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Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! Happy New Year! 新年おめでとうございます！

NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM HIS EMINENCE MONSHU OHTANI KOJUN

At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to you. This past year, we have been observing the ceremony known as The Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition since last October. This service will be continuing until the end of May over 10 sessions and a total of 80 days. The participation of the many delegates from both domestic and overseas districts has revitalized the atmosphere of all of our temple activities, and for that I am truly happy and grateful to each and every one of you.

Through holding the service together with you fellow Nembutsu followers, I am able to personally experience how the Jodo Shinshu teaching has not only been passed down to us over the span of nearly 800 years, but also how it has been delivered to many regions of the world beyond national borders.

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I believe that we have the Jodo Shinshu teaching today precisely because it served as the spiritual foundation for all of the preceding Nembutsu followers. Shinran

Shonin revealed his understanding of the Dharma known today as Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. It is a teaching for those of us who constantly struggle with various worries and hardships in life. Let us continue to listen to the teaching and share our own appreciation of the Dharma with family and friends in the hope that we can follow the Nembutsu path together with them.

January 1, 2017

OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



NAMO AMIDA BUTSU & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

In this New Year, please let me express my warmest Aloha and Best Wishes to you for a harmonious, peaceful and reflective New Year filled with the Joy of the Dharma!

As we reflect (including self-reflect) on what is happening around the world including our own nation, there is room for dire concern as aggression, violence, hate, inequality, disrespect, suspicion and mistrust erupt. At times, it may seem all too overwhelming. However, let us not lose hope. May we avail ourselves to the Wisdom of Enlightenment by letting it guide us and may Buddha's Compassion inspire us. Our Jodo Shinshu Teachings share that the Bodhisattva Dharmakara/Amida Buddha gives

hope to the spiritually lost foolish being/bonbu by promising the attainment of Enlightenment through the Buddha's Unconditional Compassion by saying "Entrust yourself to me calling my Name, Namō Amida Butsu." Out of the Joy and Gratitude of True Entrusting for being unconditionally accepted without judgement emerges a deep lament about this imperfect I and an aspiration to live a more Dharma-centered life. In one of his Letters, Shinran Shonin states, "There was a

time when for each of you when you knew nothing of Amida's Vow and did not say the Name of Amida Buddha, but now, guided by the compassionate means of Sakyamuni and Amida, you have begun to hear the Vow. Formerly you were drunk with the wine of ignorance and had a liking only for the three poisons of greed, anger, and folly, but since you have begun to hear the Buddha's Vow you have gradually rejected the three poisons, and come to prefer at all times the medicine of Amida Buddha" (*Lamp for the Latter Ages, Letter 20*). Further, says the late Rev. Jitsuen Kakehashi, "The 'turning of the heart' means forsaking the human-centered way of thinking and placing the teaching of the Tathagata at the center of our thought. Being saved means that with the Dharma-centered values, a new view of life is established in ourselves." "In our daily life, we are liable to be dictated to by our self-centered thoughts, but in the mind of nembutsu practitioners who are saddened and pained by this reality, there is a recurring transformation in which, with the heart and mind of the Tathagata's great wisdom and great compassion, we come to look back at our own thoughts and behaviors. When we look at the world with an ordinary human mind, it is distinctly divided into things we love and things we hate, but with the mind of the Tathagata, we are made to know that everyone is equally the Tathagata's indispensably important child. (*continues*)



BISHOP'S MESSAGE (*cont.*) From that standpoint, we realize that we are all brothers and sisters and fellow human beings. Then slowly but steadily, we come to reflect on our self-centered thoughts, reject our blind passions and make efforts to see things and live our lives in a way that can be approved by the Tathagata." (*From "Hearing the Buddha's Call, The Life, Works and Words of Shinran"*)

In this New Year, may the manifestations of True Entrusting such as "the benefit of having great joy in our hearts, the benefit of being aware of Amida's benevolence and of responding in gratitude to his virtue, and the benefit of constantly practicing great compassion" become more evident in our daily lives. As Jodo Shin Buddhists, let us respond to Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion by reciting the Nembutsu and encourage each other to live a life centered on the Dharma including sharing our Awareness, Joy and Gratitude of the Buddha's Great Wisdom and Compassion with others. Truly as Shinran Shonin said, "May there be peace in the world, and may the Buddha's Teaching spread!" Once again, Happy New Year to one and all! *Namō Amida Butsu—Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion.* In Gassho/Anjali, **Bishop Eric Matsumoto**

