

Moilili Hongwanji invites you to a

Spring Seminar

Saturday, March 14, 2020



1:00pm - 3:30pm

Featuring

Rev. Blayne Higa

(Kona Hongwanji Mission)

“It’s Ok to not be Ok:

Shin Buddhist Wisdom for Living”

Exploring how Shin Buddhist spirituality can offer ways of understanding our imperfect lives. How can we cultivate greater compassion and resilience in times of difficulty?

Please call the temple office at 949-1659 or email mhm@moililihongwanji.org.

Registration fee: \$10.00. Early registration is greatly appreciated but registration at the door is also accepted.



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Namo Amida Butsu - Our Spiritual Home

In the month of March, Jodo Shinshu Buddhists observe the Spring Higan Service as an opportunity to dedicate ourselves to listening to the Buddha-Dharma. In a quiet contemplation, we become aware of our spiritual home of the Pure Land where Amida Buddha tirelessly calling us through the Name of “Namo Amida Butsu”. With peace of mind and a grateful heart to Amida Buddha’s boundless Wisdom and Compassion, we joyfully respond to it by reciting “Namo Amida Butsu.”

We hear many sounds and words in our daily lives. However, sometimes we hear without absorbing the message or being conscious of the content. A good example is when your spouse or family is talking to you, but your attention goes somewhere else like the TV or the iPad. Another example is when you are sitting in the temple during the minister’s Dharma Message, but you are thinking what to eat for lunch or worry about the result of your favorite sports game. On these cases, you are not really listening. True listening means that you pay full attention to it and absorb the essence or heart of the speaker.

Many Japanese families exchange greetings with “*Okaeri*” and “*Tadaima*”. When a child comes home from school, parents greet a child by saying “*Okaeri*” (“welcome home.”) The word “*Okaeri*” contains many feelings of parents who are at home welcoming their child. It contains the parents’ feelings of concern, caring, and love toward their child, and it conveys that they welcome their child with open arms. And a child responds to it by saying “*Tadaima*” (“I am back.”) In that response, there is a sense of relief and comfort, expressing gratitude and happiness of returning home. Parents and a child exchange their loving-kindness to each other as they exchange those words.

Those words are not just any words, but they become a part of their lives. The essence of those words gradually sinks into their hearts and minds, and it cultivates their sense of warmth and oneness of life as a family. This is one of the examples to understand the true meaning of “listening”. True listening means to receive the compassionate hearts of others.

“Namo Amida Butsu” is the same. “Namo Amida Butsu” is not a mindless phrase or a word to request something, but it is a calling voice from our spiritual home (parent). It contains Amida Buddha’s boundless Wisdom and Compassion that is always working for all of us, wishing for our true happiness, and trying to bring us into the full awakening. “Namo Amida Butsu” is also our voice expressing our appreciative acceptance of Amida Buddha’s wish and gratefully responding to it.

The compassionate calling of “Namo Amida Butsu” reaches us all the time illuminating and guiding our lives. In the Nembutsu, we affirm that we are the objects of boundless compassion. As we recite the Nembutsu, let us immerse our hearts and minds into the essence of Amida Buddha’s heart.

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 Pamoia Rd.	Every month	2 nd Thursday, 10am
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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
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

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

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

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

Mildred Hisako Nishida	98	11/2/2019	Violet Tsuyuko Ishida	98	1/5/2020
Patsy Toshie Kashiwamura	90	12/19/2019	Dr. Stephen Takuji Moriguchi	68	1/6/2020
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Arigato! Project Dana Volunteers! By Donna Higashi

On January 26, 2020, the 31st Anniversary service for volunteers of Project Dana at Moiliili Hongwanji was held. More than 80 members and friends listened to keynote speaker Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani's dharma talk on the "The Spirit of Dana." Joining him were two members of Project Dana's Caring for the Caregiver Support Group. They were Jacqueline Toma and Sue Kobe. (Please note that the Caregiver Support Group meets on Wednesday twice a month at the Hawaii Betsuin and since March 2019 meets on Saturday once a month at Waipahu Hongwanji. Maria Morales is the Project Dana overall coordinator for this group.)

