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Sunday, January 5, 2025



### Saturday, January 11, 2025 10am-4pm

Moiliili Hongwanji will be participating as a food vendor at the JCCH Ohana Festival so stop by!



(New Year's Party)

Sunday, February 16, 2025



# 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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### **New Year's Greeting**



Happy New Year! At the beginning of the New Year, I would like to extend my warm regards to you all.

As in previous years, many people throughout the world have been affected by natural disasters, including earthquakes, floods, and forest fires. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to all who have perished in those calamities. I would also like to express my sympathies to those who are still coping with the dire situations. It is my sincere hope that all who have been affected will soon be able to return to normalcy.

In addition to the continuing Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022, armed conflict in the Middle East since October 2023 has intensified, putting a toll

on civilians. As Buddhists, let us embrace the words of Sakyamuni Buddha that "Everyone fears violence and is scared of death. In consideration of all life, do not kill and do not make others kill."

We, as human beings who have received life in this world, shall have our human rights equally guaranteed regardless of reason, and must never have our lives threatened. However in reality, conflicts and terrorist attacks have occurred everywhere in the world and for many people, their right to live and exist has been threatened. As Buddhists as well as Nembutsu followers who aspire to achieve peace, we must keep seriously in our hearts the words of Sakyamuni Buddha as well as Shinran Shonin who aspired for a peaceful world in pursuing our endeavor of contributing toward world peace and security.

Through the Jodo Shinshu teaching, we are guided to appreciate Amida Buddha's working that enables us to become aware of our true self. Being caught up in our self-centered thinking and desires, we are unable to accept the Universal Truth of dependent origination and impermanence, and that is why we constantly suffer from our human desires.

Unable to leave us in such a state, Amida Buddha continuously works to lead us to the Dharma. By regarding each individual as a fellow traveler following the same path being guided and embraced by Amida Buddha, we are enabled to respect and help each other while courageously coping with difficult social issues. Let us continue listening and appreciating Amida Buddha's working as Buddhist followers while cherishing each and every day.

January 1, 2025

OHTANI Kojun Monshu Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

#### 2025 New Year's Message: "Nurturing Nembutsu, Cultivating Awareness"



As we stand at the threshold of 2025, I am filled with profound gratitude for the Sangha of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and the spiritual journey we continue to share. The theme for this year, "Nurturing Nembutsu: Cultivating Awareness," reflects not only our collective aspiration but also our personal commitment to deepening our connection with Amida Buddha and fostering a more profound awareness in every aspect of our lives.

The Nembutsu, "Namo Amida Butsu," is much more than a simple recitation. It is the living embodiment of Amida Buddha's all-embracing Compassion, a compassion that transcends all boundaries we create. No one is left behind. No one is excluded from Amida Buddha's deepest aspiration to save all beings. In this truth, we find solace and strength, knowing that no matter our imperfections or struggles, we are always embraced

by the boundless Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha.

I, too, wrestle with my limitations—foolishness, selfishness, ignorance, and the tendency to judge or discriminate against others. These failings often cloud my perspective, narrowing my view of the world and of others. Yet, despite these limitations, I am continually reminded that Amida's Compassion does not waver. The Nembutsu is my anchor, a reminder that I am welcomed just as I am into the warmth of Amida Buddha's embrace. My heart and mind are nurtured in this space, and in turn, my Nembutsu becomes a living expression of joy, gratitude, and humility for the life I live within this Compassion.

As we are nurtured by Amida's Compassionate voice, we are also called to cultivate awareness. This awareness is not merely intellectual or passive; it is a dynamic and active practice that calls us to wake up to the reality of our interconnectedness. It invites us to see the world with clearer eyes, to recognize the oneness of all life, and to develop a deeper understanding of the truths that shape our existence.

In today's world, where distractions and self-centeredness abound, cultivating awareness becomes even more crucial. It helps us move beyond the narrow confines of our personal concerns, allowing us to see the interdependence of all beings. It teaches us to live more mindfully, to understand the suffering of others, and to act with greater compassion. The gift of the Nembutsu is this awareness—an invitation to step forward, to embrace others with open hearts, and to recognize that we are all held within the same Compassionate Light.

Let us renew our commitment to live a life of Nembutsu. Let us nurture our hearts and minds by participating in temple services and activities, deepening our relationships with the Sangha, and listening to the Dharma. In doing so, we not only deepen our appreciation of the Nembutsu but also cultivate an awareness that allows us to live more fully and purposefully.