EMBRACE CHANGE: ACTION (OPEN COMMUNICATION)

Our theme for 2017 calls upon us to take action to implement plans for our temples while ensuring open communication to engage all those connected to our

temples. Our temples' success in serving members requires us to spend the time and planning necessary to make open communications happen efficiently and effectively. For every event we plan, for every opportunity for involvement we offer our members, let us consider doing the following: (1) Make clear announcements at our temple services; (2) Make attractive posters for our temple bulletin boards; (3) Print handouts for our



members to take home and post on their refrigerators and share with friends and relatives; (4) Post announcements on our temple websites, newsletters, and Facebook pages; (5) Use a telephone tree or make personal phone calls to senior citizens to get the word out. Use text messages, twitter, and Instagram for the XYZ generations; (6) Ask all temple affiliates to announce it to their members; (7) Do email blasts; (8) Do snail mail blasts with post cards and handwritten notes; (9) Post it on banners outside of our temples; (*continues on page 4*)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont.) (10) Put out public service announcements on TV & radio stations, and publications; (11) Submit news releases to print publications, radio and TV stations; (12) Talk it up among temple members during the coffee-hour talk-story following Sunday Services. In addition to paying attention to how we communicate, we also need to pay attention to what we communicate. Our temple members should not only know about upcoming events but also how our temples are doing financially. There should be full transparency of temple operations. Members should know the issues with personnel, facilities, finances, fundraising, temple programs, and strategic plans for the future. By making our temple operations transparent to members, we open pathways for input and involvement.

Most importantly, we must join temple ministers in sharing the Dharma. Sharing should not be limited to Dharma Talks during Sunday Services, memorial services, workshops, seminars and newsletter messages. We can begin by seeking meaningful Dharma messages in our personal readings and experiences and find ways to share them so we may enrich the lives of our temple members. We can begin by considering the 12 ways of communication I listed above as means for members and ministers to openly share the Dharma every day.

Open communications in 2017 means that each of us is a receiver and a sender. When our messages connect, they will spark action. Let us each do our part. Namu Amida Butsu. —**Pieper J. Toyama, HHMH President**

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

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 2017 as we approach the new year with renewed anticipation for a yet another year of propagating the dharma to all, in deep gratitude to Amida Buddha through the Teachings of our Founder Shinran Shonin.



As we approach the third year of my ministry here at Moiliili Hongwanji,

I want to truly express my appreciation to all the sustaining members of Moiliili, the BWA, to our Office Manager Emma Kie and Assistant Richard Oka who have been of immense assistance, to all the Volunteers who have given much of their valuable time and effort to realize our mission as a center of Shin Buddhist spiritual growth, learning and compassionate service to our community. *(continues next column)*

MINISTER'S MESSAGE (cont.) We have witnessed many changes and additions to our temple this past year, and, with the help of the Board and temple members, made significant enhancements such as the *tenjo-e* (*naijin* ceiling art), automated drop-down *naijin* screen to make multi-usage of the temple *hondo*, and the anticipated completion of the Shinran statue on the temple grounds. There are many more enhancements to be seen in the coming year.

As we approach the year 2017, let us reflect on the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's Theme and Slogan for the year 2017, "Embrace Change: Action (Open Communication)." Let us continue through the guidance of Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion, find ways to be all-embracing of new-comers to this temple and to continue to develop active participation and fellowship, thereby creating a warm and welcoming sangha.

Namu Amida Butsu.

—**Bert M. Sumikawa, Resident Minister**

MHM PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

What an incredibly precious feeling to know how fortunate we are to witness the arrival of an untarnished, shiny New Year! I like to believe that it comes with new hopes, visions, and a belief of a very fresh start. Now is the time to unfold new pages and start a new chapter in our lives as Jodo Shinshu followers. Let's entrust in the compassion and wisdom of Amida Buddha, and live



our lives with peace, harmony, and gratitude.

