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**Nurturing Nembutsu:
Cultivating Awareness**


2025 HHMH THEME/SLOGAN
POSTER CONTEST

**THE WINNING ENTRY WILL BE
FEATURED ON A STATEWIDE POSTER!**
Entries will be accepted between
September 14 - November 16

POSTER GUIDELINES - [LINK](#) to detailed guidelines

- Visually express the theme/slogan "Nurturing Nembutsu: Cultivating Awareness"
- Focus on how the Nembutsu nurtures a sense of gratitude, awareness of our true nature, and compassion for all beings.
- Reflect Shinran Shonin's teachings, emphasizing the universality of Amida Buddha's compassion and the importance of living in harmony and peace.
- Encourage viewers to reflect on Nembutsu's role in cultivating a deeper awareness of themselves and others.
- Be created using any medium (e.g., painting, drawing, digital art, photography) but must be submitted as a high-resolution digital file (JPEG, PNG, or PDF).
- Dimensions: Standard poster size (24" x 36" or equivalent in digital format).
- Be original and not include any copyrighted images or text.

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QUESTIONS?
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Tales From the Gym (Part 2)

Rev. David Fujimoto

“Don’t ignore feelings of anger, but instead, face up to those emotions and search for the cause.”

-Rev. Shoukei Matsumoto

“A Quiet Mind: Buddhist Ways to Calm the Noise in Your Head”

We are heading in the one of my favorite times of the year, the Holiday Season. The focus at this time of year is appreciation, gratitude, and reflection on the year that will soon come to an end. What does it mean to have these feelings and why do we feel a certain way?

The Oxford Dictionary offers us two ways of defining “reflect”. The first is to “embody something in an appropriate way” and the other is “to think deeply or carefully about.” How do you embody appreciation and gratitude? It is something that we should carefully think about.

In growing up, I was taught to hold the door open for people as I am entering or exiting someplace, especially if someone’s hands are full. Sometimes there is an ensuing battle of “go ahead!” “No, you go ahead!” until someone relents and proceeds through the door.

Once I was at the gym and I held the door open for a lady and was rather startled at the reception. “Why are you holding the door open for me? I look handicap? I am more than capable of opening the door!” Somehow our society has formed us into living a life of suspicion, ulterior motives, and this feeling of treating people rather inferior.

The first of the Four Noble Truths tells us that in life there is suffering. What makes this remarkable is, this kind of suffering is self-inflicted and can be prevented. As Rev. Matsumoto says, we have to face up to these emotions and search for the cause. This facing up to is two-fold in that it’s not only in the unappreciative person, but for myself also. Where is this anger coming from and how do I respond to it? If I were to lash out to this person, I would lower myself to her level and be just as ungrateful. It’s better to just detach from the situation and grow from it.

As we start this great time of year, we should celebrate the Holiday Season, not as a religious thing, but as a human thing and see how we can instill that “Holiday Spirit” in our everyday life, and not just at this time of year.

One of the ideals in Buddhism is that life is impermanent. I like to think of it as life is in constant flux, we don't have to be or do everything in life, just do you. This Holiday Season is a great time to discover who YOU are and find YOUR place in this world, as we reflect on the end of the year.

Am I the person holding the door open for someone, or am I the angry person who is looking down on the person opening the door for me? Am I holding the door open wanting to be acknowledged for my good deed or am I the one holding the door out of respect for a fellow sentient being? Am I living life in fear and paranoia or is fear and paranoia living in me?



Saturday, November 9 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Topic: Palliative Care v. Hospice Care
 Speaker: Hope Young, Kokua Mau
 Location: Zoom and Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
 (94-821 Kuhaulua Street, Waipahu, HI 96797)

Saturday, November 30 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Caregiver Training Workshop: Caregiver Burnout and Self-Care
 Featuring: Maria Morales, MSW, Project Dana Program Coordinator
 Location: Zoom
Attendees must register before the workshop.

