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NEW YEAR'S GREETING Honpa Hongwanji, Kyoto, Japan



At the beginning of the new year, I would like to extend my greeting to you.

On June 6, 2014, receiving the Jodo Shinshu tradition from Monshu Emeritus, I was inaugurated as the Hongwanji Resident Head Priest and Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha 25th Monshu. To commemorate the occasion together with all of you in front of Amida Buddha and the Founder Shinran Shonin, *Dento Hokoku Hoyo*, or the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition will be observed at Hongwanji, Kyoto, Japan from this coming October 1. With this observance as an opportunity, it is my hope that the Jodo Shinshu teaching will spread to as many as possible.



The Jodo Shinshu teaching was set forth by Shinran Shonin nearly eight hundred years ago and it has been carefully transmitted to us today. Be it Shinran Shonin's time or the present day, the Jodo Shinshu teaching remains unchanged and continues to serve as our spiritual foundation. This is because in this world of impermanence we live our lives never knowing when it may end. No one can guarantee that tomorrow I will not be involved in an incident or accident that will bring about the end of my life.

In closing, let us continue our journey along the Nembutsu path by going to the temple to hear more of Amida Buddha's constant working for our benefit. In doing so, throughout this year, let us reflect on our true selves, come to appreciate all the encounters of our everyday lives, and in gratitude, recite the Nembutsu.

Namo Amida Butsu.

January 1, 2016

OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

NAMO AMIDA BUTSU & HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we begin the New Year, let me express my warmest Aloha and Best Wishes to you for a meaningful and peaceful New Year. The new year 2016 is significant in that it is the beginning of “The Commemoration of the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition” by our 25th Spiritual Leader His Eminence Kojun Ohtani whose vision is outlined in the Proclamation/Letter he issued in June 2014 with the words “The nembutsu teaching that is based on Amida Buddha’s Primal Vow remains unchanged, regardless of the changing times and society. However, the methods for transmitting and sharing it needs to evolve and adapt according to social changes. Now is the time for our Hongwanji institution to utilize our collective wisdom and knowledge for considering approaches to convey the Buddha Dharma to our contemporaries today.”

In Hawaii, our theme and slogan for 2016 reads “... we create a new vision which will plan for the future, and create engagement with our members and the community.” As I reflected, I thought of the Bodhisattva Dharmakara. The Bodhisattva Dharmakara had an aspiration. A new vision, if you will. According to Shinran Shonin, it was a shift from Self Power to Other Power or the attainment of Supreme Enlightenment through the (Buddha’s) Other Power of Great Compassion. This new vision was expressed by the 48 Vows, in particular the 18th Vow, and the Pure Land of Enlightenment to which one and all are welcome. Now that the vision was clear, it had to be made real and known to others. Thus, as we know, the Bodhisattva Dharmakara endeavored to become Amida Buddha or Namu Amida Butsu, an All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion, to share the message of the Nembutsu Teachings. Amida Buddha created engagement with all sentient beings by sending forth the various Buddhas, like Shakyamuni Buddha, to share the message of Great Unconditional Compassion. As we become aware of this Great Compassion, finding ourselves embraced by it, with great joy we join the countless Buddhas of the Universe in praise of the wondrous vision of Bodhisattva Dharmakara/Amida Buddha. His Eminence encourages “jishin kyo ninshin”



or to “secure our own entrusting heart to the Dharma, guiding others to the same path.”

In a similar fashion, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii must embrace the vision to transform into a 21st Century internationally minded spiritual organization. A Kyodan which is more in sync with today’s world and times so that it can better meet the needs of all members and the society-at-large, and interactively with innovation, offer the message of Amida Buddha’s All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion to all people, all life, and all existence. For this purpose, various Hawaii Kyodan Committees have been challenged with various tasks to bring about a transformation, but the greatest shift or change which must take place, first and foremost, is the one that occurs in each of our minds.

As Jodo Shin Buddhists, let us respond to Amida Buddha’s Unconditional Compassion by reciting the Nembutsu of Awareness, Joy, and Gratitude, and also endeavor in gratitude to foster a more peaceful and harmonious world beginning with my own self and our own Kyodan/Sangha. Our limitations as bonbu are evident, but may we aspire to be that Kyodan/Sangha that the Dharma describes, and makes the Buddha smile in acknowledgement of our efforts to try to be better. Again, in response to Buddha’s benevolence, I, together with our State President Mr. Pieper Toyama, humbly ask for your support and cooperation. May we all go to the Buddha Dharma for guidance! Entrusting in the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light.



