

KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



E - JIHO
December 2017



Theme & Slogan 2017: Embrace Change: Action (Open Communication)

BODHI DAY SERVICE

Sunday, December 3, 2017, English Service at 8:00 a.m.

Speaker: Rev. Arthur Kaufman

Associate Minister at Hawaii Betsuin

Note change in time of service

Breakfast will be served following service

This is the day to commemorate Sakyamuni Buddha's attainment of Awakening. According to legend, the historic event took place on December 8 as the first light of day began to glow in the eastern sky. By his example, Sakyamuni demonstrated that it was possible for man to become a Buddha---a fully Awakened Person. All human beings, therefore are in possession of this potentiality---Buddha Nature---which when awakened and cultivated enables them to achieve supreme wisdom and compassion. This day signifies the dawn of humanity's universal emancipation from suffering and unawareness.

JODO SHINSHU A GUIDE

MOCHI SALE BY KHBT Jr. YBA

Friday, December 30, 2017

Mochi Pick Up from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Mochi making from 7:00 a.m. to completion

Volunteers are needed and welcomed

Deadline to order: December 15, 2017

Additional Order Forms in Office

NEW YEAR EVE SERVICE

Sunday, December 31, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Reverend Bruce Nakamura

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER, contact Rev. Bruce Nakamura at 323-2993 or Emergency only 987-9900 or Morris Nagata at 987-0119.

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

DECEMBER

1 Friday ...	6:00 PM ...	Preschool Holiday Program
2 Saturday ...	8:00 AM ...	Omigaki #1
3 Sunday ...	8:00 AM ...	Bodhi Day Service
6 Wednesday ...	9:30 AM ...	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ...	Service @ Life Care Center
8 Friday ...	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
10 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service – Joint Birthday/Memorial
13 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Board of Directors Meeting
16 Saturday ...	2:00 PM ...	Big Island Council Meeting @ Honokaa
17 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
	-----	Judo Hall Clean-up
19 Tuesday ...	9:00 AM ...	Preschool Temple Visitation
20 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Round Table Forum
24 Sunday ...	-----	NO SUNDAY SERVICE
30 Saturday ...	7:00 AM ...	Jr. YBA Mochi Making
	12:00 PM ...	Mochi Pick-up
31 Sunday ...	7:00 PM ...	New Year Eve Service

JANUARY

3 Wednesday ...	9:30 AM ...	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ...	Service @ Life Care Center
5 Friday ...	6:00 PM ...	Judo Club Kagami Biraki
7 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service
12 Friday ...	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
13 Saturday ...	8:00 AM ...	Food Prep #1; Omigaki #3
	7:00 PM ...	Hoonko Candlelight Service
14 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Goshoki Hoonko English Service
	10:45 AM ...	Japanese Service
16 Tuesday ...	10:30 AM ...	HAIB Meeting
21 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	English Family Service – Joint Birthday/Memorial
28 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	32 nd Memorial Observance for Ellison Onizuka and Challenger Disaster
30 Tuesday ...	9:00 AM ...	Preschool Temple Visitation

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 TUESDAY ADULT'S TAIKO PRACTICE AT 6:00 PM
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 THURSDAY AT 7:00 PM KATA CLASS
EVERY FRIDAY AT 6:30 PM ADULT ONLY

IKEBANA

EVERY 2ND SATURDAY AT 9:00 AM IN THE SCOUT ROOM

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR DECEMBER, 2017 and JANUARY, 2018

First Year (2016)	December	3	ELAINE SUMIE PILTZ
		11	TOSHIE IZUNO
		29	TOSHIE SHIROTA
(2017)	January	23	SAKAE EGAMI
Third Year (2016)	January	1	YAEKO OHATA
Seventh Year (2011)	December	27	TERUO EZUKA
Thirteenth Year (2006)	January	6	HIROSHI MATSUYAMA
Seventeenth Year (2001)	December	4	MARY M. FUJINO
		10	TATSUO NAKAYAMA
		30	GEORGE YUKIO KIRIHARA
(2002)	January	2	SHIRO SAKATA
		14	HANAE NAGATA
		16	TADASHI ISHII
		19	NOBORU YAMAMOTO
Twenty-fifth Year (1993)	December	1	HARUE GO
		1	LAMORM KOBAYASHI
		1	KOU NAKAMURA
		12	MITSUGI NAKATA
		21	TAKEO KITAGAWACHI
(1994)	January	22	YOSHIMI UEMOTO
		24	WATARU IWANAGA
		31	ALICE KAZUE KIRIHARA
Thirty-Third Year (1986)	January	12	MINORU TANOUYE
		28	ELLISON SHOJI ONIZUKA
Fiftieth Year (1968)	December	16	ASAYO UEMOTO
		19	TAKEKO OKA
(1969)	January	17	TATSUYO SHIRAISHI
		26	HINA YANAGA
		30	KATSUKO FUKUDA

