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## NEW YEAR'S GREETING Honpa Hongwanji, Kyoto, Japan



As we mark the beginning of a new year, I extend to you my greetings.

Last year, since having succeeded the Jodo Shinshu tradition in June, I have taken on the posts as the resident *jushoku* minister of Hongwanji and the Monshu of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha. Living among today's society in which the conditions are quickly changing, I shall help share the Jodo Shinshu teaching with as many people as possible, so that it will become a principle religious foundation for daily living. To do so, I humbly ask for your support.

The Jodo Shinshu teaching was expounded by Shinran Shonin. Since then, the teaching has been transmitted for well over 790 years, reaching us here today in this present day and age. This is because regardless of time and location, the Nembutsu teaching has always been able to serve any persons as a spiritual guidance to their life. Buddhism detaches from self-absorption and encourages living a life based on the Dharma. However, due to our own limitations being unable to put this into practice, we are faced with sadness and suffering.

Shinran Shonin has taught us that it has been predetermined that we will be led to the Pure Land and attain Buddhahood through the working of Amida Buddha. With the working of Amida Buddha's infinite wisdom and compassion, we are enabled to realize one's true self through the Truth.

In closing, let us live a life reciting the Nembutsu as we receive the Dharma.

January 1, 2015



OHTANI Kojun  
Monshu  
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

## MINISTER'S NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I would like to at this time, take the opportunity to express my sincere best wishes to all of you for a peaceful and healthful New Year. As I do so, let us all reflect with gratitude for all the benefits that we received this past year and look forward to 2015 with great anticipation.

Although I have been here at Moiliili Hongwanji as your resident minister for only ten months, I have grown to truly appreciate the sustaining members and numerous volunteers that are helping to make us a vibrant community of Shinshu followers. I also thank all of you for your patience as I transition to this wonderful sangha and ask for your continued guidance.

As we approach the year 2015, let us reflect on the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's Theme and Slogan for the year 2015, "Embrace Change – Awareness (Seek Opportunities)." Let us continue through the guidance of Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion, to find ways to be all-embracing of new-comers to this temple and to continue to develop active participation and fellowship and to make this a warm and welcoming sangha.



Namo Amida Butsu  
Rev. Bert Sumikawa

## TEMPLE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a beautiful New Year 2015! My warmest wishes to all for a New Year filled with happy moments, good feelings and peaceful reflections. Let's celebrate the Year of the Sheep. It is said that everyone can expect the Year of the Sheep to be a new year filled with hope, harmony and peace on earth. Notice, these are Buddhist aspirations, too.

My first year as President of Moiliili Hongwanji has been an incredible adventure! The privilege of serving as your President has opened up many new doors. I've especially enjoyed meeting people at the various Buddhist seminars, sessions, conferences and special celebrations. My learning curve has been

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very steep in 2014, but in the process I have gained an appreciation and better understanding of Shin Buddhism and the people who care about Buddhism. Being a lifelong learner is my reality.

Our Board members are extraordinary! They come with many skills, talents, experiences and the willingness to work hard. Our committee chairs are very capable and action oriented. They are committed to strive for success in our many undertakings from the Shinnen Enkai, Bon Dance/Summer Fest, Picnic, Chicken Fundraiser, to the Open House/Bazaar, just to mention a few highlights. We have many members who come out to volunteer and support these and other activities during the year, while those unable to participate give donations and monetary contributions. We have terrific cooks and bakers, creative individuals and folks who take the time to beautify our campus and facilities. I am overflowing with gratitude!

Special thanks to Rev. Bert Sumikawa and Rev. Blayne Higa. I am truly grateful for their guidance, patience and good sense of humor. Their Dharma messages have been inspiring and relevant. Please join us at Sunday service whenever you are able to. Hats off to our office staff! You can always count on Emma and Richard.

We have had four (4) Long Range Strategic Planning sessions in 2014. These sessions have been very energizing and promising as we looked at various aspects of our Temple and what is important to our members. Very soon we will unveil our new Mission and Vision statements. Action Plans for 2015 and beyond are under construction as well. It will bring about a new era of learning and growing at Moiliili Hongwanji. It's an exciting time!

