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INTRODUCING REV. TOSHIYUKI UMITANI



Dear Dharma friends at Moiliili Hongwanji Mission,

Aloha! I am writing this message with feelings of joy and excitement. I was recently assigned to Moiliili Hongwanji Mission as your Overseer Minister. I am currently working as the Executive Assistant to the Bishop Eric Matsumoto at the Headquarters Office, and I will be your Resident Minister effective June 1, 2018. As I begin my new journey here at Moiliili Hongwanji Mission, I would like to first recognize and express my appreciation to Rev. Bert Sumikawa, Mrs. Nancy Shimamoto, Mr. Raymond Takiue, Ms. Emma Kie, and many of you for kindly welcoming me to your Sangha. It is my great privilege to serve you. Moiliili Hongwanji Mission has a long and rich history, and I feel very honored to be able to carry the torch of the Dharma that was passed on to us through the dedication of our ministers and members who served at this temple. Honestly speaking, I feel a bit scared and nervous, but I

am willing to set my foot into this temple and I am looking forward to sharing with you the joy of the teaching of Namo Amida Butsu. Within the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha, I hope we can grow together, both as an individual and as an organization. I humbly ask for your support and guidance.

I am from Hiroshima Prefecture in Japan and came to Hawaii as a minister of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii in July 2001. I have served at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, Kailua Hongwanji Mission, Makawao Hongwanji Mission, Pacific Buddhist Academy, and State Headquarters as the Executive Assistant to the Bishop.

Sometimes people ask me, "Why did you become a minister?" Well, I can only say that it was through wonderful causes and conditions. There are some notable experiences that led me to appreciate the Dharma, but that is not all. There are many, many events and conditions that have led me to hear the Nembutsu. And the more I think about it, the more I realize that it was not through my own effort, but through the guidance, caring, and even sacrifices from others that I am living here and now.

As we understand the interdependence and interconnectedness of all lives, not intellectually but through our life experiences, there is a profound sense of joy and appreciation. When I think about the causes and

conditions that have brought me to where I am now, my head bows down naturally. I wonder, how much do I owe to the causes and conditions that I have received in the past, and how much do I owe to the causes and conditions that I am receiving here and now?

As for me, I am now here at Moiliili Hongwanji Mission, putting my hands together in Gassho with you. For me, the Nembutsu teaching is like a home. Through the working of Namo Amida Butsu, I am made to become aware of myself as a limited and finite being, yet secure within the sustaining power of boundless compassion. This sense of security, of being embraced in the Buddha's Compassion, becomes the support or foundation in my daily life. It gives me courage to stand up from difficult situations in my life and move forward. It enables me to appreciate each life, each moment, each relationship, and even each breath. And I hope that we can share this joy of the Nembutsu through Sunday Services, Memorial Services, and many other activities here at Moiliili Hongwanji Mission.

Mahalo everyone, and for the wonderful causes and conditions that enable us to live this beautiful day. Let us place our hands together in Gassho, and recite the Nembutsu.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani



The Umitani Family, Rev. Umitani, daughters Riho and Naho, and wife Yoshiko

INTRODUCING RAYMOND TAKIUE, JR., OUR NEW TEMPLE PRESIDENT



Aloha! My name is Raymond Takiue, Jr. and I am your new president. Let me introduce myself to those who may not know me. I was born and raised in Kona on the Big Island of Hawaii.

I was active at the temple there and

attended Dharma School and Jr. YBA. I moved to Honolulu for college in 1992, I became involved with the Buddhist Study Center Fellowship Club as well as Moiliili Hongwanji.

I was “adopted” by Roy and Lily Masuda and their family who helped me get through my early college years and served as the Jr. YBA president at Moiliili.

Later, I came back to the temple where I started the Bonbu Club for young adults as a way to learn more about Buddhism and have social activities. Rev. Eric Matsumoto married my wife Arlyne and me in 2003 and we have two children, Jayden (12) and Kayla (10) who both went to preschool here at Moiliili.

As you can see a little from my background I am committed to this temple. I have served on the membership committee, bon dance chairperson, chicken sale fundraiser chair, and most recently as the First Vice President. I have also served as a delegate to the Giseikai and the Lay Convention for several years now, as well as to the Honolulu District Council.

