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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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Enlightenment experiences here and now

"... Enlightenment is a growing experience that never stops. Each day we experience the joys and sadness of life, and with each living experience we come to a deeper understanding of the totality of life – its beauty and ugliness, success and failures, victories and defeats, birth and death. Every activity of life has absolute meaning, for every motion, however significant, is the Enlightenment experience." (Bishop Kenryu Tsuji. From "The Heart of the Buddha-Dharma")

When I was an elementary school student, I used to attend the Dharma School every Saturday. On Saturday morning, children in my home area gathered at the temple for the Dharma School service. We chanted a sutra, listened to a dharma message from the resident minister (my father), and we played games. Honestly speaking, I cannot remember many of the Dharma lessons that my father taught us back then, but I still remember its warm, fun, and compassionate atmosphere in the temple. We played hide and seek in the big temple property. We had a sleepover, cooked curry rice, and shared some scary stories in the temple. We tried zazen (sitting) meditation, and those who moved were hit by a long stick on the shoulder.

At my home temple, all the dharma school students who graduated from the elementary school have a trip to Kyoto. For children who grew up in a countryside in Hiroshima prefecture, it was an exciting event. It was a one night - two days' trip to Kyoto, and I still remember that trip was one of the best experiences I have ever had. Our mother temple, Nishi Hongwanji, holds a daily morning service from 6am. As a child, sitting on the tatami floor for about one hour was pretty painful and sleepy. But I was surprised to see many people chanting and placing their hands together in Gassho. After the service, we had the Confirmation Rites and received our own Buddhist Name. I received mine at that time.

Dharma school was a wonderful place for me to immerse myself in the Buddha-Dharma in a fun and comfortable environment, and I can say that Dharma School definitely built my foundation as a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist. I am very grateful for those experiences.

I think the temple is a very important place for us to experience and feel those dharma moments. Temple is a wonderful place where the Three Treasures of the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha exist.

"I go to the Buddha for guidance" – I sincerely respect Shakyamuni Buddha who had awakened to the universal truth. I revere him as the greatest teacher in the world, and walk the path that leads to the enlightenment.

"I go to the Dharma for guidance" – I follow the teaching of the Buddha that leads us to a truly joyful, peaceful, and compassionate way of life. We listen to the teaching of boundless Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha. "I go to the Sangha for guidance" – In the spirit of oneness, I sincerely respect people who are living their lives within the teachings. I respect people whose lives are shining illuminated by the teachings, and I will endeavor to follow them as my teachers throughout my life. I will become a positive element in my society by sharing my smile, strength, and presence so that people around me will also be inspired.

If you don't feel that the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha are not Treasures, maybe you can think them as roots. They are like roots of trees. A tree without roots cannot absorb anything and it cannot survive. Trees grow by receiving many gifts from the surrounding nature such as sunlight, rain, wind, and nutrition from the ground. And when a tree grows by absorbing all of these elements, it will provide food for birds and wildlife, provide shade for our homes and streets, and release oxygen back into the air.

We are like those trees. We cannot become who we truly are or become truly happy and peaceful without a root. We can grow our spiritual roots by taking refuge in the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. And we will be awakened into the truth of interdependence. When we awaken to this truth, compassion that sustains us strikes us with full force, and we are made to respond to the world with the same compassion.

The Three Treasures of the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha enable us to appreciate here and now, and they enable us to experience the profound joy of Namo Amida Butsu. Temple is a special place where we can grow our spiritual roots. And this practice is never -ending. There is no graduation in Buddhism. Graduating from the Dharma School or any other organizations does not mean that you can stop coming to the temple. Rather, it is the beginning. Your journey toward a truly joyful and grateful life has just begun.

Namo Amida Butsu

Minister's Visitation

Privacy and confidentiality rights of individuals limit the clergy from visiting persons in medical, residential, and care home facilities without the express request/consent of the family. Our minister is happy to visit members and friends, but by law, such visits require a referral from the family. Please contact Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani at 949-1659 (temple) or 227-1653 (cell). Rev. Umitani also visits the following facilities to conduct the Buddhist Service. Any individuals who reside in the facility are welcomed to join in the service. Rev. Umitani is also looking for members and friends who can accompany him at these services.