The 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of our altar renovations is complete. Our photovoltaic system has been installed and following inspection, it will be activated soon. As we anticipate our 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year, other projects are being planned, i.e., new chairs and carpeting in the hondo, renovating the kitchen, and

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The New Year's messages from Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Hawaii Kyodan President Pieper Toyama, as well as the explanation of the 2015-2019 5-Year Theme and 2015 Slogan, and review of 2014 activities are featured in the 2015 Hongwanji calendar which was mailed to our Sustaining Members. Please be sure to look over the beautiful calendar!

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air conditioning the Annex. The Wish List is getting longer and we will need to prioritize. The 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will soon move into action.

Please be safe and healthy each day of this year. Let's listen to the Dharma and cherish others in our lives. Thank YOU for being in my life.

In Gassho,  
Nancy Shimamoto



Moiliili Hongwanji Mission extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the following who have recently passed away:

Milton Mamoru Murakami, 87, on Oct. 17  
Ralph Katsumi Nakamura,\* 87, on Nov. 8  
Nobuko Kunimune,\* 93, on Nov. 20  
Tsuneo Muramaru,\* 90, on Nov. 25  
Yaeno "Elaine" Nishikawa,\* 93, on Nov. 27  
Tsugio Nakamura, 95, on Nov. 30  
David Yukinobu Uyesato, 81, on Dec. 4  
Archie Tooru Murakami, 79, on Dec. 6  
Kimiko Oshiro, 96, on Dec. 9  
Betty Toyoko Koseki,\* 89, on Dec. 11

May the Onembutsu provide solace to family members during this time of sorrow (\*indicates Temple Sustaining Gojikai Member.)

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE (NENKI) SCHEDULE

The year 2015 is the special memorial year for those who passed away in:

2014	1st year memorial service
2013	3rd year memorial service*
2009	7th year memorial service
2003	13th year memorial service
1999	17th year memorial service
1991	25th year memorial service
1983	33rd year memorial service
1966	50th year memorial service

The memorial service is a special opportunity to gather with family members in remembrance of your loved one and to listen to the words of the Dharma. If you would like to hold a memorial service, please call the temple office at 949-1659 to make arrangements. Arrangements for a service at your home may also be made. (\*Note: From the 3rd year service, the custom is to hold the service the year ahead, for example, the 3rd year service would be held 2 years after death.)

#### MONTHLY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

At the first Sunday service of each month there will be a time for remembering loved ones whose memorial day falls in that month. Please call the temple office or come early to register before the service. You will be called for offering of incense. Everyone is invited to participate.

## Mark Your Calendar!

### SHINRAN SHONIN MEMORIAL (HOONKO) SERVICE

Our Hoonko Service, the memorial service for Shinran Shonin, will be held on **Sunday, Jan. 18, at 9:00 a.m.** Our speaker will be Rev. Mariko Nishiyama of Pearl City Hongwanji Mission. Refreshment of zenzai and soba will be served following the service, and we hope you will all join us for this important Jodo Shin observance.

### PROJECT DANA'S 26TH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SERVICE

Project Dana at Moiliili Hongwanji will observe its 26th Volunteer Appreciation Service on **Sunday, Jan. 25, at 9:00 a.m.** Rev. Bert Sumikawa will speak on "The Spirit of Dana." You are cordially invited!

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & NEW YEAR'S LUNCHEON

The temple's Annual Membership Meeting and New Year's Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, Feb. 8.** The day will begin at **9:00 a.m.** with our Sunday service at which time new Sustaining Members will be recognized. The Annual Membership Meeting will begin at **10:00 a.m.** and will be followed by the New Year's luncheon at The Willows Restaurant—**10:45 a.m.** registration, **11:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** luncheon. The cost will be \$30 for adults and \$12.50 for children (ages 4-10). Dharma School students will be subsidized by the Dharma School and the cost is \$5 for students from age 4-10 and \$10 for students age 11-18. There is no charge for children 3 and under. Flyers will be mailed out and the deadline to sign up is January 25.



# PROJECT DANA NEWS

*You Are Cordially Invited to  
Project Dana at Moiliili Hongwanji Mission's  
26<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Appreciation Service*

**Date: Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015**

**Time: 9:00 a.m.**

**Place: Moiliili Hongwanji Mission**

Rev. Bert Sumikawa, Resident Minister,  
will speak on "The Spirit of Dana."