In Gassho/Anjali,
Bishop Eric Matsumoto
Honpa Hongwanji Mission
of Hawaii

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE Change, Vision, and Engagement in 2016

We enter 2016 shaped by the theme: EMBRACE CHANGE: NEW VISION, and this vision for the future is to be borne out of our engagement with each other and our communities. Let me share two thoughts on this theme. First, let us be guided by the Jodo Shinshu concept of Ondobo Ondogyo. This perspective of life is based on the idea that we are all fellow travelers. That lay members and ministers are on the same journey. We make our way by supporting each other, by sharing the joys and burdens of our travels. We engage with each other to set the direction of our journey and how we will travel together. To live the meaning of Ondobo Ondogyo, lay members and ministers must work with each other to set and share a



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vision of the future. This will mean engagements that are happy and productive as well as engagements that are unhappy and frustrating. Our egos will make sure that our journey together is not perfect. But this is the natural process of engagement that must not deter us from traveling as one Sangha.

Second, as you travel through 2016, find opportunities to engage in the life of your temple that make sense to you in your life right now. Your engagement may be as simple as attending Sunday services or it may extend to participating in a few temple events. It may even include joining a committee to plan an activity or even serving as a chairperson. Better yet, it may grow to becoming an officer of your temple. Set a vision for yourself for 2016 and embrace the changes that you create.

Namo Amida Butsu
In Gassho
Pieper J. Toyama, President
Hawaii Kyodan

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I would like to at this time, take this 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 2016 with renewed anticipation as we approach our 110th year of existence in the Moiliili community.



As I am in the midst of the second year of my ministry here at Moiliili Hongwanji, I want to truly express my appreciation to all the sustaining members of Moiliili, the BWA who have been of immense assistance, to all the Volunteers who have given much of their valuable time and effort to realize our slogan as a center of Shin Buddhist spiritual growth, learning and compassionate service in our community.

As we approach the year 2016, let us reflect on the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's Theme and Slogan for the year 2016, "Embrace Change – New Vision (Create Engagement)." Let us continue through the guidance of Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion, find ways to be all-embracing of newcomers to this temple and to continue to develop active participation and fellowship, thereby creating a warm and welcoming sangha.

Namo Amida Butsu
Rev. Bert M. Sumikawa
Resident Minister

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM TEMPLE PRESIDENT NANCY SHIMAMOTO



CHEERS to you and your family! CHEERS to a brand New Year! Let's spice up the New Year with a dash of good fun, a sprinkle of smiles, a pinch of play, and cups overflowing with gratitude. Don't forget to blend it with an abundance of good health, love and joy. Spread over generously with "Namu Amida Butsu." **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

This year Moiliili Hongwanji Mission will be celebrating its 110th Anniversary. What a great milestone! Many projects have already been completed for the 110th while others are in the works. The 110th Anniversary Committee has begun their planning and they will keep us informed as plans are developed. **SAVE THE DATE** - a banquet and program will be held on **Eitaikyo Sunday, Nov. 20**. Your support and participation will be greatly appreciated.

"EMBRACE CHANGE: NEW VISION" is the theme for 2016. Please refer to Bishop Eric Matsumoto and State President Pieper Toyama's messages. They express their deep desire to facilitate, create and embrace a new vision through engagement with our Sangha (members and community). Their hope is for Hawaii Shin Buddhists to engage in the process of changing into a 21st Century internationally-minded spiritual organization. As a Temple we will endeavor to align ourselves with this vision.

Let's be mindfully kind, helpful, loving, creative, adventurous, and thankful in our relationships and undertakings in 2016. Make each day throughout the year a positive one as we encounter new opportunities and challenges. May Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion guide us and illuminate our pathway. Namu Amida Butsu.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Mo'ili'ili Hongwanji Mission is a center of Shin Buddhist spiritual growth, learning, and compassionate service to our community.

VISION STATEMENT:

Mo'ili'ili Hongwanji Mission is a growing inclusive Buddhist community seeking spiritual growth, learning, and compassionate service, living our values and preserving them for future generations.