As members and friends of Moiliili Hongwanji, we will meet each new challenge this year as an opportunity to work better together. Individually and collectively we will use our skills, talents and resources to "Embrace Change." The 2017 Hongwanji slogan is "Embrace Change: Action (Open Communication)," a guide to help our temple Ohana and Sangha to move forward. Moiliili Hongwanji prides itself in open communication through regular announcements at Sunday service, publication of the White Way Newsletter, weekly broadcasts of Dharma talks on our White Way radio program, updates on Facebook and website, postings on bulletin boards, display of banners for special events, as well as the availability of handouts and brochures. We value your suggestions and input for better communication and transparency *(continues on page 4)*

MHM PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *(cont.)* . We will continue to support our resident minister, his assistant and lay speakers as they share the Nembutsu teachings.

We have entered the 111th year of our temple's existence. Thank you for your support and participation last November during our 110th Anniversary Celebration, "Honoring Our Legacy – Embracing Our Future." "As long as we have memories, yesterday remains. As long as we have hope, tomorrow waits. As long as we have love, today is beautiful." Let's make each day beautiful!

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote: "Time goes by fast, and people go in and out of our life so quickly, so we should never miss the opportunity to tell these people how much they mean to us." Each of us is a vital thread in another person's tapestry. Our lives are woven together and we are all interconnected. Thank you for being in my life. You make my Golden Chain of Love bright and strong. Wishing you every happiness and all the best in the New Year! Namu Amida Butsu.

—Nancy Shimamoto, Temple President

THE MILLENNIAL PERSPECTIVE

This year's Lay Convention focused on how the older generation can communicate with the younger generation. The focus was on Generation Y or the Millennial Generation born between 1980 and 2001. I was born in 1984, which makes me a Millennial. Many people in my generation don't come to temple because they're too busy and coming to temple is not a top priority. Most people in my generation would say they came to temple when they

were younger because their parents dragged them. I never liked waking up early on a Sunday just to go to church. I always thought temple was boring. I wanted to stay home, sleep or watch cartoons. It wasn't until my dad started the Cool Kids Club that made me want to come to temple because I got to do activities with kids around the same age. During my teens, I came to temple because I joined Jr YBA. We did lots of fun activities, leadership training, conventions,

meetings on neighbor islands, met juniors my age from across Hawaii, and we all made such great memories.

After Jr YBA, I wanted to continue to be a part of the organization, so I became an advisor for Honolulu United, and have been doing it for 13 years. I think, if we have more fun activities for the younger generation, they will come. For those my generation, my best friend Joy, a Kailua Hongwanji member, and I, even thought about having a talk session with a minister at a bar.

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THE MILLENNIAL PERSPECTIVE *(cont.)*

It's a little extreme but I believe it's a start for those in my generation. We can get to know our ministers better, learn more about Buddhism, while eating food, drinking, and have fun at the same time. If they have a fun time, they'll maybe eventually come to temple. Even a few years ago, I remember when we had a Pau Hana dinner on a Friday at temple... That was great way to get everyone together. Coming to church shouldn't always have to be on a Sunday morning.

Another way you can get the younger generation to come to temple is to use social media. Nowadays, everyone has some kind of social media account like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. For my Jr YBA, we used to communicate by email but we found that not too many people check emails anymore... Apparently, that is a thing of the past, so now we use Facebook and Instagram to send out information about upcoming events. We even attracted new members due to them seeing our posts on social media. They were interested in attending to see what Jr YBA is all about. The temple should do the same. We should use social media to get more people interested in coming. Post weekly events or pictures of happenings at our temple. I would like to also suggest we post our events calendar so the public will know what kind of activities we have going on so they can attend. We should also change the ways we do services.

Maybe have interactive dharma talks with members, have the kids sing or dance to Gathas in the front of everyone, have an outdoor service at a park or beach, things like that. I really like that we have A/V at services now. We're not just looking at the books like the old fashion way and visuals are always a great thing to have.

I also noticed that the leaders of this temple don't make it like they're better than everyone else. I know some other temples have leaders who are very pushy and bossy and members don't like to work with people like them so they don't come anymore. Everyone should be welcoming with open arms, helpful, and friendly.

Personally, after my father passed away last year, I thought of not coming to temple anymore. There were too many memories of my dad here. I knew it would be hard for me to go to temple without him around. I actually came to temple the day after my father had passed away and I never felt so much love and support from anyone before. All of you had made me feel better... Letting me know that everything is okay and if I ever needed anything, I can just ask. Because of your kindness, it gave me warmth and comfort and made me feel better about coming to temple. Without all of you, I would not be at temple today

—Alisa Kondo

Did you know? Shinran was 29 years old when he took his first steps on the Path of Nembutsu. It's never too late!