Remembering the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration theme "A Rainbow of Caring, 25 years and Beyond", join us as we enter into and celebrate the 26<sup>th</sup> year of volunteer caregiving at Moiliili Hongwanji Mission. We would like to welcome the newest volunteers of 2014 and thank ALL the volunteers for their continuing DANA over the past 25 years.

*"May we retain selfless giving (the essence of Dana), motivation, inspiration and the "ganbare spirit" as the informing principles and core values in our future as they have been in our past." Mrs. Shimeji Kanazawa, Founder.*

Please R.S.V.P. to the Project Dana office by Monday, Jan. 19. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Expressions of Appreciation—From Elders**

The Project receives notes of appreciation from elders expressing their gratitude for services received from volunteers. The following are excerpts from three elders:

*"I am so grateful to found you and got all the Big Help from your ladies volunteers, they are Friendly, Helpful and Very Sweet, like a good friend. I always like to see them and very Thankful for their Big help."*

*"I'm also very grateful that you send C&S to help Saturdays, they are so sweet, never missed a time and I don't know what I would do without my great shopper and library book provider, H. Mahalo nui loa!"*

*"Kongetsu mo Mrs. S. no osewa ni narimashita. Project Dana no okage to yorokonde orimasu." Thank you, J.*

## **Dana is a Joy—From Volunteers**

Often volunteers share their experiences of helping elders. A common theme is that "I get more than I give." Here is what a few volunteers have said about their time with the elders.

*"Being a volunteer (since I was 8 now I'm 15 years old), I have learned the key thing of caring for others, before myself. Helping others makes me feel happy when they are happy. This makes me feel like I'm a better person...Giving back to the community is very important and Project Dana is one opportunity where we can give back."*

*"My story began in March 2009 when Project Dana requested help for a 94 year old woman who had just been discharged from the hospital after colon cancer surgery and needed help going to the doctor for follow up visits. Now we have become lifelong dear friends and I still visit her every month. She calls me her "angel" and I cherish her friendship and admire and look up to her as an inspiration to be like her when I reach her age. She is 98 now and the rose plant that she sprouted for me is now as tall as I am growing in pot at my front door and the delicate pink roses remind me of this fabulous woman that I would not have met had I not been a Project Dana volunteer."*

*"Working with L. has been a life changing experience for me. I have learned not only how to care for someone passionately but also made me realize how fortunate I am to have people care and love me because some people don't have someone to be there for them. I am glad I could work with L. because she taught me how to be grateful, compassionate, and thankful of everything I have. This learning experience has been fulfilling for me because I can grasp a great understanding of the hands on need to care for someone and it changed me emotionally and mentally."*

## **Happy New Year!**

*May all beings be happy.*

*May they be joyous and live in safety.*

*All living beings, whether weak or strong, in high or middle or low realms of existence, small or great, visible or invisible, near or far, born or to be born,*

*May all beings be happy.*

(From the Metta Sutta)

The staff of Project Dana would like to wish you and your loved ones a most happy and peaceful holiday season. We would like to extend a warm mahalo for your DANA throughout the years. The homebound elders, family caregivers and disabled persons are very grateful for your time, energy and compassion. May the new year of 2015 bring good health, love, kindness, and joy.

## INGO PRESENTED TO BETTY KOSEKI



Betty Toyoko Koseki passed away on Dec. 11, 2014 at the age of 89 and, in recognition of her devotion and service to the temple, was awarded the Posthumous Title (INGO) SHIN-ETSU-IN ("the one who rejoices with pure hearts"). The youngest child of the late Rev. Honi and Kotoki Ohye, Betty actively served for many years as a Director and Counselor on the temple Board of Directors, serving as Nominating Committee chair for a number of years. She was a dedicated leader of the Buddhist Women's Association (Fujinkai), serving as President of the Lotus Fujinkai from 1970 through 1976, and President of the Fujinkai from 1988 to 1989 and 1996. In addition to her leadership in countless ways at the temple, Betty also greatly enjoyed temple activities such as bon dancing, karaoke and Happy Strummers ukulele group. Hard-working, gracious, joyful and caring, Betty was an inspiration to us and will be greatly missed. Betty is survived by her husband, Kenneth, and son, Clayton.