I have found that I have found a family here at Moiliili. Through the temple services, seminars, classes, fundraisers, socials, and other activities, I have found a place to gain a better understanding of how the Dharma or teachings affect my life. I am here because of each one of you. Without your influence and support, we wouldn't be here in this way today. Together, working as an Ohana, we have shown what a Buddhist Hawaiian temple can be.

So sometimes people use acronyms to remember things. Just keep in mind that our OHANA stands for:

O – Our temple, our community, our sangha is a part of the

H – Hongwanji in Hawaii. We practice the Hawaiian-style of

A – American Buddhism in which we recite the

N – Nembutsu as we are embraced by the vow, we say thank you and mahalo in

A – Action, Acceptance and Aloha.

Let us work together to continue to move the temple forward in sharing the teachings, making a difference, and having fun.

With hands together in gratefulness,

Namo Amida Butsu



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Aloha everyone! Last month, we celebrated Chinese New Year with the children by going on an excursion to Chinatown. The children got to experience the Chinese culture by taking a walk

through Chinatown and visiting some of the stores and tasting some yummy treats! Then, we had a Lion Dance Performer at our school. The children were each able to offer Lai See (red envelopes with money inside) as gifts to the Lion. We also



celebrated a special day, Grandparents day! The children were excited to be able to spend time with their grandparents and family members at our school, and grandparents were so happy to hear a special song from their grandchildren.

This month, we will be taking a field trip to the Honolulu Zoo where the children will discover the various types of animals that they learned about in the previous month. The excursion will give children an opportunity to learn from concrete experiences, make connections to prior knowledge and open up conversations or questions that spark new discoveries. We will also celebrate Easter by dyeing eggs and having a big Easter egg hunt with the whole school!

We welcome you to join in on these events with your children and thank you for your continuous support and involvement at Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool.

Sincerely,
Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool Staff
Salli Lucas

ALL ABOUT HAPPY STRUMMERS

The Moiliili Hongwanji Ukulele Club was organized thirty years ago by the Moiliili Hongwanji Fujinkai. Many ladies joined with Yoshiaki “Bucky” Matsuoka as the club leader.

During the years, several ladies bade their good-byes and many new members arrived, the latest being Rev. Bert Sumikawa. His expertise and know-how helped many strummers. His departure will leave an empty spot in our hearts.

On January 29th, Project Dana celebrated its 29th year. Happy Strummers played two numbers expressing the meaning of Dana.

On February 24th, it was a time to express the Happy Strummers’ condolences to Mrs. Delma Kiyomoto’s family by playing “Hawaii Aloha” and “Aloha O’e”.

March is fast approaching. “Haru ga Kita” (“Spring is Here”) and “Hanamatsuri” are in store for the Strummers to play. So pick up our ukuleles to express the joy of Spring.



- Contributed by Michiko Motooka

FOUR LIVING LEGENDS HONORED AT SHINNEN ENKAI

There are so many who do so much to make our temple such a special place! How can we begin to thank them adequately? In 2017 on the occasion of our Shinnen Enkai, we decided to showcase several individuals for their outstanding commitment and contributions to our temple (see list of 2017 honorees at end of this articles). At this year’s Shinnen Enkai, the following were recognized and honored with a Certificate of Appreciation and lei:

NORIYO MORIKUBO:

Noriyo is our loyal and long-time organist who comes conscientiously and unfailingly to Sunday service. Her grandparents and parents were active members of Moiliili Hongwanji. She began piano lessons at age 8, and learned to play the organ at 13 years old. She has provided organ music cheerfully and consistently to more than a generation of temple goers at Moiliili. Noriyo feels lucky she has had the opportunity of playing the organ – a privilege granted to only a few. She says “being an organist is part of my identity.” She and her brother Ernie work long hours at Pacific Woolen, a long-time family tailoring business. She is married to Dr. Jerrold Brown, a practicing psychologist. They are proud parents of daughter Kayo who works in Seattle. **THANK YOU, NORIYO! YOU ARE OUR TREASURED ORGANIST AND LIVING LEGEND!**



DONNA HIGASHI:



Donna's name, presence, and involvement in numerous Hongwanji organizations for many years have gained her fame throughout the State. She has an amazing capacity for organizing and leading; she rises to every challenge, and loudly speaks out, and readily supports many Hongwanji efforts. She was a Jr. YBA leader, and an active Moiliili Hongwanji YBA member. She has been a leader in the Buddhist Women's Association at all levels; a long-time volunteer with Project Dana; and has coordinated Family Promise at Moiliili. She has been a Dharma School teacher for 47 years, served on the Moiliili Board of Directors, and taught in the DOE for many years as well.