Honoring Our Legacy—Embracing Our Future

110TH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, November 20, 2016 was a memorable day starting with the Eitaikyo (Sangha Remembrance) Service at 9:00 am. Moiliili Hongwanji's altar was adorned with the beautiful *uchishiki* designed and quilted by the Sangha Ladies and richly arranged flowers by Mrs. Michiko Okano. Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Honpa Hongwanji President Pieper Toyama were present as well as former Moiliili Hongwanji ministers Rev. Thomas Okano, Rev. Shigenori Makino, Rev. Tatsuo Muneto, and Rev. Earl Ikeda.

Following a group photo, an Anniversary Banquet was held at the Japanese Cultural Center. Welcome messages were given by President Nancy Shimamoto and Rev. Sumikawa and congratulatory messages were presented by Bishop Matsumoto and President Toyama.

The Banquet was enjoyed by everyone with entertainment by Ernie Morikubo's luncheon music, Pacific Buddhist Academy's Taiko performance, Happy Strummers, ballet by Chika Matsumoto and song by Shayna Yasunaga. Congratulatory certificates were presented by Senator Brian Taniguchi, Rep. Scott Nishimoto, and Councilmember Ann Kobayashi.

The 110th Anniversary Commemoration culminated with significant renovations and improvement projects over the past few years. They included altar restorations (3 phases), new chairs and carpet in the Hondo, enhanced altar ceiling (*tenjo-e*), installed motorized altar enclosure, air conditioning in the Annex and Columbarium, photovoltaic system for the Annex, and new roof for the Hondo.

Deepest gratitude is extended to everyone who provided support with generous donations for the 110th Anniversary. A huge Mahalo is extended to the Anniversary Committee members for their time and efforts. —**Rose Nakamura & Raymond Takiue**



AN ENLIGHTENING FALL SEMINAR

The Fall Seminar on the theme "75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor," included keynote speaker Dr. George Tanabe, with panel of respondents: retired professor Ernest Oshiro, Rev. Thomas Okano and Rev. Bert Sumikawa. Dr. Tanabe gave a very informative talk on the difference between 100th battalion and 442nd regimental combat team. He explained the difference between being 100% American vs. 100% Japanese and loyalty to both countries. He provided historical content and clarification of Buddhist 'position' on loyalty issues. The panel of respondents gave very personal wartime experiences and amazing stories. They brought forth topics that are not widely known and talked about the

internment camps in Honouliuli. Why were all the 'kotonks' on the mainland sent to internment camps and why were just the leaders in Hawaii sent to internment camps?

Some of the comments expressed by the participants were a desire for a follow-up session, stories were interesting and relatable, and the seminar was packed with lessons for appreciating culture and historical events of Pearl Harbor.

Many thanks go to emcee Ethel Aiko Oda and to Raymond Takiue & Kerry Kiyohara, the technicians for the day. An important part of the seminar were those in charge of registration & refreshments—Lois Ohta, Cynthia Ogasawara, Susan Okano, Nancy Hironaka, and Mari Fukuya. Mahalo for everyone's kokua!



The Honolulu Star-Advertiser covered the Fall Seminar, including interviews with Rev. Bert, Dr. George Tanabe, Dr. Ernie Oshiro, and Rev. Thomas Okano. And Rev. Bert was featured in the main photo. Mahalo shout-out to reporter Pat Gee who is always kind to Moiliili Hongwanji in covering our events and activities!

Moiliili Hongwanji member and Japanese language instructor Midori Kiso moved back to Fukuoka, Japan to help care for her brother.

Temple members had an *oishii* potluck dinner and played Shinran Shonin *karuta* and *hanafuda*. Everyone was dressed in *yukata* or *happi* coats.

—Ann Nakata



During the first Sunday service of each month, we remember loved ones whose memorial date falls within the month. Please call the temple to register, or come a little early and register before the service. During the service, family members will be called to offer incense in memory of their loved ones. Respecting the memory of those who have gone before us is an important practice in Jodo Shinshu for it reminds of the truth of impermanence, enabling us to cherish each moment of this life as it comes, just as it is.

Bishop Eric Matsumoto conducted the *kie-shiki*, or affirmation rites, for 14 people who affirmed their commitment to follow the teachings of the Buddha and the Path of Nembutsu, and received their *homyo*, or Buddhist names, on November 19, 2016, at Moiliili Hongwanji. Congratulations!