## WHITE WAY RADIO BROADCAST

Please tune in to Radio KZOO (1210AM dial) for Moiliili Hongwanji's White Way Radio Broadcast each **Saturday** from **7:45-8:00 a.m.** Here is the upcoming schedule with speaker's name followed by sponsor's name:

- 1/10 Mr. Pieper Toyama (Shizue Okamura)
- 1/17 Rev. Bert Sumikawa (Hirai Family)
- 1//24 Rev. Blayne Higa (Akiko Kie)
- 1/31 Mr. Joshua Hernandez Morse (Miyasaki Family)
- 2/7 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio (Michiko Morikubo)
- 2/14 Rev. Yoshiaki Fujitani (R. Kaneshiro & P. Uyeda)
- 2/21 Mrs. Nancy Shimamoto (M/M Michael Sorakubo)
- 2/28 Rev. Tatsuo Muneto (Kanazawa Family)
- 3/7 Rev. Thomas Okano (Alice Shiroma)

The following dates are still available for sponsorship: **May 23, May 30, Oct. 31.** If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please contact the temple office. The cost is \$65. Mahalo to our speakers, our sponsors and our volunteer staff for making this broadcast possible. Past broadcasts can be found on our website [www.moiliilihongwanji.org](http://www.moiliilihongwanji.org).

## SAVE THE DATE



### MARCH MADNESS!

Moiliili Hongwanji Mission welcomes you to **March Madness! Sunday, March 1, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Come join us for food, music, and fun. Raffle, silent auction, crafts, sushi, chili, corn on the cob, waffle dogs, shave ice. All of your favorites! Fun for the whole family! Bring a friend. Heck, bring all your friends! (Contributed by Dana Kohut)

### SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2015

We are most grateful to our Sustaining Members for your generous commitment to the temple. It is through your support that the temple is able to provide religious services, community service programs such as Project Dana and Family Promise, and other community outreach activities. We are continuing to develop ways to best use our facilities to spread the Dharma.

The temple Board of Directors approved an increase in dues for 2015 to help cover the cost of our annual assessment to Honpa Hongwanji statewide operation and our increased operating expenses. The dues are \$150 per year or \$12.50 per month for individuals and \$300 or \$25 per month for families. Those who are 80 years and above and who have been members for at least 5 years may contribute an amount that is comfortable for them. Credit card payments will now be accepted. Thank you so very much for your continued support!

### TEMPLE CLEANUP THANK YOU



Do you notice a shine coming from our temple? Mahalo nui loa to our members and friends for participating in our annual Temple Clean-up on Nov. 30. From the hondo, nokotsudo, annex, utility room, restrooms, kitchen, screens, windows/louvers and light fixtures, volunteers made "quick work" of grime and dust. Even Rev. Bert was hard at work cleaning our altar and surrounding area.

In no time, lunch was being served. Ann Nakata and her lunch volunteers and donors served a delicious homemade cheeseburger deluxe with all the fixings and desserts to provide a well-rounded meal. (Even vegetarian patties were served)

We appreciate everyone who came out to volunteer on this clean-up day and who worked hard. We couldn't have done it without you.



## HEADQUARTERS NEWS

**2015 Living Treasures of Hawaii** The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will honor the following individuals as the 2015 Living Treasures of Hawaii in recognition of their personal and professional achievements and their contributions to the community: 1) Blossom Puanani Alama Tom, 2) Haunani S. Apoliona, 3) Dr. Bernice Kusako Hirai, 4) Paulette Nohealani Kahalepuna, 5) Laura Ruby, and 6) Barry Taniguchi. The Luncheon is on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom, 11:00 a.m. registration, 12:00 p.m. lunch and program. The cost is \$70 for payments received by Jan. 31, and \$85 for late registration between Feb. 1-7. Sponsor Tables: Gold - \$5,000; Silver - \$3,000; Bronze - \$1,500

**Social Concerns Fund Drive and Disbursements** Through your support, the 2013-2014 Social Concerns Fund Drive raised a total of \$25,200. Disbursements for calendar year 2014 (amounts are listed in Headquarters Update) were made to the following:

