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Moiliili Hongwanji
Invites you to a

Hanamatsuri Buddha Day Service
&
Dharma Egg Hunt

Date: Sunday, April 14, 2019

Time: 9:00 service

Speaker: Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani

10:00 Dharma Egg Hunt
(Bring a basket or bag)



Please RSVP by April 12th to Preschool Director
or temple office @ 949-1659



The White Way

Mo‘ili‘ili Hongwanji is the center of Shin Buddhist spiritual growth, learning, and compassionate service to our Community.

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Editor's note

*****Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani delivered the following dharma message at the 107th Giseikai Legislative Assembly of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii on February 8, 2019.***

Ah, hard to encounter, even in many lifetimes, is the decisive cause of birth, Amida's universal Vow! Hard to realize, even in myriads of kalpas, is pure shinjin that is true and real! If you should come to realize this practice and shinjin, rejoice at the conditions from the distant past that have brought it about."

(Shinran "The True Teaching, Practice, and Realization of the Pure Land Way" CWS Page 4)

Bishop Eric Matsumoto, President Pieper Toyama, ministers, delegates, observers, and guests of the 107th Giseikai Legislative Assembly of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, good morning.

It is indeed an honor for me to deliver this memorial dharma message in honor of the individuals who had dedicated their lives for the spread of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, and in the commemoration of the 130th anniversary of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

In the book, "A grateful past, a promising future", it says, "Anyone passing by Kojima Hotel at #1 Beretania Street in Honolulu the evening of March 3, 1889 would have heard sounds never before heard in the kingdom of Hawaii. The clear sweet striking of a small gong. The sonorous rhythm of a sutra chanted in Sino-Japanese. The first Shin Buddhist service in these islands was being held by the Reverend Soryu Kagahi, a young priest from the Kyushu province of Oita-ken."

As it says, the seeds of the Buddha-Dharma in Hawaii were planted 130 years ago. I wonder how people who attended this first service in the Kojima Hotel would have received the sound of the Nembutsu. For the Issei immigrants who left their home country and were living in a challenging environment of discrimination and economic hardships, the sound of the Nembutsu must have provided them with feelings of comfort, assurance, and joy. And in a grateful response to Amida Buddha's compassion, ministers and members throughout the history of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii have laid a strong foundation, a foundation on which we are standing today. The history of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is the history of ministers and members encountering, appreciating, and living within the Nembutsu. I am truly grateful for all the causes and conditions that enabled me to be a part of this history here and now.

In 2014, I had a wonderful opportunity to attend the European Shin Buddhist Conference which was held in Southampton, United Kingdom. Many Jodo Shinshu Buddhists from various countries in Europe, Nepal, Australia, Canada, the United States, and Japan including the former Gomonsu Koshin Ohtani and the Lady Noriko Ohtani attended this Conference. This conference is being held every other year. The Opening Service was officiated by Rev. Gary Robinson who is the minister-in-charge of the Southampton Sangha, together with his four assistants. In front of the scroll of Namo Amida Butsu on

the stage, they sat on the hard floor in the *seiza* posture, and chanted the sutra. After the service, those assistants put their white gloves on, and in a proper manner, they respectfully took down the sacred objects in preparation of the lecture. During the four-day conference, participants shared their understanding and appreciation of the Jodo Shinshu teachings. The conference was filled with an atmosphere of joy. A joy of encountering with the teachings, a joy of being able to listen to the teachings, and a joy of being able to share the teachings. For European Shin Buddhists whose Sangha groups have not yet largely organized such as the ones in Japan and the United States, this type of conference is one of the rare opportunities for them to immerse themselves in the water of the Dharma. I was deeply inspired by their sincere and enthusiastic attitude to hear and receive the Dharma.

As I saw their brilliant faces filled with joy, I couldn't help but reflecting myself about how I am facing the Buddha-Dharma. I, who was born and raised in a temple family in Japan, might had taken for granted that there is a temple, services, its members and their support, without any questions. But looking at those Shin Buddhists in the European countries made me contemplate how grateful I am that I can freely recite the Nembutsu aloud with other Dharma friends. We have temples, ministers, and members around us. We have many materials that we can deepen our religious understandings, we have temples where we can listen to the teachings, and we have Sangha groups in which we can share our joy of the Nembutsu.