BWA NEWS

We were delighted to welcome Mrs. Tamayo Matsumoto as our guest speaker for the BWA-sponsored Hoonko Service held on November 6. Besides hearing a warm dharma message, we were able to learn more about Chika and Caden who spent their early years here at Moiliili Hongwanji when Bishop Matsumoto served as our Resident Minister. At the service, we also remembered six BWA members who passed away during the past year.

Our general meeting and election of officers followed the service. While the office of President is presently open as Karen Kikukawa stepped down due to family responsibilities, the other officers for 2017 are 1st VP Alisa Kondo, 2nd VP Nancy Hironaka, 3rd VP Cyndi Osajima, Recording Secretary Jeanne Watari, Asst. Recording Secretary Ann Nakata, Corresponding Secretary Noriyo Morikubo, Treasurer Susan Morishige, Asst. Treasurer Irene



Rev. Bert, Guest speaker Tamayo Matsumoto, and outgoing BWA president Lois Ohta.



Temple Clean-Up Special Guest: Lois Ohta's finger (upper left). Thank you ladies for your hard work!



Nitta, and Auditors Cynthia Ogasawara and Satsuye Tanaka. Past President is Lois Ohta. Mahalo to our incoming and outgoing officers.

We send a warm thank you to those who helped

us clean the kitchen

and annex sink area during the temple cleanup on November 27. These areas are super clean and neat thanks to your hard work!

Welcome to new members Martha Samson and Nancie Haranaka-Tsubota.

Upcoming events: There will be a BWA Board of Directors meeting on **Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.** in the annex hall. We hope all board members will be able to join us as we plan for the upcoming year! Also the BWA will be preparing the otoki for the Hoonko Service on **Sunday, January 22**. Your kokua is greatly appreciated. Our next general meeting will be in February and the date will be announced.

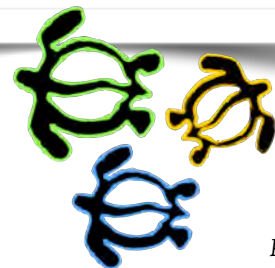
We look forward to wonderful opportunities to grow together in the Dharma as we participate in our many activities. We wish you all a very safe and joyous 2017!

—Jeanne Watari



HAPPY STRUMMERS

The Happy Strummers are eternally grateful to Yoshiaki "Bucky" Matsuoka, who was born in the Pure Land on December 9, 2016. Bucky founded the group and was the original teacher for many, many years. The Happy Strummers were fortunate to have the opportunity to visit their *sensei* in October, and were delighted when Bucky joined the performance. Mahalo for everything you taught us, Bucky-sensei, you will be dearly missed.





**A SPECIAL INVITATION
TO
MOILIILI HONGWANJI'S
28TH VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION SERVICE**
*Sunday, January 29, 2017
from 9:00 a.m. with lunch to
follow*

Project Dana volunteers are cordially invited to the 28th

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Service at Moiliili Hongwanji Mission. This is the time to thank ALL Project Dana volunteers at Moiliili Hongwanji for their dedication, support, and commitment with a special welcome to the 2016 new volunteers. Rev. Bert Sumikawa will give a Dharma message on the "Spirit of Dana." The guest speakers will be a Project Dana elder and volunteer Melanie Vandertuin-Oka of Moiliili Hongwanji. They will share what DANA means to them. Please join us as we receive inspiration and motivation to further the joy of giving. We look forward to seeing everyone at this special service!

COMMUNICATION AND DEMENTIA

At the Project Dana 5th Leadership Retreat on November 28th, 64 site leaders, Advisory Council members, volunteers and guests heard two expert speakers on communication while helping an elder with dementia. Practical and basic tips on communication and making a difference with those whose memory is affected was shared. Dorothy Colby, Administrator Hale Ku'ike and Dr. Kevin Kawamoto, U.H. Manoa, School of Communications offered excellent and enlightening information for all of us to know.

- Try to remember the basics of good communication which would vary with each person and length of disease
- Understand nonverbal communication paints a picture for those with memory loss. They may feel lost, frustrated, and scared as the disease progresses. They may have lost ability to communicate or understand what is being said. What is appreciated is someone who helps them feel safe, secure, and valued as a human being and friend *(continues)*

(cont.) Adjusting **our** communication style might help those with memory loss feel at ease and less frustrated. Here are some suggestions or words to avoid when talking with one who has Alzheimer's /dementia.

