Kaiya Tamamoto—3 cases of water (used for Hawaiian Dinner)
- Linda Yamaguchi—4 cases of soda (used for Hawaiian Dinner)
- Ann Tomisato—Nori

Burt Okura - cases of fruit drink
Judo Club—20# of rice

Miscellaneous Donations

- Thank you for the various people who have contributed delicious items for the kitchen/hosha gang on Thursdays and Sundays:
- Masa Tazawa,(pasteries)
 - Shigeo Asato (pasteries),
 - Charlotte Tomoyasu
 - Ben Kaito (banana cream pie),
 - Fay Minami (picked mustard cabbage, tsukemono)
 - Jamelyn (Japan cookies).

GOLDEN CHAIN OF LOVE

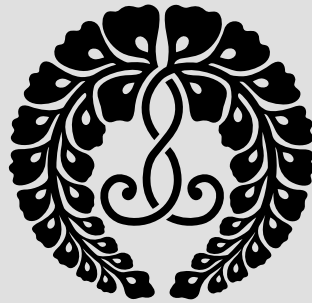
I am a link in Amida Buddha's Golden Chain of Love that stretches around the world. I must keep my link bright and strong. I will try to be kind and gentle to every living thing and protect all who are weaker than myself. I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words 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.

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Karoke Pot Luck

Sunday, November 11, 2018
2:30PM - till?

Pearl City Hongwanji Lotus Room

Sponsored by Oahu Lay Association
Hosted by Pearl City Hongwanji

Come and enjoy singing and listening to
Your favorite songs
Fellowship
Food, Contests, Prizes

For Information Contact:
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Aloha Members and Friends

- Mochitsuki will be on Saturday, December 29, 2018.
- Just a reminder that if you have not paid your dues for 2018, Gojikai dues are just \$125 and Associate dues for members age 40 and below are still only \$50. Be sure to put "Gojikai dues" and the year in the corner of your check.
- Aiea BWA dues (make payable to Aiea Hongwanji BWA) are only \$10 per year. If you wish to support the Oahu and State BWA programs, please add an additional check for \$7.50 made payable to the O'ahu United Buddhist Women's Association. The OUBWA will count you as an active member and pass on \$5.50 to the State BWA, and keep \$1 for United dues and \$1 for the Emergency Fund.
- The BWA is still collecting donations for the Eshinni-Kakushinni Endowed Chair at the Institute of Buddhist Studies. Please make check payable to Aiea Hongwanji BWA. Deadline for the fund is Dec. 31, 2018.
- Aiea Hongwanji members, if you would like to reserve the social hall for a party or celebration in 2019, please call the office and leave a message or come down to the office on Sunday or Thursday mornings to reserve a date. Reservations are being taken on a first come first served basis. Members in good standing for the past three years will receive a sizeable discount.



DHARMA LIGHT Buddhist Studies Program

Saturdays Nov 3, (~~10~~)* 17,24, Dec 1 – 9:30-11am
at the Aiea Hongwanji Mission

The ABC's of Buddhism: Universal Teachings

Instructors: Dexter Mar CMLA, Rev. Shawn Yagi

What is Buddhism? Learn the terminology, concepts, and history of "original" Buddhism and understand the common source of all Buddhist paths and the connection to the Jodo Shinshu path. Why do people "take refuge" in Buddhism?

Designed for those new to Buddhism, this course covers the fundamental aspects of Buddhism. Through the study of its foundational elements—teachings, rituals, and stories—this course introduces the various beliefs and practices of one of the world's major religions. Portions of the PBS documentary, "The Buddha", will be used to enhance understanding.



Course Learning Opportunities

By the end of the course we will have had the opportunity to:

- Comprehend the historical context for and development of the Buddhist tradition.
- Examine the basic beliefs and practices of Buddhism.
- Develop an understanding and appreciation for the unity and diversity of the various paths in Buddhism.

Class Pre-requisites

None. Bring your questions for informal discussion.

About the instructors:

Dexter Mar: Certified Minister Lay Assistant and Buddhist Study Center Program Chair.

Rev. Shawn Yagi: Resident Minister of Aiea Hongwanji Mission, a Shin Buddhist Temple

WHEN: Saturdays at 9:30-11am, November 3, (~~10~~)*, 17, 24, December 1

WHERE: Aiea Hongwanji Mission, 99-186 Puakala St, Aiea, HI 96701

COST: \$20 per person, due at 1st class in cash or preferably by check made out the "HHMH".
(Tuition assistance and scholarships are available.)

PRE-REGISTRATION: Call the Buddhist Study Center (808) 973-6555 to pre-register & pay the first class

QUESTIONS: Contact Rev. Yagi (808) 487-2626 or email: contact@aieahongwanji.org

**Nembutsu Gathering at Jikoen Hongwanji Temple: November 10, 8:30am-2:30pm
"Walking the Path of Change Together" – Keynote Speaker: Maya Soetoro-Ng*

Headquarters



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September 24, 2018

To: Temple Presidents and Temple Members and Friends
Resident Ministers

Subject: 2018-2019 Social Concerns Fund Drive

We celebrate gratitude in the month of November. The Thanksgiving holiday and the Eitaikyo observance are reminders of the countless blessings in our lives and how we live deeply connected to the world around us. It is in this spirit of gratitude that we begin our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive. The fund drive will be through August 2019 and we request temples to submit their collected donations in September.

Through the generous contributions of Sangha members, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is able to support worthy organizations and programs with funding to continue their work in our community. Your support also allows us to provide compassionate action during times of disaster and the ability to respond to social issues affecting our community.

Because of your commitment to promoting the Buddhist values of compassion and loving kindness, we are able to lend our support to such organizations as the Hawaii Community Foundation, Project Dana, Mana Olana Shelter, Family Promise Hawaii, Hawaii People's Fund, A Cup of Cold Water, Hawaii, and various food banks on each island.

The Golden Chain Grant program was established to promote compassionate action through innovative community service projects. Your generosity directly helps those in need and promotes a more humane world.

Envelopes have been provided to temples wishing to use them. If your temple did not request envelopes but would like to use them, please feel free to ask as there are extra envelopes available in limited supply. Please make all checks payable to **YOUR TEMPLE**. * Your temple treasurer will then make one combined check to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. The suggested donation is the cost of just one meal per person.

Your kokua is greatly appreciated. Please encourage your members to continue supporting the Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive. Mahalo!

Eric T. Matsumoto
Bishop

Dean Sakamoto
Chair, Committee on Social Concerns

cc: President Pieper Toyama

* Please make checks for Social Concerns Fund Drive payable to Aiea Hongwanji Mission.