Plaza Waikiki - 1830 Ala Moana Blvd.	Every month	1 st Tuesday, 10am
Oahu Care - 1808 S. Beretania St.	Every even month	2 nd Tuesday, 10:15am
Hawaii Kai - 428 Kawaihae St.	Every even month	2 nd Wednesday, 10:30am
Franciscan - 2715 Pamoa Rd.	Every month	2 nd Thursday, 10am
Arcadia (Solarium) - 1434 Punahou St.	Every month	3 rd Tuesday, 11am
Arcadia (2 nd floor) - 1434 Punahou St.	Every month	3 rd Friday, 2pm
Maunalani - 5113 Maunalani Cir.	Every month	4 th Thursday, 10am
Craigside - 15 Craigside Pl.	Every odd month	4 th Sunday, 4pm

Memorial Service information

Buddhists consider the memorial service a significant occasion to remember the deceased with feelings of gratefulness and love. For Jodo Shinshu practitioners, the significance of a memorial service is not for appeasing or consoling the spirits of the deceased, but is rather, the opportunity to pay tribute to and recall cherished memories of the departed while listening to the Buddha-Dharma. In other words, the service is not for the sake of the deceased, but is indeed, for the sake of the living. In remembering the deceased, we acknowledge the influence of the deceased on our lives. Those who passed away in the year of passing will observe the memorial service indicated in 2019. Please contact the temple office to make an appointment.

Year of passing	Type of memorial service	
2018	1 st year	
2017	3 rd year	
2013	7 th year	
2007	13 th year	
2003	17 th year	
1995	25 th year	
1987	33 rd year	
1970	50 th year	

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Raymond's Corner

With the successful completion of another temple Bon Dance, I can pause to reflect on the numerous causes and conditions,

both seen and unseen, that have led us to this point in our temple's existence today. In participating in our eighth Moiliili Summer Festival, we have shown ourselves to be a part of the Moiliili community, as well as that of the State of Hawaii.

Many years ago, the community had a Discover Moiliili Festival at the Stadium Park every year, sponsored by the Moiliili Community Center. When that was unable to be continued, we were approached to put on some type of festival showcasing the Moiliili community. This was the beginnings of the Summer Festival. It doesn't seem so long ago when our temple held its annual bon dance in the gravel parking lot of the Moiliili Community Center. Eight years later and through tremendous growth and development of the bon dance and Summer Festival, I cannot fathom how we fit. With the larger space, the bon dance has attracted thousands to participate and dance, eat, and spread this cultural experience to the bon dance regulars as well as the curious first timers.

In a corner of the bon dance area, a butsudan or altar is set up where people can have that tie into what the festival centers around. People can learn a little about Buddhism, what the festival is, and its origins in Buddhism. They can also make monetary donations to help support the temple continue with its mission to share the Dharma or teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

They can remember their loved ones by making a luminary and dedicating it to their loved ones in remembrance for their influence on their lives. They can also rededicate themselves to be a part of the Sangha or community understanding the truth of interdependence. For an event like this that involves so many people and resources, this interdependence is something to be realized and to be grateful for. We had dozens of volunteers, groups, vendors, and many others that have made this event a success throughout the years.

This is Buddhism in action. This is one reason Moiliili Hongwanji is special to me.

In Gassho, Raymond Takiue, Jr.





Bon Dance July 5 & 6 2019

Don't blink because it will be done before you know it...and it was. Have you ever helped to plan a high school reunion, a baby's first birthday party, a Yakudoshi party, family reunion, or a wedding? If you have planned a large event then you know it can take months of planning, emails, meetings, phone calls, and maybe a few sleepless nights. This was the 5th year for co-chair, Noriyo and I to be tasked with planning, coordinating and executing of everything to run the concession for Bon Dance which was held on July 5 & 6. There were so many individuals and groups who came out to help with everything from making sure the grills were working, wrapping the utensils, making the BBQ sauce, laying the cardboard on the floors to keep them clean, calculating-ordering-purchasing the food items, ordering the supplies, securing and scheduling volunteers to assist, making the signage for the concession, stringing the BBQ meat, making lunch for the volunteers, cutting and preparing the food, loading and unloading the trucks with all of the food and supplies to take down to the Bon Dance site, setting up the concession, delivering of the food from the temple to the concession, working in the concession (taking orders, filling the orders, cooking the food, collecting the money, refilling the drink coolers, etc.) cleaning up the concession, washing the dishes, and so much more. We are truly so grateful for everyone's support and generosity of their time, talent and donations we could not have done it without each and everyone who came out to help! ARIGATO & MAHALO PLENTY!!! See you next year July 2020!!! Cynthia Ogasawara