As we step forward into 2025, let us move together with hearts full of joy and gratitude infused with awareness. Let us share the joy of Nembutsu with everyone we encounter, and through our mindful living, let us help to build a world that is more compassionate, more aware, and more connected.

I wish each and every one of you a joyful and peaceful New Year. May the light of Amida Buddha continue to shine upon us and guide us always.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani Bishop Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

### President's New Year's Message

#### Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii



Happy New Year! Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu! Hauoli Makahiki Hou!

I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and in good spirits as we look forward to the New Year, 2025!

As we enter the new year, it is natural to look back at the past year. As I look back at the year 2024, I have many warm and happy memories of family and friends. Wonderful family trips to the mainland USA and Japan. An "epic" hiking trip to Korea. Quiet reflection during temple service on Sunday mornings followed by fellowship and delicious lunches! And for myself, one of the highlights of the year was the memorable

weekend we spent at the Triple Celebration (850<sup>th</sup>/800<sup>th</sup>/135<sup>th</sup>) in September, held at the Ala Moana Hotel. There were sad occasions as well, with loss of family and close friends. Reliving memories from the past year, I feel fortunate and I am so grateful for all of the events of the past year. *Ichigo ichie*. I hope that you feel the same way.

Looking forward to the New Year, I do not know what the future holds for us - as individuals, as a community and as a Buddhist organization. Just think, five years ago no one thought that we would need to survive a pandemic or experience a Maui wildfire. However, in the face of hardship, we persevered. We met the challenges placed before us by caring for each other and by working together. I believe we are stronger as a Buddhist organization because of how we, each one of us, responded to adversity.

Our five year theme which begins in 2025, "*Nurturing Nembutsu*" reminds us that the Nembutsu is the "core" of our existence. The Nembutsu, expressed as "*Namo Amida Butsu*" is our expression of gratitude in awareness of Amida's Compassion. Nembutsu is not just our gratitude, it is our response to Amida's voice which is calling out to each one of us. "Nurturing Nembutsu" reminds us that we nurture the Nembutsu when we share it with others, and in turn we are nurtured by Amida's love for us. Let us be mindful of the all-embracing Amida and continue on this journey together.

"Happiness does not depend on what you have or who you are;

it solely relies on what you think." - Buddha

With Gassho, Warren Tamamoto MD President, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

### New Year's Tea Ceremony

Join us as we celebrate the Lunar New Year on Sunday, February 2nd, with a tea ceremony presentation and demonstration by members of the Omote-senke School. Experience a traditional tea ceremony and the opportunity to enjoy matcha and traditional Japanese sweets. The presentation and demonstration will take place after service in the Hondo. For those of you who are interested, please contact the office at (808)949-1659. There will be a \$10 donation.



Can't make this event? Omote-senke will try to offer more demonstrations to celebrate the four seasons, giving the participant an opportunity to taste teas and sweets of different seasons.

### **Nurturing Nembutsu: Cultivating Awareness**

Shinnen Akemashite Omedetō Gozaimasu! li sogwachi debiru!



On behalf of my family and I, I would like to extend my most heartfelt greetings of "Happy New Year!" to you all. It has been 10 months since I started here at Mō'ili'ili Hongwanji, and I truly appreciate the support my family and I have been receiving.

This year is going to be an awesome year, and I believe that it plays hand in hand with this year's Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i's Theme and Slogan, "Nurturing Nembutsu: Cultivating Awareness." 2025 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mō'ili'ili Buddhist Woman's Association, my15 years as an active *Kaikyoshi* Minister, and I will be half a century old. When I think about it, these events play a significant role in our appreciation and gratitude that lead us to live a life of *Nembutsu*.

How does our recitation of, or the life lived in the *Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu* give meaning to YOUR life? There is no one true answer to this, and we should acknowledge this and really nurture the means to share our answers with all.

Recently, I received an email from a member, that I believe illustrates the power of the Nembutsu and the slogan. He had mentioned that he was standing in line at the grocery store, when the person in front of him wished the cashier a "Happy Holidays!" and the cashier returned the greeting. This led him to wish the cashier a "Happy Holidays!" also. This put him in to what he calls a "Super Holiday Mood." As he headed home, that deep sense of appreciation for that moment led him to a Nembutsu Moment in which he sent a greeting of "Happy Holidays!" to his friends and family.

