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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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Realizing that I live because of others, I will strive to live life to the fullest with an attitude of gratitude. Just like the Buddha, who promises to embrace us all. Namo Amida Butsu.

("Our Pledge" #4 - His Eminence Gomonsu Kojun Ohtani)

When I was an elementary school student, I used to walk to and from school. It was just about a 10 minute walk. After school, I did not go straight home on many days. I played at things like picking up the flowers, playing in the river, catching frogs, lying down on the green field etc. As I "holo holo" here and there, I could look up in the sky and see that the clouds were moving. I could smell the flowers, vegetables, and grass. I could touch the water in the river and felt it very refreshing in the summer or very cold in the winter. I could feel the salty air by the ocean. I could listen to the sound of the birds and winds.

Our society today is moving and changing so quickly, and we are required to possess certain ability, skills, or knowledge to catch up with such fast speed. I am not criticizing or negating this situation, but I feel that sometimes we need to stop and pause for a moment. There is something that we can discover only when we stop for a moment.

In our hurried daily life, it is very difficult for us to rejoice every surrounding condition we encounter and to appreciate each moment we live. Normally we live our everyday life as if we will live forever. It is very easy to take life and all that it involves for granted. Every day, we see the same people, drive the same road, do the same kind of study or work. However, even though they may seem as daily routines on the surface, when we consider them carefully, every condition is different each time and every condition should be appreciated and cherished as those conditions are constantly changing so that it happens only once in a lifetime. This is the teaching of "Impermanence" in Buddhism. This is the essential truth that the Buddha taught us, and the realization to this truth enables us to appreciate here and now.

Here is a story of a cup that is half full of water. The liquid covers half of the glass.

First, a pessimist looks at that cup and sees it as being half empty. Half empty is associated with the interpretation of reality in a negative context, and the person focuses on things that are missing but not on the things that he already has. He tends to create a gray and unhappy world.

Second, an optimist sees that same cup as being half full. Half full is the interpretation of reality in a positive context, and the person is concentrating on the things he has and not on the things that are missing. He tends to create a bright world, but he may run into trouble when that cup becomes empty and bone dry.

Third, a Buddhist sees it as simply being a “half a cup of water.” He sees it as-it-is, without any kind of further comment or judgment. The Buddhist will no doubt lead an enlightened life that may, however, lack a certain human warmth.

Fourth, a Shin Buddhist, from the perspective of Faith, views that half-a-cup of water as a gift and a source of gratitude. For in his or her humility, he or she is fully aware that all things—from the food that we eat to the clothes we wear and to the water we drink—are not produced from within but are given to us as gifts from a source outside of ourselves. The Shin Buddhist, ideally, lives a life of constant gratitude. Gratitude is the source of true happiness. And this attitude of gratitude will be nurtured through the Nembutsu teaching.

Here in the temple, we have the statue of Amida Buddha. The statue of Amida Buddha leans slightly forward. It reminds us of the cosmic compassion that is constantly at work to embrace and awaken us. We become humble, gentle, and grateful in the realization that my existence is indebted to the myriad contributions that pervade the universe. Like a wave on the vast ocean, I am a part of the boundless wisdom and compassion which we call Amida Buddha. In appreciation and gratitude, I recite the Nembutsu “Namo Amida Butsu.” Namo Amida Butsu gives me a chance to reflect on my life and become mindful that my life is not only my life, but it is the life made possible only through the countless gifts from others. As the end of the year 2019 rapidly approaches, let us find some time for reflection in the Nembutsu and cultivate an attitude of gratitude.

Namo Amida Butsu,
Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani

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
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

“Dedication and Contribution of Buddhist Minister’s Wives (Bomori) in Hawaii”

The first ever Bomori (Buddhist minister’s wives) seminar was held at Moiliili Hongwanji on Saturday, October 26, 2019. Approximately 45 people, including panelists and spouses, attended the seminar. All four panelists, served at Moiliili Hongwanji at one time. They were Mrs. Michiko Okano, Mrs. Sumie Makino, Mrs. Tamayo Matsumoto and Mrs. Yoshiko Umitani. Mrs. Edna Muneto was not in attendance but submitted her personal thoughts while she served at Moiliili Hongwanji. Ethel Aiko Oda, PhD, presented a brief history of Moiliili Hongwanji and Moiliili Community. Nancy Shimamoto was the moderator.

