

# KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



**E - JIHO**  
**October 2014**



**Theme & Slogan 2014: Path of Entrusting: Share Peace!**

## **AUTUMN O-HIGAN SERVICE**

Sunday, September 28, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Speaker: Reverend Bruce Nakamura

Higan means the “other shore”; it’s an abbreviation for “to higan” meaning “reaching the other shore of Nirvana”. Conducted during the spring and autumn equinox when days and nights are of equal length. During the week long observance, emphasis is placed on the Six Paramitas (Charity, Right Endeavor, Endurance, Endeavor, Meditation and Wisdom which leads to the other shore.

## **KYODAN MANJU SALE**

**Manju making on Saturday, October 25, 2014 starting at 7:30 a.m.**

**Manju Sale—Sunday, October 26, 2014 –8:00 a.m. to 12 noon**

Turn in Order Forms to office by October 10, 2014

Volunteers are needed to make manju

## **CHANGE IN COLUMBARIUM HOURS**

**Columbarium hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily**

## **CHANGE IN DATES OF ANNUAL CLEAN UP**

**ANNUAL CLEAN UP on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2014 at 7:30 a.m.**

**Wall and Screen Washing on Saturday, November 1, 2014**

Check with Morris Nagata for details

**NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER , contact Rev. Bruce Nakamura  
at 323-2993 or 987-9900.**

**To schedule services or activities**, call the church office at 323-2993 Monday thru Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed on weekends and holidays. If unable to contact the office clerk, leave a message on the answering machine.

		<b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>
1 Wednesday ..	11:00 AM .	Visitation @ Life Care Center of Kona
2 Thursday ..	10:00 AM ..	Minister's Meeting
5 Sunday .....	9:00 AM ....	English Family Service
8 Wednesday ..	7:00 PM ....	Board of Director's Meeting
10 Friday .....	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
11 Saturday ....	9:00 AM ...	BWA Board Meeting
12 Sunday .....	9:00 AM ....	English Family Service
19 Sunday .....	9:00 AM ....	English Family Service
24 Friday .....	7:00 PM ....	Prep for Education Fundraiser
25 Saturday ....	7:30 AM ....	Manju Making for Education Fundraiser
26 Sunday .....	8:00 AM ....	Manju Pick-up for Education Fundraiser
	-----	NO SUNDAY SERVICE
	-----	BWA Convention in Puna

		<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>
1 Saturday ...	-----	Wall Washing for Annual Clean-up
2 Sunday .....	9:00 AM ....	English Family Service
	10:00 AM ..	Honokaa Hongwanji 110 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Hawaii Kyodan 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
3 Monday ...	7:30 PM ....	Bon Dance Practice
5 Wednesday .	11:00 AM .	Visitation @ Life Care Center of Kona
6 Thursday ..	7:30 PM ....	Bon Dance Practice
9 Sunday ....	9:00 AM ....	English Family Service Honoring Veterans with Gratitude
10 Monday ..	7:30 PM ...	Bon Dance Practice
13 Thursday ...	7:30 pm ..	.Bon Dance Practice
14 Friday .....	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
15 Saturday ...	8:00 AM ...	Omigaki #2
	-----	Judo Club Promotion Banquet
	-----	Kona Coffee Festival Hoolaulea with Bon Dancing at Keauhou Shopping Center
16 Sunday ....	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
22 Saturday ..	7:30 AM ...	ANNUAL CLEAN-UP
23 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin & Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration @ Sangha Hall
29 Sunday ...	-----	NO SUNDAY SERVICE

### **CUB SCOUTS & BOY SCOUTS**

EVERY MONDAY CUB SCOUT PACK 12 MEETING AT 5:00 PM  
 EVERY WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY CUB SCOUT PACK 12 MEETING AT 5:00 PM EXCEPT 1<sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAY  
 EVERY TUESDAY BOY SCOUT TROOP 59 MEETING AT 7:00 PM

### **TAIKO PRACTICE**

EVERY THURSDAY TAIKO PRACTICE AT 5:30 PM  
 TAIKO MEETING EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY IN THE SOCIAL HALL AT 6:45 PM