I appreciated that greeting and message, and it led me to recite the *Nembutsu* in appreciation of this moment. This moment was a nurturing moment for him as his story not only made him aware of gratitude and it fostered in him a deeper awareness of himself, but also the importance that we are not alone in all of this.

So, at the beginning of the year, how will YOU tell your story? Our stories are so unique for it tells us who we are, what we are, and where we come from. But it also unites us in peace and harmony, knowing that we are not alone. Let us together walk the Nembutsu Path and cultivate and nurture it for all to benefit from, as we too have truly benefited from it, as a gift from those who have gone before us, and who are still with us.

Rev. David Fujimoto

#### Happy New Year!

Although our membership is aging, we continue to maintain a number of activities that members can enjoy. Sunday service is a good opportunity to listen to dharma talks by our resident minister, Rev. David Fujimoto, and others. After the service, all are invited to join in fellowship over refreshments. Moiliili's Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) is active and will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2025 and help to host a world convention in Hawaii in 2027. Women (and men) are invited to join the BWA, whose president is Lynn Nakata. The Dharma School-led by Ann Miyasaki, Cheryl Yasunaga & Rona Fukumoto-welcomes kids of any grade level to learn about Buddhism. An Open House and Bazaar is held each year with a huge rummage sale, food, entertainment, and temple tours. The temple participates in community events like the Kapa-Moi Lions Club's Christmas parade (and ramen party) and the JCCH New Year Ohana Festival. Interested in crafting and sewing? Join the Kolohe Krafters, headed by Ruth Takemoto and Karen Kikukawa. Gardening enthusiasts are welcome to join the Landscaping Crew, led by Mari Fukuya, once or twice a week to weed and plant and keep our grounds beautiful. Our tenants have become an integral part of our activities. Enrollment in the Moiliili Sewing School is open to anyone interested in sewing. United Self Help is sponsoring a biweekly Support Group for Seniors conducted by temple member Adela Lee with tips and activities for kupuna on how to live healthy, happy lives. And, of course, the Moiliili Summer Fest (MSF) and Bon Dance has become a major community event with thousands enjoying the dancing, food, and festivities. This year's MSF will be held at Washington Middle School for one year only as our usual Varsity site will be under renovation, but we'll be back at the old site from 2026, thanks to landowner, Kamehameha Schools. see pg 6

The Hongwanji theme and slogan for 2025 is "**Nurturing Nembutsu**": **Cultivating Awareness**," promoting a sense of gratitude for the universality of Amida's compassion and the importance of living in harmony and peace. We hope each of us can find meaning and apply this theme and slogan throughout the New Year.

Moiliili Hongwanji is holding steady with about 157 sustaining members and, in fact, even grew by a few members from 2023 to 2024. We hope to continue growing by spreading the dharma whenever we can and reaching out to others in our community to join us in temple activities.

### CAMPAIGNING FOR OUR TEMPLE'S RENOVATION–UPDATE 15

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





New Year!

As our Capital Campaign for the renovations of our "119" years strong Moiliili Hongwanji temple enters its third and final year, we are very grateful for the generous support from our members, families, friends, and communities. Our Capital Campaign donations are moving onward and looking ever healthier!

On November 19, 2024, an amount of \$245,690.61 was invested into the Dreyfus Treasury Obligations Cash Management Fund in the *MHM Capital Campaign* account in our Bank of Hawaii investments portfolio. The amount is the net balance of all monetary capital campaign donations received up through October 31, 2024, \$271,007.00, minus construction in progress expenditures, \$25,316.39. As of November 30, 2024, the net balance has grown to \$246,024.68. The Dreyfus Treasury Obligations Cash Management Fund is currently yielding 4.47%, and is liquid for renovation projects that will begin this year.

With the auspices of the year of the Snake, "wisdom, transformation, and financial fortune", the Capital Campaign committee is challenged to attain the goal of \$500,000.00! Ganbarimasu, we will perservere!