for more information contact: 945-3736 www.projectdana.org info@projectdana.org

Thank you Project Dana volunteers

Project Dana receives notes or letters of appreciation from elders who are most grateful for assistance from volunteers. Here are a few words of gratitude from the elders: *"Thank you for the wonderful telephone reassurance program. It has been my privilege*

to speak with T. over the years. He is very gracious and generous. The ability to brighten another person's day is truly an amazing gift. I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to receive that gift which Project Dana has compassionately shared with me. Aloha and take care, "G", a homebound disabled person. "Thank you again for giving me some freedom and independence in my life." R. an elder and had just lost his son who was his primary caregiver.

"I'd like to thank DANA and volunteers for providing me with much needed transportation. They are young, C&C who takes me to supermarkets for groceries so I will be well nourished. They take time from their busy work schedule. Then there is the gentlemanly R. who makes it possible for me to "visit" my brother, husband and other family members at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. That means a great deal to me. I am so very grateful to DANA for their help so I can carry on with my activities." Sincerely, H. 91 year old widow who lives alone with no children

Thank you to all the Project Dana volunteers for their commitment and compassion in assisting the elders in our community. Contact us at MHM Project Dana if you would like to become a volunteer.

Dana is a joy!

PIZZA AND PASTA FOR POPS Lynn Nakata

When there is pizza and pasta for pops, what do you have? A Perfect Party!

On the Friday before Father's Day, temple members took to the Annex for yummy eats and show-stopping tunes. Edgar Hamasu crooned several lovely ballads that nobody had ever heard of before. Tommy and Betsy Nishioka were the Enka Couple Extraordinaire. Nicholas Meade belted out "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and proved that cuteness is good any season. While the talented Amanda Meade sang and danced to K-Pop's BTS "Fire", her brother chose Toto- Africa, too new and modern for this writer to recognize. Andy Carson leaned towards the oldies.

Arlyne Takiue serenaded us to a nostalgic "High School Life", made famous by Filipino Songstress Sharon Cuneda. Cheryl Yasunaga's group came after celebrating Joshua OhYoung's birthday. She (Cheryl) demonstrated why Shayna has so much talent. Shayna ended up winning a mini karaoke trophy.

A big mahalo to Rockin' Robin Meade for his expertise in keeping the tunes coming via his IT expertise. Thanks also to all the magnifico chefs for a most delicious meal. Won't you join us next time?

Shayna Yasunaga

Daughter of Reid & Cheryl Yasunaga, Shayna graduated from Mililani High School, Class of 2019. As a performing arts student, she portrayed Sadako Sasaki in "Peace on Your Wings" & recently had a part in "Allegiance" at the Hawaii Theater, among many other performances. She will be attending Ithaca college in New York majoring in communications and culture. Best wishes, Shayna!!





SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM 902 UNIVERSITY AVENUE

FEATURING:

TEMPLE, PRESCHOOL AND PROJECT DANA OPEN HOUSE, FOOD ITEMS, BAKE SALE, RUMMAGE, CRAFTERS, PLANTS & PRODUCE, AND ENTERTAINMENT. SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!

For more information call the temple office at 949-1659. Parking available at Kuhio School, 2759 S. King Street.

Open House & Bazaar 2019

Moiliili Hongwanji's Open House & Bazaar will be happening on *Sunday, October 13, 2019* this year. It will be from 9:00-1:00 p.m. There will be lots of bazaar items, crafts, various food items, baked goods, plants, games & entertainment. Once a year, we open up our doors and invite the community to come and check out Moiliili Hongwanji. You're welcome to invite your family, friends and neighbors too. Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool and Project Dana also invites everyone to come to find out what they are all about. A Bazaar will also be happening at the same time. We are now requesting various bazaar items. All items should be in good condition, new or slightly used, clean & in usable condition. We are accepting children's books only. We will not be accepting large appliances, electronics or furniture. You are welcome to start bringing your bazaar items to the temple. We are also asking for homegrown plants, vegetables and fruits. We need your kokua!