WHEN WE MEET GRIEF

by Bruce Nakamura

All beings of this world are subject to birth, living, growing old, illness and death. Though subject to this underlying truth and reality, we are often taken aback, bewildered and even surprised when such an event actually happens.

The following to some degree, describes what might happen through a loved one's illness, ensuing death and aftermath.

Your husband was ill for not to long, and while his death was anticipated, none-the-less his passing was traumatic. Missing him terribly, he would still want you to go forward with life. When your time comes, you'll join each other in the unsurpassed beauty of the Buddha's Country of Light. But then again, there's another side to this story...

Awakening in the morning, going about your day, placing your weary head on the pillow at night, his absence often comes to mind. Such is the human price of love and a lifetime of living, working and growing together in marriage and family. With your best friend of more than sixty plus years, grief hurts so badly, even the heart actually aches as if, weighed by a huge stone pressing on it.

The Buddha's Vow of great compassion assures you and me however, that our life's deepest pains would turn into a joy and serenity beyond any measure. So please say, "NaManDaBu - You and the heart of great compassion are always together as one"

The condolences of friends and those who knew your husband join you with their sincere hearts of sympathy but, leave little to ease the pain that's deeply wounded the heart. "I wish my doctor could give me a medication to cure this terrible pain that's overwhelmed my life."

The relief that he will suddenly come through the doorway reassuring you that it's just a bad nightmare has yet, to happen. Awaking from your sleep and dreams, you realize your husband did actually die afterall... Absent-minded moments mark the day, the long-some evenings keep you staring at the ceiling with the night-light on, wondering, "why did you leave me behind? - you're so selfish dying so soon..."

There will too, be a special place in your heart where you can go to meet your memories of love and togetherness with him that will ever be safe, secure and true. That place are also the moments you will meet the Buddha's great compassion and kindness. It is a kindness and compassion that cannot be met at any other time in human living. The moment your utter the Buddha's Name - that deepest inner voice in your heart, coming through your lips begins to sooth - healing as if a salve working upon an open wound. Your pain of human love and separation is joined by a deep joy that discovers and returns to those precious moments of your life spent together. It is a joy and wonder that otherwise, if he was still living, you both might have taken for granted otherwise. That joy is secure and steadfast, sustaining a grateful heart truly secure and safe in the Nembutsu of unhindered light and life.

So first just experience the Buddha's great compassion in your heart. It will naturally pour forth coming through your lips as "NaManDaBu". Great compassion as the very source and basis of human life is the unending togetherness your share with your husband and all that is Life-itself. That togetherness does not exclude your parents or grandparents. The Buddha's heart of great compassion or "NaManDaBu..." also includes your children, grandchildren and great children. The Buddha's all-embracing "NaManDaBu" encompasses your relatives, friends and neighbors and even that person across the street who not once said "boo-hoo" or "good morning" to you.

The Buddha's great compassionate heart fills all hearts and all minds but, it begins with you and me first, then naturally flows into all beings, past, present and future... NaManDaBu...

**The stars shines its brightest in the darkest of night;
The sunset dusk is at its most resplendent beauty on an ashen sky;
The Light of the Pure Land fills without fail,
All beings in the ten directions...**

I close with a voice of a dharma friend from the November 2017 newsletter "Dobo," authored by Coleen Kasamoto entitled, "A Curve Ball Named Death".

Life occasionally throws us a curve ball and it usually hits us when everything appears to be proceeding smoothly and effortlessly. It turns our days and nights upside down, until we somehow find the inner strength to meet it head on. One of these curve balls is named Death.

