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Come and pound mochi, make mochi, and taste mochi with different condiments on Sunday, January 5th! Families are welcome! You are also welcome to bring your favorite condiment to share.



New Year's Luncheon (Shinnen Enkai)

Don't forget to sign up for the 2020 New Year's Luncheon on January 19th. We will be having catered Hawaiian food at the St. Louis Alumni Clubhouse starting at 11:00am. Please sign up by January 5th by calling the temple office at 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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New Year's Greeting

Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

Last year again, following the year before, Japan, as well as many other countries in the world, was struck with multiple natural disasters. I would like to convey my deepest condolences to those who lost their lives through those disasters and express my sympathy to everyone affected. In addition, we must never forget that armed conflicts and terror attacks as well as severe starvation is making it difficult

to live, and lives are being lost every day.

Last September I had an opportunity to make an official visit to the temples of the Buddhist Churches of America as Monshu for the first time. This allowed me to complete the first round of visitations to all of the overseas districts which include Canada, Hawaii, South America, and the US mainland.

Although every temple and district has its own history and background, many of the overseas Jodo Shinshu temples were established and have been cherished by the Japanese immigrants and their descendants. Reflecting on how sincerely our predecessors entrusted themselves to the Buddha Dharma and how importantly they thought of their temples while facing many difficulties such as World War II, I cannot help but feel grateful and even awe for their tremendous efforts as well as many other wondrous circumstances that have allowed the Jodo Shinshu teaching to be handed down to us today.

However, a considerable amount of time has passed since the Japanese emigrated overseas, and the lifestyle of their descendants, as well as the world situation have changed greatly. In accordance with these changes, quite a few people who are not of ethnically Japanese origin have also come to appreciate the teaching clarified by Shinran Shonin, and attend our overseas temples.

What caused this is nothing but the universality of the Jodo Shinshu teaching that transcends time and space. In other words, Amida Buddha's compassion equally reaches and nondiscriminatively embraces everyone in the midst of all sorts of pain and agony.

In this year, let us continue to listen to the Dharma, considering it is directed to each one of us, and keep moving forward to share it with many other people as possible.

OHTANI Kojun Monshu Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



"NAMO AMIDA BUTSU AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

At the start of the New Year, let me begin by expressing my deepest appreciation and gratitude to the entire Sangha and Friends of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii who have supported our Organization for over 130 years in Hawaii. It is because of Amida Buddha's Great Wisdom and Compassion, the guidance received from the Revered Masters and Teachers like Shinran Shonin who shared the Teachings and the Sangha that we have been able to come this far. Thank you to one and all!

Deeply reflecting, I have noticed that we speak a lot about the Buddha and the Dharma, but we seldom speak about the Sangha. However, the Sangha is also essential. Thus, out of this awareness, our next 5 Year Theme and Slogans will focus on the Sangha. Of course, the Sangha (which is you and I) which tries to live the Dharma as shared by the Buddha. There is no doubt that the thoughts,

words and actions of every individual is very important and makes a difference.

Let us receive guidance from "The Teaching of Buddha" in which it shares about clergy that "Those who wish to teach the Buddha's teachings acceptably must be concerned about four things: first, they must be concerned about their own behavior; second, they must be concerned about their choice of words when they approach and teach people; third, they must be concerned about their motive for teaching and the end they wish to accomplish; and fourth, they must be concerned about great compassion." Further it shares "Lay followers should not only believe in the Three Treasures...by themselves, but also they should, as far as they are able, help others...to awaken in them an unshakable faith in the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha, so that they, too, may share in Buddha's compassion." Let us, the Sangha, clergy and lay, jointly together share our awareness, joy and gratitude for Buddha-Dharma.

In Jodo Shinshu Teachings, Shinran Shonin shared that when we (regardless of whether we are clergy or lay) realize true mind (shinjin), we unfailing gain ten benefits in the present life. I would like to mention three of the ten: the benefit having great joy in our hearts, the benefit of being aware of Amida's benevolence and of responding in gratitude to his virtue, and the benefit of constantly practicing great compassion." In regards to "practicing great compassion," Shinran Shonin quotes a sutra "What is "great compassion?" Those who continue solely in the nembutsu without any interruption will thereby be born without fail in the land of happiness at the end of life. If these people encourage each other and bring others to say the Name, they are all called "people who practice great compassion."