All of the panelists interestingly came from different backgrounds. Some came from temple families while others did not, some were born in Japan while others were born in the US, some had outside jobs while others worked for the temples in some capacity. Each bomori raised children while working side by side supporting their minister husbands. They dedicated many hours toward the temple community, many without additional pay.

Over the years, the role of the bomori has changed. In 1993 at the 81st Giseikai, there was a resolution to omit any restrictive policy on ministers' spouses working outside of their local Kyodan temple. Since then, many bomori have obtained outside jobs to further their careers and supplement the family income. Today, a minister’s family may not necessarily live at the temple, the bomori may not necessarily be Buddhist, and they may not be required to teach Japanese Language School or help at the preschool.

However, there is a need to honor the Bomori in whatever capacity they serve or have served the temples. We would especially like to thank the Bomori who have already retired or passed on, for their dedication and devotion in tirelessly supporting the temples and helping to spread the Dharma. Hontoni gokurosama deshita .



Mrs. Michiko Okano

Mrs. Tamayo Matsumoto

Mrs. Sumie Makino

Mrs. Yoshiko Umitani



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Project Dana 's 30th Anniversary Celebration and Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon

On September 28, 2019 over 300 PD volunteers, guests and friends gathered at the Dole Cannery Pomaikai Ballroom from 9:00am to 2:00pm to honor the many PROJECT DANA volunteers from Oahu, Maui and Hawaii Island. New York's Dr. William Thomas, founder of the Eden Alternative and Eden at Home Program was the keynote speaker. His personalized talk "What Are Old People For?" was very appropriate for our group and reminded us to practice the secrets of aging, MESH (Move, Eat, Sleep, Heal).

Feedback from the guests has been positive. Volunteers enjoyed the taiko performances by Kenny Endo's group and the ever faithful Happy Strummers, ukelele group from Moiliili Hongwanji led by Michi Motooka. The Project Dana dancers led by Sumie Sueishi, were also greatly appreciated. This year's open seating allowed us the ability to meet new friends, especially the Project Dana Advisory Council members. It was a wonderful event in honor of our volunteers. Special thank you to the committee chairs: Cynthia Ogasawara and Mernie Miyasato Crawford and the many other volunteers for making this event possible. We plan to hold a thank you event every five years, so let's meet again for the 35th Anniversary in 2024.

(shared by MHM Site Coordinator, Donna Higashi)





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Tis the season to be jolly! The holidays are almost upon us and December is a month that everyone looks forward to.

The children will be busy making Christmas crafts to decorate their classrooms as well as practicing for the Christmas program.

On December 13, Santa will arrive to hand out gifts to the children. It's so delightful to see their faces light up with joy as they receive their gifts

The Christmas program follows gift giving. Santa will be our special guest as the children perform for their ohana.

On December 19, there will be a holiday cookie decorating party. Each class will have cookies to decorate with donations of frosting, sprinkles, cereal, and candy from parents. The children will enjoy eating their creations as well as taking another home to enjoy later.

The Winter Break for the preschool is December 23, 2019 - January 3, 2020. Everyone returns on January 6, 2020.

From: Linda Nagata

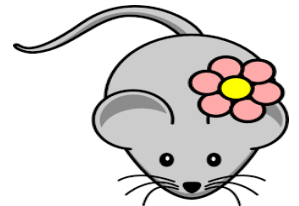
Mochitsuki 2020

We will greet the Year of the Rat (2020) with mochitsuki (mochi pounding) on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at Moiliili Hongwanji. Service will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani as speaker. Immediately following service, everyone is invited to the courtyard to pound mochi, the traditional way with usu and kine (mortar and pestle).

