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30th Anniversary Celebration
and
Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Saturday, September 28, 2019
Pomaika`i Ballrooms at Dole Cannery
10:00am – 2:00pm
(Registration from 9:00am)
Free validated parking at Dole Cannery

*"E malama i ka wa ma mua a e holumua me
Dana"
(Honor the Past and Go Forward with Dana)*



The White Way

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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)

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I found a very inspiring message on YouTube. This was a commencement speech by Naval Admiral William H. McRaven, who was the ninth commander of U.S. Special Operations Command, at the Commencement at the University of Texas at Austin in 2014. He said, "If you want to change the world, start off by making your bed. If you make your bed every morning, you will have accomplished the first task of the day. It will give you a small sense of pride, and it will encourage you to do another task, and another, and another. By the end of the day, that one task completed will have turned into many tasks completed. Making your bed will also reinforce the fact that the little things in life matter. If you can't do the little things right, you will never be able to do the big things right. If, by any chance, you have a miserable day, you will come home to a bed that is made. That you made. And a made bed gives you encouragement that tomorrow will be better."

In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, I think making a bed can be compared to our daily religious practices such as offering rice *Obuppan* to the Buddha, offering of incense, hitting the bell, and chanting of the sutra in front of the family altar or in the temple. In Gassho, we begin the new day in joy and excitement. In Gassho, we end the day in reflection and appreciation. This has been the tradition of the Hongwanji, and this tradition cultivated many individuals into the person of the Nembutsu.

Our theme and slogan for this year is "Embrace Change: Transformation (Walk in Peace)". In Japanese, I would interpret "transformation" as "*Osodate wo itadaku*" (お育てをいただく) which connotes that our spiritual transformation does not occur through *Jiriki* or self-efforts as we don't possess any skills or abilities within us to attain enlightenment, but the true spiritual transformation happens through the awareness of Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion that never abandons us. As we continue sitting in front of Amida Buddha and place our hands together in Gassho, the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha naturally and gradually sink into our hearts and minds, and we are nurtured into a person of the Nembutsu.

When I was small, I used to live with my great grandmother who lived until 102 years old. She was relatively healthy physically, but hard of hearing. Whenever I talked to her, I needed to speak right next to her ear, or wrote down a message on a piece of paper. Her daily routine was to visit the *Obutsudan*, the family altar. She picked up the *Obuppan* (rice ball) from the kitchen, sat in front of the *Obutsudan*, chanted the sutra, and sang a Gatha. After that, she took down the *Obuppan*, and brought it back to the kitchen. Besides her hearing problem, she was also very forgetful. She often forgot whether she had a service at the *Obutsudan* or not. When she saw the *Obuppan* in the kitchen, she once again picked it up and went to the *Obutsudan* for another service, which was for her the first service of the day. One day, she was about to have another service as usual. So I told her, “Obaachan, don’t you remember? You went to the *Obutsudan* and had a service already today. So you don’t need to go.” Then she had a big smile on her face and said, 「ああ、そうじゃったかねー。私はよー忘れるけど、ありがたいねー、親様のほうは私のことを決して忘れてくださらんからね。」 “Oh, did I? But isn’t that wonderful? Even though I am very forgetful, my dear *Oyasama* (Amida Buddha) never forgets me.” And she continued her daily services until she passed away. As a young boy who had no knowledge and interest in Buddhism, I had no idea what she meant at that time. But I still remember vividly how peaceful she was. Her peaceful attitude was nurtured through the deep joy and gratitude to Amida Buddha’s compassion.

Come to think of it, I often use my hands for my selfish purpose and hurt people around me, and I often use my voice to justify myself and criticize others. But even a person like myself can place my hands together in the awareness of the Buddha’s Wisdom and Compassion, and now, recite the Buddha’s name of *Namo Amida Butsu* in gratitude. Those who lived before me, and those who rejoiced in the *Nembutsu* made it possible for such transformation to happen to me.

