

KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



E - JIHO
August 2015



Theme & Slogan 2015: Embrace Change: Awareness (Seek Opportunities)

Sunday, August 9, 2015
No Sunday Service

Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Golf Tournament
will be held on August 9, 2015 at the Big Island Country Club.

Format: Two Person Scramble

Cost \$120.00 per player (golf, lunch and prizes included)

Please encourage players to sign up by contacting

Peggy Ciriako @ (808) 937-2380

Donations are being accepted and could be dropped off at Kona Hongwanji

Attention: Golf Tournament

Contact Aaron Nagata, Tournament Chair at (808) 936-3279

Dharma School Registration
Sunday August 2, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.
Annual Cemetery Bon Service
Please go directly to cemetery warehouse area for service
Speaker: Reverend Bruce Nakamura

NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER , contact Rev. Bruce Nakamura at 323-2993 or Emergency only 987-9900 or Norma Matsumoto at 323-2552 or 989-3015.

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.

E-MAIL ADDRESS: Church - konahongwanji@twc.com

Rev. Bruce - brucejunshin@gmail.com

AUGUST

2 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service Dharma School Registration
5 Wednesday ..	9:30 AM ...	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ..	Service @ Life Care Center
9 Sunday	-----	NO SUNDAY SERVICE
	6:45 AM ...	Kona Hongwanji Benefit Golf Tournament @ Big Island Country Club - Check In
	8:00 AM ...	Shotgun Start
12 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Board of Director's Meeting
14 Friday ...	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
16 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Cemetery Bon Service
19 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Round-Table Forum
23 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service & Joint Birthday/Memorial Svc
25 Tuesday ...	9:00 AM ...	Preschool Temple Visitation
30 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service

SEPTEMBER

1 Tuesday ...	10:30 AM ...	HAIB Meeting
2 Wednesday ..	9:30 AM	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ..	Service @ Life Care Center
6 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	Grandparent's Day Service
12 Saturday thru 13 Sunday	-----	Lay Convention @ Hawaii Betsuin, Honolulu
13 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service & Joint Birthday/Memorial Svc
	11:00 AM ..	Dharma Family Enrichment
16 Wednesday ..	7:00 PM	Round-Table Forum
19 Saturday	-----	United BWA Meeting
20 Sunday	9:00 AM ...	Peace Day Service
26 Saturday	8:00 AM	Hosha #3; Omigaki #1; Food Prep #2
27 Sunday	9:00 AM	Autumn O-Higan Service
	10:30 AM ...	Japanese 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 1ST 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 2ND THURSDAY IN THE SOCIAL HALL AT 6:45 PM

JUDO PRACTICE

JUDO CLUB MEETING EVERY 1ST 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 2ND SATURDAY AT 9:00 AM IN THE SCOUT ROOM

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR AUGUST and SEPTEMBER 2015

First Year (2014)	August	1	TOSHIO NAGAI
		25	NOZOMU UEMURA
	September	16	DARREN MICHIO HIRATA
		22	WILMER HIROMU KOSHI
Third Year (2013)	August	16	HAZEL AYAKO AOYAGI
		26	SASAE TAKEMOTO MURAKAMI
		26	KIMIYO "DOROTHY" KONDO
	September	4	GEORGE AKIRA FUJINO
		6	GLEN FUSAO MATSUMOTO
		25	FUMIO MATSUOKA
Seventh Year (2009)	September	16	BRENT AKIO YANAGI
		26	TOSHIO NAKAMOTO
Seventeenth Year (1999)	August	11	MINORU INOUE
		13	KIKUMO FUJIKAWA
		23	MASAO "MASA NINJA" HORI
Twenty-Fifth Year (1991)	September	11	MISHIWO MURAKAMI
		13	MISAO IWAMOTO
Thirty-Third Year (1983)	August	9	ALBERT MATSUO
Fiftieth Year (1966)	September 16		NIKA KURIHARA
One Hundredth Year (1916)	August	7	KIMI NAKAYAMA
		23	KOTO WATANABE
		29	IKUTARO TANAKA
	September	22	MASAO OHARA
		28	YOSHISUKE HIRONAGA

President's Message

by Norma Matsumoto

Although it was not at Kona Hongwanji, I just held my father's 50th memorial service at his home temple in Kamuela. I'm sure my mother would have a chuckle that I, of all people, would remember and honor her tradition in that way. It is thanks to my mother, who would haul her 'ratoon crop' (cane that, "no plant, but grow"...Hey! But that would make her the virgin mother...and I would be...well, we won't go there, cause you all know me already!) mophead to Honokaa Hongwanji from Waimea to memorial services for her three children who passed pretty much before I was born. Two of the three died less than 2 ½ months of each other. No wonder, with her snowy white hair, she enrolled me in kindergarten and the school thought I was her grandchild. Sometimes, it would just be the three of us at the service, my mother, my sister and I. I also remember that we both chanted their Buddhist names at night before going to bed.