THANK YOU, DONNA! YOU ARE OUR COURAGEOUS LEADER AND LIVING LEGEND!

JAY HAMAI:

Jay usually keeps a very low profile, however, he holds the "record" as our Kyodan Treasurer for 39 years (since 1979)! He has served under 10 ministers since Rev. Hatta, and has worked with 9 Kyodan Presidents since Mr. Kanazawa. It is a labor of love for him to keep tabs on our income and to monitor our expenditures carefully. As Treasurer, Jay has given us continuity, stability, and unmatched trust. He grew up in Hilo, attended UH Manoa, served as Sunday School teacher at MH, participated in Jr. YBA, and played in the softball league. He and his wife Charlotte are passionate about bowling and participating in bowling tournaments across the States. Jay was an engineer with the City & County of Honolulu. **THANK YOU, JAY! YOU ARE OUR FAITHFUL TREASURER AND LIVING LEGEND!**



HELEN HAMASU:

Helen undertook a huge Hawaiian quilting project at MH in 2014 upon the request of then Rev. Eric Matsumoto. These Hawaiian motif altar quilts would include the mizuhiki (underskirt) and top cloth (uchishiki) to be used for special services and commemorative events. Helen met with the designer and his daughter who helped design the kukui nut and the ulu patterns, representing ancient significance in honoring Buddha. Helen took the leadership role, receiving much support from a core of BWA members. Many learned to quilt for the first time from Helen. More than 25 members and friends met 3 times a week and devoted approximately 1,000 hours to complete the project. The "Monday Group" still meets today for sharing friendship and food, and helping with other projects. Helen is married to Edgar Hamasu, and together they have 2 sons and 5 grandchildren. **THANK YOU, HELEN! YOU ARE OUR QUILTING EXTRAORDINAIRE AND LIVING LEGEND!**



2017 LIVING LEGENDS/HONOREES:

- Rose Nakamura – Project Dana Administrator
- Michiko Motooka – Leader of Happy Strummers
- Ethel Shintaku – Dharma School Teacher
- Jeanne Watari & Anne Kawabata – White Way Newsletter Editors
- Kerry Kiyohara – Marketing and Social Media Manager

By Nancy Shimamoto

Shinnen Enkai 2018



On Sunday, February 18th, over a hundred Moiliili Hongwanji members and family walked over to the Willows Restaurant for a buffet of their famous curry, salads, somen, chicken and kalua pig cabbage. The yummy

desserts assortment included bread pudding and fruits. Nancy Shimamoto honored Moiliili's Living Legends and then the entertainment began! Shayna ("Peace on Your Wings"-Sadako Sasaki) Yasunaga got the crowd going with the song, Hana. Many waved the flowers on the tables in rhythm with the familiar Okinawan beat. Roy Masuda roasted Rev. Bert on his retirement.



On this day 70 years ago, well-known composer Francis Zanami passed away. His haka is at the Moiliili Japanese Cemetery. The Happy Strummers ukulele group played "Wakare no Ishochidori" in his memory. This

song became a hit in Japan 3 years after his passing.

Christopher, Amanda, Nicholas Meade, their mom Ann Miyasaki & Kayla Takiue danced as the Jackson Five. They playfully danced with masks of Rev. Bert and shouted "We Want You Back".

With a free pack of paper towels as an incentive, Ann Nakata sang "Could I Have This Dance" & invited couples to dance ballroom style. Richard & Melanie, Raymond & Arlyne, Rev. Umitani & daughter Naho, Wes & Christine and even little Nicholas & Cheryl Yasunaga took home the packs of paper towels. It looked like Moiliili Hongwanji Ballroom dance club at the Willows.



hilarious!