We who call ourselves members of a Hongwanji Sangha are fortunate to be enabled to receive the Dharma. Yet it often seems that we have many other preoccupations to think about such as a continuing and seemingly irreversible decline in membership, aging temple members, children not returning to our temples, increasing of the Kyodan assessments etc. Of course those are important businesses for the development of our organization, but I wonder if I might have forgotten the primary purpose of the Hongwanji Organization. Needless to say, the Primary purpose is awakening to the Universal Vow of Amida Buddha.

*(*Part one of two. Continue to the next issue.)*

Honpa Hongwanji Headquarters News

Eric Matsumoto, 16th Bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, was confirmed a third term. The Bishop Selection Committee, after requesting for a waiver to the two term (8 year) limit, submitted its selection of Bishop Eric Matsumoto for the position of Bishop for his third term. Whereupon, the delegates of the 107th Legislative Assembly unanimously confirmed Bishop Eric Matsumoto as the Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for another 4 years.

Bishop Eric Matsumoto took office as the Bishop in March 2011 and served two terms (March 2011 – February 2015 and March 2015 – February 2019). His third term will be from March 2019 to February 2023.

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Pacific Buddhist Academy 13th Annual Taiko Festival Sunday April 7 4 p.m. at the Pearl City Cultural Center

\$25 General Admission Tickets available at PBA's Weinberg Building at 174 Lusitania St.

\$20 Seniors & Students Or online at: www.pacificbuddhistacademy.org/pbas-13th-annual-taiko-festival

Naikan Therapy

A Naikan Therapy session with Rev. Dr. Mari Sengoku was well received on March 16, 2019, at Moiliili Hongwanji's Spring Seminar. Mind-Body Naikan is a method of meditative self-reflection and psychotherapy. Naikan Therapy was developed by a devout Jodo Shinshu follower who followed the principles of Pure Land Buddhism. Naikan is a way of self discovery and self renewal.



Some participants' comments were "Excellent presentation. Clearly explained. Informative and entertaining!" "Subject matter can be incorporated into all aspects of life." "This seminar was an eye-opener. There are many things we take for granted." "Rev. Sengoku was knowledgeable about the topic as well as Shin Buddhism." "Very interesting method of practicing gratitude and how it shapes your own physical self."

Rev. Sengoku emphasized expressions of gratitude to realize how fortunate we are to be born into this world. In reflecting on relationships, there are three questions to ponder: What have I received? What have I given? What difficulties have I caused? Yoga and breathing techniques were also demonstrated to help us deal with the ups and downs of daily life.



Rev. Sengoku was also Moiliili's Spring Ohigan Equinox Service speaker on March 17th. She talked about the 2011 earthquake and tsunami affecting the Tohoku area of Japan including Fukushima and Sendai. It was devastating for many families who lost parents or children or even entire families. In total, there were 15,896 deaths, 6,157 injured, and 2,537 people missing. In times of need, many have turned to Buddhism for answers and support.

For those who missed the Naikan Therapy seminar, please stay tuned for future seminars!



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Are you a Caregiver? What's a Caregiver?

According to Wikipedia: *A caregiver is an unpaid or paid member of a person's social network who helps them with activities of daily living. Caregiving is most commonly used to address impairments related to old age, disability, a disease, or a mental disorder.*

Family caregivers provide most the long term care needs of older adults and they do so without getting paid.

Even a caregiver needs time for him or herself, time to enjoy respite. Consider joining a support group such as Project Dana's Caregiver's Support Group which meets on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin from 10-12pm. The first meeting is an educational one with speakers on topics of interest to the group. The second meeting is a talk story session among the attendees. It's time to learn from each other. Once every three months, a field trip is planned like going bowling or a beach outing.

Project Dana has sponsored the Caring for the Caregiver Support Group for 18 years. Since it is held on a workday, a second Caregiver's Support Group was just started for working caregivers on the first Saturday of each month at Waipahu Hongwanji in Leeward Oahu. This is an educational session with dynamic speakers and attendees are encouraged to join for the other sessions. Contact the Project Dana office at 945-3736 to register.