While serving as president, I learned more about these memorial traditions. Poor Kamuela Hongwanji did not receive donations from my family because, I was not aware of responsibilities that my mom and sister had kept up but not shared with me. We have my father and my siblings in the Kamuela Hongwanji cemetery and another brother is in their columbarium. I now realize that each of these require maintenance. Thus, families honor the resting place of loved ones with HAKASOJI (maintenance of the haka) and NOKOTSUDO (maintenance of the niche) donations. Please start a tradition with your children of honoring those who have passed.

We hope to see you dancing up a storm at our Bon Dances. Keei Buddhist church's Bon Dance is on July 18, with a service at 5 pm; and Kona Hongwanji's O-Bon is on Saturday, July 25, with a Lantern Parade/Hatsubon service at 6:30 pm. I honor the memory of my family, now gone, with at least the 4, count 'em 4!!, bon dances I know how to do. See you there!

In Gassho

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

By Mary Katayama

Project Dana: Two speakers were invited to the Senior Activity Program on July 10, 2015. From the Office of Coordinated Services, Terry Terada spoke on "Questions to ask doctor during your office visit". He shared a 20 minute "power-point presentation" with detailed explanation. Public Health Nurse, Suzanne Saw shared information on case management program for Kupuna Care. The 17 seniors in attendance were very interested in the program. It was also a good sharing of information between Coordinated Services and Kupuna Care. Mahalo to both.

Passage from "Today's Thoughts- Rev. Paul Osumi-the Man and His Message".

Resolutions for a Happy Life

No one will ever get out of this world alive. Therefore:

Resolve to maintain a reasonable sense of values.

Take care of yourself. Good health is everyone's major source of wealth. Without it happiness is harder to attain and sometimes impossible.

Resolve to be cheerful and helpful.

People will repay you in kind. Avoid angry, abrasive people. They are generally vengeful. Avoid zealots (fanatics, cranks, loners). They are generally humorless.

Resolve to listen more and talk less.

No one ever learns anything by talking. Be chary (cautious) of giving advice. Wise men do not need it and fools will not heed it.

Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the wrong.

Sometimes in life, you will be all of these. Do not equate money with success. There are many successful moneymakers who are miserable failures as human beings. What counts most about success is how a person achieves it.

---Rev. Paul S. Osumi

CONFESSION IN THE SHIN PATHWAY

by Bruce Y. Nakamura

Confession in the Shin Buddhist pathway is unlike Catholicism or the Judeo-Christian traditions. Karma -- the ongoing consequences of cause-effect lie at the core of Hindu and Buddha-dharma living experience. King Ajattasattu's conscience has compelled him to visit the Buddha. After-all he has murdered both his mother and father and usurped the crown. In the presence of Sakyamuni Buddha and fellow bhikkhus, and, lengthy discussion, Ajattasattu takes refuge in the Buddha as a lay follower. He then, confesses his murderous actions for all to bear witness. The Buddha says to the king:

"...Indeed King, transgression [accayo] overcame you when you deprived your father, that good and just king, of his life. But since you have acknowledged the transgression and confessed it as is right, we will accept it. For he who acknowledges his transgression as such and confesses it for betterment in future will grow in the noble discipline..."
"The word accayo literally means 'going on or beyond', and in the moral sphere, means acting outside the established norms - so transgression is a good translation.

However the other part of this dialogue continues when the king has departed when the Buddha says to the bhikkhus:

"...The king is done for, his fate is sealed, bhikkhus. If the king had not killed his father...then as he sat there the pure and spotless dhamma-eye would have arisen in him."

King Ajatasattu departs feeling greatly relieved having confessed his terrible transgressions of patricide. Having unburdened himself and experiencing genuine remorse, he resolves to be a moral disciple and upholds to his kingship's example. This sincere confession with dharma-sangha as witness is the true blessing of Buddha-dharma. On the other hand, the Buddha-sangha can only hear and bear witness to the king's confession.

The past is gone, we can't change that, but we can change in the present and experience spiritual liberation in the future.

However, the Buddha is in no spiritual position to absolve the king's prior actions. He does not because he cannot; the fruits of karmic action cannot be reversed or neutralized. The Buddha is not cruel, yet acknowledges what virtue there is in the king's genuine sense of remorse and confession to better himself as a lay disciple. The king must eventually answer to his murderous actions in the near or distant future. This is the universal law of Dharma. Even an enlightened being cannot change this truth and reality.