Never say, "Remember, I told you so, or you can't. Don't try to argue, reason, shame, or lecture. Speaking to them with force, in a commanding or demanding voice, or a condescending manner will communicate a negative message to the person," said Dr. Wen, MD & Associate Professor, UH Dept. of Geriatric Medicine.

Ms. Colby and Dr. Kawamoto reminded us how important it is to have empathy and patience, use humor, focus on the present, and treat the person as an adult. It is good to remember the importance of non-verbal communication which conveys messages beyond words. Non-verbal communication includes facial expression, body language, tone and volume of one's voice, and use of distance and space. Often people with dementia may be unwilling or unable to communicate orally but are capable of understanding non-verbal cues. Sometimes little changes to one's non-verbal behavior can make a big difference in the quality of the relationship between you and the person with dementia. Try to pay attention to what is not said (as well as to what is said). Listen with a "third ear" and be open to feeling the elder's energy as well as your own. A site leader said of the retreat "Assembling energetic, compassionate speakers made this workshop most rewarding!"

Dorothy Colby and Dr. Kawamoto left us with these pearls of wisdom important to remember "*People with dementia are doing the best they can*" and "*Rushing is the enemy of safety and serenity.*"

**NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS OF
GRATITUDE AND PEACE**

Project Dana extends peace and love with much gratitude to all during this holiday season. We look forward to 2017 filled with good health, humor, friendship, and joy. All living things thrive on kindness. Loving kindness has a positive influence on both the individual who has performed a kind act as well as the recipient. Each act of kindness in some small way makes this a better place. Thank you for all you do! May you and your loved ones have a peaceful New Year with much aloha!



Fifth Annual Project Dana Leadership Retreat was attended by 64 people who serve others first.



On behalf of the Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool, I would like to wish all of you a wonderful 2017 filled with peace and happiness. The preschool continues to thrive through the support of the temple members, preschool staff, and families. May we again count on your kindness to provide a nurturing environment for young children!

In Gassho,

Susan Okano, Chairperson

Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool Committee

As the days grow shorter, and the air gradually becomes slightly nippy, Christmas is well on its way! The children have been quite busy decorating the classes with Christmas themed crafts ranging from snowmen to Santa to holiday stockings; each teacher gave their classrooms a little more winter-themed flair.

On December 12, the students visited Honolulu Hale to see the festive decorations. Their little faces beamed with excitement as we walked through the hall, gazing at all of the Christmas trees; they stopped for a few photo-ops around the property. Among the favorite trees to stop by were the "Finding Dory" trees.

Much to the students' surprise, we got a visit from Santa the morning of our Christmas program on December 21! He handed out presents to each of our students, who were beyond thrilled. The program itself was a success! Each class prepared diligently for their few minutes in the spotlight.

The children will be on Christmas break from December 22 - January 6. When we return in 2017, a visit to the Hawaiian Railway Society is being planned as we learn about transportation, as well as a possible visit to Chinatown in anticipation for Chinese New Year.

Have a fun and safe remaining 2016 year, and may 2017 be a prosperous year for you and your family!

—Allison Caban, Teacher

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Join us Saturdays for White Way Radio on KZOO AM1210 at 7:45 a.m. for inspiring messages from a variety of speakers. We are truly grateful for our White Way Radio sponsors who make it possible to share the Dharma on the air every week.

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- 14 **Mr. Pieper Toyama**, sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Roy Shimamoto
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WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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

- Davey Koichi Hirokawa, 63, on Oct. 5
- Noriko "Nora" Umeda, 94, on Nov. 4
- Kiyoko Tokeshi, 93, on Nov. 16
- Dorothy Yukiko Nishida, 103, on Nov. 17
- Masae Hinazumi, 94, on Nov. 27
- LeRoy Jiro Segawa, 78, on Nov. 29
- Yoshiaki "Bucky" Matsuoka*, 93, on Dec. 9

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

アイランズホスピスでは日本語でグリーフサポートグループを毎月第一水曜日朝10時からモイリイリ本願寺にて提供しています。次回は2月1日になります。お問い合わせは電話 550-2552 高田までどうぞ。

HEADQUARTERS NEWS

PERSONNEL

Rev. Satoshi Tomioka will be assigned to Puna Hongwanji Mission as Resident Minister effective February 16, 2017. He will also be assigned to oversee Naalehu Hongwanji and Pahala Hongwanji.