Mark Calendar!

ALOHA AND MAHALO, REV. BLAYNE

Rev. Blayne Higa, our Assisting Minister, is leaving us to further his studies at the Institute of Buddhist Studies at Berkley. He will be our speaker for the last time at our Sunday service on **Jan. 10 at 9 a.m.** Following the service, there will be an aloha party in the annex. Rev. Blayne has been our Assisting Minister since July 1, 2014, and also served as our temple President from 2010 to 2013. He serves on the Temple Board of Directors and the Project Dana Advisory Council and has served as the chair of the Hawaii Kyodan Social Concerns Committee for many years. Please join us to thank Rev. Blayne for his leadership and efforts to help Moiliili Hongwanji and Hawaii Kyodan grow.

SHINRAN SHONIN MEMORIAL (HOONKO) SERVICE ON JAN. 17

Our Hoonko Service, the memorial service for Shinran Shonin, will be held on **Sunday, Jan. 17, at 9 a.m.** Our speaker will be Rev. Thomas Okano. We hope you will all join us for this important Jodo Shin observance.

PROJECT DANA'S 27TH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SERVICE

Project Dana at Moiliili Hongwanji will observe its 27th Volunteer Appreciation Service on **Sunday, Jan. 31, at 9 a.m.** Rev. Sandra Hiramatsu will speak on "The Spirit of Dana." You are cordially invited!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & NEW YEAR'S LUNCHEON ON FEB. 21

The temple's Annual Membership Meeting and New Year's Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, Feb. 21.** The day will begin at **9 a.m.** with our Sunday service at which time new Sustaining Members will be recognized. The Annual Membership Meeting will begin at **10 a.m.** and will include the election and installation of officers and directors for the 2-year term 2016-17. The New Year's luncheon will follow at The Willows Restaurant with registration from **10:45 a.m.** and luncheon from **11:15 a.m. - 2 p.m.** The cost will be \$33 for adults and \$12.50 for children age 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. The deadline to register is Feb. 7. Flyers will be mailed soon.



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Moiliili Hongwanji Mission extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Sustaining Member Vivian Setsuyo Nakamura, 97, who passed away on Nov. 28. May the Onembutsu provide solace to family members during this time of sorrow.

MEMORIAL SERVICE (NENKI) SCHEDULE

The year 2016 is the special memorial year for those who passed away in:

2015	1st year memorial service
2014	3rd year memorial service*
2010	7th year memorial service
2004	13th year memorial service
2000	17th year memorial service
1992	25th year memorial service
1984	33rd year memorial service
1967	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.)

CONVERSATIONAL JAPANESE CLASS

A class in Conversational Japanese will be held at the temple on Fridays from **1 – 2 p.m.** beginning on **Jan. 22.** The instructor will be Midori Kiso. If you would like to join the class, please contact the temple office at 949-1659. The cost is \$3/class for temple members and \$5/class for non-members.

NEWS FROM PBA

Thanks to a pledge of 250 million yen (about 2 million dollars) from Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha and the support of the Hongwanji community and friends, the Pacific Buddhist Academy has reached a major milestone and looks to break ground for a new school building in the coming months. This will enable the size of the student body to increase to at least 120 and allow numerous educational programs to expand. PBA is grateful for our continuing kokua!



PROJECT DANA NEWS

An Invitation to All to the 27th Project Dana at Moiliili Hongwanji Appreciation Service

Date: Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Moiliili Hongwanji Mission, 902 University Ave. (Additional parking on the makai side of the temple)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Sandra Hiramatsu on "The Spirit of Dana"

Please join us in observing the 27th Annual Project Dana at Moiliili Hongwanji Mission Volunteer Appreciation Service. This is the time to express appreciation to ALL volunteers as we enter into the 27th year of volunteer caregiving and extend a warm mahalo to the new volunteers of 2015. Long time Moiliili Hongwanji volunteer Betsy Nishioka will speak of her experiences in helping a woman who lives alone with no family here in Hawaii. An elder will share thoughts on receiving services. We look forward to being inspired and motivated in continuing to offer volunteer caregiving services to frail elders, disabled persons, and family caregivers in the community. Refreshments will be served. Please mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing you on Jan. 31.

Are You a Caregiver? Don't Wait Until You Are Stressed Out!