Through the countless causes and conditions, the flame of Dharma has been passed down from generation to generation. Great efforts of so many people have made it possible for a flame of the *Nembutsu* to be brought and kept burning in the islands of Hawaii for 130 years. As Shinran Shonin wrote, let us rejoice at the conditions from the distant past that have brought it about.

And, as a beneficiary of the countless causes and conditions that enable us to encounter the *Nembutsu*-Dharma, I feel that we have a responsibility, with a sense of gratitude and appreciation, to repay those conditions through our actions and behaviors. Let us make our homes and temples the places 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.

May the sound of *Namo Amida Butsu* be heard to everyone. May we find peace and comfort in *Namo Amida Butsu*. May the sound of *Namo Amida Butsu* flow from our lips in joy and gratitude.

Let us place our hands together in *Gassho*. *Namo Amida Butsu*



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Whew! Where does the time go? Can you believe this is the last full month of school before summer? During the months of March & April we studied about insects, the season of Spring, and the life cycles of butterflies. We learned about different types of insects and plants. The children had fun growing and observing the life cycle of a plant. We also discussed how we need to take care of our environment. To wrap up the themes, we went to Keiki & Plow Farm on 4/3 (older children) and 4/10 (younger children).



During the month of May we will learn about world cultures. The children will have fun learning about their own and other cultures through activities.

We would like to express our heartfelt Mahalo to our hard working parents and grandparents for taking time out of their busy schedules to join us on our excursions and attend special events throughout the school year. Wishing all of you a safe and happy summer!

All our love, Mariko Osato Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool Teacher

On May 14 the children were entertained by Puppeteer Ms. Emiko Kurosawa-Arakaki who presented the Japanese fable "*Omusubi Kororin or Rolling Riceball*". Much to the delight of the children, there was much interaction where they could jump and dance and dramatize the animal movements.

The Preschool Graduation will be held on Friday, May 24 in the Temple. The children have been practicing diligently throughout April and May. There is much anticipation for the "big day" when they can don their caps and gowns.

On the agenda in June is waterplay. A great way to cool down in the sprinkler, "shower," and water table.

There will also be "camping" in the classrooms where small tents will be set up and the children can enjoy s'mores.

Space is another unit to be explored in June. It will help the children learn more about the universe and think about stars and planets. They will be fascinated to know that the world is a much bigger place than what they imagined.



Linda Nagata

Earth Day 2019

Earth Day was observed on April 28th with David Atcheson from Hawaii Betsuin as speaker. He spoke on, "The Power of One(ness): Action for a Changing Climate," emphasizing climate change, individual action, and the Jodo Shinshu perspective. It was refreshing to hear Dave, the Green Team Convener at Hawaii Betsuin, give the Dharma message. He was knowledgeable about the reasons why going green and taking care of our earth is important.



Post service activities included making spinning tops with plastic bottle caps and making planters by folding newspapers, then planting bean or flower seeds or lettuce starters. Recycleable bamboo utensil sets were also popular and sold out! Let's try to bring reusable plates, utensils and cups to Sunday refreshments so our landfills do not get clogged with styrofoam and plastic!

Intergenerational Picnic

The Honolulu District Temples' Intergenerational Picnic held on May 5, 2019 was a huge success. The inclement weather turned out perfect, there were lots of fun games to play for young and old, ono food, and great fellowship! There was no doubt the different temples worked together, like Indra's net, to coordinate a well planned picnic!

Special thanks to those behind the scenes who planned and prepared for the picnic. Moiliili Hongwanji ran the balloon toss game. Many thanks to Ann N. who single handily filled all 100 balloons by herself and to Raymond T. who was the announcer for the game.

Moiliili's potluck and fellowship was the envy of many. We appreciate Arlyne T.'s input in coordinating and to all those who helped in many & little ways. If you missed this year's picnic, look forward to another next year!