Intellectually, we know there is life, death eventually follows. We also acknowledge there is no timeline to mark this end of life. It can be in an hour, or next month, or ten years from now, thus making the acceptance of death so much more difficult. Parents do not wish to outlive their children, but it happens. Children want their parents to be around to watch them graduate, pursue a career, get married and enjoy any grandchildren, but it is not always possible.

Since death can strike without warning, we need to express our love for each other now and not later. We should make time to do things together, and to share thoughts and feelings before death wipes out any possibility of this every happening. We should extend our appreciation and gratitude today, not tomorrow, to those who have touched our lives. We should truly listen without judgment to each other to understand their perspective and we needed to it yesterday. Finally, and this should have been done every day, when facing a conflict, we should speak in a quiet and calm voice for a raised voice or an accusing voice will tune out the listener and we would have lost the opportunity to resolve the issue. If we can do all of this now and not put it off, when death does appear, we will have no regrets, no "I should have..." or "I wish I..."

Namuamidabutsu.

HEADQUARTER'S UPDATE

PROJECT DANA SELECTS CYNDI OSAJIMA AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MS. OSAJIMA SUCCEEDS FOUNDING PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, ROSE NAKAMURA

HONOLULU (August 14, 2017) -- Effective October 1, 2017, Cyndi Osajima will become Executive Director of Project Dana, a volunteer caregiving project for the frail elderly and disabled in the State of Hawaii. Ms. Osajima succeeds Founding Project Administrator Rose Nakamura who has led Project Dana since its beginning in 1989.

Cyndi Osajima has been a staff member of Project Dana for 25 years and the Volunteer Project Coordinator for 24 years. For the past year, she also has been Operations Manager. Ms. Osajima has been responsible for the recruitment and training of volunteers and for matching them with persons needing Project Dana's assistance. She received her B.A. in Sociology from California State University, Los Angeles, and a Master's degree in Public Health with a sub-specialization in Gerontology from the University of Hawaii Manoa.

Ms. Osajima's passion for serving the elderly and disabled -- providing them with support services that allow them to live independently and with dignity -- has been a hallmark of her tenure with Project Dana. She is committed to continuing the legacy of "Dana" or "selfless giving without expectation for recognition or reward" that was established by the late Shimeji Kanazawa, founder of Project Dana, and Rose Nakamura, Founding Project Administrator.

2017 ANNUAL MINISTER'S LAY ASSISTANT RETREAT HELD AT KAMUELA HONGWANJI

The purpose of the annual retreat is to review and enrich the knowledge of the participants in the rituals and traditions of the Nishi Hongwanji, General Buddhism and Shin Buddhism. All the knowledge and skills associated with functioning as a Minister's Lay Assistant (MLA) is covered during the retreat. The retreat is an opportunity to learn and/or refresh one's skills and knowledge that is associated with the role of a MLA but does not necessarily lead to certification. This retreat can be taken as many times as it remains meaningful and helpful to the participant.

The Facilitator/Instructors for this year's retreat were Rev. Shingo Furusawa, Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani and Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki. The special speaker on the role and responsibilities of an MLA was Dexter Mar, a certified MLA for Hawaii Betsuin.

The following 13 participants were:

Constance Fay, Honokaa Hongwanji; Warren Higuchi, Kamuela Hongwanji; Margie Kaiser, Kohala Hongwanji; Arlene Kawabata, Kamuela Hongwanji; Jodi Manabe Kobayashi, Kamuela Hongwanji; Robert Kobzi, Naalehu Hongwanji; Fredrick Nonaka, Kamuela Hongwanji; Miles Okumura, Honokaa Hongwanji; Ross Perrins, Honokaa Hongwanji; Craig Shimoda, Puna Hongwanji; Earl Tanaka, Honokaa Hongwanji; Tracy Tsuha, Honouliuli Hongwanji; and Lockey White, Paauilo Hongwanji.