It was so funny to see Roy Masuda dressed as a surfer in love with Fate (Faith) Yanagi. His belly was exposed since his T-shirt was short, his jams were colorful and his hair matted. He was

Talented Amanda Meade danced as a live hula doll lamp and then burst into her K-pop dance routine, switching back to hula, etc.



The finale with Rev. Tatsuo Muneto and the "Sangha Singers" (Ed Hamasu, Osamu Kawabata, Ken Sato & Rev. Shig Makino) singing "Koko ni Sachi Ari" made all the ladies swoon! Everyone yelled "hana hou"!!

PROJECT DANA NEWS

Moiliili Hongwanji members, friends, volunteers and guests attended Project Dana's 29th Volunteer Appreciation Service on January 28. Our guest speakers were Rev. Shigenori Makino, Ms. Juliet



Lee and Mrs. Patricia Holmes. We are truly grateful for their sharing. 18 new volunteers for this year were recognized as well as the volunteers who continue from earlier years. A special

recognition of appreciation was presented to Ms. Juliet Lee who has shared a Buddhist dharma service at the Franciscan Day Care in Manoa for the past six years. We also wish to thank the many volunteers who donated and served the delicious lunch dishes with the group after the service. We look forward to next year's 30th Anniversary of Project Dana.

The following are excerpts from Rev. Makino's message on the "Spirit of Dana." I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the founding leaders, the late Mrs. Shimeji Kanazawa for her innovative insight and dynamic leadership and Mrs. Rose Nakamura for truly manifesting the spirit of dana... which developed this project into its present form. I also congratulate the staff and advisory committee and especially, you volunteers for your dedication to manifest the spirit of dana by contributing unselfishly your precious time and energy to extend your love and care to the people in our community.



Rev. Makino was Moiliili Hongwanji's resident minister in 1989, when Project Dana began. He talked about Project Dana's symbol or logo. I chose the "Lotus flower" as a symbol of Project Dana because it represented perfectly our service project ... symbolized the purpose, belief, and vision for this program and embodied the spirit of dana. Because the lotus grows in muddy water, it symbolizes the purity of an enlightened mind arising amidst the suffering of samsara, the defiled world which we live in. It also represents nonattachment, as it is rooted in mud but its flower blossoms on stalks not dirtied by the mud below.

How wonderful that Project Dana gives us a great opportunity to practice dana as we participate in helping others in immediate and practical needs to

comfort them. This we call “Faith in Action,” as a true Buddhist. It is the great path to understand the teaching of nembutsu.



Mrs. Patricia Holmes, daughter of Tomi and Yoshiaki Fujitani, shared her thoughts as a recipient of Project Dana. Here's part of her message: I want to thank all of you

volunteers for the countless ways you share your time, energy, talents. **Little things are powerful.** ... Everything starts with a bright idea, and if we're lucky – and with a lot of work – the idea turns into something truly remarkable.

Back in the late-80's, my dad Yoshiaki Fujitani met in a planning group with Shim Kanazawa, Rose Nakamura, Sister Mary Powers and Sister Joan Chatfield of the Maryknoll Order. They discussed Project Respect and tried to figure out how the Hongwanji might use this model to become involved in volunteer caregiving, too. I doubt Dad ever dreamed he'd become a beneficiary.

Our family has relied on you in many ways, and these days, volunteers cheerfully provide companionship and transportation for Dad each week. Mahalo nui loa to the volunteers for all you give and for all you do to ensure the continuing success of Project Dana.

Little things are truly powerful.

- Submitted by Donna Higashi

IMPRESSIONS OF GISEIKAI

By Joanne Kealoha

To the uninitiated, “Giseikai” is a foreign word. But those actively familiar with the workings of Honpa Hongwanji know the Giseikai is the

legislative assembly of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH) with which Moiliili Hongwanji Mission is affiliated. At this two-day meeting held each February, Giseikai delegates—representatives of all Hongwanji temples in Hawaii and all ministers—assemble to make decisions about the budget, policies, and leadership.

Six members from Moiliili attended this year's Giseikai—Nancy Shimamoto, Raymond Takiue, Rose Nakamura, Karen Kikukawa, Cyndi Osajima, and me. Thankfully, Raymond provided the “newbies” (Cyndi and me) with a “Giseikai 101” class to prepare us for Giseikai. Nancy also asked the newbies to share our impressions of Giseikai for the White Way. Here are a couple of my observations.

