

JIKO-"Wisdom-Light"

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Monthly Newsletter of the Aiea Hongwanji Mission Embrace Change - Transformation (Walk in Peace)

NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER?

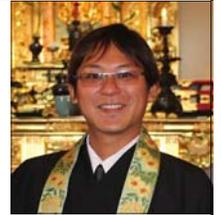
Please call Rev. Shawn Yagi at 488-5685 (residence), or 487-2626 (office). If he is not available, leave a message on the answering machine.

For religious emergencies (Makuragyo or bedside services), please call Rev. Yagi on his cell phone, 364-2825.

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

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Minister's Message. On March 16 and 17, I went to Kona for their Ohigan Service and also conducted couple Memorial services because of they don't have resident minister until May. I enjoyed Kona Hongwanji after a long time. While in the Temple back room between memorial services, I found a beautiful box and shiny Buppanki (Rice offering container made with brass) inside of the box and on the side of the box says "Donated by Chiyono Sasaki". This reminds me a story of Hawaii's Myokonin, Mrs. Chiyono Sasaki.



The Kona district is famous for its world class coffee, beautiful beaches, and scenic beauty. Many of the original coffee growers were Japanese immigrants whose backbreaking labor produced the famous coffee which is still handpicked from trees grown on the steep slopes of Mauna Loa, an active volcano. Many of them attended the Kona Hongwanji Mission, located in the town of Kealakekua. The founding temple members gathered for religious and social purposes and writing Japanese poems was among the activities. In the 1990's, Reverend Tatsuo Muneto translated and compiled them in a book entitled, "Dharma Treasures, Spiritual Insights from Hawaii's Shin Buddhist Pioneers". Chiyono Sasaki, born in 1897 in the district of Kau on the opposite side of the island was one of the poets. Reverend Muneto writes, "Her early life was as hard and rocky as the bumpy roads on the Kona coffee farms. In order to attain some resolution of her problems she turned to other religions, but she detested any compromise with a religion that was idealistic. Although she believed that Amida Buddha was for her, no matter how much she listened to the teaching, nothing could quench her spiritual hunger." Reverend Muneto continues to explain her spiritual quest by saying, "Deeply troubled by her confusion, she could not resist calling on the Rev. Shuun Matsuura in Kealakekua. She was in desperate straits. One afternoon when Chiyono returned home to Keopu from the temple, her husband, Kumataro, who had just returned from laboring in the coffee fields, scolded her, shouting, 'You're always going to the temple! What for?' Chiyono replied, 'To listen.' 'After listening, what did you learn?' yelled her husband. 'Nothing,' she answered. Kumataro then said, 'What a fool you are!' Hearing those words, something flashed across Chiyono's inner being: 'Oh, today, I finally am able to truly listen. Yes, I am able to accept and embrace my foolish self.'" Reverend Muneto then comments, "This awakening to one's true nature as foolish and ignorant by Chiyono was made possible by the working of true compassion which completely enfolds and affirms her. Because of what she had learned from Rev. Matsuura about Amida's compassion directed to the foolish self, she realized her own foolish nature as it is by the critical words from her husband." She expressed this thought and feeling in the following poem:

When told that I was foolish, It was by the power of Primal Vow that led to my fall.

Rejoicing, I said Namu-amida-butsu, Namu-amida-butsu.

When I fell after being told to fall, I found myself on a lotus petal.

I am ashamed of myself, I am sorry: Tears of joy come streaming down.

Regardless of the sect of Buddhism pursued, we are all seekers of Universal Truth (Dharma), seeking, shinjin. Shinjin was first translated as "true faith" and attaining shinjin often refers to one's true and real devotion to the Buddha and the Teachings, the ultimate attainment of faith. However, within the last 30 years, Jodo Shinshu has translated shinjin as "true entrusting", to express the nature of achieving this state. Too often, I believe, we seek or work too hard towards this achievement. In Jodo Shinshu, shinjin is already given to us by the wisdom and compassion and the power of the unconditional vows, of the Buddha. In the Gobunsho "Shonin ichiryu no sho", Chapter on the Teaching of Shinran Shonin, Rennyo Shonin writes "Butsu no

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kata yori..." translated as, "...settled by the Buddha through..." It indicates that saving grace and all other things are unconditionally given and provided to us by the wisdom and the unconditional love of the Buddha. Deep understanding and gratitude fills our entire being when we put our personal selfish pride and ego aside entrusting ourselves to the Buddha's loving vows. Mrs. Chiyono Sasaki's story is just one of many that help us to realize our true selves and the joy which awakens us when we are able to accept our selves just as we are.