Please call or email if you are interested in attending or need more information:

Maria Morales
 Program Coordinator
 (808) 945-3736
cgs@projectdana.org

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

by Joanne Kealoha, President

November 2024

An extraordinary gift from Rev. and Mrs. Kie

Rev. Soshin and Mrs. Akiko Kie were selfless Nembutsu followers, who spent their entire lives spreading the dharma to many in Hawaii, Japan, and Okinawa. Rev. and Mrs. Kie wisely invested in commercial property in Kalihi, which provided them with income during their lifetime and which they generously bequeathed, upon their passing, jointly to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Pacific Buddhist Academy, and Moiliili Hongwanji Mission. The sale of that property closed in September, and 30% of the \$3 million cash sale was provided to MHM.

One of the provisos of the sale is that income from the gift be used for a music program at Moiliili Hongwanji. Mrs. Kie was particularly fond of music and played the organ at the temples they served. The Kie sisters—Lily Masuda, Emma Kie, and Ayumi Weissbuch—have been asked to co-chair a committee to determine what kind of music or arts program will be suitable to fulfill the wishes of the family. Others will be invited to join the committee, and volunteers are welcome.

We are truly grateful to Rev. and Mrs. Kie and the entire Kie family for this special gift and the opportunity to allow music and art to flourish at Moiliili Hongwanji and bring new life to the temple and our sangha!

Another successful Open House and Bazaar!

Mahalo to everyone for another hugely successful Open House and Bazaar on October 6! So many people were involved in making this perhaps the most successful Open House ever. The crowd was not quite as large as some years, but there was ample room to easily move about and lots of activity throughout the day. And so many volunteers—from parking attendants to rummage sale workers to those in the annex selling donated baked goods and other food to Dharma School activities to entertainment and craft vendors in the parking lot. Initial accounts indicate that sales were even better than in the past.

Many thanks to all the volunteers, including the Jaycees, without whom the Open House could not have happened. Many of the volunteers worked well in advance of the day of the Open House, but some rummage sale volunteers were at the temple almost daily for weeks! We won't try to name everyone who helped make this Open House such a success, but if you were at the event, you know who they are—tireless individuals who always volunteer to make every temple activity so special. Thank you, everyone, for supporting the Open House and Bazaar with your hard work and purchases!

A Fun Picnic at Windward Buddhist Temple

Way back in August, about 30 MHM members made the trek over the Pali to Kailua for a “picnic” with members of Windward Buddhist Temple (WBT). The picnic was planned for Hoomaluhia Botanical Garden, but reserving a spot for our picnic was almost impossible. So Lily Masuda and Dennis Tashiro of WBT shifted to Plan B, and the picnic was held indoors at the temple in Kailua.

WBT is a beautiful temple, simple but modern, functional, and well-loved by its members. WBT used to occupy an old wooden house, but about ten years ago, due to the generosity of a longtime, active temple member, Dorothy Ono, who passed away, a new building was constructed to serve WBT members for generations to come. If you have a chance, please visit sometime.

The picnic was so much fun—with a service, games, activities, and lively interaction among the WBT and MHM sangha—that we're having another picnic next August to deepen our friendships. We hope you'll join us next summer for a picnic hosted by Moiliili Hongwanji!

Weekly Email

The Weekly Email from Robin Meade, Communications Chair, is chock-full of information about temple activities. If you know anyone with access to email but not receiving the Weekly Email, please let Robin or Emma know. Thank you, Robin, for producing this timely way to communicate with our members and friends!

MHM Board of Directors

The MHM Board of Directors meets on the second Wednesday of every month in the hondo and on Zoom. We welcome any interested members to attend the meeting and observe how governance works at Moiliili Hongwanji. And what does the Board do? Everyone who serves on the Board of Directors is a volunteer, who gives of their time, talent, and energy not only to attend meetings but to serve on committees and oversee temple activities.

