

KONA HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE



E - JIHO
June 2018



Theme & Slogan 2018: Embrace Change: Harmony (Accept Differences)

15th ANNUAL O-BON FESTIVAL
Saturday, June 9, 2018 — 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Keauhou Shopping Center Parking Lot
Sponsored by KHBT Kyodan

The mission of the festival is to promote the cultural and religious aspect of bon dancing to the general public as a fun, educational and to foster positive supportive relationship between various taiko clubs and bon dancers in West Hawaii. This is the 15th year that KHBT is sponsoring this event. The first O-Bon Festival was held on June 9, 2004. Festival towels will be given free to the first 200 attendees. The Taiko Club performs at various temple bon dances in Kona and Kamuela. Come and join us as it's fun to dance to the beat of the taiko drums. Dates of dance practices are posted on the church bulletin board or contact the church office at 323-2993.

HONGWANJI JOINT CONFERENCE
September 1 to 3, 2018 at Ala Moana Hotel
Registration is open until July 20, 2018.
Contact President, Joseph Gusman for more information

PROBLEM WITH OURSELVES

A man would say, "If I had a better break, I could have succeeded." It is difficult for us to realize our worst enemy is within us. It is much easier to believe that somewhere outside us lay the obstacles, either in circumstances or in people. But there is no victory until we conquer ourselves.

Today's Thought by Rev. Paul Osumi

NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MINISTER, contact Rev. Bruce Nakamura at 323-2993 or Emergency only 987-9900 or Joseph Gusman at 324-0708 or 896-4988.

To schedule services or activities, call the church office at 323-2993 Monday thru Friday – 7:30 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

JUNE

3 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Adult Sunday Service
4 Monday ...	7:30 PM ...	Bon Dance Practice
6 Wednesday ...	9:30 AM ...	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ...	Service @ Life Care Center
7 Thursday ...	7:30 PM ...	Bon Dance Practice
8 Friday ...	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
9 Saturday ...	6:00 PM ...	O-Bon Festival @ Keauhou Shopping Center
10 Sunday ...	-----	NO SUNDAY SERVICE
13 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Board of Director's Meeting
12 Tuesday	thru 14 Thursday	Minister's Seminar in Honolulu
17 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Adult Sunday Service
20 Wednesday ...	-----	Round Table Forum - CANCELLED
24 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Adult Sunday Service
26 Tuesday ...	9:00 AM ...	Preschool Temple Visitation
29 Saturday	thru 1 Sunday	61 st State Jr. YBA Convention on Big Island

JULY

1 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Adult Sunday Service
4 Wednesday ...	9:30 AM ...	Service @ Hualalai Regency
	11:00 AM ...	Service @ Life Care Center
8 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Adult Sunday Service
13 Friday ...	8:30 AM ...	Senior Activity Program
15 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Adult Sunday Service
16 Monday ...	7:30 PM ...	Bon Dance Practice
17 Tuesday ...	9:00 AM ...	Preschool Temple Visitation
18 Wednesday ...	7:00 PM ...	Round Table Forum
19 Thursday ...	7:30 PM ...	Bon Dance Practice
21 Saturday ...	5:00 PM ...	Keei Buddhist Church - Cemetery Bon Service
	6:00 PM ...	Bon Service
	7:00 PM ...	Bon Dance
22 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Adult Sunday Service
23 Monday ...	7:30 PM ...	Bon Dance Practice
26 Thursday ...	7:30 PM ...	Bon Dance Practice
28 Saturday ...	-----	Bon Dance Set-up (Yagura)
	6:30 PM ...	Lantern Parade
	7:00 PM ...	Bon Dance
29 Sunday ...	9:00 AM ...	Hatsubon 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 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 JUNE and JULY, 2018