Namo-Amida-Butsu
Rev. Shawn K. Yagi

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 APRIL 2019

Apr 4	Thu	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
Apr 7	Sun	9:30am	Hawaii Buddhist Council Buddha Day Service at Hawaii Betsuin, Speaker Dr. Willa Tanabe/ no service at Aiea
Apr 7	Sun	12 noon	O'ahu United Jr Young Buddhist Association meeting at Aiea
Apr 7	Sun	4:00pm	13th Annual PBA Taiko Festival at Pearl City Cultural Center
Apr 12	Fri		Preschool Movie Night, no Eisa Bon Dance Practice
Apr 14	Sun	9:00am	Aiea Hanamatsuri Service; decorate hanamido at 8am
Apr 16	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
Apr 19	Fri		Good Friday (State Holiday), no Eisa Bon Dance Practice
Apr 20	Sat	10:30am	Aiea BWA Spring Hokkaido Tour luncheon meeting at Gyotaku Restaurant in McCully
Apr 21	Sun	9:00 am	Service and Dharma School; Kokua Mau Presentation after service on Hawaii Advance Health Care Directive and Five Wishes (see page 11)
Apr 25	Thur		BWA Peace Day (established during 1986 World BWA convention on Eshinni Day)
Apr 28	Sun	9:00am	Eshinni Day Service (Shinran Shonin's wife)/ BWA Church Bazaar in Hall (10:30am)

HIGHLIGHTS OF MAY 2019

2	Thu	9:00am	Aiea BWA meeting
5	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
6	Mon	7:30pm	Aiea Senior Young Buddhist Association meeting in office
8-17	Wed-Fri		Aiea BWA Hokkaido Japan Tour
9	Thu	6:00pm	PBA Baccalaureate Ceremony at Hawaii Betsuin
10	Fri		Sanmu and Sanmu-Kanji Meetings
10	Fri	5:00pm	PBA Commencement Exercise
11	Sat	9:00am	Hawaii Kyodan Board of Directors' Meeting
12	Sun	9:00am	Mother's Day Service
19	Sun	9:00am	Service and Dharma School
19	Sun	12:30pm	O'ahu United BWA meeting at Mililani, lunch at 12:15pm
21	Tue	7:00pm	Aiea Hongwanji Mission Board of Directors' Meeting
24	Fri		Aiea Hongwanji Mission Preschool Graduation
26	Sun	9:00am	Gotan-e Service (Shinran Shonin's Birthday)
27	Mon		Memorial Day HOLIDAY (Preschool/Lotus closed)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

I hope you are well. We had a great O-Higan service this past Sunday. Our guest speaker was Rev. Satoshi *Ka'imipono* Tomioka from Puna Hongwanji on the Big Island. Rev. Tomioka spoke about our "circle" of loved ones, friends and associates. Our "circle of compassion" can be a good thing, because these are the people closest to you, who mean the most to you and often who think like you. However, a circle can become a negative thing, when it is used to exclude people who are different. So Rev. Tomioka reminds us to be compassionate, even to those who are outside our circle.

Rev. Tomioka then presented a workshop after the service in our Social Hall. The workshop was entitled "'Buddhism in Contemporary Music". AHM members, friends and Oahu temple members were invited. We had a nice crowd of about 60 people attending. Rev. Tomioka used contemporary songs, short stories and personal experiences to illustrate Buddhist teachings. He was funny, entertaining and a good teacher. By the way, *Ka'imipono* is a Hawaiian name given to him by Cecilia Lindo of the Hongwanji Mission School. It means "one who is a seeker of truth or righteousness". Ask him about it the next time you meet him. Thank you, Sensei Tomioka!

I want to share some thoughts from a nice article that I read in the Hawaiian Airlines magazine recently. The Blaisdell Hotel downtown has the oldest and prettiest elevator in Hawaii. It is a manually operated elevator with elegant ArtDeco metalwork. The story is mostly about the elevator operator, Javier who came to Hawaii from Cuba many years ago. Javier retired at age 60, got "fat and lazy" sitting at home and decided to get a job. He stumbled upon an ad for an elevator operator and fifteen years later, is still operating the elevator at the Blaisdell Hotel. Javier is happy in his job. He says, "*They'll have to fire me if they want me to go. The key to being happy is to always be useful to others.*"

Javier doesn't talk much about his past in Cuba. Too painful he says. "*My family is here, my friends are here, my friends are also my family. The closer you keep to your family, the happier your memories will be*". Finally, the author of the article asks Javier what makes him happy. Javier says a little joke that makes the author laugh. "*That,*" he says. "*Laughter. That's what keeps me running*".