Everyone is welcome to taste the freshly made mochi with different condiments. Some condiments available will be with kinako (soybean powder), shoyu sugar mixture, natto (fermented soy beans), grated daikon, or a combination of different condiments to your liking. How about eating your mochi with strawberries or peanut butter or oreo cookies?!

Come and start the new year with mochitsuki! Everyone is also welcome to contribute condiments or refreshments. We hope to see you there!

The Rat is the first in the 12 year cycle of the Chinese zodiac. They say it is a **year of new beginnings and renewals!**



Mochitsuki!

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Service at 9:00 a.m.
 Speaker: Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani

Mochi Pounding to follow.



You are invited to experience pounding and making mochi the traditional way, then tasting the mochi with different Condiments!

Please RSVP to the temple office at 949-1659 or Wendy Harman (Preschool Director) by January 3rd. Contribution of refreshments are welcome!

Bazaar & Open House!

Bazaar & Open House held on Oct. 13, 2019 was a success due to the hard work of temple members and friends. There were lots of people lined up on the temple steps from early in the morning, waiting for the doors to open for the bazaar (quality rummage) items. That was a popular place to be, with a variety of chinaware, vases, art work, kimono & obi, yardage, as well as bargain \$1.00 giveaways! Majority of items were new or slightly used, clean, and in good condition, thanks to the hard work of *Mari*, *Karen* and *Iris*, sorting them.

The Magic Show by Glen Bailey was fun for both young and old. It emitted lots of laughter especially when Princess Kayla chose Prince Luke (the frog) out of three suitors!

Another popular spot was the plants and produce. Thanks to the many donors who donated their garden vegetables and fruits, buyers were happily planning their meals for the evening. Desert Rose was a popular plant item. *Lynn* and *Cynthia* are certainly doing their homework, learning about different plants and produce!

Who wants to win a \$500 airline raffle? What? You missed it? *Ann M.* recommends you put in your bids early, for some great prizes!

There were ono foods like BBQ chicken bentos, vegetable lumpia, spam musubi, chirashi & inari sushi, baked goods, among others. The temple and BWA are certainly known for their homemade "oishii gohan."

New this year were the preschool's cotton candy and popcorn! Stay tuned for more 2020 information!

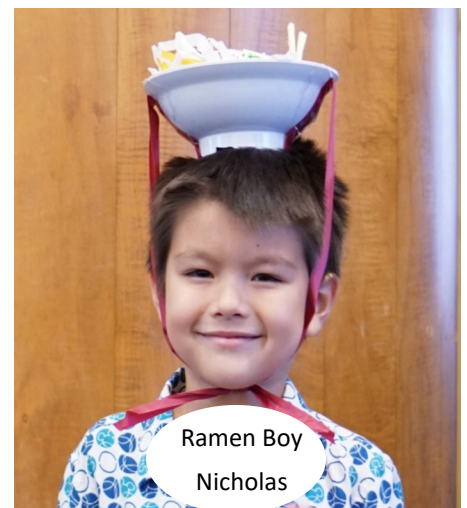


RAMEN NIGHT

On Dec. 13th, Friday, from 6:00-9:00pm, we will be having a "Ramen & Family Fun Night". Miso ramen with garnishes, as well as chicken katsu and sushi will be served. Don't miss out on Rev. Umitani's handmade gyoza! BYOB (bring your own bowls), \$7/person, \$5 for children 10 & under. Following dinner, games and holiday karaoke will feature lots of prizes & fun!

Donations of prizes will be appreciated!

Ann Nakata



Heigh-ho, Heigh-ho!

HOSHA

I remember returning to Moiliili Hongwanji 16 years ago and thinking, “this temple sure is kept clean and straightened up!” Have you noticed this? Well, it’s thanks to our dedicated temple “menehunes” who weekly dust, straighten up, vacuum and mop the inside and outside of the temple. Several have been doing this for years! For many years, the honcho of hosha was diligent Jeanne Watari.

Hosha means to “give and help as an expression of one’s gratitude”. That is what all these volunteers practice as they maintain our spiritual home.