First Year (2017)	June	2	FUMIKICHI MATSUOKA
		24	HATSUMI TAKIMOTO
	July	25	KAZUO FUKUSHIMA
Third Year (2016)	June	8	YAEKO SHIOTSUKA
		18	SADAME VENEGAS
	July	10	MELVYN T. HAYASHIDA
		15	MASATOSHI IMAI
		31	CHIKAHARU SAITO
Thirteenth Year (2006)	June	13	WALTER TAKESHI NISHINA
	July	2	JANICE FUKIE SASAKI
		16	MILDRED UMEYO IMAI
Seventeenth Year (2002)	June	10	HORACE TATSUZO YANAGI, SR.
		11	SADIE SETSUE BRYANT
		15	FUYUKO "JEAN" AOKI
		25	TATSUO NISHIHARA
		30	HELEN TOYOKO DEGUCHI
	July	5	TAKAICHI KOBAYAKAWA
		7	TONOSE HIRATA
		12	CLIFFORD MASAJI SUGIYAMA
Twenty-Fifth Year (1994)	June	6	PAUL NOBORU YAMAMOTO
	July	9	NELSON TAKASHI NAGATA
		19	KIKUE KATO
		31	HARUMI SUGI
Thirty-Third Year (1986)	June	3	MATSUE SAKATA
		6	DAISAKU UCHIDA
		30	SHUN OKU
Fiftieth Year (1969)	June	9	RADLEY KEIZO ASAKURA
		18	CHITOSHI OKADA
	July	24	KOICHI MATSUYAMA

For Your Information

By Mary Katayama

President's Message: President Gusman extends congratulations to the Quiz Bowl team (Mana, Jana and Daren) for winning first place in the Dharma School Quiz Bowl. Congratulations to all the high school seniors on graduation and best wishes for their future.

Dharma School Quiz Bowl: The 18th Annual Dharma School Quiz Bowl was held at Kamuela Hongwanji on Sunday, April 29, 2018. Dharma School students from Hilo, Kamuela, Paauilo and Kona participated. **Manami Alspach and Jana Masunaga** represented Kona Hongwanji and **placed FIRST** by answering 21 of 30 questions correctly. Each team had an adult Lifeline to answer 3 questions from participants. Daren Katayama was Kona's Lifeline. He proudly reports that Kona's team referred only 2 questions to him. **Congratulations to Mana and Jana! We are proud of your knowledge of Jodo Shinshu in Hawaii.**

Baccalaureate Service: The annual Baccalaureate Service was held on Sunday, May 20, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. Police Officer Lt. Akira Edmondson was guest speaker. Six Konawaena High School graduates were present with their parents and/or grandparents. They were: Bryson-Jay Abe, Nick Hiromasa, Mark Inouye, Ryan Ogi, Tori Oshiro and Jayse Takimoto. Lunch and

program followed in the social hall. Each graduate was introduced and spoke of their post-graduation plans. Thank you to Jr. YBA Advisor Lynn Katayama for the delicious lunch and desserts.

Birthday/Memorial Service: A few years ago Rev. Bruce started monthly Joint Birthday/Memorial Services. On assigned Sunday service, a tablet is placed on the offertory table to write names of attendees celebrating birthdays and family members/friends who passed away in the month. During the service, Rev. Bruce will read names recorded on the tablet. Those celebrating birthdays will be asked to come forward and the congregation sings Happy Birthday. Members are encouraged to call the church office (323-2993) to schedule private memorial service **for the 1st, 3rd, 7th, 13th, 17th, 25th, 33rd and 50th year.** Names, date of death and year for Memorial Services is listed in the Jiho.

Bon Festival: The 15th Annual Bon Festival will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Keauhou Shopping Center parking lot. This is a fundraising event for our temple. Please come and support KHBT and our Taiko Group who drums for many of the bon dances in Kona. Dancing to the beat of taiko drums is invigorating.

TAIKO GROUP

Bon season will be soon upon us. Our bon dance practice is as follows:

Thursday, May 31, 2018	Monday, June 4, 2018
Thursday, June 7, 2018	
Monday, July 16, 2018	Thursday, July 19, 2018
Monday, July 23, 2018	Thursday, July 26, 2018

All practices starts at 7:30 p.m. in our social hall.

Congratulations to our high school graduates of 2018:

Nick Hiromasa and Kaimi Kunitomo

AMID LIFE'S TANGLE

by Bruce Y. Nakamura

**Though beings of this period
mask greed, anger and stupidity (GAS),
Aroused deeper in us, is that spiritual source -
Flowing Great Compassion's Light.
Secure in the Buddha's "True-Entrusting Heart
of Great Compassion" - Let us together return
From the Land of Supreme Bliss for others.
Na Man Da Butsu...**

You are unique and truly special. There is no one else like you or me in the entire universe. We can neither be imitated, duplicated nor replicated. Each of us too, has a special story - a precious and unrepeatable journey or each life unfolding in that sojourn through human birth, growing, maturation, twilight and then, death. My human life appearing now, will inevitably disappear; Can anyone either foretell or determine who or what will come after?...