### **JUDO PRACTICE**

JUDO CLUB MEETING EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAY IN SCOUT ROOM  
 EVERY MONDAY AT 7:00 PM NIGHT CLASS  
 EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM NOVICE; 7:00 PM NIGHT CLASS  
 EVERY TUESDAY AT 6:30 PM ADULT ONLY  
 EVERY THURSDAY AT 7:00 PM KATA CLASS

### **IKEBANA**

EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY AT 9:00 AM IN THE SCOUT ROOM

## **MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER, 2014**

First Year (2013)	October	28	FUSAE KAMIGAKI
	November	10	TANE TAKEGUCHI
Third Year (2012)	October	27	NORIKO TADOKORO
	November	5	KANEYO HIGASHI
		11	GUY TOYAMA
		11	SATOSHI IWASAKI
Seventh Year (2008)	October	18	ALBERT SHIGEYUKI TAKAYAMA
		23	TSUGIO SAKATA
	November	21	YOTSURU TANIYAMA
Thirteenth Year (2002)	October	11	SUMIE OMORI
	November	1	SUEKO HARANO
		1	SUE ANN SHIGEKO HORIBATA
		5	MILDRED YOSHIKO DOHI
		10	ALBERT MASAO MORIGUCHI
		22	YUICHI NAKAMURA
Seventeenth Year (1998)	October	19	MASANORI "WINDY" AOKI
	November	22	CHIYOME SHIMAMOTO
Twenty-Fifth Year (1990)	October	5	YOSHIO KONDO
		8	SUEME EGE
		11	SUE MAKIDA
		18	SADAHARU TASHIMA
		23	MICHIKO MASUNAGA
	November	13	GENICHI YUKUNO
Fiftieth Year (1965)	October	14	SUEKA HONDA
		31	YOHEIJI TSUKAMOTO
One Hundredth Year (1915)	October	2	(Name Unknown)
		10	TATSUO OGATA
	November	5	SUMA TAKAGI
		11	NAOSHI UEZUKI
		16	YOSHIMITSU SHIOZAKI
		24	SHIGESABURO ADACHI
		27	HAYAKO MARUBAYASHI

### **WHAT DO YOU SEE IN LIFE'S REFLECTION?**

by Bruce Y. Nakamura

What do you see in life's reflection?

Rains fall to the earth; Rivers flow to the sea; Each season moves into the next. Plants and flowers grow and bloom; Leaves mature and are blown away. Like the ebb and flow of the ocean waves, life is in constant change; Nothing can remain the same.

One is born through the conditions of parentage. The body is nourished by food, its maturity by teaching and experience. As a net is made up of a series of ties, so are our thoughts, words and deeds. All life arise and fall interdependently. As life leads, so death follows...an yet, life is renewed as the seasons, the sun's warmth or moonlight's glow.

In this brevity and preciousness of human life, let us awaken to its true meaning. May we discover its wonders and joys and repay our gratitude forward having to live here and now!

What do you see in Life's reflection? Namo Amida Butsu.

Good morning all. Welcome to our spiritual home--the Kona

Hongwanji--the temple of the Buddha's Great Compassionate Vow. I am very grateful to join you and I hope that you will share your spiritual gifts with me as you are already with those around you. This place Kona is our place of residence, in work, play and living.

Hawaii-Kona is replete with a noble and brave history of cultures and peoples of this land, indigenous, as well as those of us who settled here from their countries of origin and ancestry.

"Ji" of Hongwanji means temple, sanctuary or spiritual home, and "Hongwan" means the Buddha's Great Compassion, its source, the wisdom-compassion of all Buddhas and Bodhisattvas who praise the virtues of Amida, the oneness of all beings and immeasurable Light and Life or Namo Amida Butsu. Housed in this sanctuary is just one symbol of Great Compassion--the Buddha's wisdom-compassion--Amida Buddha. This dynamic truth and spiritual power are not sitting or lying down, but standing fully erect, moving to embrace all beings in the timeless reality of past, present and future.

This spiritual energy encompasses to transform beings tell of the meaning of Vow or spiritual Vows--forty-eight spokes of light in number distilled to the 18<sup>th</sup> Vow of Great Compassion ever one with all beings expressed the Nembutsu.

At base a dais of gold-leafed, rare sandal-wood, the lotus--a timeless symbol of renewal and awakening found not only in Buddhism and Hinduism, but, beyond 8 thousand years in Egyptian culture and myth. Out of the muck and mire of this world, blossoms the purity and rarity of the beautiful, splendid lotus--the "pundarika", a spiritual symbol of the Buddha celebrating the person of true-entrusting in Amida's great compassion.

