

UNITED LAY ASSOCIATION OF HONOLULU
47th ANNUAL CONVENTION
BULLETIN NO. IV
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TO: Temple Presidents, Lay Directors and Officers
FROM Honolulu District Convention Committee
SUBJECT: 2010 Convention Update

- 1. Convention Theme:** “Evolution” – Hongwanji Evolving to Effectively Share the Living Dharma.
- 2. Bulletins, registration form, and other communication** are available on the Moiliili Hongwanji website: www.moiliilihongwanji.org.
- 3 Information on program:**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: GEORGE TANABE, PHD
“Back to the Future with Jodo Shinshu”

George J. Tanabe, Jr. is a Professor Emeritus of the University of Hawaii. He was a Professor of Religion in the UH Department of Religion. He has been a keen and critical observer of Buddhist institutions in Hawaii. Based on the convention’s theme of evolution, Dr. Tanabe will consider the legacy of Jodo Shinshu as stepping stones for a revitalized Sangha.

He is the author of *Myōe the Dreamkeeper* (Harvard University Press), co-author of *Practically Religious: Worldly Benefits and the Common Religion of Japan* (University of Hawaii Press), and editor of *Religions of Japan in Practice* (Princeton University Press). He has also published works on Buddhism in Hawaii, and is the Series Editor of *Topics in Contemporary Buddhism*, a monograph series from the University of Hawaii Press.

Together with his wife Willa, UH Professor Emerita of Japanese Art History, he is writing a guidebook about the different forms of Japanese Buddhism in Hawaii, their unique temple architectural styles, and the symbolic meanings of altar objects.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP: GLENN HAMAMURA, PMP
“Creating an Effective Lay and Minister Partnership”

Glenn Hamamura is the president at Wahiawa Hongwanji and working together with Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki they have built an effective partnership which is reflected in the growing membership. Glenn is not just the president of the board but has professional experience in this area, as he is the principal of Systems Excellence LLC, a Hawaii based consulting firm. He received Master of Science and Bachelor of Science degrees from Stanford University, and has been involved in management consulting, project management and quality engineering for many years. He is also a Certified Professional Facilitator (CPF), and holds several ASQ (American Society for Quality)

Certifications, including Quality Manager, Quality Engineer, Quality Software Engineer, and a Six Sigma Black Belt.

4. Registration: Please check the number of authorized delegates per temple which was printed in Bulletin III. Your temple may have more authorized delegates than you think. We have received registration forms for observers who could be “upgraded” to Delegate.

Please also be sure to make your checks payable to “HONOLULU HONGWANJI COUNCIL. Registration deadline is extended to August 15, 2010. Mail registration form and payment to Blayne Higa; Lay Convention Registration, c/o Moiliili Hongwanji Mission, 902 University Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96826. Hope to see you at our convention. I think you will find it worth your while.

5 Resolutions: Except for Resolutions of Condolence and Appreciation, the resolution should contain only the actions (BE IT RESOLVEDs). Attach a justification sheet for the WHEREAS(es). Submit resolutions to Roy Miyamoto, (808) 595-6255, 2041 Kula Street, Honolulu, HI 96817, roy.miyamoto@hawaiiantel.net by **August 15, 2010.**

6. Convention Booklet: The Hawaii Kyodan Directory does not print information on any of the United Lay Associations. Please submit a copy of the current officers of your United Lay Association to Susan Morishige, suz@hawaiiantel.net, and it will be printed in the Convention Program Booklet. Contact information would also be appreciated.

Officers, Directors and Advisors for the current convention will be printed in the booklet. Since the election at the Kona convention, there have been several changes. Therefore, please confirm your current Directors. Changes to the Directors can be made by the United involved; changes to the officers (who will serve until the end of convention) will need to be approved at the Board of Directors meeting on Saturday morning. Each United has 3 Directors, except for the host (Honolulu) which has 7.

7. Nominations: Each United is also asked to forward names of its Directors and Advisors for 2010-2011 (next year’s Convention) to Nominations Committee chair, Keiji Kukino, (808) 247-5734, kukinok001@hawaii.rr.com by August 15, 2010. Next year’s host (Maui) will have 7 Directors, and will provide the names for next year’s officers. All other Uniteds have 3 Directors, and should indicate which Director will be the Vice President representing their United Lay Association for 2010-2011. Mary Katayama, the Immediate Past President of the Federation, is a Director-at-Large.

8. Hotel and Transportation: Please make reservations on your own. If you need assistance with transportation, contact Bob Nishita, dbn.hikai@hawaiiantel.net, (808) 395-6644.

9. Questions: please contact co-chairs Susan Morishige, suz@hawaiiantel.net, (808) 291-5093 cell, or Norman Hirohata-Goto, nihg@hawaii.rr.com, (808) 533-2261 work, (808) 373-5777 home.