My first observation is that all temples statewide are facing similar challenges—i.e., declining membership, financial struggles, relevance of Shin Buddhism to the membership and the wider community, how to spread the Dharma more effectively. Some temples have more resources (e.g., land) while others have significantly smaller membership than Moiliili, but all are seeking ways to support the propagation of Shin Buddhism in Hawaii.

Thinking that better governance would lead to greater efficiency and better organization to address the Hongwanji's common challenges, the HHMH board appointed a Committee on Organizational Rethinking, which has been meeting the past three years on restructuring the governance of Honpa Hongwanji. The committee's proposal to eliminate the Giseikai and empower the Board of Directors as the sole governing body stirred much debate from smaller temples concerned about losing representation. In the end, the committee agreed to reconvene and discuss other ways to make governance more effective and efficient—in particular, clearly defining the roles and responsibilities of both entities.

HHMH is a democratic organization that works collectively to meet the challenges facing all Hongwanji temples. But the mission of the

organization—to “*share the living teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism so that all beings may enjoy lives of harmony, peace, and gratitude*”—focuses on spreading the Dharma and putting the teachings into action. A well-run organization is needed to achieve this, but HHMH must be mindful of the process and what may be sacrificed in the name of efficiency.

My second observation is that much of the appeal of Shin Buddhism is emotional. The principles of Buddhism have universal relevance, but the Primal Vow offers comfort for those seeking peace in their lives. How people feel about a religion may be as important as the teachings themselves. This emotional connection motivates people to become members, to become involved, to help spread the teachings, and to become true Nembutsu followers.

At Giseikai, hearing the Hongwanji ministers and others chant the sutras and recite the Nembutsu in unison, so loudly and with such feeling, helped us experience the emotional aspect of Shin Buddhism. It made everyone feel good—and inspired.

Clearly, I have much to learn about Honpa Hongwanji and Shin Buddhism. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to experience Giseikai and to continue my journey.



Rose Nakamura addresses the Giseikai Legislative Assembly

BUDDHIST WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION NEWS—MARCH/APRIL 2018

Members worked together to prepare and deliver delicious *otoki* of *mazegohan*, *kanten*, *yokan*, *kuromame* and mandarin oranges to about 30 homebound elders after the Hoonko Service on January 22. Thank you to Anne K., Donna H., Grace Y., Susan O., Lily M., Nancy H., Jeanne W., Lois O., Cyndi O. and Ethel S. for your kokua. A special thank you goes to Osamu Kawabata for making the *kuromame*.

Representatives and officers to the Honolulu United BWA this year are Donna Higashi (President), Nancy Hironaka, Alisa Kondo (Treasurer), Susan Morishige (Auditor), Ann Nakata, Lois Ohta (Recording Secretary), Susan Okano and Ethel Shintaku. Alternates are Helen Hamasu and Lynn Nakata. On the statewide Federation level, Lois Toyama of Jikoen is President. Moiliili members serving as officers are Susan Morishige (Assistant Secretary), Karen Kikukawa (Treasurer), and Donna Higashi (Assistant Treasurer).

Thank you for your very generous Dana Day donations during the month of February. Donations will be forwarded to the Honolulu United BWA which makes awards to worthy charitable organizations. More than \$1,000 has already been donated by our members.

The BWA is helping to purchase some of the furnishings for the Minister’s Residence in preparation for the arrival of Rev. Toshiyuki and Mrs. Yoshiko Umitani and family (Naho and Riho) to our temple. We welcome Yoshiko Umitani as MHBWA’s Honorary President, while Rev. Umitani will serve as the minister advisor for MHBWA and the Honolulu United BWA.

Our next BWA meeting is planned for April 22 following the service. The following week, April 29th, all three Honolulu BWA units will join together at the Hawaii Betsuin at 9:15 a.m. for a United Joint Education/Membership event on the occasion of honoring Lady Eshinni and Lady Kakushinni. Rev. Dr. Toshikazu Arai will be the

guest speaker at the service led by the Hawaii Betsuin Dharma School students. Later refreshments, music and a short meeting will follow.