Further, let us keep in mind the thoughts of our 3rd Spiritual Leader Kakunyo Shonin who said, "(Our) Prosperity is dependent on the quality and depth of the Shinjin of our Followers." Rennyo Shonin, our 8th Spiritual Leader, further shared, "...be careful not to let the mind run its course unbridled...be sure to control it. It is wrong to allow the mind to take its course unchecked. We are enabled to control the (our) mind due to the Other-Power." Finally, our 25th Spiritual Leader, His Eminence Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani shares "By listening to the Primal Vow and how it was established by Amida Tathagata, we are enabled to become conscious of our own ignorance and self-oriented inclinations, and through such awareness, we naturally become gentle in word and deed in our efforts of minimizing our egoistic way of thinking." "Even though our efforts may pale in comparison to the Buddha's Compassion, we are at least guided in the proper direction by the Buddha Dharma."

As I have been emphasizing the life of Shin Buddhist is one of responding in gratitude to the Wisdom and Compassion of Namo Amida Butsu by reciting the Nembutsu and we try to live our life guided by the Dharma in grateful response until our life culminates (at death) with our entering the Pure Land of Perfect Peace and Happiness to attain Perfect Peace of Enlightenment. May the New Year be truly prosperous in the truest sense of the word. Happy New Year!

In Gassho/Anjali, Eric Matsumoto, Bishop



President's Message

Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity and Openness

Note: This message appears as part of the introduction to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's 2020 calendar. When you receive your calendar, please reflect on the three suggested actions below.

Every year, over many weeks, five individuals gather to discuss, ponder, select, write, and review. And the result of their efforts is the Hawaii Kyodan Calendar that will be distributed soon. Alan Kubota, Stephan Doi, Yumi Suzuki, Rev. Kazunori Takahashi, and Bishop Eric Matsumoto toiled mightily to bring us this calendar out of a personal commitment to inspire us. This year they

Committed their best efforts, using the theme *Building Healthy Sanghas* and the slogan, *Embracing Generosity and Openness*, to carefully select photographs and words that move us to action. But in works such as this, the challenge is to transform inspiring photographs and lofty words into real and everyday actions that touch others. If we fail to take on this challenge, the theme and slogan and the hard work of these five individuals easily vanish from our hearts and minds even as we turn the pages of the calendar. Then the commitment of these five good people who gave us this calendar will hold no power. Let us not allow this to happen. I suggest that we all consider the following as each month unfolds.

- 1. When we turn each page to a new month, let us take the time to really look at the picture, every object, every person. Let us see the act of generosity or the act of acceptance and openness embedded in the picture. Let us see the reflected warmth and joy of the sangha in the photograph.
- 2. Then in the days that follow, let us use the picture of the month to inspire us to be generous and open and joyful with others. Let us transform opportunities in the fleeting moments of our lives into action. And here I think of simple actions as a hearty, "Good morning," a smile full of warmth, and a gentle touch of reassurance.
- 3. And in the moments when we have transformed the lofty phrases of our theme and slogan into tiny, real and true actions, let the sound of Namo Amida Butsu flow through us.

If we take the time and commit ourselves to perform these three acts, the pages of the calendar will breathe Namo Amida Butsu into our lives. Our sanghas will grow healthy because threads of generosity and openness will begin to bind one member to another. And we will have made the commitment of Alan Kubota, Stephan Doi, Yumi Suzuki, Rev. Kazunori Takahashi, and Bishop Eric Matsumoto real and true.

Namo Amida Butsu Pieper J. Toyama, President At the beginning of the new year, I would like to send you my greetings.

Moiliili Hongwanji Mission was founded in 1906, since then it has actively been transmitting the Nembutsu teaching through various religious services and temple activities. As the current Resident Minister of Moiliili Hongwanji Mission, I wish to express my deepest respect and appreciation to the ministers and members of the past and present who dedicated themselves in spreading the Nembutsu teachings. Humbly and gratefully, I hope to continue dedicating myself in sharing Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion with you.

"The Essentials of Jodo Shinshu" states that "The Hongwanji school is a community of people joined together revering the teaching of Shinran Shonin and saying the Nembutsu. We seek to share with others the wisdom and compassion of Amida Tathagata. By doing so, we shall work toward the realization of a society in which everyone is able to live a life of spiritual fulfillment."



Today we confront many issues such as climate change, pollution, terrorism, abuse, and discrimination etc. that require immediate attention. Those are the results of our ignorance and blind passions in which we fail to see the interdependence and interconnectedness of all lives. I feel that we, as Jodo Shin Buddhists, cannot take those issues as someone else's business, but take them as our own business and play our roles toward a life of spiritual fulfillment.