Our own unique story invokes an array of behavior, attitudes mirror in some forms, the Four Noble Truths: **"Life is not without Suffering; The cause to our suffering is clinging; There is a pathway to freedom from that suffering; The pathway to Freedom is lived in the Eight-fold pathway."** Whatever, whoever inspires and sustains us on life's pathway, there will be moments that invoke depths of great suffering, and too, foretastes to spiritual freedom and liberation.

Did you know that Shinran Shonin had several given names upon his birth to Hino Arinori and Lady Kikkyo? The most popular as you all know is "Matsuwakamaru"? This first-born was also the eldest boy named Takayasu, Trurumitsumaro. Four younger brothers followed - Jinnu, Kennu, Yu'i an Gyokan, respectively.

With other waning nobility class and families, Hino, Arinori and his four younger sons would find entry to the cloister of monastic living. Four hundred years up to that present the waning nobility saw the increasing power and dominance of the samurai warrior class. The ancient capital's shift from Hien-Kyo to Kyoto brought regular threat of violence to its suburbs, held ransom by the soldier-monks - *sohei* of Mt. Hiei at.

Unnerving as that was, unremitting famine, fire, earth-quake and tornado visited the population. Its victims flooded the capita, the dead littered the streets and spilled into the rivers. The rotting smell of human flesh was lay heavy in the air. One account recorded the monk, Ryugo walked its streets brushing the character of "A" for Amida on over 42,000 foreheads of the dead.

Whether high, middle or low station, the boundary between life and death seemed to have utterly collapsed. All too many anticipated the end of the world at hand. From the Chinese to the Japanese, this was to known as **the Final Age - the period when the Dharma becomes Extinct or Mappo**.

Matsuwakamaru was brought before Chief Priest Jien at the behest of Regent Kanezane, advisor to the Emperor with the expressed dying wish of Lady Kikkyo, that the youth, Shinran become a monk.

...whatever the reason, Priest Jien ordains the young Shinran where upon, he is given the Dharma Name "Hannen". Hannen will serve as novice monk at the Yokawa Daijo Temple performing ritual practices...

This area is connected with Genshin's Nembutsu intense Recitations, the Fifth Pure Land Master of Shin Pure Land Teachings. In Eshin-ni's Letters later discovered in the archives of Nishi Hongwanji, she writes in her own hand, "Shinran was a doso on Mt. Hiei".

A doso performs fudan nembutsu practice and service-rituals for the safety of the court and the prosperity of the country:

"A number of assigned monks took turns walking around the seated figure of Amida Buddha. For 90 days they chanted the Nembutsu. Their spiritual goal - visualization of Amitabha-Amitayus of the western paradise. Later the same practice was distilled to a week then, down to three days during which time there was no time for rest or sleep."

Hannen must have had to divide his time with prayers to "benefit the country", "engage in personal prayers on behalf of his mother's passing" and on top of that, his own pursuit for spiritual liberation from the cycle of birth-and-death at the Yokawa Jogyo Zanmai Temple.

As growing and maturing persons, we explore the deeper psychological and spiritual underpinnings that fuel our yearnings and impulses in that phase of human development and maturation. Coming into young adulthood, we must struggle with our limits to rid ourselves of our 'bad thoughts'. Youthful 'naivete' experiences a guilt - "Why can't I purge my impurities?" Instead that incapacity only, intensifies our human deep impulse to greed, anger and deceitful arrogance (delusion). These elusive force is masked in the subtle, yet, deep, ego-working awaiting a deeper truth that arouses that amazing, great compassion.

By age twenty, Hannen had become a full-fledged monk embarking on his search for enlightenment in earnest. Hannen now visits the Horyu Temple in the village of Ikarua. It has deep ties to Shotoku Taishi - the historical founder of Japanese Buddhism. Young Hannen may have been moved by obligation to retreat at this site.