I hope you have laughter and happiness in your life.

Warren Tamamoto

"Happiness will never come to those who fail to appreciate what they already have."

Buddha



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.

AIEA HONGWANJI HALL WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Dharma Service (temple)	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.
Mondays only	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 (classroom or Lotus)	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
1st Thursdays	BWA Meeting (kitchen)	9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Thursdays	BWA Craft Class	8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Fridays	Eisa Bon Dance Practice	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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BISHOP'S CORNER. Today, as I address you, as part of our effort to upgrade the Headquarters Update with this "Bishop's Corner," I would like to express my deep sadness and deepest condolences to those who were killed at the two New Zealand mosques and their families and friends including the local Muslim community here in Hawaii. The intensity and frequency of these terror attacks filled with hate is alarming to say the least and we should all be concerned. It can happen, anywhere and anyplace. While we should not let panic and fear rule our lives, it would be prudent to be prepared and have a plan of what to do in the event that something similar should happen locally.



As I reflect, a thought came to mind that possibly the greatest protection against such an attack occurring, in one way, may be our own individual awareness of ourselves. We are all human. We have ideals which we embrace and try live up to, but at the same time we are fragile and can be volatile. Our own worst enemy may not be someone else, but could be our own self. At Chinese and Japanese Buddhist Temples, many times, one will find a lion(s) depicted among peonies. The symbolism is that our worst enemy is not an external physical enemy of another, but rather the internal enemies of arrogance, self-centeredness, ignorance and hate to name a few which plague us. Just as the mighty lion has few external enemies, but a little parasite inside the lion's stomach can make the King of Beasts ill and can be cured only by the medicinal properties of the peonies. I remember a quote by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who said, "Man is not our Enemy" "intolerance, fanaticism, dictatorship, cupidity, hatred and discrimination" are the real enemies" "which are present...in our very hearts and minds." If each and every person could come to this kind of realization it might contribute to a more peaceful and harmonious world through our humility.

For we, of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, let us focus on our Theme and Slogan "Embrace Change: Transformation (Walk in Peace)." May our temples resound with earnest Dharma discussion about what happens when we encounter Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion. I have been emphasizing "Responding in gratitude to Amida Buddha's Great

Wisdom and Compassion" from 8 years ago. I have stated that all positive thoughts and actions arise from shinjin and/or our being nurtured by the Buddha's 12 Lights especially the Lights of Wisdom, Purity and Joy which address our ignorance, our greed and our anger/hatred like the peonies which save the lion. The inspiration and motivation comes from the Buddha and our (responsive) actions are guided by the Dharma or Teachings. Again, I ask, please embrace Gomonsu's "A Way of Living as a Nembutsu Follower" as a guide and the compilation which I have shared, many times, "Passages on (nurturing) the Sangha as reference for Dharma Messages and aspirations for meetings and gatherings, so that Nembutsu-sha/people of Nembutsu who reflect the Dharma are nurtured and contribute towards world peace and harmony through awareness and humility. As we, the Sangha, are nurtured and try to live the Dharma our temples can become, even more, places of refuge where people can experience less of the trauma and drama of samsara.

In our 130th year in Hawaii, let us embrace our Theme of "Embrace Change." In celebration of our 130th Anniversary, please remember my request that you observe our 130th Anniversary at the temple level so that more people will be able to celebrate our Anniversary (and not only those who can travel afar). Aside from the 130th Anniversary Inaugural Service we held at Giseikai or this year's Legislative Assembly, we will not be having a separate State-wide service and/or conference due to the fact that we just had the HHMH Joint Conference in 2018, we will be having the BWA World Convention this year in 2019 in San Francisco and coming up in 2023 there will be Shinran Shonin's 850th Birthday Observance and the 800th Anniversary of the Founding of the Denomination to be held in Japan.