The Nembutsu is a manifestation of Amida Buddha's heart that is warm, nurturing, and unconditionally supportive. It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and a great consolation that provides us with the true foundation of life. When we connect ourselves with the Buddha's heart, we become conscious of our true-selves and through such awareness we are guided to move forward to a more joyful and fulfilling way of life; not just for our own but also for others around us. As a beneficiary of the countless causes and conditions that enable us to live this very day, I feel that we have a responsibility to repay those conditions through our actions and behaviors with a sense of gratitude and appreciation.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to each and every one of you for being a part of our Sangha. Thank you very much for sharing your smiles with us. I would like to humbly ask for your continued support. And, I would like to encourage your active participation in temple services and activities in 2020. We look forward to deepening our understanding and appreciation of the Nembutsu with you. May the sound of Namo Amida Butsu flow from our lips in joy and gratitude. May our daily lives be guided by the light of the Buddha Dharma.

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 friends who can accompany him at these services. Please check with the office as schedules may change.

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	Every month	3 rd Tuesday, 11am
St.		
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



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

YOU ARE INVITED!

It has already been four months since Project Dana observed its Statewide 30th Anniversary Celebration at Dole Cannery 's Pomaikai Ballroom with over 300 volunteers and friends. Since Moiliili Hongwanji is the founding site of Project Dana by the Founder, late Mrs. Shimeji Kanazawa and Founding Administrator, Mrs. Rose Nakamura, the last Sunday of January is designated as Project Dana Sunday. Please join us as a volunteer to the many individuals that are in need of care and comfort from our temple as well as the surrounding community. The main speaker will be our resident Minister, Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani. In addition, there will be some sharing by Project Dana's Caring for the Caregiver Support Group members. New volunteers for 2019 will be introduced and welcomed. A special lunch will follow the service where fellowship takes place.

Date: Sunday, January 26, 2020

Time: 9:00 am

Place: Moiliili Hongwanji Mission

902 University Ave.

Speaker: Rev.Toshiyuki Umitani

&

Members of Caring for the Caregiver Support Group

All are welcome! We hope to see you there
Shared by Donna Higashi,
MHM PD Site Coordinator

Be Safe at Home

- Any company or individual wanting an "unsolicited" business service and/or requesting information from you at home?
- Ask for a company ID, even from a utility company such a Hawaiian Tel Com, Spectrum, Board of Water Supply or gas company.
- Ask for a telephone number. Call the company or police (911) to verify information.
- Keep your screen door locked at all times.
 An obligatory "No thank you" is sufficient.
- Unexpected repair person, parcel delivery, emergency request by a stranger or person unfamiliar to you? Tell them you will make the call: police, ambulance, fire department or family member, relative or friend. Even for Triple A, the automotive roadside service. Note what vehicle, license plate or description of the suspicious person at any time.
- Consider installing a high quality durable screen door, rust proof and has dual locks.
- Keep in mind, it only takes a few minutes to secure your home before leaving. Also, it only takes a few minutes for someone to illegally enter your house.
- Have a caller ID on your telephone to determine who is calling you, whether it is a person of interest or an unknown caller.
- Keep you and your family safe. Reward yourself with these and other safety measures throughout the day. Be vigilent at all times.
- Mahalo HPD, District 7 Community Policing Team for sharing some of the above safety tips.

Ramen Night & "Ichiban" Gyoza Night

On December 13, almost 40 temple members and friends enjoyed an evening of miso ramen, tonkotsu pork made by Cheryl Yasunaga's mom, wakame, kamaboko, hardboiled eggs, Napa cabbage, bean sprout garnishes, etc. Hand-made gyoza by Rev. Umitani & family was described as the best gyoza outside of Japan by Wes Henry!! Chicken katsu, bara sushi and a table full of various home-made desserts filled everyones' tummies.

Thank you to Lois Ohta, Karen Murakami, Mari Fukuya, Susan Okano & Lily Masuda for their kind donations.

Everyone enjoyed a night of great food, holiday karaoke and bingo! We hope that you will join us the next time.







Next Step Shelter

The Dharma School, with the help of temple members and friends, collected canned goods for the Next Step shelter for the homeless in Kakaako. The students met at 7:30am before service to make trays of brownies to share with Next Step.

It was an eye opening experience to take a quick tour of the facilities. We have a lot to be thankful for today and everyday of the year.





Martin Luther King Parade

Tsuru (folded cranes) for peace! Cranes became a symbol of peace after Sadako Sasaki folded cranes before succumbing to leukemia

at a young age of 12. She was a victim of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in 1945.

On January 20, 2020, the BWA together with temple members, Dharma School students, family and friends will be marching in the 6th Annual Martin Luther King Parade. Meeting place will be at Magic Island between 8:00-8:30 a.m. Tsuru's will be passed out along Kalakaua Avenue. It brings many smiles especially to tourists and children watching the parade along the route.