During this spiritual respite, Hannen is visited by a terrifying dream in Shotoku Taishi: In this dream he is addressed as 'Zenshin': "Oh, Zenshin, listen carefully. Please pay attention to what I have to say. You have ten some years left to live, after which the three sacred Ones - Amida Buddha, Kwannon and Seishi Bodhisattvas will bring you into the world of Utmost Purity.

Struck by the Prince's warning, 'ten some years left to live', Shinran thinks this to mean that his life span left will be twenty years at most. Young man, Shinran, Young man, Hannen is gripped by a reprehensible fear of his impending death. This dream marks a decisive turning point in Zenshin-Shinran's search for his enlightenment.

Upon returning from Horyu Temple, Zenshin found himself entering the second decade of his young adult life:

...Resuming his practices in accord with the Tendai tradition, his whole being burned with a deep impulse that most of us go through at that age. He agonized over his fading youth and an overwhelming impulse for honor and prestige and some speculate, deep burning passions, namely, sexual yearnings. Shinran had now come face-to-face with an unquenchable thirst to stand out among others with fame and accomplishment, yet yoked by passions. of greed, anger and arrogance...

This evolution in Shinran's spiritual journey emerges in the larger image of our practicing monk frustrated, unable to attain personal enlightenment.

In the process of evolving and growing in our human journey, we begin to realize that it is impossible for us to exorcise or completely negate ourselves from the most basic frailties that weigh heavy one's dream for "success for a meaningful life". In Shinran's apparent situation, he is desperate for a spiritual resolution that will reconcile this predicament that hovers over his life-and-death crisis.

With no record of Shinran's dream at the Rokkakudo Chapel accounted for, his search compels him to seek his new Master Genku - Honen-bo. Master Honen had been spreading the "Exclusive Selected Nembutsu Practice on Amida's Primal Vow" for the last twenty years in the Yoshimizu area of Kyoto.

According to Honen, **"Regardless of how ignorant we are, however the many evil deeds committed, if we simply entrust ourselves to Amida Buddha from the bottom of our hearts, reciting His Name in total faith in His Vow to enlighten all beings, we shall undoubtedly be born in His Buddha Realm of Peace and**

Sustenance. Thus, it is termed the "Easy Practice" over the "Difficult Practice".

Again Honen states: **"...the true way to be saved is the way taught in the Larger Sutra on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life, the Meditation Sutra on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and the Amida Sutra, supplanted by the, 'Discourse on the Pure Land (Jodoron) by Tenjin Vasubandhu, the Indian Buddhist Master. Such are the works that teach the Way of the Nembutsu through absolute reliance on Amida - the 'Easy Way' to spiritual liberation..."**

Among the many who came to hear Honen's message were those in high, middle and low stations. Whether, they be samurai who had mercilessly killed in battle,...women agonizing over selling their own bodies or, abandoning their children due to 'hard-up' circumstances -- all found safe-harbor first-hand, in the gentle, firm embrace of Amida Buddha's Vow of Compassion.

From the hearts of so many, flowed tears of joy, knowing that they too, were in the Buddha's firm, yet, tender embrace. As taught by Master Honen, their joy was not the results of their own doing; but rather a joy arising solely and entirely, from of the absolute, Other Power of the Buddha's Great Compassion.

Honen shall later bestow the Buddha-Dharma Shakku. Shinran's Dharma Name is derived from the suffix of Shin's 4th spiritual Master, Doshaku and the suffix from Honen's own name Genku.

Within two years, Shakku has yet another dream that Kannon Bodhisattve appears before him as a monk dressed in a pure white robe sitting in a pure white lotus. The monk proclaims:

"If through karmic ties, this Nembutsu devotee marries, I, Kannon Bosatsu will take the form of a beautiful woman to become his wife and helpmate...Further, I will adorn you during your lifetime and when you reach the end of your life, will be lead to be born in the Pure Land of Ultimate Joy...This is my Vow to you, oh honorable Zenshin... please transmit this meaning to all sentient beings in this world..."

Thus, during his 90 years of human life in this world, the Faithful would come to know Shakku later known to himself and to others as "Gutoku Shinran, the ignorant stubble-headed Shinran". He iss to become the inspiration to one of the most prominent, provocative and radical message, the world has ever known. This school would be known as the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji -Ha or the True Pure Land Pathway of True-Entrusting Nembutsu.