Community Support (\$25,200): Counseling and Spiritual Care Center of Hawaii, The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii, Family Promise of Hawaii, Japanese American Citizens League-Hawaii Chapter, Hawaii People's Fund, Project Dana in recognition of its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, All Believers' Network International Interfaith Conference in August 2014, Sunrise Ministry Foundation Journeys to Wellness Seminar, Hawaii Food Bank, Hawaii Food Bank-Kauai Branch, Food Basket (Hawaii Island Food Bank), Maui Food Bank

Emergency Relief (\$29,000): International Red Cross to support disaster relief efforts across the Pacific region, Hawaii Island United Way for Hurricane Iselle relief efforts, Hiroshima Hongwanji District Office for landslide relief efforts, Pahala Hongwanji for damage sustained from Hurricane Iselle, omimai for three Hongwanji families in Puna, Hilo, and Honokaa for damage from Hurricane Iselle. \$10,000 allocated for Puna lava flow relief efforts

The Committee on Social Concerns thanks the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Ohana for your continued support of our efforts to share the Dharma through advocacy and compassionate action.



**YESS CAMP 32 "Ichigo Ichie"** YESS Camp 32 will be held Apr. 3-5, 2015 at Camp Kokokahi, Oahu. The application form is available online: [www.tinyurl.com/yesscamp32form](http://www.tinyurl.com/yesscamp32form)

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade** The Federation BWA invites you to join them in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade on Jan. 19. All temple members and friends, Dharma School students, YBA members, PBA students and families are invited to participate. This year the BWA will participate in two events: 1) Bell Ringing Ceremony—Sunday, Jan. 18, 5:30 p.m. at Nagasaki Peace Bell, Honolulu Hale Grounds; 2) MLK Parade—Monday, Jan. 19, 9:00 a.m. (meet at 8:00 a.m.), Magic Island to Kapiolani Park. Please wear BWA shirts or purple shirts. Sign up with your temple BWA president or representative.

**Condolences** Tadao Matsuzaki of Papaikou Hongwanji passed away on Oct. 27, Posthumous Title I-Toku-In; Lillian Tsutami Hasegawa of Waianae Hongwanji passed away on Dec. 1, Posthumous Title E-Gen-In; Esther Chiyeko Fujioka of Kailua Hongwanji passed away on Nov. 26, Posthumous Title Hou-Ju-In.

**Hawaii Kyodan Donation Online** Hawaii Kyodan is grateful for the generous support of its programs through the donations received at Headquarters and the BSC. Many of the donations have been coming in through its website which provides a convenient way to make a tax-deductible donation and have instant confirmation of the donation. To use the website, go to [www.hongwanjihawaii.com](http://www.hongwanjihawaii.com) and click on "Donation to the Hongwanji". In gassho.

"Headquarters Update" may be found in its entirety on the Headquarters website [www.hongwanjihawaii.com](http://www.hongwanjihawaii.com)

 **DR. TAITETSU UNNO (1929-2014)**   
Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno passed away on Dec. 13, 2014 at his residence in Eugene, Oregon. His passing is a great loss to his family and the members of Jodo Shin Sangha in America. Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and Pacific Buddhist Academy will hold a special memorial service on **Saturday, Jan. 24, at 2:00 p.m.** at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. Mrs. Alice Unno and Dr. Mark and Mrs. Megumi Unno plan to attend. The family has requested that all correspondence including condolences and koden be made through Hawaii Kyodan Headquarters (Attn: Rev. Umitani by Jan. 20), and the koden from the people in Hawaii be designated to "Pacific Buddhist Academy." For those attending the memorial service in Hawaii, the reception table will receive your donations.