WW Open House 2019

Moiliili Hongwanji's Open House and Bazaar will be held on **Sunday, October 13, 2019** this year. Because of various conflicting events on Saturday, there has been a change of date to Sunday.

We are requesting various Bazaar items – All items should be in good condition, new or slightly used, clean & in useable condition. No books except for children's books. No appliances, electronics or furniture. Please start saving your items now. We are also asking for homegrown plants, vegetables and fruits. Those with a green thumb, we ask for your kokua.

Please save the date and as the event gets closer, more details will be forthcoming. We also need lots of manpower. We ask that you voluntarily offer to help, by calling the temple at 949-1659. Mahalo!

Moiliili Hongwanji BWA

I would like to express my gratitude to the hardworking Moiliili Hongwanji BWA members who prepped and made barazushi, inari sushi, spam musubi, and mochi to sell at the Hawaii Betsuin Taste of Hongwanji back in March. Amazingly, they SOLD OUT everything in 3 hours! Wow!

HUGE MAHALO to *Lois Ohta* for leading the event for the MHBWA. Thank you to *Donna Higashi, Ann Kawabata, Grace Yamamoto, Lily Masuda, Lynn Nakata, Noriyo Morikubo, Cynthia Ogasawara, Susan Morishige, Ethel Oda, Nancy Hironaka, Joanne Kealoha, Karen Murakami, Sharen Uyeunten, and Harolyn Toma*, for making all the delicious foods. The production would also not be possible without our musclemen... *Osamu Kawabata, Ken Yamasaki*, who made 71 lbs of rice, *Richard Abe*, who helped the BWA make food, and *Kiyoto Fujita, and Eugene Makino* for making multiple trips to the Betsuin to drop off the food and deliver the tables for set up. We really appreciate all that you do for the BWA. I apologize if I inadvertently missed anyone.

The Taste of Hongwanji is one of the fundraisers that the MHBWA does so we would like to thank the Hawaii Betsuin for giving us the opportunity to be a part of the event.

On April 21, the MHBWA sponsored the Eshinni and Kakushinni Day Service at Moiliili. We would like to thank Mrs. Yoshiko Umitani for being our guest speaker at our special service. She shared how she has been greatly influenced to walk the Nembutsu path from both her family and Rev. Umitani's family

Alisa Kondo

MHBWA President



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Thank You

Mrs. Yoshiko Umitani

On April 21, 2019 Mrs. Yoshiko Umitani, Honorary BWA President of Moiliili, gave a wonderful talk in honor of Eshinni and Kakushinni, wife and daughter of Shinran

Shonin. (Last year for the first time, Lady Eshinni's 750th memorial service was held at Honzan in Kyoto.) Her talk was made more personal since she shared her family and Rev. Umitani's family background. She was born and raised in a Hongwanji temple family, her father being the 18th generation at her home temple in Aichi prefecture. Her temple named *Honshu* was built by our 8th Monshu Rennyō Shonin.

Mrs. Umitani shared two important reasons for remembering Lady Eshinni. Historically Shinran Shonin was the first Buddhist monk who married formally, so the first formal Buddhist minister's wife is Lady Eshinni. The second reason is found in the ten letters she wrote to her youngest daughter, Kakushinni while she returned to Echigo and Shinran remained in Kyoto. In it she shared their life together and their great trust in the Nembutsu. After his death, their daughter Kakushinni and his fellow practitioners erected a structure and that site became the foundation where the Hongwanji organization was based. The caretaker would later be known as Monshu who is the spiritual leader of the Hongwanji. Today, our Monshu is the 25th generation and a true descendant of Shinran Shonin, Lady Eshinni and Lady Kakushinni. Once again we thank Mrs. Umitani for serving alongside her husband, Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani as Moiliili Hongwanji's resident minister family. Their children Naho and Riho also bring great joy to the Sangha. (See Donna Higashi if you wish to see her entire talk.)