Project Dana's "Caring for the Caregiver Support Group" (CCSG) program began its 15th year of support services to family caregivers in the community. The support group provides three different types of group sessions: 1) educational sessions by which caregivers learn from professionals and agencies on aging and related issues, as well as caregiving strategies; 2) rap sessions by which caregivers are given the opportunity to

share and discuss the challenges and joys they experience in caregiving; and 3) outing sessions by which caregivers take part in complete relaxation and respite from caregiving as they go on excursions in the community.

Current and former caregivers have shared their appreciation of the program in their written evaluation and letters. One caregiver thanked the support group for "*helping us to survive and tread water.*" Another wrote that the "*support group has provided valuable information, help, reassurance, motivation and hope for the future.*" The most significant aspect that caregivers value from the program is the camaraderie that they form with fellow caregivers. As one caregiver described it, "*I don't feel so alone, neglected, or forgotten. My fellow caregivers are just a phone call, an e-mail message away. I've become a more knowledgeable and confident caregiver, even happier. CCSG has been one of the best things that crossed my caregiving journey!*"

The support group meets on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at the Honpa Hongwanji Betsuin Social Hall. We welcome family caregivers around the island of Oahu who are caring for an individual 60 years of age or older. If you or someone you know would like to participate in the program, please contact Project Dana at (808) 945-3736.

Holiday Greetings from the Project Dana Staff

The gift of love, the gift of peace, and the gift of happiness – may these be yours throughout the New Year.

On behalf of the Project Dana staff, we wish to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU for the dedication in past years and humbly ask for continued support in the future.

May All Beings Be Happy!



HEADQUARTERS NEWS

The Accession Ceremony (Dento Hokoku Hoyo)

The Accession Ceremony (The Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition) will be held from October 2016 through May 2017 at Honzan in Kyoto. This ceremony is conducted to formally announce that the newly-inducted Head Priest shall take on the responsibilities as Monshu, following in the footsteps of his predecessors to spread the Dharma to new generations. It is also an occasion welcoming everyone to celebrate the inauguration of the new Monshu. Honzan designated Oct. 21, 2016 and Mar. 31, 2017 for the Overseas Districts (BCA, Canada and Hawaii). Headquarters is coordinating the special tours for ministers, members and affiliates of HHMH to attend. Registration forms with more information are available through your temple or at www.hongwanjihawaii.com under “News & Events.”

Oct. 14-23, 2016: Rennyō Shonin Pilgrimage.

Deadline: Feb. 22, 2016 (limit 50 participants)

Mar. 29-Apr. 7, 2017: Shinran Shonin Pilgrimage;

Deadline: May 13, 2016 (limit 60 participants).

Jinji – Ministerial Assignments Rev. William Masuda, a retired minister of the Buddhist Churches of America, will be assigned to Makawao Hongwanji as its resident minister as of Feb. 1. This will be a temporary assignment (at least 2 years) as an Assisting Minister under the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii State Headquarters with Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani as supervisor.

Rev. Tatsuo Muneto, who has recently retired from the active ministry as of Dec. 15, will be recognized for his years of service to HHMH and retirement at the Giseikai Aloha Luncheon and the Living Treasures Recognition Program which will be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village on Feb. 13.

Rev. Blayne Higa will be relieved from the position of Assisting Minister of Moiliili Hongwanji Mission as of Jan. 15 to continue his education and training at the Institute of Buddhist Studies.

Condolence Sonny Abangan of Wahiawa Hongwanji passed away on Nov. 1. He held the Tokudo ordination status and was assistant to Wahiawa’s resident minister from Sept. 2, 2002 to Dec. 31, 2008. Ingo Ondoku-In.

YESS Camp YESS (Young Enthusiastic Shinshu Seekers) Camp for youth ages 13-23 will be held at Camp Timberline from Mar. 19-21. The theme is

“Through the Mirror” and the guest speaker will be Mr. Pieper Toyama. The early deadline for registration is Feb. 19 (\$85), and the late deadline is Mar. 4 (\$110). Contact Jamie at 973-6555 for more information

Legislative Assembly Aloha Luncheon & Living Treasures of Hawaii Recognition The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will honor the following individuals as the 2016 Living Treasures of Hawaii: Paul Leland Breese, Sooriya Kuma, Dr. Puakea M. Nogelmeier, Dennis Masaaki Ogawa, Ph.D. and Lillian Noda Yajima. The banquet will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13, at Hilton Hawaii Village Coral Ballroom, 11 a.m. registration, 12 p.m. lunch and program. Early registration by Jan. 31, \$70; late registration from Feb. 1-7, \$85. For additional information, please call 522-9200 or email admin@honpahi.org.