# Buddhist Women's Association



*Ichigo, ichie* - Whatever you do, this time, this moment will never come again. Thank you so much for allowing me to be your President for these past two years. I have experienced a lot and am more grateful and humbled by this opportunity. Memories abound as I turn the title to Lois Ohta. *Arigataku shiawase ni. Minna ogenki de.*

## Nov 2 – BWA Hoonko Service & General Meeting

– Thank you to Mrs. Lois Toyama as our special speaker. Karen Murakami took time from her busy schedule to be our MC. 2015 Election was held and new Board installed. Our officers are: President Lois Ohta; 1<sup>st</sup> VP Nancy Hironaka; 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Joy Fujita; 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Cyndi Osajima; Recording Secretary Jeanne Watari; Asst. Recording Secretary Jean Sato; Corresponding Secretary Anne Kawabata; Treasurer Alice Shiroma; Asst. Treasurer Irene Nitta; Auditors Carol Kawaguchi (Head), Shuku Najita, Wendy Nakanishi, Sumie Sonoda.

**May 30-31, 2015** - 15<sup>th</sup> World BWA Convention in Calgary, Canada

I leave you with words from the Monshu Koshin Ohtani's book. *How to Listen with the Heart*

1. *You should listen as if you are listening for the very first time.*
2. *You should listen as if the message is for you alone.*
3. *You should listen as if this is the last time you will ever do so in your life.*

Karen Kikukawa, (808)341-1292 or [kkkikuka@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:kkkikuka@hawaii.rr.com)



## HAPPY STRUMMERS NEWS

In December, Buddhists gathered at Nichiren temple to celebrate Bodhi Day. I picked up the gatha book Praises of the Buddha and looked over the gatha "Jodo-e no Uta" and started playing it on my ukulele. As I kept singing its beautiful melody extolling the Buddha, it sounded so well with G and D<sup>7</sup> all through the gatha. If you have a chance, pick up your ukulele and start singing songs using C, G<sup>7</sup>, F, D<sup>7</sup>, A<sup>m</sup>, C<sup>7</sup> G. You will find great pleasure that you are able to enjoy many gathas or songs.

Contributed by Michiko Motooka

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

Welcome to the New Year! Let us hope that 2015, the year of the Sheep (or Ram), will keep us healthy and wise. Let's try to keep our mind, soul and body healthy by exercising and by sharing our gratitude with others.



May I share some information with you on Vitamin D. Tufts University's **Health and Nutrition Letter** contained an article by Robin Kanarek, PhD, who stated that Vitamin D is critical for the normal functioning of our nervous system. She explains that Vitamin D deficiency may contribute to age-related decline in mental activities (such as thinking, remembering, learning or using language). She states, "It is possible that Vitamin D deficiency is the consequence rather than the cause of decline in cognitive behavior of elderly individuals. Why? Because as we age, we tend to reduce the time spent in physical activities, especially outdoors in the sunshine and the reduced Vitamin D metabolism."

Dr. Kanarek feels that more studies are needed. However, based on the article, it is suggested that we should continue to move around and if possible, spend some time outdoors in the sunshine.

Contributed by Helen Hamasu

## FALL SEMINAR 2014

On Nov. 8, Dr. Pat Masters delivered a practical talk on "*Everyday Life Lessons from the Tibetan Buddhist Process of Living and Dying*." She talked about the practices of conscious living. Being mindful is a conscious awareness of the present. Everything is impermanent. Since everything is going to change, we should see change as an opportunity. To live in the present moment makes all the difference in the world.

The Dharma Enrichment committee would like to thank Joy Fujita, Joanne Kealoha and Donna Higashi for helping with the snacks and lunch.



## HMH 5-YEAR THEME & SLOGAN



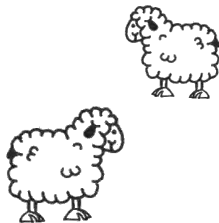


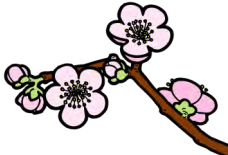


The new 5-year theme and slogans for Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for 2015-2019 are as follows:

- 2015: Embrace Change: Awareness (Seek Opportunities)
- 2016: Embrace Change: New Vision (Create Engagement)
- 2015: Embrace Change: Action (Open Communication)
- 2016: Embrace Change: Harmony (Accept Differences)
- 2017: Embrace Change: Transformation (Walk in Peace)

2015 Slogan: "Embrace Change:  
Awareness (Seek Opportunities)"

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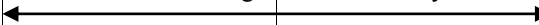
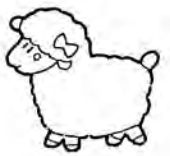