While original Buddhism begins the basic truth of difficulty and dissatisfaction of human life, Shin Buddhism focuses and returns to the simple, yet profound joy of a grateful heart lived in the Buddha's great compassion. As Buddhism travels through Asia, even Lao Tzu the great Taoist sage would proclaim:

If you look to others for true fulfillment,

you will not be fulfilled.

If your true happiness depends on money,

you will not be happy with yourself.

Being content, joyful with who you are

and what you have are things as they are.

To realize nothing is lacking, the whole world and you are one...

Is not our genuine happiness, to cherish and experience the simple joy of being alive--to love and to be loved--completely without any reservation? This is at the heart of true spirituality and the mother of all human virtues--the core awakening of Shin practice.

Gratitude renews and creates happiness as it makes us feel complete, full, realizing that as long as we have our minds about us, such joy is what is truly required to live as a human being--in the present, here and now.

In daily living, when things are going well, it was just a matter of time, when they would take a turn for the worse. However, despite life's challenges and difficulties, is it not my responsibility and choice to do the all the good I can and become the best person I can for myself and for those around me? If Shin begins and returns to the power of gratitude, let's begin with

often taking the time to thank and appreciate those around us physically and spiritually who have given us the gift of love and guidance not matter how long or short their lives have been.

In this spirit, let gather together and celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our state Shin Buddhist Sangha's founding...

Who is Amida Buddha? Amida Buddha are all that is life presenting itself to teach us the truth of life we could not see ourselves...They first are realized in our parentage and family...Namo Amida Butsu.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

by Norma Matsumoto

It's wonderful to have an enthusiastic and meaningful Dharma message!!! On Grandparent's Sunday, Rev. Nakamura really hit home with his message. I always think about how weird my family was compared to my classmates in school. Although I was not an only child, I was the only one at home since my three siblings were all away making their way in the world being 18+ years older than me. However, that can mean having five adult "parents" at any given time!! I lost three siblings with ages between my older sibs and myself. That's where I learned how much memorial services meant to my mother. She lost three children, none of which I remember, and we drove to Honokaa each 'hinchi' for them. I never got to know any of them, having only been a year and a half when the last brother died, but on the way to Honokaa for service, my mom always had a story or two about them to bring them closer to us in memories.

Please think about loved ones with memorial services. Usually, it was only three of us in the Honokaa temple at these services. I still remember the really hot 'ocha' that Mrs. Saegusa made and the little sweets that Mrs. Nakanishi brought after the services. When I had a memorial service for my brother, it was a personal one with only my sister and myself in attendance. I find it comforting that I can remember him in such a personal way.

I spoke at length with new Honpa president Pieper Toyama at the State Lay Convention this past weekend. Sorry, most of it was not church business. He and his wife Lois had their first teaching assignments at Honokaa High and he was my first high school English teacher. We regularly invite them to our class reunions, as they were only four years older than we were, and they seemed more like our buddies than our teachers. He has quite a story, as he was brought up as a good Episcopalian by his dad, and came to Buddhism later in life.

Reverend Bruce is going to encourage everyone to come to temple. He encourages you all to give him a call anytime, so he can get to know us all. Don't be surprised if he calls YOU!!!

In Gassho

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

By Mary Katayama

**Sunday Services:** With a new minister in residence, Sangha and friends are encouraged to join the Dharma School students and their families for Sunday Services at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Bruce Nakamura's first Dharma message on Sunday, September 7, 2014 was an inspiration to everyone in attendance. Come and join us and continue listening to the Dharma.

**2015 Calendars:** Members, who are interested in receiving the 2015 Honpa Hongwanjii of Hawaii Calendar, please contact the church office for reservation.

**Hospital Visitations:** Due to Privacy Issues, Reverend Bruce Nakamura is able to visit patients at the Kona Community Hospital only upon request from family. If a member is interested in visitation while hospitalized, please contact Rev. Nakamura directly.

**Project Dana:** The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Project Dana will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at Pomaika I Ballroom at Dole Cannery Iwilei. The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary is a special event in dedication to the late Mrs. Shimeji Kanazawa and to honor and thank Project Dana Volunteers. Morris Nagata, Mildred Kaneko and Mary Katayama will be attending.