We hope some of you may be inclined to join the Board of Directors yourself. When someone asks, please consider stepping up—not just to fill a seat on the Board but to help improve our temple, spread the Dharma, and grow our membership!

Joanne Kealoha

East-West Center seeking Host Families

Dr. Jerald Satoru Takesono is a retired dentist and a longtime member of Hawaii Betsuin. His father, Rev. Seikaku Takesono, was a Honpa Hongwanji minister. Dr. Takesono wrote the following open letter to invite Hongwanji members to become host families to East-West Center students. Dr. Takesono and his wife, Betsy, have participated in the East-West Center Ohana Host Family Program for 40 years.

Dear Hongwanji members:

The Friends of the East-West Center (EWC) sponsors a program called the Ohana Host Family Program, which matches students from other parts of the world with host families who provide EWC students with a family away from home while they are at the University of Hawaii. The students are all graduate students and very often return home to become leaders in their home countries.

Host families need not provide housing (all students are housed in dormitories on campus) but are asked to give these students coming from all over the world a sense of the Aloha spirit and to expose them to American and Hawaiian culture, especially at holidays like Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. There are no financial obligations.

Many EWC students from Asia are Buddhist and curious about our unique form of Buddhism, a blend of Japanese, American, and Hawaiian culture and traditions. Over the years, we have hosted two Buddhist students from Thailand, one Hindu student from Malaysia, and a Maori student who had a great interest in the similarities of the cultures of Hawaii and New Zealand. To this day, we continue to maintain contact with all of them. Our two daughters greatly benefited from the exposure to different cultures.

The Ohana Host Family Program seeks more host families, who can offer EWC students a positive, personal experience of Hawaii. Are you willing to share some of your time and hospitality? In exchange, you'll learn about a different culture, become friends with students from other countries, and support these students as they journey through graduate studies at the University of Hawaii.

If you are even the least bit interested, please call me with your questions at 808-372-4200 (leave a message if you reach voicemail). I honestly believe you will get more out of this program than you will invest.

Respectfully,

Jerald Satoru Takesono, DDS (retired)

“Heartfelt Gratitude”

Let's put our hands together in deep reverence and gratitude. In gassho, the Capital Campaign Team expresses our heartfelt appreciation to those who generously contributed to our fund since our previous Newsletter, bringing our total to \$270,357.00. This is a gain of \$6,340.00 in just two months! You have answered our plea for an extra boost to gain momentum. We are overjoyed! THANK YOU, indeed!

As 2024 comes to a close, it's time to consider tax-deductible donations. Like most of us, you must be inundated with solicitations from many non-profits and other organizations. We hope you will make Moiliili Hongwanji Mission and its projects one of your favorite non-profits.

The Capital Campaign Team wishes you a peaceful, delightful Holiday Season filled with immeasurable Nembutsu Moments! Namo Amida Butsu.

The Capital Campaign Team, Nancy Shimamoto, Joanne Kealoha, Reverend D. Fujimoto, Rona Fukumoto, Robin Meade, Martha Samson, Emma Kie, and Iris Wasa Uehisa

Renovating News

In October the Renovation Committee met with representatives of the Design Assist company, Ralph S. Inouye (RSI), to review the cost estimates given by subcontractors. The initial total cost estimate was just under \$2.1 million. Priorities and alternative options were discussed so a revised cost estimate is awaited.