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Office &amp; Preschool Closed</i>  10:00 AM - New Year's Day Service	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:00 AM - English Service Mochitsuki (Mochi Pounding) 	<b>5</b>  5:15 PM - Zumba Class 6:30 PM - Argentine Tango Class	<b>6</b>  9:10 AM - Preschool Keiki Service  4:00 PM - Karate 6:30 PM - Meditation Serv.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  9:30 AM - Ikebana 10:00 AM - Franciscan Visitation  4:00 PM - Karate	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  1:00 PM - BWA Board Mtg.
<b>11</b> 9:00 AM - English Service Speaker: Rev. Blayne Higa	<b>12</b>  5:15 PM - Zumba Class 6:30 PM - Argentine Tango Class	<b>13</b>  9:10 AM - Preschool Keiki Service  4:00 PM - Karate 6:30 PM - Meditation Serv.	<b>14</b>  6:30 AM - Temple Board Meeting	<b>15</b>  9:00 AM - Honolulu Kyogakkai Meeting 9:30 AM - Ikebana  4:00 PM - Karate	<b>16</b> <i>Shinran Shonin Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>17</b> 
<b>18</b> 9:00 AM - Hoonko Service Speaker: Rev. Mariko Nishiyama  2:00-5:00 PM - Ministers PBA Fundraiser Car Wash at Betsuin	<b>19</b> <i>Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> <i>(Holiday)</i> <i>Office &amp; Preschool Closed</i>  5:15 PM - Zumba Class 6:30 PM - Argentine Tango Class	<b>20</b>  9:10 AM - Preschool Keiki Service  4:00 PM - Karate 6:30 PM - Meditation Serv. 7:00 PM - Hongwanji Council Meeting	<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b>  9:30 AM - Ikebana 10:15 AM - Maunalani Visitation  4:00 PM - Karate	<b>23</b>  2:00 PM - Aracadia Visitation	<b>24</b>  2:00 PM - Memorial Svc. For Dr. Taitetsu Unno At Betsuin
<b>25</b> 9:00 AM - P.D. Apprec. Svc. Speaker: Rev. Sumikawa  4:00 PM - Craigsides Service	<b>26</b>  5:15 PM - Zumba Class 6:30 PM - Argentine Tango Class	<b>27</b>  9:10 AM - Preschool Keiki Service 10:30 AM - Hawaii Kai Visitation  4:00 PM - Karate 6:30 PM - Meditation Serv.	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>  9:30 AM - Ikebana  4:00 PM - Karate	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 



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# February 2015

Temple.....949-1659  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00 AM - Monthly Re- membrance Service	<b>2</b>  5:15 PM - Zumba Class 6:30 PM - Argentine Tango Class	<b>3</b> 9:10 AM - Preschool Keiki Service  4:00 PM - Karate 6:30 PM - Meditation Svc.	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> 9:30 AM - Ikebana 10:15 AM - Oahu Care Visitation  4:00 PM - Karate	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 
<b>8</b> 9:00 AM - English Svc. General Membership Meeting 11:15 AM - New Year Luncheon @ Willows	<b>9</b>  5:15 PM - Zumba Class 6:30 PM - Argentine Tango Class	<b>10</b> 9:10 AM - Preschool Keiki Service  4:00 PM - Karate 6:30 PM - Meditation Svc.	<b>11</b> 10:00 AM - Japanese Dharma Class  6:30 AM - Temple Board Meeting	<b>12</b> State Minister Assoc. Mtg  9:30 AM - Ikebana 10:00 AM - Franciscan Visitation  4:00 PM - Karate	<b>13</b> <div>             103rd Legislative Assembly              </div>	
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## THANK YOU!

Mahalo to a generous member for the donation of a Black and Decker 40 volt weedwacker with charger plus an extra charger and a pack of weedwacker line! It really helps with the yard maintenance.

## MAHALO, U.S. NAVY!

We are truly grateful to volunteers from the U.S. Navy, who gave up their day off on Nov. 21, 2014 to cut back the jabon (pomelo) tree in the temple's parking lot, which was starting to cover our neighbor's roof. Special thanks to the young lady E-5 who braved the rooftop, was attacked by a flying mouse (!), and got a serious suntan over several hours of buzz-sawing the tree! Mahalo! Whooya! Go Navy!