Won't you please help fold cranes or walk in the parade? The PBA bus will be provided for the non-walkers. Please call the temple office at 949-1659 if you are interested in participating.



Temple Cleanup

Scrub, scrub, wipe, wipe, spray, spray, sweep, sweep, dust, dust. This is how the 60 plus temple members and friends spent their Sunday cleaning the temple on November 24, 2019. Amid the chatter and laughter, workers, ranging from the young to the elderly, spruced up the temple to greet the new year. With so many helping hands, we accomplished our tasks lickety-split. At the end of the morning, an array of "ono" food filled our tummies. What a productive, feel -good day it was. Many, many thanks to all who generously contributed their time and manpower to Moiliili Hongwanji.

Dr. Carl Becker Sunday Speaker

We were fortunate to have Dr. Carl Becker, frequent visitor and speaker at Moiliili Hongwanji, agree to speak at our December 22nd Sunday service during a brief stop in Honolulu. Dr. Becker formerly taught at UH at Manoa but is now at Kyoto University.

Dr. Becker says, "The world needs a more peaceful, balanced, Buddhist way of life to achieve sustainability and harmony. We know Shin Buddhists have known and practiced this for centuries. It's not words, doctrine and teachings; it's the way we think, act, and live our daily lives." We certainly would like Dr. Becker to come

to Hawaii again to share his knowledge, wisdom and understanding of Jodo Shin Buddhism.





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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 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 same whering the deceased we 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	Type of memorial	
passing	service	
2019	1 st year	
2018	3 rd year	
2014	7 th year	
2008	13 th year	
2004	17 th year	
1996	25 th year	
1988	33 rd year	
1971	50 th year	

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

Mae Michiko Kaizawa 91 10/27/2019 Phyllis Anglee Wilhoite-Nakasone 11/9/2019 72 Ronald Keiji Toma 78 11/14/2019 11/20/2019 Dr. Glenn Masuo Yasunaga 67 Dennis Hiromu Yamada 11/23/2019 67 Edward Yoshito Yamasaki 11/24/2019

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

MOILIILI HONGWANJI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2020

- 5 9:00 AM Sunday Remembrance Service & Mochitsuki
- 12 9:00 AM Hoonko Service with Rev. Tomo Hojo
- 19 9:00 AM Sunday Service 11: 00 AM Shinnen Enkai

at St. Louis Alumni Clubhouse

26 9:00 AM Project Dana Appreciation Service

February 2020

- 2 9:00 AM Sunday Remembrance Service
- 9 9:00 AM Nirvana Day Service with Charlene Kihara
- 16 9:00 AM Sunday Service
- 23 9:00 AM Sunday Service with Gail Okata

March 2020

- 1 9:00 AM Sunday Remembrance Service
- 8 9:00 AM Sunday Service
- 9:00 AM Spring Ohigan Service
 with Rev. Blayne Higa
 Preschool Parent Teacher Organization
 Breakfast Fundraiser
- 22 9:00 AM Sunday Service
- 29 9:00 AM Sunday Service

HOONKO SERVICE

Hoonko (Memorial Service honoring Shinran Shonin) will be held on Sunday, January 12, This is a special gathering of Jodo 2020. Shinshu Buddhists in the expression of their gratitude appreciation and to Shinran Shonin. Shinran Shonin dedicated his entire life in spreading the Nembutsu teachings until he passed away on January 16, 1263 at the age of 90. You are cordially invited to this one of the most important religious observances. The guest speaker is Reverend Tomo Hojo who is the Resident Minister of the West Kauai Hongwanji Mission.

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

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.

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- 4 Bishop Matsumoto & Gomonshu Ohtani /Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sorakubo
- 11 Mr. Pieper Toyama /Roy & Nancy Shimamoto
- 18 Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani/ The Hirai Family
- 25 Mr. Raymond Takiue Jr./ The Kie FamilyFebruary 2020
 - 1 Rev. Bert Sumikawa/ The Miyasaki Family
- 11 Mrs. Nancy Shimamoto/ The Morikubo Family
- 15 Rev. Thomas Okano/ Renee Kaneshiro & Pamela Uyeda
- 22 Rev. Shigenori Makino/ Mr. & Mrs. Sorakubo

March 2020

- 7 Mrs. Lois Toyama/ Mrs. Alice Shiroma
- 14 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio/ Ms. Donna Higashi
- 21 Rev. Yuika Hasebe/ John & Laura Moriyama
- 28 Mr. Alan Goto/ MHBWA











Speakers were Naho Umitani, Alex Harman & Jayden Takiue