“Headquarters Update” may be found in its entirety on the Headquarters website www.hongwanjihawaii.com

2016 HONGWANJI SLOGAN—Embrace Change: New Vision (Create Engagement)

The Honpa Hongwanji five-year theme for 2015-2019 is “Embrace Change” and the yearly slogans are:

2015-Embrace Change: Awareness (Seek Opportunities)

2016-Embrace Change: New Vision (Create Engagement)

2017-Embrace Change: Action (Open Communications)

2018-Embrace Change: Harmony (Accept Differences)

2019-Embrace Change: Transformation (Walk in Peace)

The slogan for 2016 “Embrace Change: New Vision (Create Engagement)” continues on the path from AWARENESS to TRANSFORMATION with the focus on a NEW VISION and creating meaningful engagement with our members and our communities.

CHORALFEST 2016

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii’s Choralfest 2016 will be held at the Hawaii Betsuin on **Sept. 24-25**. This sixth Hawaii choralfest is open to all singers from all temples in Hawaii and to limited participants from BCA and Japan. Choralfest will again be led by Nola Nahulu, director of the Hawaii Opera Chorus and a Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Living Treasure. Registration forms and fee of \$30 per person must be turned in by April 30. Upon close of registration, music booklets and practice CDs will be sent to participating temples for each singer. Call the Office of Buddhist Education at 522-9202 for more information.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2016

Thank you for your continued sustaining membership with Moiliili Hongwanji Mission. It is through your support that the temple is able to provide religious services, fellowship activities, community service programs such as Project Dana and Family Promise, and other community outreach activities. We are continuing to explore ways to further share the Dharma and expand and strengthen our Sangha.

This year we completed the purchase of new chairs to replace the pews in the Hondo and Columbarium which allows us to make better use of the space. In addition we have air-conditioned both the Columbarium and the upstairs Annex.

The annual membership dues for 2016 will be \$175 (\$14.58/mo.) for individuals and \$350 (\$29.16/mo.) for families. Approximately \$225 per member/family goes to the Hawaii Kyodan and is NOT kept by the temple. Those who are 80 years or older and who have been members for at least five years may contribute an amount of their choosing. Additional donations are always welcomed and appreciated. Payments can be made by credit card, and monthly payments may also be arranged. Thank you very much for your support.

MUSIC SEMINAR WITH BJ SORIANO

On Nov. 14 Moiliili Hongwanji hosted BJ Soriano from Hilo Betsuin. To the delight of the group, BJ gave a brief history of her introduction to Buddhism and Buddhist music, introduced five of her gathas, and brought out the musical creativity within us, even if we didn't know we had that creativity. All the while BJ with her ukulele talent, made singing fun for the attendees.



MARTIN LUTHER KING PARADE

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations will again be participating in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and invites BWA members, Dharma School students and teachers, PBA faculty, staff and students, temple members and families to join in. The parade will be on **Monday, Jan. 18**, beginning at **9 a.m.** from Magic Island to Kapiolani Park. Participants should meet at Magic Island between **7:30 and 8 a.m.** and wear a purple or Hongwanji shirt. The PBA will drive a bus for those unable to walk the route. Donations of paper cranes, which will be passed out to parade watchers, will be greatly appreciated.



Buddhist Women's Association



"ALL In ALL the Time!" This motto of the Clemson Tiger football team and their Coach Swinney caught my attention one day as I watched TV. I'm not a major football fan, but the program highlighted Coach Swinney's efforts to pull his football team together. The bottom line was that a TEAM attitude of commitment and positive effort from each individual WILL bring forth the results and satisfaction of working together toward a goal. ALL in ALL the Time doesn't mean an individual gives up all one's time or energy to one purpose as we all know that many responsibilities pull at our lives each day. But, it does mean that when we choose to do something, we come in with that positive energy and commitment to put forth our best individual effort toward whatever we choose to do... as Moiliili Buddhist women. (BTW, Clemson is #1 in the college football ranking).

