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You're Invited to



Honolulu District Dharma School's
Halloween Fun Day!
on
Sunday, October 20, 2019

8:00 a.m. Meet at Betsuin
8:30 a.m. Bus Departs from Betsuin
9:00-11:00 a.m. Aloun Farm Pumpkin Patch
11:45 a.m. Lunch, Carving & Contests at Betsuin

\$10.00 Adult Bentos (3 pcs chicken, small fish patty, rice)
\$7.00 Children Bentos (3 small pcs chicken, teri spam, teri hot dog, rice)
\$5.00 preschool mini bentos (spam musubi, 3 small pcs chicken)
or Bring your own!

You're welcome to contribute snacks & desserts.
Bring your own drinks & keep hydrated!

Pumpkin Carving & Activities 12:15 p.m.
Most Compassionate Most Scary
Most Funny Most Creative Most Beautiful
Pumpkin Carving Contest (with prizes!) 1:00 p.m.
Clean up 1:15 p.m.

Bus: \$2.00 per person (1st 50 people) or Drive on your own
Contact your temple's Dharma School Supervisor by October 6th!

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You're Invited to
Moiliili Hongwanji's

Halloween Dress Up Day

Sunday, October 27, 2019

Service at 9:00 a.m.
Costume Parade (for young & old) at 10:00 a.m.

Come and join the fun!
Dress up as your favorite character!



You're welcome to bring a contribution
for refreshments.

Any questions, please call the temple office at 949-1659. Hope to see you soon!



The White Way

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

Temple Office: (808) 949-1659 mhm@moililihongwanji.org www.moililihongwanji.org

***When the one thought-moment of joy arises,
Nirvana is attained without severing blind passions;
When ignorant and wise, even grave offenders and slanders of the dharma, all alike turn and enter shinjin,
They are like waters that, on entering the ocean, become one in taste with it.
(Shoshinge)***

Sometimes people who understand Japanese say, “Umitani (my family name) is such an unusual name.” *Umi* means ocean, and *Tani* means valley. So, Umitani literally means “Ocean-Valley.” As my name indicates, I was born and raised in a small island in Hiroshima prefecture, and the ocean was always a part of my life. I used to swim at the beach nearby. I used to eat lots of seafood. Many of our temple members were fishermen. I used to ride on a ferry every day to commute to the high school in Hiroshima city. Whenever I think of my home, I think of this beautiful ocean. The surface of the water is shining illuminated by the sunlight.



Speaking of the ocean, Shinran Shonin often used the word “ocean” in his writings. The aspiration above is from the Shoshinge written by Shinran Shonin.

This clearly explains the characteristics of Jodo Shinshu. Nirvana is the goal of the Buddhist life. Nirvana means “the blowing out of blind passions of greed, anger, and ignorance.” Traditionally, Buddhism was the path to extinguish blind passions and then attain Nirvana, the state of peaceful happiness. But Shinran Shonin’s understanding was that through the Nembutsu we can all attain peaceful happiness here and now even though we still possess blind passions. This was a revolutionary new approach in Buddhism. Shinran Shonin spent 20 years of his life in Mt. Hiei trying to remove blind passions through rigorous study and training. But the more he practiced, the more he realized how deeply and strongly his blind passions were grounded in his mind. He was in the depths of despair, but the wonderful *Goen* (causes and conditions) led him to meet with his teacher Honen Shonin. Honen Shonin taught him to just say the Nembutsu and he will be fine. Whether ignorant or wise, even grave offenders who killed his parents or teachers, and even people who slander the Buddha-Dharma, we will all “*return to the ocean and become one in taste with it*”.

There is a story when Shinran Shonin was studying under Honen Shonin. Once there was a discussion about *Shinjin* “awareness.” One day, Shinran Shonin said, “My *shinjin* and the Master’s are one.” Many of his fellow practitioners strongly disagreed and argued, “How can your *shinjin* be the same as the Master’s?” Shinran Shonin responded, “The Master possesses vast wisdom and learning, so I would be mistaken if I claimed to be the same in those respects, but in *shinjin* that is the cause of birth, there is no difference whatever. The master’s *shinjin* and mine are one and the same.” The others remained skeptical, so finally they decided that the argument should be brought before Honen Shonin to determine which side was right. Honen Shonin said, “My *shinjin* has been given by Amida; so has that of Zenshin-bo [Shinran]. Therefore they are one and the same. A person with a different *shinjin* will surely not go to the Pure Land to which I will go.”

In this story, Honen Shonin agreed with Shinran Shonin that the *shinjin* awareness is not something we cultivate through our limited wisdom and knowledge, but it is a gift from Amida Buddha and everyone will receive the same gift. It is like the vast ocean which welcomes all the rivers. All the rivers, no matter what kind of rivers they are, are guaranteed to be welcomed by the ocean. Like rivers, we are all different individuals. We all possess blind passions and our understanding is limited, but we are all equally guaranteed to be welcomed by the Wisdom and Compassion. *Namo Amida Butsu* welcomes us all just as we are.