1. New fencing with opaque screen wall along perimeter of the Makai Parking Lot, plus rolling gate. New lighting was held for possible future installation.
2. Social Hall flooring will be Luxury Vinyl Plank. Acoustic ceiling tiles will be installed in alternate bays having no light fixtures. Partitions will be upgraded. Manual roller shades will be added to all windows. Ten additional electric outlets will be added, plus 5 fire alarm devices and relocation of light switches. All the doors will be replaced. A new entry way and door will be added to connect the Elevator foyer with the Social Hall.
3. Restrooms will be completed renovated, with toilet stalls and sinks reconfigured to allow for one large stall in each restroom. This deletes plans for a separate Family Restroom.
4. Kitchen will have some HVAC work (ducts, fans, etc.) and additional electric outlets to allow for future installation of window AC units.
5. Courtyard will have permeable pavers but a canopy covering was deleted. The Annex sidewalk along the back (Diamond Head side) will be extended to the vegetation line 1-½' from the border fence wall. The CMU wall will be taken down to just above ground level, capped with concrete and a vinyl fence installed.
6. The Annex flooring will be Luxury Vinyl Plank same as the Social Hall. Partition will be replaced as well as all exterior doors. Four (4) additional electric outlets will be added.
7. Office Window Leak will be repaired by re-caulking the suspect areas around the window.

From the Renovation Committee Report for the month of September.

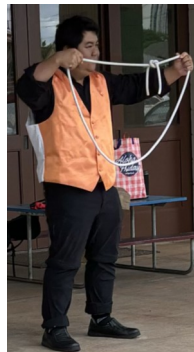


Open House & Bazaar

On October 6, 2024, Moiliili Hongwanji's Open House & Bazaar was successfully accomplished, thanks to everyone's hard work. This year, the crowd seemed larger than last year. At least for the first two hours, people stopped by to check out bargain rummage items, a variety of plants, various scrumptious baked goods, shave ice and other ono food items, crafters, games, great entertainment, and got to tour the temple.

Committees worked hard weeks and months in advance to prepare and ready rummage items, prepare plants in small pots, and meet at the temple to prepare yatsumizuke, pickled onions, shrimp chips, and gummy bears, just to name a few. Spam musubi, yakisoba, teri burger and other food pleased the crowd. BWA's barazushi and inarizushi sold out in no time.

Be sure to save the first Sunday in October 2025 for our next temple bazaar. Omachi shite imasu!



Moiliili Hongwanji BWA

How time flies! We are already in the Fall season. Summer was very busy for our BWA members as July started with the ever popular Moiliili Summer Fest. Along with many helping hands and Hawaii Kai Jaycee volunteers, more than 500 Spam musubi were made. Those, along with Lily Masuda's mochi, were crowd favorites.

The temple held Bon Mairi services which BWA members hosted and helped serve light refreshments. In mid- July, the annual Obon service, conducted by Rev. Fujimoto, was held at the Moiliili Japanese Cemetery. The cemetery memorial is cleaned and decorated every year by June Matsumoto, Jean Sato and Karen Murakami. These long-time BWA members are affectionately known as the "Hirai Sisters" who grew up in the area and who have shared many delightful stories with us.

On Aug. 17, 2024 the Honolulu United BWA hosted the Annual Joint Membership Conference at Hawaii Betsuin. Honolulu United consists of HI Betsuin, Jikoen and Moiliili BWAs. The day started with a Remembrance Service. Mrs. Hideko Kumagai and Mrs. Satsu Tanaka, our MH BWA were memorialized as part of those who passed in 2024. Rev. David Fujimoto, minister-advisor of Honolulu United, delivered a touching Dharma message of remembering BWA women who greeted him and fellow Mission School students many years ago as they attended weekly temple services. The service was followed by a General Membership meeting conducted by Honolulu United President Lois Ohta. Lunch and fellowship followed and the conference ended with everyone dancing a lively and informal Okinawan kachashi dance taught by Jikoen members.

On Sept. 6, 2025 MHBWA will celebrate its 100th Anniversary. To celebrate this milestone, our BWA will be donating some new AV equipment to the Kyodan. We thank Raymond Takiue, Jr. for his recommendations and expertise for this equipment that everyone will be able to enjoy. We also hope to replace certain items in the Onaijin. We are humbled and thankful for the many members who tirelessly worked and supported our temple as they continue to do so today.