I begin 2016 with a heart full of gratefulness as I feel all of your positive efforts to work together as a group. There is no doubt that we are an "aging" group. At our recent temple clean-up, we had ladies from age 87 to those in their 50's working together in the kitchen and annex. Our elders continue to be an inspiration.

Let's plan for another fruitful year and work together to live the Dharma! Happy New Year and お体を大切にしてください—*okarada wo taisetsu ni shite kudasai* (please take care).

2016 BWA Executive Board:

President: Lois Ohta

1st VP: Nancy Hironaka

2nd VP: Joy Fujita

3rd VP: Cyndi Osajima

Recording Secretary: Jeanne Watari

Assist. Recording Secretary: Susan Okano

Corresponding Secretary: Noriyo Morikubo/
Karen Kikukawa

Treasurer: Irene Nitta

Assist. Treasurer: Susan Morishige

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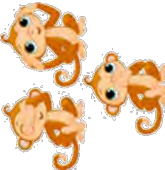









There will be a BWA Board meeting on **Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016 at 1 p.m.** in the Temple Annex to plan the calendar for 2016 and our otoki offering to the temple members.

Report by: Lois Ohta

January 2016

2016 Slogan: "Embrace Change:
New Vision (Create Engagement)"








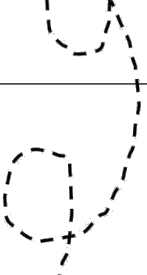
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21 9:00 AM - English Service Speaker: Rev. Sumikawa General Membership Mtg. 11:00 AM - New Year Luncheon @ Willows	22 5:15 PM - Zumba Class	23 9:10 AM - Preschool Keiki Service 10:30 AM - Hawaii Kai Visitation 4:00 PM - Karate 6:30 PM - Meditation Svc.	24 10:00 AM - Japanese Dharma Class 7:00 PM - Boxing/Fitness Class	25 9:30 AM - Ikebana 10:00 AM - Maunalani Visitation 4:00 PM - Karate	26 1:00 PM - Conversational Japanese Class 7:00 PM - Boxing/Fitness Class	27  Bee my valentine!
28 9:00 AM - English Service Speaker: Rev. Sumikawa 9:00 AM - Dharma School Service & Playful Percussion at Betsuin	29 5:15 PM - Zumba Class					



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MACARONI GRILL FUNDRAISER MAHALO

Thank you to members and friends for your support of the Romano's Macaroni Grill fundraiser on Nov. 4. We received over \$670 which represented 20% of the tabs of those who ate there and turned in the flyer. Mahalo to Arlyne and Raymond Takiue for organizing the fundraiser, to Romano's Macaroni Grill, and especially to everyone who came out!

THANK YOU FOR TEMPLE CLEANUP HELP

Thank you to all who helped with our annual temple cleanup on Nov. 29. Windows, screens, closets, ledges, lights, appliances, and more were given a good year-end cleaning. After a morning of hard work, everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch thanks to our talented chefs!

TEMPLE MAINTENANCE DAY—MAHALO

The makai parking area looks neat and clean thanks to the efforts of those who came to help on temple maintenance day on Dec. 19. Mahalo for your hard work!



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 a.m.** Here is the upcoming schedule with speaker's name followed by sponsor's name:

- 1/2 Bishop Eric Matsumoto (M/M Michael Sorakubo)
- 1/9 Mr. Pieper Toyama (M/M Roy Shimamoto)
- 1/16 Rev. Bert Sumikawa (Hirai Family)
- 1/23 Rev. Blayne Higa (Kie Family)
- 1/30 Rev. Jay Okamoto (Miyasaki Family)
- 2/6 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio (Morikubo Family)
- 2/13 Rev. Yoshiaki Fujitani (R. Kaneshiro & P. Uyeda)
- 2/20 Mrs. Nancy Shimamoto (M/M Michael Sorakubo)
- 2/27 Rev. Tatsuo Muneto (Kanazawa Family)

Mahalo to our speakers, our sponsors and our volunteer staff for making this broadcast possible. The following dates are available for sponsorship: **May 28, July 23, and Oct. 29.** If you would like to sponsor one of these broadcasts, please contact the temple office at 949-1659. A donation of \$65 is requested to help cover the costs associated with the broadcast. Past broadcasts can be found on our website www.moiliilihongwanji.org.