An idea for 2019 is to use the Hawaii Kyodan Calendar one Sunday to go over the history of Hawaii Kyodan, but please refer to our Centennial publication, "A Grateful Past, A Promising Future" for more details and other information to honor the past, inspire (us of) the present and hopefully get the interest of future generations. Also, please focus on projects and programs as a way to celebrate our 130th Anniversary. Another project I ask of each temple and sangha including affiliate organizations and internal components is that of inviting or interacting with 1-2 target audiences that you as a temple or organization have never reached out to or interacted with. Please, I beseech you, please share your Joy, Gratitude and Awareness of Amida Buddha's Immense Wisdom and Compassion with others! Let us become, ever more, aware of Amida Buddha's Great Wisdom and Compassion, a compassion so great that it is known as a non-dichotomous great love or compassion which rejects no one and also become more wisely and acutely aware of our sometimes

negative tendencies. Let us not forget and lose sight of the hope and the encouragement we receive from Amida Buddha. Even as bonbu or a spiritually foolish one, illuminated and nurtured by the Buddha's Lights of Wisdom and Compassion, may we embrace (in grateful response) Shinran Shonin's aspiration of "May there be peace in the world, and may the Buddha's Teaching spread!"

Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion,

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

RECOGNITION FOR CONTRIBUTION IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY.

The Hawaii State Legislature Native Hawaiian Caucus Co-Chairs, Senator Jarrett Keohokalole and Representative Daniel Holt, with 43 of their colleagues, sponsored Hawaiian Caucus Week and Hawaiian Caucus Day to honor community leaders that have contributed to the advancement of Native Hawaiians and to recognize the contributions of 'opi'o (youth), makua (parents), kupa (elders), Hawaiian at Heart supporters, and 'ahahui (organizations).



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii received the recognition on February 7, 2019 by the 13th Legislature of the State of Hawaii as organization enriching the society and the Native Hawaiian Community and honoring individuals who have demonstrated excellence and high achievement in their particular field of endeavor as "Living Treasures of Hawaii."

YBICSE – YOUNG BUDDHIST INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL STUDY EXCHANGE. July 15-27, 2019
Hongwanji-sponsored educational trip to Japan

- Visiting Jodo Shinshu historical sites including the Hongwanji (mother temple) in Kyoto
- Fellowship with new friends from US Mainland, Canada, South America, and Japan
- Homestay Program
- Learn & experience Japanese Culture
- Share joy of living in the Nembutsu Teachings
- Many other life-changing experiences

Candidate Qualification

- A person who appreciate the Jodo Shin Buddhism
- A Person who is currently in 9th grade through age 25
- In good health

*Fifteen (15) delegates will be selected.

Registration Fee: \$1,600.00

- *Rest of the travel expense will be covered by Hongwanji.
- *Some meals and other personal expenses are not included.
- *Inter-island airfare within Hawaii is not included.

****Application instruction and travel itinerary will become available soon.**



2017 YBICSE participants at Honzan and Tokyo Disneyland

****COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS Donation to A Cup of Cold Water.**

A donation of \$1,000 was made to A Cup of Cold Water (ACCW) on March 5, 2019. ACCW is a community Care-Van outreach program on the Island of Maui. The program is a food and clothing distribution service for the poor and needy in the community. From left to right: Kit Hart (ACCW), Jeanne Abe (ACCW), Janet Shimada (Kahului Hongwanji), Paula Baldwin (ACCW), Rev. Richard Tennes (Kahului Hongwanji), Charlotte Wilkinson (Kahului Hongwanji), and in front—Mele (ACCW Mascot.)



Donation to Project Dana. A donation of \$12,000 was made to Project Dana on March 7, 2019, in support of their 30th Anniversary event which is planned to be held in September 2019. The donation will help Project Dana to plan a celebration to express their appreciation to their many site coordinators and volunteers, and be used for other related expenses in support of their program.

Donation presentation by Dean Sakamoto, Chair, Committee on Social Concerns, to Cyndi Osajima, Project Dana Executive Director.



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Senior YBA Officers for 2019



O'ahu United Junior Young Buddhist Association



2019 Sangha Day at Hawaii Plantation Village



SOBA MAKING DEMONSTRATION





BEAUTIFICATION DAY
 Thank you to everyone who came out to help keep our
 temple clean and in good working order!! ❤️❤️



Rev. S. Tomioka
 service
 and music
 workshop

Aiea Hongwanji Mission Workshop
Buddhism Meets Music...
 Learning Buddhism through
 Contemporary Songs
 Rev. Satoshi "Ka'imipono" Tomioka
 Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
 March 24, 2019



No, we're not sleeping. We're listening to the music. 🎵

Major Yearly Memorial Service Schedule

For The Year 2019

2018-1st year
 2017-3rd year*
 2013-7th year
 2007-13th year
 2003-17th year
 1995-25th year
 1987-33rd year
 1970-50th year
 * 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 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.