**Parsonage Clean Up:** Have you noticed that the vegetation surrounding the parsonage has been cleared? Twelve volunteers worked very hard in cutting, digging, replanting, and cleaning the area surrounding the parsonage. 3 fully loaded pick-up trucks

of vegetation went to the Keei transfer station; 3 loads of Pre-School furniture to cemetery storage and 2 loads disposed into the dumpsters. Pauline, Henri-Ann, Carol and Laureen used muscles digging and pulling weeds. Arigato to Hiroki Ishihara, a new member, who came for Sunday service only to discover service replaced with parsonage clean-up and stayed to help. Morris, Dean, Daren, Alan, Norman, Keith, Colin and Stanley did the heavy work: removed all the overgrown plants/trees, made a hedge from the mark orange plants and made numerous trips to dispose/storage of vegetation and furniture. Norman, Keith and Dean brought their pick-up trucks. Thank you to Lynn and her assistant Lisa for the delicious lunch, desserts and goodies. Mary only supervised. The BWA ladies cleaned and prepared the parsonage for occupancy a few weeks before the cleanup. **Mahalo to all the volunteers.**

## **2014-2015 Social Concerns Fund Drive**

In November we celebrate Thanksgiving and Eitaikyo. Both observances remind us to be mindful of the countless blessings in our lives and how we live connected to the world around us. It is in this spirit of gratitude that we begin our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive.

The generous contributions from Sangha members provides the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii the ability to support worthy organizations and programs with funding to continue their work in our community and to provide compassionate action during times of disaster. Your contributions also allow the Committee on Social Concerns to plan for future programs related to social issues affecting our community.

Because of your commitment to promoting the Buddhist values of compassion and loving-kindness we were able to continue lending our support to such organizations as Project Dana, The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii, Family Promise of Hawaii and the various food banks across the state. Your generosity allowed Hawaii Kyodan to lead the fundraising effort to build the Sadako Sasaki Peace Crane exhibit at Pearl Harbor that was dedicated in 2013.

Because of your kokua over the years, we have also been able to help with recovery efforts after natural disasters and assist members of our Sangha affected by misfortune and other emergency situations. This year we were able to support relief efforts on the Big Island after Hurricane Iselle. We have also been able to establish the Golden Chain Grant program that promotes compassionate action through service to others in our community. Your generosity directly helps those in need and promotes a more humane world.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Please make all checks payable to **Kona Hongwanji**. The suggested donation is the cost of just one meal per person. Any donation you are able to give will make a difference in the lives of others. Your help is needed to continue our mission of sharing the Dharma through compassionate action. Mahalo!

In Gassho,  
Rev. Blayne Higa, Chair  
Committee on Social Concerns  
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

## **TAIKO GROUP NEWS**

REMINDER: September 25, 2014 is open enrollment for those who wish to become a member of our Taiko Group. We will have a presentation on our mission statement and a demonstration from our present members. The presentation will begin at 5:30 p.m., so don't be late. Light refreshments will be served.

Taiko practice is every Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (unless cancelled for unforeseen circumstances).

## **JR. YBA NEWS**

Our ongoing campaign collecting Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education is in full force. This year our recipient is Konawaena Elementary School. Please keep on collecting those Tops and Labels and bring them to Sunday Service or drop them off at the church office. Every box top or label will provide much needed funding that the Department of Education cannot provide to every school.

We are currently recruiting new members for Jr. YBA. If you are an 8th grader to 1 year after high school, you qualify. Please contact the church office.

## **CUB SCOUTS PACK 12**

### **All You Can Eat Pancakes & Silent Auction**

**When/Where/Time? Saturday Sept. 20 at the Hongwanji Social Hall (7:00-11:00am)**

We are busily getting prepared for our fundraiser and the Scouts continue to sell tickets and promote our Scout Motto: Be prepared. They are diligently making signs and asking the families, aunties, uncles, grandparents and friends to purchase tickets. *Scout and Leader registration fees from Boy Scouts of America Aloha Council for 2014 has increased to 25% so we are working extra hard to raise funds.* Last year we paid over "One Thousand" dollars in fees to Aloha Council to Re-charter our Boy Scouts & Leaders alone!