We are hoping most of the participants will continue to work with their mentor ministers to work towards becoming a Certified MLA. For those who are curious, if after working with their mentor minister for a few years, if the mentor minister feels that the individual is ready for certification, he or she then writes a letter of recommendation to the Bishop. Then if the Bishop agrees with the mentor minister, the Bishop will certify the individual as a Certified MLA. So, we wish the best for the participants and their mentor ministers: Rev. Shingo Furusawa, Rev. Shinji Kawagoe and Rev. Satoshi Tomioka!



FIRST HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII JOINT CONFERENCE

We are excited to announce the First Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Joint Conference. Attached is the schedule and registration form. This was also sent to the temple ministers and presidents through email.

- 🚩 Ala Moana Hotel; September 1- 3, 2018
- 🚩 Please remind members that this is the BWA Conference, the Lay Convention, the Ministers' Spouses' meeting, the Jr. YBA meeting, and the Dharma Educators' Conference all rolled into one.
- 🚩 Temples will have to select their Lay representatives early so that they can register for the conference and reserve a room.

 All Hongwanji members are welcome to register and attend the conference, even if they are not attending one of the meetings. There will be a broad range of Dharma-centered workshops in which they can participate.

Participants should make their own room reservations at the Ala Moana hotel. Instructions are on page 1 of the Registration form. Please reserve hotel rooms by February 24, 2018. After that date, we cannot guarantee discounted room rates. You can print the Registration form double-sided. Members can keep the first page. They can send the second page, along with a check made out to "Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii" to:

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
1727 Pali Highway
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We appreciate early registration to aid us in planning, so an early registration fee of \$260 is available until January 20, 2018. The late registration fee is \$280 and should be submitted by July 20, 2018. After that, registration is accepted on a space available basis.

PBA LIGHTING OUR WAY BANQUET

November is right around the corner, a month where we continue one of Pacific Buddhist Academy's most anticipated traditions: our annual Lighting Our Way Banquet. This year's event will be held on Friday, November 17, 2017, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Waialae Country Club.

Continuing our tradition of honoring individuals and organizations who exemplify inspirational leadership through compassion, kindness and outstanding achievements, we are pleased to announce this year's honorees: **Dr. Doris Ching**, Emeritus Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Hawai'i, **Rev. Yoshiaki Fujitani**, former Bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i, **Les Murakami**, American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Famer, and the **Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services (KKV)**.

For more information, please call the Advancement Office at 808-532-2649 or click on this link:
<https://www.pacificbuddhistacademy.org/12th-annual-lighting-our-way-banquet-sponsorships-and-tickets#>

CUB SCOUTS PACK 12

Veteran's Day

Pack 12 participated in the Veteran's Day Ceremony held out at the Veterans Cemetery. Jack Ningeok-Ross posted our pack flag during the Posting of Colors. Cub Master Glenn contributed watermelons in behalf of the pack for the potluck lunch.

Lantern Parade

Our Cub Scouts were so excited to be upfront with the American Flag, Pack flag and Pack banner leading the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival Lantern Parade, which started from Kailua pier to Hale Halawai. Bryson Dagdag of Troop 59 carried the American Flag along with Kellen Kim who bared the Pack Flag. Dylan Keawe-Aiko (Troop 59) was flanked by the 2 flag carriers. It was nice to see people stand up as we approached with the American Flag.

Our introduction bio was: "Hear our Roar" Lions, Tigers, Bears, Wolves and Webelos. The mighty Cub Scouts of Pack 12!!! Thank you Den Leaders, parents and grandparents who marched and supported our pack.

Cub O Ree – Camp Honokaia

Theme: "Zombie Survival Camp". Several of our scouts participated in this year's overnight camping. Cub O Ree gives Cub Scouts an opportunity to experience the fun and adventure of going camping while having the opportunity to work on related rank requirements. The event Featured: Zombie face painting and T shirt painting, BB Gun, Archery, Skit, Trunk or Treat and a few other Zombie related games. All the scouts had a grand time. They really got into detail when doing the face painting.