When I was young, I often suffered from an abnormal stomachache. Whenever this happened, the pain did not disappear for a very long time. Sometimes the pain became unbearably strong, and I had to wake up my parents during the night and they took me to emergency. My father drove the car, and my mother was sitting right next to me and rubbed my belly by saying, “You will be fine. You will be fine.” This compassionate voice of my mother did not magically remove my pain, but yet, I am made aware of my parents’ loving kindness which gave me a sense of comfort and relief in spite of pain. Even today, I sometimes suffer from a stomachache. When it happens, I am always reminded of my parents’ voice of compassion that says, “You will be fine.”

To me, “*Namo Amida Butsu*” is such. *Namo Amida Butsu* is Amida Buddha’s compassionate calling voice that says, “No matter who you are and no matter what happens, I shall embrace you just as you are.” Whoever I am, and whatever situation/condition I am in, I am all embraced by Amida Buddha’s Wisdom and Compassion. *Namo Amida Butsu* gives me a profound sense of comfort and joy that I am the primal target of Amida Buddha’s dynamic working of Wisdom and Compassion.

Our temple is everyone’s spiritual home where Amida Buddha welcomes us with open arms. How grateful we are.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani

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

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 Pamoia 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

BWA CONVENTION

A Family Affair: Mrs. Toro of Nagoya, Japan joined her two daughters Professor Keiko Toro, who was one of the keynote speakers, and Mrs. Yoshiko Umitani and family in San Francisco.

Twenty Moiliili Hongwanji BWA members, spouses and children attended the 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention in San Francisco's Marriott Marquis Hotel sponsored by the Federation of Buddhist Churches of America. Close to 1700 delegates attended from South America, Canada, mainland USA, Japan and Hawaii. We were led by Hawaii Federation of BWA's President Lois Toyama and Bishop Eric Matsumoto. The theme was "Live the Nembutsu". The next World Convention will be held in Kyoto, Japan in 2023.



HHMH MINISTER'S LAY ASSISTANT RETREAT

Place: Buddhist Study Center

Date: October 11-13, 2019

Anyone who is interested and recommended by their Hawaii Kyodan minister mentor is welcome to apply.

Note: Anyone who is a member of a temple must be recommended by their resident minister.

Purpose: To review and enrich the knowledge of the participants in the rituals and traditions of the Nishi Hongwanji, General Buddhism and Shin Buddhism.

All of the knowledge and skills that are associated with functioning as a Minister's Lay Assistant will be covered during the retreat. The retreat is an opportunity to learn and/or refresh one's skills and knowledge that is associated with the role of a Minister's Lay Assistant, but completion does not result in certification. The conditions of certification are presented in the document Shin Buddhist Ministry in Hawaii. This retreat can be taken many times so long as it remains meaningful and helpful to the participant. Completion does not imply an obligation to become a minister's assistant. For more information and registration, please contact Buddhist Study Center at 808- 973-6555.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MHM BYLAWS

This is to inform our membership that the Moiliili Hongwanji Board of Directors has approved the amendments listed below on Wednesday, September 11, 2019. The Amendments were presented by the Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee.

REFERENCE: ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS;

Section 2. Composition

b. Directors: There shall be not less than ~~twenty~~ twelve directors.

AMENDMENT: There shall be not less than twelve directors.

Rationale: In recent years the Nominating Committee has experienced difficulty getting the commitment of 20 members to serve as directors for the slate. Members served as directors "in name only." In reviewing the current list of 20 directors, at least ten (10) are considered inactive and do not attend Board meetings. However, many attend Sunday service and continue to volunteer at temple special events and activities.

The Ad Hoc Committee recommends that we lower the number of directors to 12 members who will make every effort to attend and will actively participate in our monthly Board meetings.

REFERENCE: ARTICLE XII – SPECIAL PROGRAMS;

Section 3. Project Dana

c. Project Dana Advisory Council

4. The Chair of the Project Dana Advisory Council shall be appointed ~~jointly~~ by the Council ~~and the Executive Director~~ with approval of the BOARD.

AMENDMENT: The Chair of the Project Dana Advisory Council shall be appointed by the Council with approval of the BOARD.

Rationale: It was pointed out that the Executive Director serves on the Project Dana Advisory Council in an ex-officio capacity with voice but no vote.

The Ad Hoc Committee recommends that we strike out the word "jointly" as well as "and the Executive Director."

NOTE: Please let the office know if you have any objections to these Amendments.