(contributed by Donna Higashi, site coordinator for Moiliili Hongwanji)

Project Dana Donations

Organizations:

Kupuna Aging in Place of the Hawaii Community Foundation,
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Social Concerns Committee

Others:

C. Becker, S. Koike, P. Nakamura, A. Okamura, C. & F. Tsutsui

Caregivers Support:

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“ The hum of bees is the voice of the garden.”

-Elizabeth Lawrence

Spring is here and the preschool is abuzz with activity. We are currently studying insects and learning about wonderful critters like ladybugs, beetles and caterpillars who transform into butterflies! Mrs. Nagata’s class made a bug jar, Ms. Cori’s class drew insects we saw on a bug walk, Miss Kaycie’s class painted their feet to create a bee and Mrs. Mariko’s class made butterflies out of blueberries and oranges for snack and painted wearable butterfly wings.

Spring is a wonderful time to slow down and enjoy nature—bugs, clouds, puddles, dirt, birds and rain all spark children’s observations and questions. When asked which bug was their favorite the students shared the following:

Madison- I like the pill bug because it’s walking down to the street. It has four legs.

Lucille- I like cockroaches. I stomp it!

Camdon- Grasshoppers because they jump fast.

Mika- Cockroaches because they crawl.

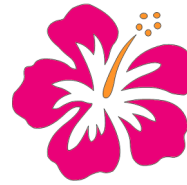
Eshal- Butterflies because they are pretty!

Submitted by: Ms. Cori Uwaione





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With Heartfelt
Sympathy

Moiiliili Hongwanji Mission extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of:

James Isamu Fukuhara, 90

on February 21, 2019

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

Eitaikyo & Autumn Ohigan Donations

June Hamada

Moiiliili Hongwanji is most grateful for your generous donations. If you would like to have a receipt for your donation, please call the temple office at 949-1659. Ofuse for funerals, memorial services, and other services are not listed. If you prefer that your name not be listed, please let the office know.



Moiliili Hongwanji Mission

March 1, 2019



TO THE MOILIILI HONGWANJI SANGHA:

Our sincere MAHALO to all of you who bought or sold cookies and made monetary donations for the recent Cookie Corner fundraiser! Thanks to all of you, the fundraiser was a success, netting **\$2,800.00** to support Moiliili Hongwanji—that's after paying Cookie Corner and general excise taxes!

We sincerely appreciate your continued support for Moiliili Hongwanji Mission.



In Gassho,

“Ono” Cookie Corner Fundraiser Committee:

Rose Nakamura
Cynthia Ogasawara

Jay Hamai
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Earth Day Service

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Speaker: Mr. David Atcheson
of Hawaii Betsuin

“The Power of One(ness): Action for a Changing Climate”

Time: 9:00 a.m. at Moiliili Hongwanji



Help
protect
our
earth!

Climate change
Individual action
Jodo Shinshu perspective

MOILILI HONGWANJI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2019

- 7 **9:30 AM** Hawaii Buddhist Council
Buddha Day Service with Dr. Willa Tanabe
MHM service CANCELLED
- 14 **9:00 AM** MHM Buddha Day &
Remembrance Service
- 21 **9:00 AM** Eshinni & Kakushinni Service
with Mrs. Yoshiko Umitani
10:30 AM BWA Meeting
- 28 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service with David Atcheson

May 2019

- 5 Intergenerational Picnic at Magic Island
MHM service CANCELLED
- 12 **9:00 AM** Mother's Day Service
with Rev. Okano
- 19 **9:00 AM** Gotan-E (Shinran Shonin's
Birthday) with Rev. Mariko Nishiyama
- 26 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service with Ethel Oda

June 2019

- 2 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service
Dharma School students & graduates recognition
- 9 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service
- 16 **9:00 AM** Father's Day Service
- 23 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service
- 30 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service with Ernie Oshiro



Dr. Carl Becker

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASSES

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

For More Information:
Temple Office (808) 949-1659

Subject to change: Please call the Temple Office to confirm times and dates of any event.

