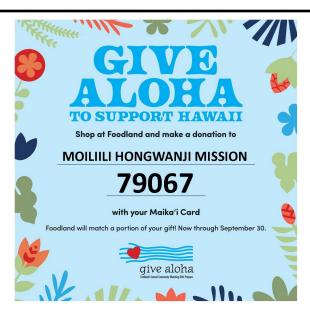
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Come and join The Hawaii Kai Jaycees at their Inaugural Autumn Matsuri Craft Fair on September 14 from 10:00AM - 2:00PM in the Moiliili Hongwanji Temple Social Hall. Support and enjoy crafts, snacks, and food from local small business vendors.



The White Way

Mo'ili'ili Hongwanji is the center of Shin Buddhist spiritual growth, learning, and compassionate service to our Community.

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Tales From the Gym (Part 1)

Rev. David Fujimoto

"Ah, hard to encounter, even in many lifetimes, is the decisive cause of birth, Amida's universal Vow! Hard to realize, even in myriads of kalpas, is pure shinjin that is true and real! If you should come to realize this practice and shinjin, rejoice at the conditions from the distant past that have brought it about."

-Shinran Shōnin

Preface to the Kyōqyōshinshō

Since I moved here to Mō'ili'ili Hongwanji, I've been trying to exercise more consistently. In the mornings and sometimes during lunch, there is a good chance you'll see me walking around the block or at the gym. Since I've been doing this, I've been catching myself doing something or other people have asked me about it.

Since before the pandemic, it's been widely understood that one should wipe down and spray disinfectant on the machines after use. There are some who still don't, so I tend to spray and wipe down before and after I use the machines.

However, when I am done, I find myself without even thinking, putting my hands in gassho and bowing to the machine. Many of us, when we receive something, or greet someone, we put our hands together in gassho and bow, it's a common greeting and a sign of appreciation in many cultures. But why the machine? The person who was using a machine next to me asked.

I never really thought about it, until I was questioned about it. I mentioned that I believe it's in appreciation and gratitude for just the opportunity for being able to use the machine, the people who maintain it, and how it contributes to my well-being.

We are truly interdependent, especially when it comes to even a simple exercise machine. Sometimes we don't even realize it. Sure, we may complain when it's broken, but we don't see the true picture of its existence and what it took for it to be there, and for us to even be able to use it. Our human lives are just like that in which we don't often reflect on the karmic conditions to which we have life.

It's such a simple gesture that probably the machine will never feel or experience, but it's really for us. A simple gesture that exhibits our appreciation and gratitude, just as if we were receiving something from someone. If we were all able to that, even without thinking, I believe that that small gesture would lead us to live a life full of appreciation and gratitude in the Spirit of the Nembutsu.

MAUI WILDFIRE UPDATE

Note: On Sunday, August 11, 2024, an interfaith "Day of Hope and Prayer" gathering was held for Lahaina residents at the Lahaina Civic Center Gymnasium. Rev. Ai Hironaka and Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani attended the event. Rev. Hironaka, as one of the interfaith leaders who represented the Buddhist organizations in Lahaina, delivered the following message in remembrance of the Lahaina Wildfire, which destroyed much of the town, including the Lahaina Hongwanji Mission buildings, on August 8, 2023.

Good morning Lahaina,

On this day last year, I was living as an evacuee at a friend's house in Kahului. I am deeply grateful to this friend who sheltered about 12 of us evacuees. The news on cable TV was playing all day long. It was the fourth day after the fire, and I'm sure the two days' supply of clothes I brought was already not enough, but I can no longer remember the details of how I spent my time. However, I clearly remember sleeping in a tent in the patio with my dog.

Two days ago, I visited Duke's Restaurant at Honua Kai for lunch for the first time since leaving the shelter nine months ago. From there, I took my child to school in Kihei. I also took my child to Maui Waena Middle School from there. I fondly recall the daily exchanges of "Good morning" with the security staff. I also remember the time spent eating pork ribs and fish tacos with my family in the room. Honua Kai embraced us evacuees with its grand, beautiful scenery and wonderful rooms, giving us a place to return to. I want to take this chance to express my gratitude to the room owners, whose names I don't even know. However, the Honua Kai I knew felt different. The security gate that protected us evacuees was no longer there. The lobby felt large, maybe because the booths of groups that supported us, like the Red Cross and FEMA, were no longer there. There was no one at Duke's counter where we used to line up for meals every day. There were no more friends with purple or yellow wristbands, and no dogs either. While I was glad to see that Honua Kai was back to normal, my heart tightened with a bit of sadness. It felt as if it was quietly encouraging me, saying, "You don't need to come back here anymore. You'll be fine on your own. You can do it!"