The donations are slowly coming in. But, even the economy is slow to pick up. Each year, with so many organizations asking for help, donations seem harder to come by! Here in Pack #12 some of our own Boy Scout Parents have been having a hard time coming up with monies to purchase New Uniforms for their own outgrowing boys' uniforms! Parents and Scouts facing hard times and embarrassment, risk non participation or even considering quitting Scouts completely because of this!

Should anyone wish to make a donation for a uniform or even part of one? Please contact our Cub Master Glenn Hirowatari @ 322-2278 (leave message) or purchase a Breakfast tickets as a donation. We depend solely on the donations from the Community.

Breakfast will be served from 7:00-11:00am. & don't forget to Bid on Auction items too!

### **Induction Night:**

Friday August 30th our Pack held our first uniform inspection and Pot luck dinner to induct all our Cub Scouts, leaders and parents to Pack 12.

Prior to dinner a Uniform inspection was held for all the scouts. The parents were more nervous that the scouts themselves. All worried if the patches were placed correctly on the shirts, if the neckerchief was twilered correctly. This was a great learning experience for all. Everyone learned to take pride in being a Cub Scout. Our very own Cub Master Glenn performed the uniform inspections. After the boys completed their inspection, off they went to partake in the vast choices of ono foods from a variety of salads, main dishes and desserts. Thank you to all parents for making such delicious array of foods for the dinner. We learned a lot more about each other during dinner.

While the scouts were having dinner, they didn't realize that the Cub Master was busily tallying the scores. Scores are based on General appearance, Cap, Neckerchief & slide, Shirt, Belt, Pants/shorts, Socks, Shoes, Registration and Insignia placement plus a few questions to make sure that they know what is happening around our country. The tie breaker questions were: Who is the President and who's the Vice President of the United States? And who is the Mayor of our Island?

After dinner all the scouts were lined up side by side and they were instructed to cup their hands behind their backs. One by one Cub Master Glenn placed a wooden nickel (indicates that they have completed uniform inspection) in their hands, BUT only ONE scout will get the "Golden Nickel". The "Golden Nickel" represents the scout that earned the highest score. It came down to several scouts that had perfect scores. Glenn came up with tie breaker questions and a winner was chosen.

***Congratulations go out to Dylan Jay Nonaka son of Dylan and Monica Nonaka. Dylan has just joined Pack 12 as a Tiger Cub. Good Job Mom and Dad!!!***

The evening wasn't over yet... The actual induction ceremony was awesome. All the leaders & Cub Scouts were called up. Parents, Grandparents and Scouts versed the Cub Scout Promise "to do their best to do their duty to help the scouts".

Welcome New Leader NORMAN WESSEL. Norman leads the Second Year Webelos.

Our dedicated leaders have worked hard to keep the Cub Scouts enthused and busy. Our Tiger Cub Leaders are new and have wholeheartedly pledged to support and lead the boys. We also say, Thank you to the parents who diligently attend as many or all meetings possible. Thru your support and dedication, your boys will learn by your example.

#### **Welcome New Scouts:**

Dylan Jay Nonaka, son of Dylan and Monica Nonaka  
Landen Ewaliko-Souza, son of Katie Souza  
Caiden Mireles, son of Carlo and Jane Mireles  
Kaipo Takaki-Jacobs, son of Heather Takaki

#### **Scout Room Repairs**

Thank you to scout parents Albert Vanetti and Wayne Sakamoto for repairing one of the tattered window screens. They generously used their own materials and time to make the repair.

#### **Welcome: Reverend Bruce Nakamura.**

We look forward to working with you and your support of our Cub Scout Pack.

Thank you: Kona Hongwanji for promoting our Breakfast fundraiser on the Kona Hongwanji face book site.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Sept 19th – Friday Prep for Pancake Breakfast  
Sept 20 "All You Can Eat Pancakes & Silent Auction"  
Sept 28<sup>th</sup> Old Airport Cleanup and Cookout  
\*Visitation to Kealakekua Library  
\*Visitation to Fire Station  
Oct 17-18<sup>th</sup> – Cub-o-ree Overnighter Honokaia  
Oct 25 – Cub Scout Leaders Pow Wow- (Hilo Stake Center)  
November 21-22 Webelos Overnighter included with Boy Scout Camporee. Kawaihae Harbor

#### **CONDOLENCES**

Mr. Tadashi Kaku of Honaunau passed away on July 18, 2014 at a Private Care Home in Kailua-Kona at the age of 100.