Contributed by Kerry Kiyohara  
 [Mahalo to U.S. Marine volunteers for coordinating community service projects at Project Dana and the temple.]

# Preschool News

December was a very busy month at Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool. During the holiday season, the children cheerfully decorated their classrooms with festive arts and crafts and trimmed their Christmas trees with a variety of cute ornaments.

On Friday, December 5, puppeteer Christy Lipps entertained us with an enjoyable puppet show. The children were thrilled to assist her with her puppets as she sang the "The 12 Days of Christmas-Hawaiian Style" and "The Angel Band".

The temple members and the preschool participated in the Moiliili Christmas parade on December 11. Following the parade, everyone gathered for refreshments, games and fellowship. It was an exciting and fun-filled evening for all.

Santa's jolly laugh and the children's sweet voices echoed throughout the school as they performed at our Winter Program on Friday, December 19. Santa visited each classroom first, handing out Christmas gifts to each child. The program followed with each class performing their Christmas songs. At the conclusion of this wonderful performance, the parents, grandparents and guests were wished a "Happy Holiday Season"!

The preschool will be on their Winter Break from December 22, 2014 - January 2, 2015 and will resume classes on January 5, 2015.

We will be ringing in the New Year with a visit to the Hawaiian Railway Society's train ride in Ewa in late January. Other exciting activities and visits will be planned for February as we celebrate Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year.

Here's wishing all of you a very Happy and Healthy New Year in 2015!

Contributed by Jan Kuniyuki



## Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool Accepting Enrollment

Children 2.5 to 5 years of age  
Weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.  
Wendy Harman, Preschool Director  
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## FROM THE PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

Happy New Year! Welcoming the New Year with Happiness, Prosperity and Bright New Beginnings!



2015 is the year of the Sheep under the influence of the element Wood. The person born in the year of the Sheep is a witty individual who is very thoughtful and is mindful of other's wishes. He is generous, sentimental and has high morals. If you were born in the years 1907, 1919, 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015, you are the lucky sheep.

This is the time of the year when we traditionally make resolutions to better ourselves and our lives. We also tend to reflect on what has happened in the past. Let's continue to find interesting and different ways to fulfill our resolutions and express our joy and appreciation for this opportunity that we call life.

I welcome back the staff and children of Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool and wish you all a healthy and safe 2015!

In Gassho,  
Wendy C. Harman



Temple members and preschoolers participated in the Moiliili Christmas parade.



Honolulu United Jr. YBA members baked cookies for the Honolulu ministers for Jr. YBA Minister Appreciation Month in November.



## 年頭の辞

新しい年の初めにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

昨年、6月に法統を継承し、本願寺住職・浄土真宗本願寺派門主となりました。社会状況の変化が激しい現代社会において、浄土真宗のみ教えがより多くの方にとって生きる依りどころとなるよう、伝えてまいります。どうぞよろしくお願いいたします。



Gomonsu Kojun Ohtani

浄土真宗の教えは、親鸞聖人によって説かれました。以来、790年以上にわたり受け継がれ、今日の私たちの届いています。それは、み教えが、時代や場所に関係なく、すべての人にとって生きる依りどころとなってきたからです。仏教は、自己中心的なとらわれを離れ、真理に基づいて生きる生き方を明らかにしています。しかし、そのようにできない私たちは、様々な悲しみや苦しみを抱えることになります。

親鸞聖人は、このような私たちを必ず仏にならせようと阿弥陀様がはたらいて下さると教えてくださいました。この阿弥陀様のはたらきによって、私たちは、真理に気づき、わが身の姿を省みることが出来ます。

本年も、み教えを聞き、お念仏申す生活を送らせていただきます。

2015年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派

門主 大谷光淳

# HAPPY NEW YEAR



Dharma School student Shayna plays the lead role of Sadako in "Peace on Your Wings."



2015 BWA Officers



Mrs. Lois Toyama  
BWA Hoonko speaker



Dr. Pat Masters  
Fall Seminar speaker



Rev. Richard Tennes  
Eitaikyo speaker



Rev. Irene Matsumoto  
Bodhi Day speaker