Time flew by so quickly this holiday season! It seemed like we had just said "Boo!" with our cute ghosts and goblins and celebrated Thanksgiving as we gave thanks for all the wonderful things we have and for the friends and family whom we share them with.

Early in November, the preschoolers were treated to an opera performance at the Hawaii Theatre. They enjoyed watching the performance of "The Magic Flute".

December was here in a blink of an eye! As we celebrated the Christmas season, the children happily decorated their classrooms with Santas, reindeer, snowmen and everything Christmas-y. Ornaments were made and hung on the beautifully lit trees. The children also had fun decorating gingerbread cookies and houses....yum!

We had our Winter Program on Thursday, Dec.

17. There was a special visit from Santa first, then everyone enjoyed the program in the temple. The children were adorable as ever and sang their hearts out to the many parents, grandparents, family and friends who attended. Following the program, the children were thrilled to open their gifts from Santa!

Earlier, a few of the boys and girls shared "what they wanted for Christmas"....

Wyatt S...I want a Ninja Turtle with the red band KentoStar Wars Rebel and Skylanders

Ella R.a ball toy

Mia.....a baby toy

Noah.....Power Rangers and Paw Patrol

Joshua.....Spiderman

Karli.....Shopkins

Zoe.....Barbie

Alyssa.....Doc McStuffin's Pet Check

I'm sure Santa fulfilled everyone's Christmas wishes!

The Preschool will be on Winter Break from Dec. 21, 2015 – Jan. 4, 2016. Thank you for a great year in 2015 and we will be looking forward to a wonderful year in 2016!

Hope your Christmas was the merriest! Best Wishes for a very Happy New Year!

Contributed by Jan Kuniyuki

FROM THE PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

Happy Holidays! We have much to celebrate and much to look forward to as we enter a new year.



Our annual Hawaii Food Bank Food Drive was quite successful. We collected approximately 1500 pounds of food which will be distributed to families in need of support. We wish to thank all those who generously gave towards this worthy cause.

Our Fundraiser has begun with the selling of Cookie Corner Cookies at \$6 a bag. There are three flavors to choose from Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal with Raisins and Triple Chocolate Chip with Nuts. Through this fundraiser, we hope to purchase new furniture for the classrooms.

The Preschool is filled with excitement during the holidays. Our last day of school before winter break is Friday, Dec. 18. The staff and students will return on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016.

May you and your loved ones have a very safe and joyous holiday season!

In Gassho,
Wendy Harman

年頭の辞

新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

私は、2014年6月6日に、前門主の跡を承けて法統を継承し、本願寺住職ならびに浄土真宗本願寺派第二十五代門主に就任いたしました。この法統継承を仏祖の御前に奉告する「伝灯奉告法要」を本年10月1日より、京都の本願寺にてお勤めいたします。この法要を機縁として、多くの人々に浄土真宗のみ教えが伝わることを期待しています。

浄土真宗のみ教えは、今から約800年前に親鸞聖人によって説かれました。そして、今日の私たちにまで受け継がれてきています。親鸞聖人の時代においても現代においても浄土真宗のみ教えは、変わることなく、私たちの生きる依りどころとなります。なぜなら、私たちは、いつ終わるか誰にも分からない命を生きているからです。明日、私が事件や事故にあわないという保証は誰も出来ません。

本年もお寺へお参りし、阿弥陀さまのおはたらきを聞かせていただきましょう。そして、そのことによって、自分自身の姿を省みて、日々のご縁を大切にしながら、南無阿弥陀仏とお念仏申す一年を過ごさせていただきましょう。

2016年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派
門主 大谷光淳



Moiliili members at the Macaroni Grill Fundraiser



Moiliili Hongwanji Music seminar
with BJ Soriano



Rev. Satoshi Tomioka



Dr. Dexter Mar



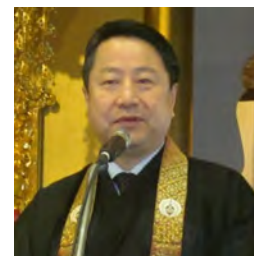
Pre-Tokudo State level Training Session at Buddhist Study Center



Get-together after Kapahulu-Moiliili
Christmas Parade



Rev. Reyn Tsuru



Rev. Shindo Nishiyama