Moiliili Hongwanji's

Bazaar & Open House

Sunday, October 13, 2019

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

902 University Avenue



Magic Show with Glen Bailey
\$5 pre-sale & \$7 at door

Ono Foods & Bake Sale

Bazaar Items

Crafters, Plants & Produce

Entertainment

Open House

For more information call the temple office at 949-1659.

Parking available at Kuhio School, 2759 S. King Street.

Bazaar & Open House COMING SOON!

Moiliili Hongwanji's Bazaar & Open House is coming soon! It will be held Sunday, October 13, 2019 from 9:00-1:00 p.m.

This year, there will be a Bazaar. All items will be new or slightly used, clean, and in working condition. There will be yardage materials. Also at the Bazaar will be crafters and some great gifts for the holidays! Back by popular demand will be plants & produce. Your donations are welcome.

Lots of ono food items such as Spam musubi, chirashi sushi, BBQ chicken, vegetable lumpia, andagi, mochi, bake sale, drinks, and many more will be available. Come early before items run out!

Main feature will be Glen Bailey's Magic Show @10:00am. Presale tickets are \$5.00 each and at the door is \$7.00. Pacific Buddhist Academy's Taiko Group will also be performing in the courtyard.

Any questions, please contact the temple office at 949-1659. Encourage your family and friends to come and check out the Bazaar & Open House. Additional parking will be available at Kuhio School. We hope to see you soon!

Moiliili Hongwanji Mission
Presents a
Fall Seminar
**“Dedication and Contribution of
Buddhist Minister’s Wives (Bomori)
in Hawaii”**

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2019

Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Place: Moiliili Hongwanji Mission (Temple & Annex)

Featuring: "History of Moiliili Hongwanji and its Community"

By Ethel Aiko Oda

Panelists: Mrs. Michiko Okano, Mrs. Sumie Makino, Mrs. Tamayo Matsumoto,
Mrs. Yoshiko Umitani



Seeds of Compassion

Light refreshments will be served.

Registration (\$10.00) deadline by October 19th

Call Moiliili Hongwanji Buddhist Temple @949-1659 or email

mhm@moiliilihongwanji.org

Dedication & Contribution of Buddhist Ministers’ Wives (Bomori) in Hawaii

A Fall Seminar on “Dedication & Contribution of Buddhist Ministers’ Wives (Bomori) in Hawaii” will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at Moiliili Hongwanji from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Ethel Aiko Oda will be giving a talk on “A Brief History of Moiliili Hongwanji and Moiliili Community” followed by a panel of Bomori.

The Ministers’ wives (Bomori) have all served at Moiliili Hongwanji and other temples in Honolulu District, at one time or another. The Bomori serving as panelists are Mrs. Michiko Okano, Mrs. Sumie Makino, Mrs. Tamayo Matsumoto and Mrs. Yoshiko Umitani. They each have their own stories of how they supported their husbands, their triumphs as well as hardships, while serving at different temples in Hawaii and at Moiliili Hongwanji. The contribution of ministers & wives, built the foundation of Moiliili Hongwanji.

Please come and join us for an informative session on October 26th. Contact MHM temple office at 949-1659 if you are interested in attending. Registration fee is \$10.00 by October 19th.



RAISING A PEACEFUL CHILD IN CHALLENGING TIMES

2019 NEMBUTSU GATHERING - HONOLULU & OAHU DISTRICTS

Sponsored by HONOLULU & OAHU HONGWANJI COUNCILS & the OFFICE OF BUDDHIST EDUCATION

Saturday, November 2 - 9:00 am to 2:30 pm
Aiea Hongwanji - Registration Fee: \$15 per adult participant

Call Hawaii Betsuin for more information: 536-7044. Child-care will be provided for children 3 years and older. Lunch is included for adults and children.

This Nembutsu Gathering is an opportunity for parents/grandparents to gather together, listen to experts in the educational field and panelists from our Sangha. The challenges of raising a peaceful child in today's world will be addressed, incorporating Buddhist values into strategic parenting. Topics include: social emotional development, making their own decisions, mindfulness, bullying, youth risk behavior, academics/career aspirations vs. extracurricular activities.

Listen to our Presenters: **Stephen Chinen**, Solomon Elementary School Counselor & Author of "Rainbows in Me: Values of Aloha" and **Kena Heffernan**, Math Teacher/Athletic Director, sumo champion/sumo coach

Be inspired by our Keynote Speaker : **Chad Miller, Ph.D.**, 2012 Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year, Associate Specialist, Institute for Teacher Education & Uehiro Academy for Philosophy and Ethics in Education, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Interact with your peers in small group discussions to share parenting strategies for raising a peaceful child...

*****Event information available at Honolulu & Oahu Temples*****



"GO FOR BROKE"

Movie screening



When: Sunday, November 10, 2019

Where: Moiliili Hongwanji Mission

Time: 11:00am

Suggested donation: \$10.00 Payable to "442nd Comic Book"

Limited seats available, please contact temple office at 946-1659 to reserve a spot by November 3.