Happy Halloween – Trunk or Treat

The ghouls and goblins were out and about in the parking lot on October 30th. Our annual “Trunk or Treat”. The scout parents had out done the previous years. Each parent parked their car and set up their ghoulish stations. This year there were a few bean bag games, bobbing for apples and nerf games. The topper of the event was Caramel Apples...YUMMY. Thank you, Cub Master Glenn for providing the delicious apples. Den Leader Dee Ono with helpers Lorna Matsuoka & Ian Shortridge (Ian was a former Pack 12 scout) assisted in dipping the apples. Dee provided the caramels, crock pot and all the delicious toppings. The Cub Scouts had a chance to make plain caramel apples or they could choose to add sprinkles. Each scout was thought safety on handling food and hot pot. This was a great example of teaching scouts and having fun at the same time. Dee Ono also provided as prizes: socks, pencils, chips and candies. The scouts were in charge of planning the games as part of requirements towards earning awards. Thank you, parents for providing the games and goodies for this event. All family members were invited to participate. Great job Scouts!!!

Food Drive

With the Holidays approaching...We are all so thankful for what we have. Every year the Cub Scouts want to help out the community and the less fortunate by collecting and donating food to the Food Basket. We will continue to collect food and monetary donations throughout the holidays. Anyone interested in making donations please contact Glenn @ 322-2278 or drop off at the scout room on Monday's from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. It is such a GREAT feeling to know that you made some difference in another person's life.

Upcoming Events:

Church Clean up – November 19th
Dec –Christmas Party
Dec - Christmas Caroling, Hualalai Regency
January 2018 –Winter Camp
February 2018 – Scout Sunday

CONDOLENCES

Mr. Masao Obata of Mililani passed away on August 15, 2017 at Wahiawa at the age of 96.

Mr. Mitsuo Hasegawa of Hilo passed away on October 17, 2017 at the Life Care Center of Hilo at the age of 88.

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

Stanley Kunitomo, Jiho
Mr. & Mrs. James Nakagawa, Jiho
Hatsuko Shiraiishi, In Memory of Tamo Takimoto's 25th Anniversary
Jenny Uemura- Sano, Jiho
Chiyono Kobayashi, In Memory of Clara Tokunaga
Mr. & Mrs. Bert Maedo, Jiho
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Nagata, In Memory of Misae Clara Tokunaga
Matsuko Onaka, In Memory of Hiroshi Tanaka's 13th Anniversary and In Memory of Tom H. Onaka's 25th Anniversary
Molly Takashiba
James Tashima & Family, In Memory of Takie Tashima
Oren, Ira & Cory Yamagata, In Appreciation for use of facility for Eagle Scout Award
Total - \$620.00

Acknowledgements – Continued:

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Dean & Lisa Uemura, In Memory of Mrs. Mitsuno Uemura
Jenny Uemura-Sano, 17th Year Memorial Service In Memory of Mistuno Uemura
Robert Yokomoto, Funeral Service & Related Expenses for Eleanor Yokomoto
Total - \$450.00

HAKASOJI and NOKOTSUDO

Mr. & Mrs. James Nakagawa	Stanley Kunitomo	Hatsuko Shiraishi
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Uechi	Jenny Uemura-Sano	Mark Thrift
Mr. & Mrs. Horace Yanagi, Jr.	Tokiko Sakata	
	Total - \$270.00	

OCTOBER SUNDAY SERVICES

Offerings	Total - \$216.00
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EITAIKYO SERVICE

Mr. & Mrs. Colin Byars	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gusman	Yasunori Deguchi
Mr. & Mrs. Sadayuki Inouye	Mr. & Mrs. Daren Katayama	Fujie Ichishita
Naoto & Sachi Katoku	Lillian Koshi	Nora Koyanagi
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Kunitake	Mr. & Mrs. Gail Masunaga	Janet Lindner
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Matsumoto	Mr. & Mrs. Morris Nagata	Alan Matsumoto
Mr. & Mrs. Mitsuo Nagai	Rev. & Mrs. Bruce Nakamura	Elaine Nakagawa
Chizu Nakashima	Russell & Wendy Nishihara	Helen Oishi
Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Nishina	Carol Okuna	Ethel Saito
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Takeoka	Mr. & Mrs. Terence Terada	Suga Suzuki
John & Shelly Tsue	Katy Uemura	
	Total - \$1,225.00	

CAPITAL FUND

Stanley Kunitomo	Mark Thrift
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HAWAII KYODAN DUES

Stanley Kunitomo	Mr. & Mrs. James Nakagawa	Mark Thrift
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Uechi		