Ministers of the Hilo Betsuin will be relieved from responsibility of overseeing Puna, Pahala, and Naalehu Hongwanji upon arrival of Rev. Tomioka.

Rev. Sol Kalu will be assigned to Hawaii Betsuin as an Associate Minister effective March 1, 2017. In accordance with the "Shin Buddhist Ministry in Hawaii" document, Rev. Kalu will be initially categorized as "Resigned Kaikyoshi" during his first year of service.

Rev. Shinji Kawagoe and Mrs. Noriko Kawagoe of Papaikou Hongwanji became lawful permanent residents of the United States on December 1, 2016.

LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAII RECOGNITION

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will honor the following individuals as the 2017 Living Treasures of Hawai'i in recognition of their personal and professional achievements and their contributions to the community.

- Bishop Ryokan Ara
- Beatrice Kanahele Dawson
- Nobuko Kida
- Roy Sakuma
- George Yokoyama

Date: Saturday, February 11, 2017

Place: Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom

Time: 11:00AM Registration

12:00 PM Lunch & Program

Attire: Aloha

Early registration \$75 for payment received by Jan 28

Late registration \$90 for payment received Jan 29–Feb 5

Reservations will NOT be accepted after February 6th.

Sponsor Tables: Gold \$5,000/Silver \$3,000/Bronze \$1,500

Registration Form: hongwanjihawaii.com/living-treasures/

JODO SHINSHU CAREER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 28, 2017, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Open to college students, people just entering the workforce, and those seeking to sharpen their skills for a career change, this workshop focuses on resume writing, interviewing with confidence, elevator pitches, social media marketing, and offers a networking dinner. For more info: bscassist@honpahi.org

YESS CAMP 34

YESS Camp 34 will be held on April 14-16, 2017 at Camp Kokokahi on Oahu and is open to anyone aged 13 to 23 years old who is interested in learning more or growing deeper in Buddhism.

MOILIILI HONGWANJI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2017

- 1 10AM New Year's Day Service
- 2 Office & Preschool Closed
- 3-6 Preschool Winter Break
- 8 9AM Sunday Service/Monthly Remembrance
10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
- 15 9AM Sunday Service/Mochitsuki
Guest Speaker: Blayne Higa
10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
- 16 Office & Preschool Closed
- 22 9AM Sunday Service/*Ho'onoko*
Guest Speaker: Rev. Satoshi Tomioka
10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
- 29 9AM Sunday Service/Volunteer Appreciation
10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert

FEBRUARY 2017

- 5 9AM Sunday Service/Monthly Remembrance
10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
- 10-11 HHMH Giseikai Legislative Assembly
- 12 9AM Sunday Service: *Nirvana Day*
Guest Speaker: Rev. Art Kaufman
10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert
- 19 9AM Sunday Service
11AM Shinnen Enkai New Year Party
- 20 Office & Preschool Closed
- 26 9AM Sunday Service
10:45AM Talk Story with Rev. Bert

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASSES & CLUBS

Mondays 10AM	Quilting
Mondays 5:15PM	Zumba
Tuesdays 8AM	Shoshinge Chanting
Tuesdays 9AM	Adult Fitness & Falling Safety
Tuesdays 6:30PM	Meditation Service
1st Wed. 10AM	Japanese Grief Support Group
2nd/4th Wed. 10AM	Japanese Dharma Class
Thursday 8AM	Shoshinge Chanting
Thursdays 9:30AM	Ikebana
Thursdays 5:30PM	Zumba
Fridays 1PM	Conversational Japanese

For more information: Temple Office (808) 949-1659

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Aloha us at communications@moiliilihongwanji.org



Which is more sparkling: the pre-school bathrooms & Annex windows or the smiles of our lovely ladies at Temple Clean-up?



*Bodhi Day guest speaker
Dr. Jay Sakashita*



Mahalo to the Quilters for the gorgeous new uchishiki altar cloth!



Mahalo to a special guest who came all the way from the North Pole to visit after the last Sunday service of 2016



Karen & Raymond with our old friend Rev. Earl Ikeda at the 110th



Happy Strummers rock the house at the 110th