Go For Broke - a 442 Origins Story, follows a group of University of Hawaii ROTC students during the tumultuous year after the attack on Pearl Harbor, as they navigate wartime Hawaii and fight discrimination. In the dark days following December 7th, these Americans of Japanese ancestry form the Varsity Victory Volunteers (VVV), fighting to defend their beloved Hawaii and get back their right to bear arms. The brave actions of these young men, their families, and the people who helped them, along with the perseverance of the original 100th Infantry Battalion draftees from Hawaii, directly led to the formation of the segregated all-Japanese fighting unit, the 442nd RCT - the most decorated combat unit in U.S. military history.

—Cedar Grove Productions



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

Stop Illegal Robocalls

Robocalls, the persistent automated telephone calls to cell phones and landlines, are a favorite tool of telemarketers, debt collectors and scammers. Older adults anticipating important calls from medical providers and others may be reluctant to answer the phone due to excessive or unwanted telephone calls. There is no completely effective method to stop this from happening. Yet the following tips can help consumers take some control.

While caregiving for a Project Dana client recently 3 robocalls were received within a matter of an hour. Luckily the client had a phone with caller I.D. Calls came from San Antonio, TX; Atlanta, Georgia and an unknown number. Do not answer these calls. Let it go to voice mail and see if an important message is left.

If you do answer these calls by error, DO NOT engage with the caller. Most autodialed robocalls include a prompt to press a key or give a voice command. DON'T! Pressing a key, even if the recording says it's to remove your number from the list, tells the caller that your number is active and that you'll likely answer future calls. (contact PD office for the complete article by the National Center on Law and Elder Rights).

Shared by Donna Higashi, MHM PD Site Coordinator.

Preschool Open House



Aloha,

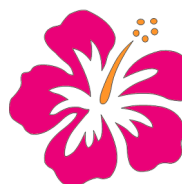
Autumn is here! The first day of fall 2019 is September 23. Here in Hawaii, it means shorter days but perhaps not cooler weather.

We had a preschool open house on Friday, September 6. We enjoyed getting to know our newest students and their families, as well as welcoming back our returnees. Our open house was well attended. We thank all of the families for taking the time out of their busy schedules to visit the classrooms to find out how each classroom helps make learning development fun and meaningful.

Mahalo,
Mariko Osato
Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool staff



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With Heartfelt
Sympathy

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

Warren Noboru Nakamura	62	8/2/2019
Kotomi Alice Hata	78	8/2/2019
Sharon Mineko Katada*	74	8/5/2019
Asako Takane*	97	8/17/2019
Itsuko Takamura*	104	9/1/2019
Terril Hideki Takeshita	82	9/9/2019

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

October

- 6 **9 AM** Service Rev. Umitani
- 13 **Open House & Bazaar**
Service cancelled
- 20 **9 AM** Service Rev. Umitani
- 26 **8:30 AM-11:30 AM** Fall Seminar
"Dedication & Contributions of Buddhist Ministers' Wives in Hawaii"
- 27 **9 AM** Service Spkr: Ms. Lynn Nakata

November

- 3 **9 AM** BWA Hoonko Service
- 10 **9 AM** Service Rev. Umitani
11 AM "Go For Broke" Movie
- 17 **9 AM** Eitaikyo Service
Spkr: Rev. Shinkai Murakami

- 24 **Temple CLEAN UP**
Service cancelled

December

- 1 **9 AM** Bodhi Day Service
Spkr: Mr. Duane Kurisu
- 8 **9:30 AM HBC Bodhi Day Service**
@Betsuin
- 15 **9 AM** Service Rev. Umitani
- 22 **9 AM** Service Rev. Umitani
- 29 **9 AM** Service Rev. Umitani
- 31 **7 PM** Joya-E (New Year's Eve) Service

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASSES

- 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 1 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

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October 2019

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

November 2019

- 2 Rev. Alan Urasaki/Mrs. Thelma Ando
- 9 Rev. Ronald Kobata/ Mrs. Jolene Nakamatsu
- 16 Mr. Sherman Thompson/ Mr. & Mrs. Roy Abe
- 23 Rev. Daido Baba/ Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sorakubo
- 30 Rev. Shinji Kawagoe/ The Morikubo Family

December 2019

- 7 Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani/ Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Ono
- 14 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka/ Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sorakubo
- 21 Ms. Charlene Kihara/ Dr. Douglas Shiraki
- 28 Rev. Blayne Higa/ Melvin & Karen Murakami



Temple Fun Day



Plaza Bon Dance



Hongwanji Sanyo Kai



Soroban Demo
Christopher & Amanda Meade



BWA Convention in San Francisco



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