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Iolani School Collaborates with Project Dana

As part of Iolani School's 8th grade Notecard Project, Rev. Yoshiaki Fujitani, a Project Dana Advisory Council member met with two students and their teachers on April 27, 2019. He was selected and interviewed on the Iolani School grounds as a World War II veteran. They asked him what it was like growing up. What were his favorite hobbies, food and even his favorite color? The students had researched quite a bit about what happened to him and his family around the time of December 7th, but they wanted to hear it with his own words. Rev. Fujitani shared the story of being a sophomore at the University of Hawaii, how his father was arrested and sent to internment camp, joining the VVV and the story of "Go for Broke" which led to the 442. During the war years, he primarily served in the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) and returned from war to attend school in Chicago thanks to the GI Bill. He followed his father's role and became a Buddhist priest. The special afternoon ended with a photo, a life lesson's quote and a blackened handprint. Special thanks to students Matt and Kelly and teachers Kirk Uejo and Reid Sagawa. When this project is completed, watch for a set of gratitude cards, including Rev. Fujitani's card and other elders.

Donna Higashi, Site coordinator of Moiliili Hongwanji Project Dana and one of the caregivers for Rev. Fujitani



Dharma School Graduates Students Recognition

On Sunday, June 2nd, the Dharma School students will be recognized after culminating their 2018-2019 Dharma School year. The graduates will also be recognized. Shayna Yasunaga graduated from Mililani High School on May 19, 2019. We wish her much luck in her post high school journey. Jayden Takiue also graduated from middle school and will be entering high school in the fall.

The Dharma School students will be on summer schedule and will resume starting with Dharma School Registration and Pool Party scheduled for August 25, 2019. It will be held at the Hongwanji Mission School cafeteria and pool. All current and new students are welcome to attend. More information will be

Mother's Day Brunch

This year's Mother's Day was made special by the men making brunch for the mothers and women after the service. Chef Robin Meade's braided challah sweetbread French toast was the high light of the day! Also, with Ann Nakata's creative idea, the Dharma School students assisted with making (and decorating) Musubis for Moms to take home and for everyone to taste.

Our supporting cast of fathers, sons and 'secret admirers' also prepared a menu of bacon, fruit salad, strawberries, blueberries and blackberries, nacho style chips, noodles, rice, and guava juice and of course Chef Osamu Kawabata's famous miso soup.

Chef Robin told many how easy it was to make French toast, where to buy the bread, what condiments you can use, and the rest is history. To learn the secrets of making french toast, come to temple service and seek out Chef Robin! Yummy!

Mo'ili'ili Hongwanji Ikebana Class



Thank you to the dedicated ladies of the ikebana class who ensure we have the wonderful floral arrangements every week.

L-R June Matsumoto, Yoshiko Young, Nancy Hironaka, Mrs. Michiko Okano (Instructor), Karen Kikukawa, Mrs. Sumako Uyeno (Saga Goryu ikebana instructor visiting from Fukuoka, Japan)

Family Game Night & Tofu Contest

On Friday, May 10th, we had a pre-Mothers' Day Scrabble game night and "Tofu Entree" Contest & Potluck. It was a night of fun, games, great food and fellowship at Moiliili Hongwanji. Iris Wasa-Uehisa won the Scrabble Tournament with the highest score. She managed to utilize the double and triple word scoring. Team Umitani (Rev. Umitani & daughter Riho), Andy Carson, Donna Higashi, Arlyne Takiue, Ryne Masuda, Naho Umitani played Scrabble too.

Oishii tofu dishes were prepared for the potluck. Stuffed aburage by Iris, Chawan mushi-style tofu by Diane Oh Young, tofu patties by Evelyn Noguchi & tofu/pork kebabs by Ann Nakata. We were also treated to Hi-yayakko (cold tofu w/grated ginger) and Raising Cane's chicken fingers shared by the Umitani family.

The winner of the "tofu dish" was Donna Higashi's refreshing tofu pie dessert which we all enjoyed. Second place was Diane's Tofu-chawan mushi dish, followed by third place winner's Iris's stuffed aburage.