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

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**Renovations** at the temple are finally taking shape. Mel Takemoto and Osamu Kawabata co-chair the Renovations Committee. Watch for more details coming soon. In the meantime, a **Capital Campaign**, chaired by Nancy Shimamoto, is soliciting contributions in its final year. Many of you may be wondering what is happening to the neighboring property that was recently cleared of mango trees and dwellings. A new three-story, walk-up affordable rental apartment building will be developed on the property, and construction is expected to begin as early as February. To learn more, please come to a **meeting with developer Paul Lam on <u>Saturday, February 1</u>, at 10:00 a.m. at the temple hondo to hear from the developer and ask questions.** 

The generosity of our members continues to amaze, not only the donation of time and talent but financial as well. One gift that is very special because of its size and its donors is a gift of real property made by the estate of **Rev. Soshin and Mrs. Akiko Kie**, parents of Lily, Ayumi, and Emma. The Kie family has been valued members of Moiliili Hongwanji for many years, but we were taken aback by their generosity. Rev. and Mrs. Kie invested wisely and, upon their passing, donated commercial property in Kalihi jointly to Honpa Hongwanji, Pacific Buddhist Academy, and Moiliili Hongwanji. The property was recently sold with proceeds distributed to the three entities. Moiliili Hongwanji's share will be invested for the temple's needs and to develop a music and arts program in memory of the Kies. Mrs. Kie especially was fond of music and played the organ at all the temples to which they were assigned. We hope to honor both Rev. and Mrs. Kie with programs and activities to serve our sangha and are very grateful to both of them, as well as their daughters, for their generosity as true Nembutsu followers and their desire to promote the Hongwanji well into the future.

On that note, here's wishing you all a happy, prosperous New Year in 2025 filled with peace, love, and joy for you and your families!

In Gassho, Joanne Kealoha, President Moiliili Hongwanji Mission



Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Topic: Understanding Medicare Enrollment Periods Speaker: Elliott Khlopin, Thanh Tran, and Martha Khlopin - Get2insurance.com Location: Zoom and Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813)

Saturday, January 11, 2025, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Topic: The Truth About Long-Term Care: Why it's the Most Critical Decision You'll Ever Make Speaker: Roger Higa, Hawai'i Long-Term Care Solutions President/CEO Location: Zoom and Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (94-821 Kuhaulua Street, Waipahu, HI 96797)

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

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

### How to Live your Best Life! And How to Stay Mentally Healthy!

Bud Bowles, Executive Director of United Self Help, was the speaker at Moiliili Hongwanji's Fall Seminar on Nov. 2, 2024. He talked about how to live your best life as follows:

- 1. Have a clear goal and do what makes you happy.
- 2. Balance the chemicals in your brain by keeping hydrated & eating healthy, get enough rest, exercise, have positive thinking, express your gratitude, practice compassion by helping others, do enjoyable activities, and *laugh* often.
- 3. Socialize and cultivate relationships by staying with positive people, nurture friendships and family connections.
- 4. Embrace learning by being curious and open to new experiences, to keep life interesting and exciting.
- 5. Practice gratitude by reflecting on what you are thankful for, and have a more positive mindset.
- 6. Live in the moment. Try to be present and enjoy the little things. Mindfulness means living in the present moment.
- 7. Give back by helping others because it can give you a sense of purpose and fulfillment.
- 8. Be authentic, stay true to yourself and values. Love and believe in yourself!
- 9. Manage stress by finding healthy ways to cope with stress, like spending time in nature.
- 10. Take risks and don't be afraid to step outside your comfort zone, growth comes with challenges.
- 11. Believe in something, faith and spirituality can help with personal growth and emotional resilience!

Many thanks to Adela Lee for assisting in the preparation of the slide show and to the DE committee, technicians, and others for their help with the seminar.

### "A Personal Tribute to Cyndi Osajima"

(Submitted by June Matsumoto, Jean Sato and Karen Murakami - members of Moiliili Hongwanji Mission)

My sisters, June Matsumoto, Jean Sato and I, Karen Murakami, requested an opportunity to do a Lay Speaker presentation titled "A Personal Tribute to Cyndi Osajima". We realized that there has been no widespread gesture of appreciation and acknowledgment for Cyndi who dedicated 30-plus years to Project Dana as a staff member and Executive Director. While some people may be aware that Cyndi is no longer with Project Dana, we believe that there may be many others who are not aware of Cyndi's departure from the program in June 2024. Cyndi has been a cheerful and warm presence at Moiliili Hongwanji for many years.