As Shin adherents, none of us are exempt from the universal law of Dharma. Simply put, the universal law of Dharma is Amida Buddha embracing all without fail in the unfolding activity of great compassion. No matter how good we are or think we are, all humans face birth, growing older, uncertainty, change and even death. The pure land pathway has provided a spiritual pathway by which we are honestly shown our imperfections and transgressions. Always being shown these realities which we cannot seem to see alone from our ego-center, are we given the courage to face them with an attitude of honest inner awareness and reflection. Such reflections can only be experienced awakened in the light of great compassion. The nembutsu said throughout, both accompanies and awakens these spheres of existence, no matter how limited and painful they are at times. With joy and gratitude and a lot of guts it takes to live... Namandabu, Namandabu, Namandabu...

Reference: Samannaphala Sutta.

HEADQUARTER'S UPDATE

DONATION FROM JODO SHINSHU HONGWANJI-HA

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii recently received a funding assistance of fifty million Japanese Yen (JPY 50,000,000) from the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha for the undertaking of the Pacific Buddhist Academy's new school building.

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha recently launched the Comprehensive Advancement Project (宗門総合振興計画) which will be executed for 10 accounting years from June 1, 2015 through March 31, 2025 to enrich and promote our organization on the occasions of the Commemoration Services of Transmission of Jodo Shinshu tradition in 2016-2017, the 850th Anniversary of the birth of Shinran Shonin, and the 800th Anniversary of the establishment of Jodo Shinshu in 2023.

One major focus of the Advancement Project is "contributing to the general welfare of society based on the spirit of Buddhism" (仏教の精神に基づく社会への貢献) and, as part of this effort in the Overseas Districts or internationally, this funding assistance of JPY 50,000,000 to PBA for the year 2015 was disbursed recently.

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and Pacific Buddhist Academy are truly grateful for the strong support from the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha.

DHARMA SCHOOL CAMP AT KOKE'E HONGWANJI CAMP

The Waipahu Hongwanji and Kauai United Dharma School camp was held from June 12 - 14 at Koke'e Hongwanji Camp. 33 students, parents, ministers and volunteers attended the camp and did fun activities such as the Wailua river boat ride, temples visitation, BBQ, and swimming at the Poipu Beach etc. There was also a Dharma school service project in which the students practiced the Vandana & Ti-Sarana and together led its chanting at the joint Sunday Service on June 14. The students also shared their camp experience at the Sunday Service. One of the participants mentioned to her father, "Dad, I made new friends in Kauai even though they are little older than me."

ONE DHARMA: WHAT MAKES YOU BUDDHIST

This was the theme for the 58th Jr. YBA State Convention hosted by United of Oahu on June 19-21, 2015 at Aiea Hongwanji and the Pagoda Hotel. The weekend was filled with workshops (Pieper Toyama's "Gratitude" workshop, Zumba and Ministers' Panel), an exciting auction

(proceeds went to the Minister's Training Fund) and business meetings. It all lead up to the evening's dinner/awards banquet with special guest speaker Colleen Hanabusa.

Congratulations to all 2015 Convention Contest winners:

<i>Mr. & Miss Jr. YBA</i>	Ty Yamamoto (Oahu) & Akane Kimura (Oahu)
<i>Oratorical</i>	1 st Place: Alia Fukumoto (Honolulu)
	2 nd Place: Kano Hashimoto (Oahu)
<i>Art</i>	1 st Place: Randi Shioi (Honolulu)
	2 nd Place: Kenji Suzuki (Oahu)
<i>Essay</i>	1 st Place: Sheera Tamura (Honolulu)
	2 nd Place: Allyson Kuwana (Honolulu)
	3 rd Place: Koji Suzuki (Oahu)
<i>Model United</i>	The United of Oahu

Every year, United Advisors recognize hard working and committed Jr. YBA members. Congratulations to the following 2015 Outstanding Jr. YBA recipients:

<i>Hawaii:</i>	Michael Gusman, Kelsey Katayama, Shawn Mori
<i>Honolulu:</i>	Alia Fukumoto, Randi Shioi, Sheera Tamura
<i>Kauai:</i>	Mie Miller, Shawna Ogata, Melia Okura
<i>Maui:</i>	Rip Pahukoa, Brennen Wells, Layke Yamauchi
<i>Oahu:</i>	Kano Hashimoto, Katelyn Otani, Ty Yamamoto

Jacob Chang was also recognized for his outstanding job as the Youth Specialist. After seven years in this position he will be moving on to another career. Jacob, you will be missed and we wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Congratulations and Mahalo to the United of Oahu Convention Committee for putting on a successful convention!

NEW MEMBERS

We have some new faces at our Sunday Services. It's DAVID and KENDRA JOHNSON and son FLETCHER, and JAMES MILLER who prefers to be called JIM.

The Johnsons live in Kealakekua and David is available to volunteer whenever and you might see Kendra at Costco. Fletcher is almost ten years old and everybody's friend.

Jim lives in Captain Cook and is a retired English teacher. Anyone needs help with English?