Can we really be fine on our own? I'm not that strong. We often hear "Maui Strong" and "Lahaina Strong," but what do these words really mean? While I was living as an evacuee at my friend's house, a gentleman from the Maui Oil Company, who was delivering relief supplies to Lahaina, stopped by my friend's house every day to refill ice in our coolers and provide us with needed supplies. He said, "People aren't that strong. Everyone is suffering and struggling. Because we're not strong, we have to help and support each other." At that moment, I felt I understood the true meaning of "Maui Strong" and "Lahaina Strong." These words show a humble and strong expression, bringing together those who suffer and those who help, creating the strongest and most meaningful words in this world.

After the fire, the connections between people have grown stronger. After the fire, we learned how to be close to those who suffer. There are still those who shed tears. But crying doesn't make someone weak. Being told to move forward but not being able to keep up with others doesn't make someone weak. Remembering what was lost in a sudden moment doesn't make someone weak.

Do we really have to do on our own? No, we don't. We have "Lahaina". Lahaina includes Aloha, history, culture, diversity, compassion, and much more, but what's most important is that it's the people who make Lahaina what it is. When we look at the town of Lahaina, now empty of people, many of us may feel the same way.

When you shed tears quietly, I want to introduce you to a Buddha who sheds those tears with you. That Buddha is Amida Buddha. Amida Buddha has the power of Namo Amida Butsu. This means that Amida Buddha enters our hearts, each of us with different emotions, and meets us where we are. For those who want to cry, Amida Buddha cries with them; for those who suffer, Amida Buddha suffers with them. "I won't let you cry alone; I will become your tears and cry with you." "If you can't look forward and only look down, that's okay. I will heal and protect you from that direction you're looking." "I will never leave you alone. I am always with you." Amida Buddha accepts the strong as strong and the weak as weak, embracing us as the Buddha of the six characters, Namo Amida Butsu. When I recite Namo Amida Butsu, my voice reaches my ears. Hearing and feeling that great heart of compassion, I want to walk with the Buddha of the voice who tells me, "It's okay as you are. You don't have to try so hard."

Now, as we reach the one-year memorial, the situation remains difficult. Let's all work together and do our best as we move into the second year.

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We will not leave anyone behind us.

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Lets go Lahaina, go together into our second year!

Namo Amida Butsu



Mahalo & Otsukare Sama Deshita!

On behalf of the Mōʻiliʻili Summer Fest & Mōʻiliʻili Hongwanji Mission, I would like to personally thank our sangha, family, friends, and various organizations for coming together to put on another successful Mōʻiliʻili Summer Fest! We had over 200 volunteers who helped in various areas.

The 11th Annual Mōʻiliʻili Summer Fest was held on Saturday, July 6, 2024 at the Old Varsity Theatre parking lot. It was estimated that approximately 8,000 attendees attended (a little smaller than previous years.)

The evening before, the Mōʻiliʻili Summer Fest Sneak Peek preview took place where attendees had the opportunity to pick up andagi, collaboration t-shirts from Sumofish, collaboration sherbert from Asato Family Shop and food from various food vendors.

On Saturday, August 10th, we held our annual Bon Dance Mahalo Party to recognize all of our volunteers. Over 100 volunteers attended. We enjoyed the evening with entertainment, games, food and fellowship.

A special mahalo to our Bon Dance planning committee for another year of executing a successful event!

Mahalo,

Ryne Masuda Mōʻiliʻili Summer Fest Event Coordinator Mōʻiliʻili Hongwanji Mission Bon Dance Chair

Memorial Services

As COVID-19 restrictions ease, Moiliili Hongwanji can now provide religious services such as Memorial Services and Funeral Services at our main temple (Hondo). Seating is limited to provide social distance. Please contact our temple office at 949-1659 for more details and to make an appointment.

We also provide Online Memorial Services via Zoom. Please go to www.moiliilihongwanji.org and complete the request form.

Year of passing	Type of memorial service
2023	1 st year
2022	3 rd year
2018	7 th year
2012	13 th year
2008	17 th year
2000	25 th year
1992	33 rd year
1975	50 th year

CAMPAIGNING FOR OUR TEMPLE'S RENOVATION-UPDATE 13

"Spreading the Joy of Gratitude, Peace, and Service to All"

"Heads Up, Everyone"

Yoo hoo! Anybody home? Knock knock! The Moiliili Hongwanji Capital Campaign Team is here to solicit your donation!

YES! Our Capital Campaign is still moving onward and looking healthy! We initiated our campaign in February 2023, with our goal of \$500,000.00, which will go toward renovations and improvements of the Social Hall, Lower Annex, restrooms, and grounds. We are excited to report that we are now over the half way mark, with \$264,017.00 in the account! The Capital Campaign Team's ardent wish is to reach our goal by February 2026 or sooner!