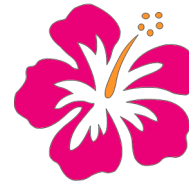
In Gassho,

Lynn Nakata - President





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Calendar of Events

November 2024

- 2 **9:00 AM** Fall Seminar with Mr. Bud Bowles of United Self Help
- 3 **9:00 AM** BWA Hoonko & Remembrance Service - w/ Mrs. Claire Tamamoto
BWA meeting to follow
- 10 **Chicken & Sushi pick up - No Sunday service**
- 17 **9:00 AM** Sangha Memorial Eitaikyo Service w/ Rev. David Nakamoto
- 24 **9:00 AM** Service

December 2024

- 1 **9:30 AM** HBC Bodhi Day Service at Nichiren Mission of Hawaii
- 8 **9:00 AM** MHM Bodhi Day & Remembrance Service
- 15 **9:00 AM** Lay Service w/ Mr. John Toguchi of Jikoen Temple
- 22 **9:00 AM** Service w/Holiday activities to follow
- 29 **9:00 AM** Service
- 31 **5:00 PM** New Year's Eve Service

January 2025

- 1 **10:00 AM** New Year's Day Service w/special New Year's refreshments to follow
- 5 **9:00 AM** Remembrance Service w/Mochitsuki
- 12 **9:00 AM** Shinran's Memorial Hoonko Service w/ Rev. Ryoso Toshima
- 19 **9:00 AM** Service
- 26 **9:00 AM** Project Dana Appreciation Service

White Way Radio Donations

Brian Horii
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November 2024

- 2 Rev. Shinkai Murakami/ Mr. Arnold Matsuura
- 9 Mrs. Debbie Kubota/ Mrs. Jolene Nakamatsu
- 16 Rev. Charlene Kihara/ Mr. & Mrs. Roy Abe
- 23 Rev. Alan Urasaki/ Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sorakubo
- 30 Mr. Dennis Tashiro/ The Morikubo Family

December 2024

- 7 Rev. Joshin Kamuro/ Mrs. Ruth Ono
- 14 Rev. Blayne Higa/ Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sorakubo
- 21 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka/ Dr. Douglas Shiraki
- 28 Rev. Masanari Yamagishi/ Mrs. Karen Murakami

January 2025

- 4 Gomonshu & Bishop Umitani
/Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sorakubo
- 11 Dr. Warren Tamamoto/ Mrs. Nancy Shimamoto
- 18 Rev. Eric Matsumoto/ The Hirai Family
- 25 Rev. David Fujimoto/ The Kie Family

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Moiliili Hongwanji Mission extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of:

Hideko Okimoto*	103	6/27/2024
Gabriel Takeo Rehfeldt	43	7/3/2024
Helen Tatsuko Kato	94	7/7/2024
Nobue Teshima	104	7/15/2024
Chiyoko Takenaka	90	7/20/2024
Jane M. Shintaku	83	8/2/2024
Shigeko Kanie Taylor*	97	8/13/2024
Yoshiaki Kimura	90	8/17/2024
Winifred Nami Okayama	99	8/28/2024
Joyce Fusako Takishita*	98	9/23/2024
David Toru Shiraishi	72	9/25/2024

(* Indicates Temple Sustaining Gojikai Member)



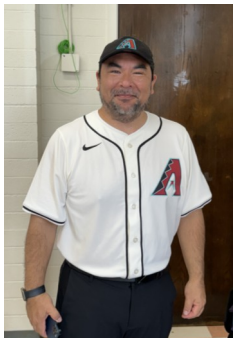
Olympic Winners



Leah & Koa Goto



Mt. View Dharma School students making cards with Maui Tshirt stickers



Halloween 2024



Triple Celebration



Ms. Ashleigh Loa



Minister Appreciation Day



The Hirai Sisters in honor of
Ms. Cyndi Osajima



Mr. Pete Doktor



Moiiliili Japanese Cemetery
Obon Service