THE LIFE OF SIDDHARTHA GOTAMA SAKYAMUNI--BUDDHA (part 3 of 4)

by Bruce Y. Nakamura

Descending the forest, Siddhartha bathed himself gently in the Nairanjana River making sure not to drown or lose consciousness. He then gratefully accepted milk porridge from Sujata, a daughter of a nearby village elder. Slowly Siddhartha began to regain his strength and courage to renew his quest. Determined to sit under a huge Boh-(Pippala) tree on the outskirts of Gaya, he vowed not to rise until spiritual awakening was realized. The five ascetics with whom Siddhartha had kept company condemned him a degenerate, renounced him and abandoned him.

As spiritual awakening neared, the king of temptation---Mara threatened Siddhartha with death's flaming sword. This did not deter the spiritual prince. Then mara transformed into a beautiful, sensuous woman trying to seduce him from realizing spiritual awakening. Siddhartha overcame both-the external threat of death and the internal seduction of base passions.

As the early morning stars flickered in the heavens on the 8th lunar day of the twelfth month, Siddhartha realized spiritual release from the afflictions that cause agony over old age, illness and death. He had discovered the Middle Way between the extremes of self-excesses and self-deprivations. Siddhartha Gotama had become the Awakened One, the world-honored One--Sage of the Sakya Clan, Sakyamuni Buddha Tathagata.

According to the oral tradition, Sakyamuni Buddha states, "We are not noble due to the family into which we are born; Rather, nobility is the result of our daily living". Sakyamuni Buddha is honored by Buddhist the world over as the founder of historical Buddhism. The Buddha was just thirty-five years old.

TURNING THE WHEEL OF THE DHARMA

Upon the Buddha's awakening he remained for a time in meditation. Convinced he should share the Dharma with others, he rose and set forth in search of his former companions now practicing in Mrgadava on the outskirts of Varansi, 100 miles beyond Gaya. Seeing him approach, they agreed to ignore the Buddha. Coming face-to-face with their former companion, however, the five ascetics were struck by the Buddha's peaceful demeanor and gentle words. The early oral accounts communicate the Buddha's first sermon on Vulture Peak--later to be formalized into a system known as the Four Noble Truths and the Eight-fold Noble Path.

The Buddha did not formalize the contents of his enlightenment into a system of tenets and doctrines to come later. He emphasized right living against unchallenged, fixed dogmas. His honest responses to the questions of life and death were realized, practiced and shared out of the inspiration and experience of wisdom and compassion.

The Buddha shared the Dharma in accord with the needs and potential of each group and person. Each person is unique and distinct; Spiritual development cannot be forced into a person's life to fit a specific religious idea and behavior. Wherever he went, whoever he came into contact, his unique personality, insights and sensibilities lay a ground upon which disciples could follow and emulate by experience and example

At times the Buddha stayed in Rajagrh in the country of Magadha or Jetavana in the country of Sravasti and at other times in the homes of the devout poor. He spread the Dharma in such ways that the number of disciples crossed all social barriers throughout India's northern kingdoms. While exceptional thinkers and artists were often rejected by their own generation, Sakyamuni Buddha was an extraordinary exception. In many cases even sworn enemies were moved by his gentle-disposition and compassionate spirit to become his disciples.

CONDOLENCES

Mrs. Gladys Kunitomo of Captain Cook passed away on June 14, 2015 at a Kona Community Hospital at the age of 78.

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.

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SPECIAL DONATIONS

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Hayama, In Memory of Noboru and Harue Hayama
Mr. & Mrs. Wally Ichishita, Father's Day, In Memory of Kazuo Ichishita and Shingo Nakayama
Mr. & Mrs. Takeo Nakasone, Gotan-E
Anonymous, In Memory of Kathryn K. Kawahara's 7th Anniversary
Okamoto Family, Father's Day, In Memory of Frank Okamoto
Elaine Kawasaki, In Memory of Masayuki Kawasaki's 33rd Anniversary
Nora Koyanagi, Project Dana
Ray Oyama, In Memory of Grandmother, Harue Kawakami's 17th Anniversary
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Total - \$735.00

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Ruth Kam, Memorial Service for Michael Yanagi
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kaneko, 1st Year Service for Mitsugi Komo
Mr. & Mrs. Yoshiyuki Kaneko, 1st Year for Mitsugi Komo
Elaine Komo & Family, 1st Year Memorial Service for Mitsugi Komo
Mr. & Mrs. Milton Matsuda, 1st Year Service In Memory of Mitsugi Komo
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Total - \$235.24

JIHO

Mr. & Mrs. Takeshi Matsumoto
Nora Koyanagi

Mr. & Mrs. Bert Maedo

Anonymous

Total - \$215.00

JUNE and JULY SUNDAY SERVICE

Offerings

Total - \$810.00

O-BON FESTIVAL

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