We have recently simplified the schedule and there are now 4 teams of 6-7 helpers who take one Saturday a week each month and do the light cleaning.

Once a year, the temple does a more extensive cleaning in November, but the weekly cleaning helps tremendously to keep our temple spic and span for all.

We started this simplified schedule in early August and plan to evaluate in December to see if this schedule works for all the present volunteers. With the slightly larger teams, the tasks are divided up and the cleaning goes from about 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. each Saturday.

If you would like to help, extra hands are always welcome!

Team leaders at the present time are: Mel Takemoto, Anne Kawabata, Jeanne Watari and Lois Ohta. Please talk to any one of the leaders if you are willing to join a team to help maintain together our very “special place”.

In gratitude, Lois Ohta



Meet our temple hosha teams who weekly dust, mop, wipe inside and outside the temple to keep it clean!

Team 1: Wendy Nakanishi, Ethel Oda, Dan Anderson,
Ernie Oshiro, Joanne Sakata, Joanne Kealoha
and *Lois Ohta

Team 2: Ruth Takemoto, *Mel Takemoto, Helen
Hamasu, Edgar Hamasu, Karen Kikukawa,
Richard Nishi, Nancy Hironaka, Wally Hironaka

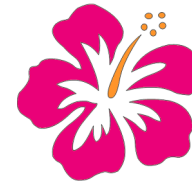
Team 3: *Anne Kawabata, Osamu Kawabata,
Lily Masuda, Cynthia Ogasawara, Mari Fukuya,
Dorothy Colby

Team 4: Jeanne Watari, Eugene Makino,
Grace Yamamoto, Cyndi Osajima,
Sharen Uyeunten, Donna Fujimoto

Thank you ALL for your dedicated service to Moiliili
Hongwanji.



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Sympathy

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

Hisano Fujiwara	94	8/5/2019
James Tamotsu Araki	89	8/30/2019
Nancy Tsuyuko Sueyoshi	97	8/30/2019
Takashi Nakamura	95	9/6/2019
Lily Yuriko Muraoka*	95	9/10/2019
Carolyn Emiko Kusunoki	93	9/14/2019
Kazuo Toyoda	93	9/18/2019
Stanley Norio Masuoka*	82	9/23/2019
Gladys Chiyako Okano*	97	9/25/2019
Sue Tsumako Kidani	95	10/1/2019
Lester Rikio Morihara	72	10/12/2019
Mildred Hisako Nishida*	98	11/2/2019

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

(* Indicates Temple Sustaining Gojikai Member)

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MOILILI HONGWANJI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2019

- 1 9:00 AM** Bodhi Day & Remembrance Service
with Duane Kurisu
- 8 9:30 AM** HBC Bodhi Day service (Betsuin)
No service at MHM
- 15 9:00 AM** Service
- 22 9:00 AM** Sunday Service
- 29 9:00 AM** Sunday Service

January 2020

- 5 9:00 AM** Sunday Service
- 12 9:00 AM** Hoonko Service
with Rev. Tomo Hojo
- 19 9:00 AM** Sunday Service
- 26 9:00 AM** Project Dana Appreciation Service

February 2020

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

Remembrance Services for 2020

January 5
February 2
March 1
April 12
May 10
June 7
July 19
August 2
September 6
October 4
November 8
December 13 (TBA)

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April 18, 2020	
May 23, 2020	

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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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January 2020

- 4** Bishop Eric Matsumoto /Mr. & Mrs. Sorakubo
- 11** Mr. Piper Toyama / Roy & Nancy Shimamoto
- 18** Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani /The Hirai Family
- 25** Mr. Raymond Takiue Jr. / The Kie Family

February 2020

- 1** Rev. Bert Sumikawa / The Miyasaki Family
- 8** Mrs. Nancy Shimamoto / The Morikubo Family
- 15** Rev. Thomas Okano/ Renee Kaneshiro &
Pamela Uyeda
- 22** Rev. Shigenori Makino / Mr. & Mrs. Sorakubo
- 29** Rev. Tatsuo Muneto / The Kanazawa Family

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



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Rev. Shinkai Murakami