Project Dana was established by Moiliili Hongwanji in 1989. Visionaries Shimeji Kanazawa and Rose Nakamura, who were temple members, are credited as co-founders of what has become an award-winning, statewide, interfaith program in which temples and churches recruit volunteers to meet the needs of frail and elderly persons within their respective communities. Invaluable services are provided and warm relationships are developed between those who provide, and those who receive services. Dana is a Sanskrit term which translates to "selfless giving".

My sisters and I have a long and personal connection to both Moiliili Hongwanji and to Project Dana. Our maternal grandparents became Moiliili Hongwanji members more than a century ago. Our family home was located in Moiliili within walking distance of the Project Dana headquarters which was situated on Nakookoo Street. What was later referred to as "the little blue house" was the residence which was donated to Moiliili Hongwanji by temple members Mr. Masaru and Mrs. Kuniyo Kawamoto. The Kawamotos and our parents were Moiliili Hongwanji members and close friends.

In 2021, the Nakookoo Street property, donated by the Kawamotos, was sold. The very generous proceeds from that sale were donated to Moiliili Hongwanji. Project Dana moved its offices to the second floor of the Moiliili Hongwanji Temple Annex which is connected to the main temple building. Our parents were among those whose well-being was monitored by Rose Nakamura and Cyndi Osajima who periodically called or visited to check on our aging parents. Our parents informed us of Mrs. Nakamura's and Cyndi's kindness. Our mother loved to cook and enjoyed sharing rice dishes with the Project Dana staff in appreciation for their outreach.

Cyndi Osajima considered Rose Nakamura to be her mentor. Cyndi joined Project Dana as a full-time staff member in 1993. She received her Master's Degree in Gerontology from the University of Hawaii School of Public Health. Cyndi succeeded Mrs. Rose Nakamura who was the Executive Director of Project Dana since its inception, and who passed away in 2020. As Executive Director, Cyndi worked tirelessly with dedication and integrity to continue the legacies of Project Dana and Mrs. Nakamura.

Among her primary responsibilities, Cyndi attended many meetings and public events to share information re: Project Dana, its purpose and services. As part of her full work schedule, Cyndi offered flexibility of scheduling appointments to meet with persons in need of service and their families. Her work schedule often included weekends. Cyndi's periodic absences from temple services or activities were often due to her meeting with those whose best day of availability to discuss service needs, was on Sunday. We became personally aware of Cyndi's flexibility when a relative shared that he was accommodated for a Sunday appointment to meet with her. A little-known fact was that just prior to leaving the "little blue house" after it was vacated due to its being sold, Cyndi made visits to neighboring families. She quietly brought tokens of appreciation and personally thanked those neighbors who had watched over the Project Dana headquarters and its staff for decades. My sisters and I feel that Cyndi's action reflected her sincere gratitude for the kindness and support of the the Nakookoo Street neighbors.

My sisters and I plan to submit copies of our "Personal Tribute to Cyndi Osajima" to Moiliili Hongwanji's newsletter, "The White Way" and to "Ka Leo Kahea", the newsletter which is published and circulated by mail to temple members and others by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Copies can also be accessed, online.

We will request publication of our personal tribute because we believe that over the decades of Project Dana's existence, there are likely to be many other individuals and their families whose lives were positively impacted by Project Dana, and who recognize and appreciate Cyndi Osajima's 30-plus years of dedicated service which she provided with warmth, integrity and humility.

Thank you Cyndi...may your "dana" continue to be remembered and appreciated.

October 27, 2024

### Moiliili Hongwanji BWA

Aloha and greetings for a Happy New Year! I am honored and humbled to have been elected to serve another year as your BWA President. Like any well-oiled machine, the various components make for smoothly run operation. These components are the dedicated and hard working Officers and Directors that form our BWA Executive Board, especially Lois Ohta, Past President.

They are: Vice Presidents Susan Okano and Cynthia Ogasawara, Recording Secretary Karen Kikukawa, Assistant

Secretary Lily Masuda, and Corresponding Secretary Noriyo Morikubo . Our Finances are kept healthy by Treasurer Anne Kawabata, Assistant Treasurer Donna Higashi and Auditors Dorothy Colby and Susan Morishige.

Finally, our Directors keep a watchful eye on all of us. They are: Nancy Hironaka, Joanne Kealoha, June Matsumoto, Wendy Nakanishi, Ann Nakata. Martha Samson. Jean Sato, Linda Takai and Edna Wada.