Contributed by Jeanne Watari



Please welcome **Anderson “Andy” Carson** and **Chiyo Kinoshita** to our Moiliili Hongwanji Mission Sangha!

The Bon Dance Retail / Outreach Committee

“Onegaishimasu,” the Retail/Outreach committee is planning for O-Bon 2018 and is interested in our handcrafting members’ “donation(s)” for the committee to sell this year. A few examples are needlecrafts (sewn, knitted, crocheted, latch hooked, embroidered, cross stitched, etc.), calligraphy, paintings/sketches, paper art – cards, pottery, wood work, etc. small items that share with the community our Japanese heritage and culture. We are also interested in gently used yukata(s) and obi(s), both children and adult sized. Last year they sold very well and we are hoping to receive your donations again this year. Interested? Please contact anyone in the retail booth committee: Iris, Mari, Ruth or Shirley at our next temple activity and/or the temple office for more information.

Upcoming activities:

At this year’s Obon we will be selling t-shirts, silk scarves and furoshiki squares decorated with tie dye, inspired by shibori on soft obi. Please sign up to join us for a tie dye session.

Date: Monday, March 19

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Place: Downstairs outside the Annex

Along with the pieces we would like to sell at Obon, you may sign up to purchase and dye either a t-shirt or a scarf to take with you for \$5.00. Only pre-ordered items will be available at this special price so please place your order when you sign up. We would appreciate your creative help, no previous tie dye experience necessary. Please wear clothes you don’t mind getting stained, just in case. Bring your creativity, we provide the rest.

We are in the process of planning a succulent planting event for April. Please look around your home for creative plant containers to donate. Some suggestions are tea cups, sake cups, mugs, bowls, empty tins, small old shoes, toys like hollow plastic animals large enough to hold a plant, interesting pieces of wood, tiles glued together to form a planter. If you are unable to attend the event, someone else may be able to use the item for planting. More details and a sign up will be available once plans solidify.

TUESDAY EVENING MEDITATION CLASS

The Tuesday evening Meditation sessions have seen quite a diverse group of participants. Bianca, a Brazilian, is a real estate agent and lives in Hawaii Kai.

Julie, a family friend of Christine and Wes Henry, is back in Hawaii after years in California and is a high school counselor. Julie's good friend Sarah grew up in Waianae and sits Zazen style at home every morning before heading to the Halekulani for work.

Sri Lankans Lak and Pramila Walpita are also enjoying the Tuesday sessions. Lak is a Buddhist while his wife Pramila, a researcher/professor at the John Burns School of Medicine, is of the Jain religion. Before moving to Hawaii five years ago, they attended meditation sessions at a Sri Lankan

Temple in Texas.

Some participants come on occasion, while others are regulars. One thing for certain is that under Raymond's guidance, everyone enjoys the peace, relaxation and fellowship of our Meditation services.



Lak & Pramila Walpita

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

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

- Kenji Toyama, 92, on December 4 *
- Stanley Kenji Kato, 71, on December 6 *
- Mitsugi Momoki, 90, on December 18
- Toshio Shimahara, 93, on December 19
- Nora Miyoko Ideta, 88, on December 24
- Warren Taketo Wannomae, 79, on January 1
- Peggy Chiyono Yoda, 90, on January 2
- Tomiko Oka, 94, on January 11
- Masanori Matsui, 99, January 12
- Elsie Fusaye Hirota, 100, January 13
- Peggy Michiko Morita, 97, January 21
- Delma Yukiko Okada Kiyomoto, 91, January 27 *
- Sumiko Kodama, 99, February 9 *

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

(* Indicates Temple Sustaining Gojikai Member)

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Notes from India by Kerry Kiyohara

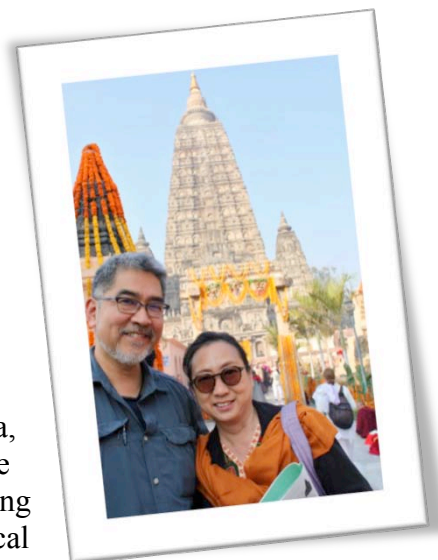


Aloha! Mimy and I were incredibly fortunate to visit historic Buddhist sites in India and Nepal, including the places of his birth, life as a prince, extreme ascetic practices, enlightenment, first and last teachings of the Dharma, and

mahaparinirvana, passing from this world into supreme enlightenment.