The "True-Entrusting Heart" of Amida Buddha Great Compassionate Vow (Shinjin) has been given over freely, into all sentient beings as the Nembutsu of Thanksgiving. Flowing at the Heart of this radical Buddhist Faith, is a grateful heart having been received in the Tathagata's Benevolence. At its deepest level is awakened that absolute Confidence, that is Buddha's Great Compassion. In the spirit of Shinran, "Live assuredly and gratefully, humbly sharing this pathway with all that you come to encounter" will always echo in the Nembutsu... :

From Shinran Shonin's Go-Wasan Poems:

**The Pure Land is Light --
3,600,000 billion beyond number.
Shining brilliantly from each blossom,
There is no place and no one**

They do not touch.
Namo Amida Butsu...

Reference: The Venerable Master Shinran - An Illustrated Biography; HHMH - Shinran's 750th Memorial; C. 2009; *May Peace & Tranquility Prevail Throughout the World.*

HEADQUARTER'S UPDATE

INTRODUCTION OF A NEW MINISTER

Rev. Kerry Kiyohara is *kaikyōshi* minister serving the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. He received *tokudo* ordination in 2016, graduated Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin Seminary and received *kyōshi* certification in 2018.

Rev. Kerry Kiyohara previously built profitable brands and businesses over two decades as a creative copywriter, corporate executive, and strategy consultant. He graduated with BA and MBA degrees from University of Southern California, and worked in Tokyo, Beijing, and Shanghai.

Rev. Kerry Kiyohara speaks English, Japanese, basic Spanish, survival Chinese, and struggles with *da kine* Hawaiian Creole English. He is very happy to be called 'grandpa' by a precious six-year-old granddaughter.

Rev. Kerry Kiyohara is currently taking the New Minister's Orientation at Headquarters and Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. He will be assigned to Makawao Hongwanji Mission on Maui as its Resident Minister as of June 1, 2018.

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS

From: Dean Sakamoto, Chair of the Committee on Social Concerns

The Office of the Bishop and the Committee on Social Concerns (CSC), together, have been in contact with temple ministers and presidents for flood damage assessments on the Island of Kauai and Oahu and for volcanic disaster related impacts on the Island of Hawaii. While we have not received reports of any temple damages, unfortunately, we have been advised that some temple members from Kauai have been impacted by the flood and several temple members on the Island of Hawaii have been impacted by the volcano disaster.

"Omimai", a Japanese custom that is often used to enquire (inquire) and call or visit someone who is ill, such as when visiting someone in the hospital. The CSC uses the term "Omimai" to reach out and respectfully express our concern to a member (or a temple) who have experienced some type of unexpected hardship such as property damage from a disaster.

At the May 5th Board of Directors meeting, the CSC reported the following Emergency Disaster related actions (coordinated with the Office of the Bishop):

- A. A donation of \$4,000 to Kauai Hongwanji Council (KHC) with KHC to determine and distribute funds to organization(s) and/or individual(s) working towards flood disaster relief efforts on Kauai. Suggested list of organizations was provided by CSC to KHC.
- B. A donation of \$1,000 (via Kapaa Hongwanji) to the Hanalei Nihonjin Kai Cemetery (5013c) damaged by flood. Kapaa Hongwanji will coordinate and distribute funds.
- C. Omimai of \$500 to a Kapaa Hongwanji member affected by the flood (property flooded).
- D. Omimai of \$500 to a Kapaa Hongwanji member affected by the flood (property flooded).
- E. Omimai of \$500 to a West Kauai Hongwanji member affected by the flood (property flooded).
- F. A donation of \$1,100 to the Hawaii State VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster)

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii continues to assess the volcano disaster impacts to our members (and temples), and because of the unpredictable nature and the potential damages that an active volcano may cause, this assessment will take some time as conditions continue to change over time. We have initially requested the Hawaii Island temple ministers and presidents at Puna Hongwanji and Hilo Betsuin to keep the Office of the Bishop and the CSC informed as information becomes available, and also to provide assistance to those in need to the extent that a temple or a member is able to provide.

At this time, the CSC is not planning to set-up a special collection and will rely on available funds from the Social Welfare Fund which is replenished through donations from annual Social Concerns fund drives. We are grateful for the generous donations from our members and the CSC will continue to monitor the fund balance to ensure that a minimum level remains available in the fund, especially considering the 2018 Hurricane season will approach soon.