Our temple activities, membership and educational conferences and Statewide Federation Assemblies will keep us busy and connected. However, we look forward to our Main Event on September 6th at the Buddhist Study Center as our BWA celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. For that we are truly grateful to the many members whose helping hands guided us to what our organization is today.

In Gassho,

Lynn Nakata - President

### Aloha, Eugene!

It is with mixed feelings that we bid Aloha to longtime member Eugene Makino who is relocating to the area of his birth, the Keaau District on Hawaii Island. A valued member of the



MHM Landscapers Group, Eugene could be seen hosing the front steps with Cyndi Osajima and raking leaves under Mari Fukuya's guidance. He could also be found counting offertory with Iris Wasa-Uehisa and scrubbing pots and pans with Arlyne Takiue's bon dance crew. Whatever task needed to be done, he did so without recognition or fanfare. Our huge loss will be the Big Island's gain but we wish him all the best in this wonderful new chapter.

### **Kolohe Krafters**

The Kolohe Krafters have much to be grateful for. It is so wonderful to be able to meet each week to create items for the temple using the many generous donations. What we are unable to use, we have been placing in bins for the Moiliili Sewing School to use. I recently found out that, using some of the fabric from the bins, they have made blankets to donate to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a non-profit that provides beds for children in need.

We have also made a donation of ten stuffed animals and ten blankets to Family Promise. We enjoyed making them and talked with Family Promise about doing it again.

We have many ideas for creations to make in the coming year so please continue to support us on Mondays from 10am to 1pm in the Social Hall.

Thank you.

Ruth Takemoto



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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

All services are from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. unless stated otherwise

#### January 2025

- 5 Remembrance Service & Mochitsuki
- 12 Hoonko Service w/Rev. Ryoso Toshima
- 19 Family Dharma Service
- 26 Project Dana Anniversary Service

#### February 2025

- 2 Remembrance Service & Tea Ceremony
- 9 Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial Service
- 16 Family Dharma Service & New Year's Party
- 23 NO SERVICE Temple Clean up

#### March 2025

- 2 Remembrance Service
- 9 Spring Ohigan Service w/Ms. Edythe Vassell
- 16 Family Dharma Service
- 23 Family Dharma Service
- 30 Family Dharma Service



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

Jim Hisashi Shintani	87	9/25/2024
Ritsuko Kamimura *	97	9/11/2024
Douglas Tanaka	84	10/16/2024
Shunji Adachi *	91	11/9/2024
Kathleen Keiko Oda	73	11/21/2024
Jack Tsugio Watanabe	99	11/24/2024
Estelle Yooko Ogino	76	12/12/2024

May the Onembutsu provide solace to family members during this time of sorrow.

(\* Indicates Temple Sustaining Gojikai Member)

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# WHITE WAY RADIO

Join us on Saturdays for White Way Radio on KZOO1210 at 7:45 a.m. for inspiring messages from a variety of speakers. We are truly grateful for our White Way sponsors who make it possible to share the Dharma on the air every week. If you missed it go to www.moiliilihongwanji.org, Buddhist Teachings.

#### January 2025

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

#### February 2025

- 1 Mrs. Joanne Kealoha/ The Miyasaki Family
- 8 Mr. Raymond Takiue, Jr./ The Morikubo Family
- 15 Rev. Ai Hironaka/ Renee Kaneshiro & Pamela Uyeda
- 22 Rev. Thomas Okano/ M&M Michael Sorakubo March 2025
  - 1 Rev. Yuika Hasebe/ The Kanazawa Family
  - 8 Rev. Kazunori Takahashi/ Mrs. Jo-Ann Yokota
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### **Autumn Ohigan Donation**

Howard Takaki



Eric Kagawa, Rev. Fujimoto, Mr. Bud Bowles (speaker) & Adela Lee at the Fall Seminar



Mrs. Claire Tamamoto - BWA Hoonko service speaker w/Rev. Fujimoto, Lynn Nakata & Donna Higashi



L-R: Riho, Naho, Rev. Fujimoto, Akiko & Dr. Carl Becker (speaker), Bishop & Mrs. Umitani







Tree decorated by Nancy & Jared Shimamoto, Lian & Lorraine Mito



Aloha & Mahalo to Eugene Makino