We appreciate the generosity of Nancy Hironaka, Barbara Nomura, Sue Sonoda, Satsu Tanaka and Jeanne Watari for contributing donations for gift cards & prizes.

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Tofu Pie

Shared by Donna Higashi

2 ea. 3 oz. lemon jello
2 cups boiling water
2 Tbsp lemon juice
2 tsp lemon extract
1 block Aloha tofu (soft, drained)
1 8oz. cool whip

2 pre made graham cracker crusts

Mix jello and water well.

Add lemon juice and extract. Cool down .

In another bowl, use 1 block tofu, mix.

Add cool whip (keep a partial for later use). Mix well.

When Jello is slightly thickened, add to tofu mixture. Mix well.

Pour into crusts, cover with protective top. Chill overnight.

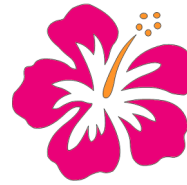
Later, spread left over cool whip on top of pie.

Keep chilled until ready to cut, serve and eat.





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With Heartfelt
Sympathy

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

Sadae Tagami, 98 on January 16, 2019

Nobuteru Takei, 75 on April 6, 2019

Richard Hisashi Tateyama, 87 on April 16, 2019

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

MOILILI HONGWANJI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2019

- 2 9:00 AM** Sunday Service
- 9 9:00 AM** Remembrance Service
- 16 9:00 AM** Father's Day Service
- 23 9:00 AM** Sunday Service conducted by Dharma
- 30 9:00 AM** Sunday Service with Ernie Oshiro

July 2019

- 7** After Bon Dance cleanup
MHM service **CANCELLED**
- 14 9:00 AM** Obon Service
with Rev. Ai Hironaka
- 21 9:00 AM** Sunday Service
- 28 9:00 AM** Sunday Service

August 2019

- 4 9:00 AM** Sunday Service
- 11 9:00 AM** Sunday Service
- 18 Chicken/Sushi Fundraiser**
MHM service **CANCELLED**
- 25 9:00 AM** Sunday Service

IT'S COMING!!!

Moilili Hongwanji Bon Dance & Moilili Summer Fest July 5th & 6th 5:00pm – 10:00pm

Your HELP for this annual event is greatly appreciated!

- Wed & Thu, July 3rd & 4th 11:00am-4:00pm or 4:00-8:00pm BBQ meat stringing
- Thu, July 4th 2:00pm setup yagura and lanterns at Varsity site
- Fri & Sat 8:00am load & set up tables & chairs for tents
- Fri & Sat 12:00pm mochi making in the Annex
- Fri & Sat 1:30pm set up concession tent
- Fri & Sat 2:00-6:30pm or 6:00-10:30pm parking attendants at 2 sites
- Fri & Sat 3:00-6:00pm Spam musubi making
- Fri & Sat 4:00-8:00pm or 7:30-11:00pm concession & grill shifts
- Fri & Sat 6:00-10:30pm trash & recycling
- Fri & Sat 9:00-11:00pm break down, clean up
- Sun, July 7th 9:00am clean up

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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 |

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- Dr. George Tanabe/Mrs. Thelma Ando
- Mrs. Juliet Lee/ The Hirai family
- Rev. Ryoso Toshima/The Miyasaki Family
- Rev. David Fujimoto/ MHBWA

July 2019

- Rev. Kojun Hashimoto/ Shigefuji & Matsumoto Families
- Rev. Mariko Nishiyama/ Mr. & Mrs. Gene Yokota
- Rev. Jeffrey Soga/ Mrs. Jo DesMarets
- Rev. Shawn Yagi/ Mrs. Edith Noriko Horii

August 2019

- Rev. David Nakamoto/The Yoshimura Family
- Mrs. Irene Nakamoto/ Mrs. Michie Hamao
- Rev. Tomo Hojo/ Mrs. Jo DesMarets
- Rev. Miekko Majima/The Morikubo Family
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