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). 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.

April 2019

Gladys Seiko Minami	1st
Hanako Tateishi	3rd
Grace Hiromoto Uradomo	7th
Howard Kiyoumi Ushijima	7th
Kenneth Akinori Miyamoto	13th
Minoru Tateishi	13th
Matsuyo Yamanaka	33rd

May 2019

Kikue "K" Higuchi	1st
Kenneth Shigeto Takata	1st
Alvin Kenichi Tokuno	1st
Clinton Munemitsu Tokuda	7th
Richard Kenji Fujimoto	17th
Tatsue Sato Hayashi	17th
Hiromitsu Kido	17th
Mitsuo Nakatani	17th
Mildred Hatsue Kobayashi	25th
Okayo Koyada	33rd
Yokai Hanzawa	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.

There will be NO service at Aiea Hongwanji on Sunday, April 7, 2019. Instead we are encouraged to join the rest of Honolulu and O'ahu District at the Hawaii Buddhist Council's Joint Buddha Day Service.

Date:/Time	Sunday, April 7, 2019 starting 9:30am
Speaker:	Dr. Willa Tanabe (pls see page 12 for bio)
Message Topic:	"Sparking Joy Through Preserving the Past"
Place:	Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin



- Refreshments will be served after the service.
- There will be entertainment and Buddhist exhibits provided by Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai.
- Besides the parking on the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin grounds, there will be additional parking spaces at Hongwanji Mission School (1728 Pali Hwy), Soto Mission of Hawaii (1708 Nuuanu Avenue) and Prince David Kawanakoa Middle School (49 Funchal Street).

Aiea BWA News

Thank you to all who participated in the Temple Beautification day. The volunteers, members, and preschool parents did a great job! Thank you to those who prepared the food and contributed desserts.

The March 24 Music Workshop by Rev. Satoshi Tomioka was a huge success! The members and guests who attended were entertained, educated, and inspired. Thank you to all who made this happen.

Sunday April 14 is the date of the Aiea Hanamatsuri Service. Your contributions of flowers and greenery to decorate the Hanamido at 8:00 am will be greatly appreciated.

On Sunday April 28 there will be a special service for Eshinni and Kakushinni Day in honor of Shinran Shonin's wife and daughter who were instrumental in carrying on his legacy. This special day is sponsored by the BWA; lunch will be served. Please come and bring your families and friends. Donations on this day will be used to facilitate the BWA's mission to

support the youth of the temple.

The BWA will be having a "Church Bazaar" from 10:00 -12:00 noon, right after the Eshinni and Kakushinni Day service. This year, we will have food, plants, crafts, fabrics, white elephant, and household items for sale, just in time for Mother's Day. The Church Bazaar will be advertised via the Honpa calendar, our Jiko, KIKU TV, the Star Advertiser, and flyers sent to other churches. Please help us to get the word out to the general public also. Hope to see you there!

Last month's Jiko included a BWA membership form. If you are a new or continuing member, please send it and your \$10 dues in at your earliest convenience. We look forward to welcoming all members!

With Gassho,
Janice Ito (Past President)



Adult Buddhist Dharma Classes

**Study of Buddhism through
Group Discussion
based on selected Buddhist writings
and books**

Conducted by Rev. Bert Sumikawa

**Saturdays, April 20 thru May 11, 2019
10:30 am to 11:30 am**

**Classes are open to all interested in
learning about Buddhism**

No Fee

To register, call (808) 262-4560

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aka Kailua Hongwanji Mission
268-A Kuulei Road
Kailua, Hawaii
(across Kailua Public Library)

Aiea Hongwanji Preschool & Kindergarten

- March 12—Temple visitation with Rev. Shawn Yagi
- March 14—Field Trip "Beauty and the Beast" at Pearl City Cultural Center
- March 18-22—Spring Recess!
- Soccer Shots program from April 11-May 23.
- April 12—Family Movie Night



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.



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

Headquarters Update (Continued from page 5)

Donation to Honolulu Hongwanji Council. A donation of \$1,000 was made to the Honolulu Hongwanji Council in support of their participation in the Family Promise Program to host homeless families. The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, through the CSC, has also provided donations to Family Promise Hawaii. Information on the Family Promise Program can be found at familypromisehawaii.org.