WHITE WAY RADIO

Join us on Saturdays for White Way Radio on KZOO1210 at 7:45 a.m. for inspiring messages from a variety of speakers. We are truly grateful for our White Way sponsors who make it possible to share the Dharma on the air every week. If you missed it go to www.moililihongwanji.org, Buddhist Teachings.

April 2019

- 6 Rev. Shingo Furusawa /Mrs. Wendy Nakanishi
- 13 Mrs. Lois Toyama /Mrs. Rose Nakamura
- 20 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio/Mrs. Michiko Motooka
- 27 Rev. Yuika Hasebe /Mrs. Thelma Ando

May 2019

- 4 Rev. Sol Kalu /The Hirai Family
- 11 Rev. Joshin Kamuro/The Yoshimura Family
- 18 Dr. Dexter Mar/ Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sorakubo
- 25 Mrs. Barbara Brennan/Mrs. Alice Shiroma

June 2019

- 1 Rev. Hiromi Kawaji/Mr. & Mrs. Roy Abe
- 8 Dr. George Tanabe/Mrs. Thelma Ando
- 15 Mrs. Juliet Lee/ The Hirai family
- 22 Rev. Ryoso Toshima/The Miyasaki Family
- 29 Rev. David Fujimoto/ MHBWA



Karuta



Calligraphy

Cultural Day

A Cultural Day at Moiliili Hongwanji was held on March 10, 2019. Each station was staffed by willing volunteers. There were make-and-take flower arrangements by Mrs. Michiko Okano, Karen Kikukawa & flower arrangement students; shuji calligraphy by Osamu Kawabata; hanafuda card playing by Wes Henry; Shinran Shonin karuta cards by Ann & Lynn Nakata; karate techniques by Hudson Fukuki; Bon Dancing by Alice Shiroma & Wendy Harman; origami crafts by Cheryl Yasunaga & Ann Miyasaki; scroll arts & crafts by Iris Wasa-Uehisa; Mari Fukuya & Shirley Renard; Bozu Meguri game by Mrs. Yoshiko Umitani and Grace Yamamoto; and oshi-zushi sushi making by Betsy Nishioka, Anne Kawabata and Kiyoko Sato; a total of ten stations. Many others assisted at the different stations to make it a fun cultural day! Cultural refreshments rounded out the day.



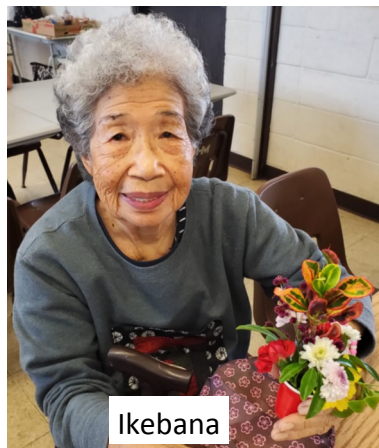
Bon Dance



Hanafuda



Bozu Meguri



Ikebana



Scroll Making



Karate



Oshizushi



Origami



3rd Annual MHM “Living Legends”

Six Moiliili Hongwanji members were recognized as “Living Legends” at the 2019 General Membership Meeting on February 17, 2019 at the Pagoda Cest Si Bon. This year’s recipients were:



Kathleen Komo (not pictured)
Lily and Roy Masuda
Ann Nakata
Lois Ohta
Itsuko Takamura

A committee composed of the prior year’s “Living Legends” along with the MHM Kyodan President (Raymond Takiue) and Office Manager (Emma Kie) selected these individuals who displayed great support and allegiance to our temple. A Certificate of Appreciation and lei were presented from a grateful Hongwanji. Congratulations!

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Think and Act to be Safe

In light of tragic events happening around the world, we would like to share information from our Temple Safety Workshop held earlier this year.

Be sure to be vigilant of your surroundings whether it be at a religious, social, entertainment gathering or merely being “out and about” in the community.
Should the need arise, be calm. Assess the situation and move accordingly. Assist in whatever capacity you are able to.
Know the escape routes whether in a building or outdoors.

Be aware of safety measures to counter during a moment of crisis.
Think and Act to be Safe!



Shinnenenkai 2019