We need an extra boost to gain momentum as we plow ahead with gusto! We want to THANK YOU VERY MUCH if you have already given and continue to donate. If you haven't done so yet, please reach deep and kokua! Here are the levels of support:

Benevolent	\$30,000 +
Entrusting	\$10,000 - 29,999
Aspiring Mind	\$ 2,500 - 9,999
Joyful Mind	\$ 1,000 - 2,499
Sincere Mind	\$ 1 - 999

A plaque will be designed to list names of donors under levels: <u>Benevolent to Joyful Mind</u>. Those under <u>Sincere Mind</u> will be recognized in an alternate way. If you've been giving annually or incrementally, your donations will be combined. Heartfelt MAHALO for your continued support of Moiliili Hongwanji Mission.

The Capital Campaign Team, Nancy Shimamoto, Joanne Kealoha, Reverend David Fujimoto,

Rona Fukumoto, Robin Meade, Martha Samson, Emma Kie, and Iris Wasa Uehisa

Kolohe Krafters

Another Bon Dance has come & gone and we are meeting again on Monday mornings around 10:00. Please stop by and join us. You are welcome to create items for sale using the donated supplies. Or just hang out and talk story if you want; we may find a task for you.

Thank you to all who have been supporting us with kind, encouraging words and with many donations. This year, although we sold happi totaling about \$2000, we purchased fabric to create them so our net happi profit is just under \$2000 for 2024. We have been very fortunate to receive several donations of fabric, (from the Hamasu family, Jerry M., Leighton M, & Wendy N.), so hopefully we will not need to purchase happi fabric for next year.

We would like to thank the volunteers who helped sew happi this year. They are Anne, Cheryl, Iris, Joy, Karen, Marge, Mari, and Pat. As always we would like to thank Noriyo for serging all the happi pieces. We would not be able to continue this project without her help.

Thank you Nancy S. for connecting us with a large donation through Kuakini. We will be selling these hand-crafted items at the upcoming Open House/Bazaar. There will also be bags of donated supplies for sale in the Rummage section. Please check out the variety of items that are priced to sell.

The Krafters' items sold well at the Bon Dance and we look forward to creating new items for the upcoming Open House/Rummage Sale on October 6. Please continue to support the Kolohe Krafters. Thank you!



Open House & Bazaar is coming up next month on Sunday, October 6, 2024 from 9:00-1:00 pm at Moiliili Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.

Rummage Sale

There will be new or slightly used items such as kitchenware, household items, games & toys, clothing, and cultural items. Kolohe Krafters have been busy sewing and making handmade items. If you are able to sort, label and price items, help is especially needed on Sundays from 10:45-1:00.

Plant Sale

Many plant lovers are busy propagating a variety of plants & vegetables. Plants may be dropped off from Thurs. to Sat. before the bazaar. Drop offs will be inside the gated area.

Baked Goods

Baked goods (homemade or bought) are welcome. All items must be individually wrapped, priced, and have an ingredient label. If help is needed with labeling, please contact the office. Drop off will be on Saturday afternoon and Sunday after 7 am for perishable items. Mochi makers will be making mochi on Saturday from 9:00 am. Your help or contribution will be appreciated.

Food Sale

Food items being planned are saimin, teri burger, teri burger deluxe with fries, spam bowl, inarizushi, barazushi and shave ice. Ono homemade food is popular and sells out quickly, so be sure to come early.

Dharma School

The Dharma School will be making Balloon Animals, spin the Prize Wheel, and decorate notebooks. Families are invited to bring their children for some fun!

Crafters

Outside craft vendors will be joining us. Please come check them out for possible holiday gifts!

"Ask Us Questions"

The "Ask Us Questions" table with Rev. David Fujimoto, President Joanne Kealoha, and Project Dana will be in the annex. Everyone is encouraged to come and talk story. In addition, a tour of the temple will be at 10:00 and 11:00 am. The public is welcome to tour the temple and ask questions.

Entertainment

Among the entertainers this year are Pacific Buddhist Acadamy's Taiko Group and a magician. Families are highly recommended to come and check them out, at no additional cost!

Members and the public are welcome to Moiliili Hongwanji's Open House and Bazaar on October 6th. Parking is available in front of the temple and in the side lot or at BSC. Please help spread the word.

Joint Temple Picnic

Moiliili Hongwanji and Windward Buddhist Temple got together for a Joint Temple Picnic on Sunday, August 4th at WBT. Despite changing venues at the last minute, WBT turned out to be a good alternative to our usual Sunday service at MHM.

The day started off with a short service with Dennis Tashiro as mc. After opening remarks by Rev. Bert Sumikawa, short Dharma talks were given by Rev. Sol Kalu and Rev. David Fujimoto. A quick Radio Taiso warm-up was followed by an ice breaker by Merle Tashiro. We got to know one another better by getting into mixed groups & brain teasers, followed by fun games led by Cynthia Ogasawara and Cheryl Yasunaga. Everyone got into the swing when given direction to point to different body parts, then hands slamming on to cups when given the signal, "Cup!" Much laughter followed.