Kona Hongwanji extends our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and relatives of those members who recently passed away. May the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha surround you and your family with loving memories of your loved one in the years to come.



## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

## **SPECIAL DONATIONS**

Mr. & Mrs. Zane Fujimoto, Obon  
Hawaii Community Federal Credit Union, Use of Facilities  
Daisy Kitaoka, In Memory of Gentaro Kitaoka's 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
Asano Matsumoto, Hatsubon Service  
Mr. & Mrs. Guy Nagai, Jiho  
Noreen Shiraki, In Memory of Troy Shiraki's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Iris Watanabe, Use of Facilities  
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Zakahi, Jiho  
\*\*\* Kathy Mishina, Popcorn Orchids for the Columbarium

Total - \$1,225.00

## **MEMORIAL SERVICES**

Melvin & Cathy Akena, In Loving Memory of our father, Mark M. Onaka and brother, Lyndon K. Onaka  
Glenn Mizoshiri, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Chiyoko Mizoshiri  
Linda Nagai, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Toshio Nagai  
Rose Onaka & Family, 17<sup>th</sup> Year Service for Mark Onaka and Inurnment Service for Lyndon Onaka  
Kenneth & Elaine Sugiyama, In Memory of Frances Uchima  
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Taniyama, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Service for Yoshimi Taniyama  
Frederick Uchima, 49<sup>th</sup> Day Service In Memory of Frances Uchima

Total - \$1,850.00

## **HAKASOJI and NOKOTSUDO**

Mr. & Mrs. Kaoru Uyeda	Mr. & Mrs. Reed Ichishita	Lorrin Hayashida
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Matsuyama	Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Sasaki	Jenny Uemura-Sano
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Zakahi	Mervyn & Norma Ah Tou, In Memory of Uemura Family	
	Total - \$248.00	

## **AUGUST and SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES**

Offerings

Total - \$1,297.00

## **HAWAII KYODAN DUES**

Mr. & Mrs. Reed Ichishita	Mr. & Mrs. Earl Matsuyama
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# HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII

## AFFIRMATION RITES CEREMONY (KIE-SHIKI)

DATE: NOVEMBER 23, 2014

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: HONPA HONGWANJI HILO BETSUIN

### AFFIRMATION RITES

THE MEANING OF THE AFFIRMATION RITES BECOMES CLEAR IF WE LOOK INTO THE ORIGINAL NAME, "KIE-SHIKI". KIE MEANS TO SEEK REFUGE, AND IN BUDDHISM, WE MEAN TO SEEK REFUGE IN THE THREE TREASURES OF THE BUDDHA, DHARMA, AND SANGHA. THE OTHER PART SHIKI MEANS RITUAL. THEREFORE, WITH THESE MEANINGS IN MIND, THE TERM "AFFIRMATION RITES" WAS ADOPTED.

AFFIRMATION RITES IS OFFICIATED BY THE BISHOP OF HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII. IT IS A RITUAL THAT GIVES THE RECIPIENT A DEFINITE AWARENESS THAT HE/SHE IS BECOMING A FOLLOWER OF THE BUDDHA'S TEACHINGS AND A MEMBER OF THE HONGWANJI. DURING THE RITES, EACH RECIPIENT WILL RECEIVE HIS/HER OWN HOMYO (DHARMA BUDDHIST NAME) FROM THE BISHOP.

THERE IS NO LIMIT OF AGE. HOWEVER, IF THE ASPIRANT IS BELOW 20 YEARS OF AGE, HIS/HER PARENT OR GUARDIAN WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN ON THE OFFICIAL RECORD.

IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THIS RITUAL ONE WOULD GAIN CONVICTION IN HIS/HER RELIGION AND THAT IT WOULD BE A DEFINITE START INTO A LIFE OF A BUDDHIST.

THE APPLICATION FEE FOR THE AFFIRMATION RITES IS \$70. IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE AFFIRMATION RITES, PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM AND SEND IT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS WITH YOUR APPLICATION FEE PAYABLE TO "H.H.H.B." BY OCTOBER 30, 2014. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US.

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