It is understandable that members may want to make a donation with good intentions to help, and our Hawaii Island committee representative, Mr. Ken Okimoto, advises: "Before you donate, pay attention to what kinds of donations are requested; be sure who or what responsible group is willing and able to handle your donation; don't just donate whatever to whoever."

Monetary donations are usually quicker, easier to coordinate, and allows maximum flexibility for the recipient to meet unmet needs. It is the donor's responsibility to research an organization or a fund is valid and will be used for disaster relief efforts before a donation is made. If any assistance is needed, please contact the CSC.

I would also like our members to know that the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is an official member of the Hawaii VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster). The Hawaii VOAD consists of non-profit organizations, faith-based groups, and partner government agencies. Please visit: www.hivoad.communityos.org for information. Also, information on the Puna lava flow can be found at www.punalavaflow.com. Disaster preparedness is everyone's responsibility.

BWA STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO JAPAN IN 2019

Every other year, we send two female delegates to Japan as exchange students in compliance with a resolution adopted during the Third World Buddhist Women's Convention held in Honolulu in June 1967. The stated aim of the resolution was "nurturing future leaders for Jodo Shinshu women's activities through exposure to Buddhist culture in Japan, oriental culture and youth movement and as a mission of good will.

Seeking Delegates for the 2019 Exchange Program

What: Student Exchange Program to Japan
When: Late July to early August 2019 (14 days)
Who: Two Hawaii women, ages 17–23 years old
Why: Be exposed to Buddhist and Asian culture; Be a missionary of good will

Applications must be received at the address above by October 31, 2018.

If you have any questions, call 808-522-9200 or contact a BWA member. Click here for more information:
<http://hawaii.bwa.org/programs/student-exchange/>

HONGWANJI JOINT CONFERENCE

Don't miss out! Two hundred eight of your fellow members have signed up for the first ever Hongwanji Joint Conference from September 1st to 3rd at the Ala Moana Hotel. But don't worry... there's always room for you! Registration is open until July 20th. Forms are available on the Hongwanji website or from your temple president.

The theme, "Embrace Change – Harmony (Accept Differences)" gives you the opportunity to select from a wide variety of workshops. Express harmony in music with taiko, chanting, ukulele, and gatha singing. Deepen your awareness of harmony in Buddhism by learning Buddhism through contemporary songs, by attending a panel of ministers who will speak on peace and harmony in Buddhist teachings, by participating in a discussion of Monshu Kojun Ohtani's new book, or by taking a photography session and learning to see with fresh vision.

You can explore harmony in society in workshops on issues being addressed by our social concerns committee, on LGBTQ awareness, on green Hongwanji, and on Islam in a panel presentation by members of the Manoa Mosque.

These are just a sampling of the workshops available. We hope you'll take advantage of these opportunities to deepen your awareness and sense of interconnectedness. We are so fortunate to have so many people willing to share their skills and knowledge with us.

Of course, in addition to services and workshops, there's the opportunity to talk story with your friends from across the state. Saturday night is a free night, and the Okinawan Festival is just down the block at the Hawaii Convention Center. Sunday night is our banquet with great food and good entertainment. It's a weekend not to be missed... see you there!

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Edna Yamashita, In Memory of Sueo Yamashita's 17th Anniversary and In Memory of Ittoku Sakamoto and Tone Sakamoto
Raymond Yanagi

Total - \$4,175.00

MEMORIAL SERVICES

George Sugi & Family, 7th Year Memorial Service for Yasue Sugi
Claudia Chang, 7th Year Memorial In Memory of Lance Chang
Nancy Fujimoto & Ohana, 7th Year Memorial Service In Memory of Lance Chang
Jenny Nakashima, In Loving Memory of Lance Chang's 7th Year Anniversary
Wesley, Janet, Carl, Ruth and Horace Yanagi Jr., In Loving Memory of Dorothy and Horace Yanagi Sr.

Total - \$455.00

HAKASOJI and NOKOTSUDO

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Total - \$3,135.38		

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Total - \$610.00		

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Total - \$375.00		

APRIL and MAY SUNDAY SERVICES

Total - \$927.00

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Total - \$406.00

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