Can't end without a Buddhist Bingo led by Ann Nakata. With lots of edible and nonedible prizes from the prize table, everyone couldn't resist playing Dharmachakra Eightfold Path Bingo.

Bento lunches with watermelon and ono shave ice made by a small, portable machine topped with azuki & ice cream, were enjoyed by young and old. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Moiliili Hongwanji would like to thank Windward Buddhist Temple for hosting us. It was truly a Golden Chain of Love in motion! Hana Hou!





Chicken, Sushi, Zippy's Tickets Coming Soon Pick up on Nov. 10



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Join Project Dana's Public Presentation Meetings!

Upcoming Events: *Zoom links will be provided by inquiry

Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Location: Zoom and Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813)

Topic: "Nursing Home Partners – Senior Care Options: How Can We Help?" – Caregivers will learn

about different senior care options. There are many different types of care, so how do you know which one is best for me or my loved one? As registered nurses, we understand the complexities of matching medical needs with resources and services available. Nursing Home Partners hope to

shed some light on the different care options available.

Speaker: Vance Yamamoto, Nursing Home Partners

Meeting Date: Saturday, September 14, 2024

Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Location: Zoom and Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (94-821 Kuhaulua Street, Waipahu, HI 96797)

Topic: "What is Home Care?" – Always Best Care provides services for people who prefer to stay at

home but need ongoing care that cannot easily be provided by their family or friends. More and more older adults prefer to live independent, non-institutionalized lives, and in-home care is a safe, effective way to provide care in the comfort of one's own home. Home care agencies offer a wide range of services that can be given at home to support older adults and their caregivers. Learn from one of the agencies in our community about home care, the range of services offered,

and the cost of services.

Speaker: Tita Pulido and Tyler Nakamura, Always Best Care

Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 Time: 1:45 pm to 2:45 pm

Location: Zoom and Moiliili Hongwanji Mission (902 University Ave., Honolulu, HI 96826)

Topic: "Planning Ahead for Your Future with The University of Hawai'i Elder Law Program

(UHELP)" - Learn about elder law attorneys and how their practice can assist in planning ahead for the future, including periods when you or your loved ones may no longer have the capacity to make decisions. Elder Law involves representing older persons, including the preparation of wills, powers of attorney, advanced health care directives, and other legal tools and techniques to help kūpuna preserve their rights to autonomy and self-determination. The presentation is also an opportunity to learn about UHELP and the Elder Law Clinic at the law school, which offers

limited free legal services to eligible kūpuna, their families, and caregivers.

Speaker: Professor James Pietsch, JD, Dr. Lenora Lee, PhD, and University of Hawaii William S.

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Please call or e-mail if you are interested on attending public presentations or need more information about the program:

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- 1 9:00 AM Remembrance Service
- 8 9:00 AM Triple Celebration service cancelled
- **9:00 AM** Autumn Ohigan Service w/ Mrs. Barbara Brennan
- 22 9:00 AM Peace Day Service
- 9:00 AM Sunday Service w/ Mr. Pete Doktor
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 - 6 OPEN HOUSE & BAZAAR service cancelled
- 13 9:00 AM Remembrance Service
- 20 9:00 AM Sunday Service
- 9:00 AM Sunday Service / Halloween Dress Up Day
 November 2024
- **3 9:00 AM** BWA Hoonko & Remembrance Service w/ Mrs. Claire Tamamoto
- 10 Chicken & Sushi pick up service cancelled
- 17 9:00 AM Eitaikyo Service w/Rev. David Nakamoto
- 24 Temple clean up service cancelled

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- 7 Rev. Shawn Yagi/ The Hirai Family
- 14 Ms. Rene Mansho/ Mr. Reese Morikubo
- 21 Rev. Mieko Majima/ The Kanazawa Family
- 28 Rev. Tomo Hojo/ The Miyasaki Family

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- 5 Rev. Richard Tennes/ The Matsumoto Family
- 12 Rev. Marcos Sawada/ The Horii Family
- 19 Rev. Kerry Kiyohara/ Mr. Chris Kanazawa
- **26** Mrs. Carolyn Uchiyama/ Mrs. Martha Samson

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- 2 Rev. Shinkai Murakami/ Mr. Arnold Matsuura
- 9 Mrs. Debbie Kubota/ Mrs. Jolene Nakamatsu
- 16 Rev. Charlene Kihara/ Mr. & Mrs. Roy Abe
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May the Onembutsu provide solace to family members during this time of sorrow.

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Visiting Ethel Shintaku, Dharma School teacher for 40+ yrs!