With classmates from Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin Seminary, we chanted Jūseige, an excerpt from the Larger Sutra of the Buddha of Immeasurable Life. Each time, I was reminded of the inconceivable chain of causes and conditions that led me to this point. Each time, I was reminded of my debt of obligation to countless people for guiding me to be ordained and study the Dharma in Kyoto, to experience the land of the Buddha Shakamuni, who revealed the Great Compassion of the Buddha Amida more than 2500 years ago.

The historic Buddhist sites are located in the poorest regions of India, so children would come running up to us, begging for a handout. My logical American mind could rationalize giving homeless kids money or candies would not alleviate their suffering; in fact, would increase the likelihood they would never escape the cycle of poverty. Yet, my heart wanted to do something, anything to help. But I am powerless.



At the core of Shin Buddhist doctrine is the simultaneous awakening to one's infinitely limited capacity and the infinitely inclusive compassion of Amida to save all beings by creating the path of Nembutsu, which enables me, of all people, to be born in the Pure Land and, most importantly, to return to this world as Great Compassion and guide others to the Nembutsu.

The Nembutsu empowered me to see the world and myself in a new light. I am forever bound by addiction to self-centered ego, which causes anger, delusion, and greed. And yet, in my heart of hearts, I want to help people, alleviate suffering, guide others to the Truth that has saved me from myself.

As much as my ego would like to believe that I'm capable, only the path of Nembutsu, NamoAmidaButsu, the inconceivable working of Amida's all-inclusive Compassion and all-embracing Wisdom can save an unworthy fool like me.

What a wonderful and miraculous gift!

Mahalo Amida! NamoAmidaButsu!



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MOILIILI HONGWANJI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2018

- 19-26 *Pre-School is Closed for Spring Break*
- 25 **9:00AM** Sunday Service with Ms. Ethel Oda
- 30 *Preschool is Closed*

April 2018

- 1 **9:00AM** *MHM Sunday Service Cancelled*
9:30 – 11:30AM HBC Buddha Day Service at Soto Mission of Hawaii, 1708 Nuuanu Ave., Honolulu
- 8 **9:00AM** Sunday Remembrance Service with Rev. David Nakamoto
- 15 **9:00AM** MHM Buddha Day Service with Dr. Jay Sakashita
- 22 **9:00AM** Sunday Service with Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani
- 28 **10:00AM-2:00PM** Succulent Planting Activity downstairs outside pre-school
- 29 **9:00AM** Sunday Service with Raymond Takiue, Jr.

May 2018

- 6 **9:00AM** *MHM Sunday Service Cancelled*
9:00AM – 2:00PM Intergenerational Picnic at Magic Island
- 13 **9:00AM** Gotan-e Service with Rev. Ai Hironaka
Mother's Day
- 20 **9:00AM** Sunday Service with Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani
- 27 **9:00AM** Sunday Service with Barbara Brennan

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASSES & CLUBS

- Mondays 10AM **Quilting**
- Mondays 5:15PM **Zumba**
- Mondays 6:30PM **Kids' Karate**
- Tuesdays 6:30PM **Meditation Service**
- 2nd/4th Wed. 10AM **Japanese Dharma Class**
- Thursdays 9:30AM **Ikebana**
- Thursdays 5:30PM **Zumba**
- Thursdays 6:45PM **Kids' Karate**
- Fridays 1PM **Conversational Japanese**

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←Osamu Kawabata, Rev Shig Makino, Ken Sato & Edgar Hamasu sang "Koko ni Sachi Ari-Here's Happiness" accompanied by Rev Muneto on ukulele.

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