There will be something for everyone! Please help spread the word through social media! We hope to see you on October 13th!



Jane Aucoin IMO Katherine Igawa Tokuro Hajiro Edgar & Helen Hamasu **Richard Imaino** IMO Kio Imaino & Randal Mimaki Violet Ishida IMO Larry Ishida Sally Ishizu & Jodi Ann Kurihara IMO Katsumi Ishizu Japanese Class Myrna Kadokawa IMO Harry Kadokawa Akira & Keiko Kawabata Jimmy Kitazaki IMO Edward Kitazaki



Bert & Hazel Maedo IMO Maedo family for Obon Eugene Makino Stanley & Evelyn Masuoka IMO Okazaki Family Saeko Miyazaki Susan Mizokami Edward Morishima George & Clara Murasaki Doris Nakagawa Beatrice Nakaoka IMO Mr & Mrs Tsuji Ann Nakata Winifred Noguchi IMO Matsuoka Family Barbara Nomura Francis & Susan Okano

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With Heartfelt

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

Seiichi Masunaga	95	4/8/2019
Kiyoshi Shigefuji*	99	5/5/2019
Jenny Takemoto*	78	5/7/2019
Masashi Fujino*	89	5/8/2019
James Masami Okamura	88	5/9/2019
Gary Toshiro Uyeoka	95	5/21/2019
George Hayao Furukawa*	95	6/11/2019
Betty Toshie Burns	91	6/12/2019
Glen Hideshi Machida*	86	6/18/2019
George Masato Tsugawa*	88	7/14/2019

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

(* Indicates Temple Sustaining Gojikai Member)

Moiliili 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 Calender of Events

August

- 4 Temple Family Fun Day 9 to 1
- 11 **9 AM** Remembrance Service Rev. Umitani
- 18 Chicken/ Sushi sale No Service
- 9 AM Service Rev. Umitani
 Honolulu District Registration & Pool Party @ Hongwanji Mission Sch 9 AM

September

- 1 9 AM Service Raymond Takiue Jr. Spkr
- 8 **9 AM** Remembrance Service Rev. Umitani
- 15 9 AM Service Rev. Thomas Okano Spkr
- 22 **9 AM** Fall Ohigan Service Rev. Shigenori Makino Spkr
- 29 9 AM Service Nancy Shimamoto Spkr

October

- 6 9 AM Service Rev. Umitani
- 13 Open House & Bazaar Service Cancelled
- 20 9 AM Service Rev. Umitani
- 27 9 AM Service Lynn Nakata Spkr



REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASSES

Mondays 10 AM Mondays 5:15PM Mondays 6:30PM	Quilting Zumba Kids' Karate
Tuesdays 6:30PM	Meditation Service
2nd/4th Wed. 10 AM	Japanese Dharma Class
Thursdays 9:30AM Thursdays 5:30PM Thursdays 6:45PM	Ikebana Zumba 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.moiliilihongwanji.org, Buddhist Teachings.

August 2019

- 3 Rev. David Nakamoto/ The Yoshimura Family
- 10 Mrs. Irene Nakamoto/ Mrs. Michio Hamao
- 17 Rev. Tomo Hojo/ Mrs. Jo DesMarets
- 24 Rev. Mieko Majima/ The Morikubo Family
- 31 Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara/ Mr. Alan Yokota

September 2019

- 7 Rev. Jan Youth/ The Hirai Family
- 14 Mr. Joel Merchant/ Mr. Reese Morikubo
- 21 Rev. Ai Hironaka/ The Kanazawa Family
- 28 Rev. Kerry Kiyohara/ The Miyasaki Family

October 2019

- 5 Rev. Shinkai Murakami/ Shifefuji & Matsumoto Families
- 12 Rev. Richard Tennes/ Mrs. Edith Noriko Horii
- 19 Dr. Jay Sakashita/ Mr. Chris Kanazawa
- 26 Mrs. Rose Nakamura/ Ms. Martha Samson



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Jayden receiving 8th Grade graduation certificate