Donation to Hawaii Food Bank, Kauai Branch. A donation of \$5,000 was made to the Hawaii Food Bank, Kauai Branch. The donation from the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will help the food bank to support the families on Kauai as the need is continuous and food supplies require replenishment, especially after the Kauai flood disaster. Lihue Hongwanji also conducted a food drive and donated over 300 pounds of food to the food bank. From left to right: Wes Perreira (Hawaii Foodbank Kauai Branch manager), Reverend Arthur Kaufmann, Gail Shibuya, and Carol Valentine (Lihue Hongwanji), and Michelle Panoke



(Hawaii Foodbank Kauai Branch office manager). Carol is a member on the Committee on Social Concerns representing the Kauai District.

PBA'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL FEATURES UNITED STATES'

PREEMINENT HIGH SCHOOL TAIKO PERFORMERS. The nation's premier high school taiko program will take the stage with a showcase of student, faculty and guest talent on Sunday, April 7, at 4 p.m. at the Pearl City Cultural Center. The theme of Pacific Buddhist Academy's 13th annual Taiko Festival is *Together*. **Guest performers include Chad O. from Hongwanji Mission School, PBA's neighbor across the Pali Highway.**



Tickets for the festival are \$25 for general admission and \$20 for senior citizens and students. They may be purchased in person at PBA's Weinberg Building at 1754 Lusitana St., online at www.pacificbuddhistacademy.org/pbas-13th-annual-taiko-festival, or by returning forms sent in recent mailings to PBA's Advancement Office. For information about sponsorship opportunities, please call Rüdiger (Rudy) Rückmann at 532-2649, ext. 412, or 321-0372.

Five Wishes Advance Health Care Directive
~Let's listen and start to talk~
April 21, 10:00 a.m.
Aiea Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

When "Aging with Dignity" founder Jim Towey visited Mother Teresa's home for the dying in India, he was impressed with how people were treated with compassion and love. It inspired him to develop and present Five Wishes to individuals and groups who wanted to communicate their wishes to their families and caregivers of how they wanted to be handled during time when they could not speak for themselves.

The Hongwanji Compassionate Care Committee has engaged Kokua Mau to present this program at each District/ Temple as a service to its members, families and friends.

The Five Wishes are wishes for:

- The person I want to make care decisions for me when I cannot.
- The kind of medical treatment I want or don't want.
- How comfortable I want to be.
- How I want people to treat me.
- What I want my loved ones to know.

Advance Care Planning Coordinator with Kokua Mau will presented the Hawaii Advance Health Care Directive and Five Wishes workshop to Oahu District Temple members, family, and friends after Aiea Hongwanji's Sunday Service on April 21.

Advance Health Care Directive is an important gift to your loved ones so that they won't have to guess what you want if you no longer can speak for yourself. It's not easy to talk about how you want the end of your life to be. But it's one of the most important conversations that you can have with your loved ones. Let's begin with listening to Kokua Mau's presentation and start to talk.

There is no cost for this workshop, and it doesn't require an attorney. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP by April 15.

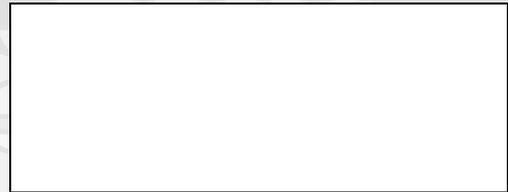
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Date: Sunday, April 7, 2019
Time: 9:30 am
Message: Dr. Willa Tanabe
Topic: "Sparking Joy by Preserving the Past"
Place: Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Temple
(1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu HI96813)
Free and Open to the Public

Dr. Willa Tanabe Biography

After having received her doctorate from Columbia University, Willa Tanabe taught Japanese and Korean Art History at the University of Hawaii at Manoa for 29 years. She has published books, articles and catalogs on the arts associated with The Lotus Sutra, Shingon, and Pure Land Buddhism as well as on textile arts. She also curated exhibitions on Korean art, Japanese embroidery, Shingon art, and Japanese prints. Dr. Willa Tanabe also served for a number of years as Dean of the School of Hawaiian, Asian and Pacific Studies at UH. After retirement, she and her husband George, a Professor of Japanese Religions, published a book on the Japanese Buddhist Temples of Hawaii and presented an exhibition of temple art at the Japanese Cultural Center. Banners from this exhibition will be on display in the Social Hall.

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