The Moiliili Hongwanji's Happy Strummers (ukulele group) led by co-leaders Michi Motooka and Ann Nakata performed Project Dana's two signature songs "Do You Really Care?" and "Dana Rainbow". One of their members is Rose Nakamura who is also Project Dana's founding administrator. Earlier she addressed the group with a message of gratitude using the following words from an inspiring Buddhist poem "Arigato."

Arigato!

I have no other words to express my gratitude,

Arigato is Joy,

Arigato is contentment,

Arigato is fulfillment,

Arigato is humanity,

Arigato is respect,

Arigato is peace of mind,

Arigato is Gassho, putting our hands together,

Arigato is hope.



Mrs. Nakamura also acknowledged and celebrated the late and beloved Mrs. Shim Kanazawa, a visionary and founder of Project Dana who passed away on April 5, 2014.

Nineteen new volunteers from Moiliili Hongwanji for the past year, 2019 were recognized by Moiliili Hongwanji President, Raymond Takiue and Resident minister Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani with a certificate and lei. It was also important to acknowledge all the continuing volunteers too with a rounding applause.



A delicious lunch and much socializing followed the service. Thank you to all the volunteers as well as for the generous donations received for this special occasion. Thank you notes and comments were received at the Project Dana office, days after the event and in closing, it's seems fitting to share one is particular.

"I found myself telling Nelson about certain things that popped into my mind throughout the day (the incredibly beautiful temple, the scent of incense, the chanting, the talks from Rose, Reverend Umitani, the caregivers and you, the recognition and words of gratitude given to your volunteers). I'm still thinking about some of the little things that made it so special. It was quite lovely, Cyndi; spiritual and memorable. Such a nice way to show appreciation to your volunteers. And lunch was delicious! With heartfelt thanks. ,Marilyn "Lyn" Moku of Catholic Charities Hawaii".

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Moiliili Buddhist Womens Association

Shinnen omedetou gozaimasu! Several BWA ladies have been busy in the month of January.

We helped with mochitsuki on January 5th. Four electric mochi making machines made batches of mochi some of which were pounded in the traditional style in an usu and formed by adept mochi making hands. In the Annex hall, everyone was able to enjoy freshly made mochi with various toppings, local style!

On January 12th, Hoonko, the ladies came together again with chief rice cook, Osamu Kawabata, to put together otoki for MHM's homebound elders and some elders who still come out to temple. The otoki included: takikomi gohan, kuro-mame, kanten and a tangerine. Working in the kitchen with Osamu-san has the benefits of "taste-testing" the otoki offerings! The takikomi gohan, kuromame and kanten were just delicious!

The BWA Board will meet on Saturday, January 18th to plan for the upcoming year which will include our 95th Anniversary celebration.

In gassho,

Lois Ohta

MOILIILI HONGWANJI BWA CELEBRATES 95TH ANNIVERSARY

This year, 2020, will mark MH BWA's 95th Anniversary and we are truly grateful to the many former members who have supported our temple and community in so many ways. Please save August 30th and join the 51 members, former minister advisors, and friends to celebrate this milestone event.

Donna Higashi

BWA President



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We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with family and friends! We returned to school on January 6th and we quickly got back into our daily routines of teaching and learning!

In January we celebrated Chinese New Year with a Chinese Lion Dance performance by Kong's Siu Lum Pai Kung Fu Association Hawaii, put on by Aaron Oandasan (Kylie and Ellie's dad) and friends. The children loved the performance and the music and talked about it for days. Also at the end of January, we had The Bus come to our preschool and give us a talk and a short ride around the block for a penny, which the children got to drop in the fare box. For many children this was their first time riding the bus!

February is a busy month for us! We started our wishing tree.. tags are hanging from the tree with "wishes" the teachers have (items they would like for their classroom) and Ms. Wendy has tags for the entire school. If you would like to participate, please come down to the preschool, choose a tag of your choice and turn in the tag along with the money to Ms. Wendy. The teachers and children would like to thank you in advance for your generosity! We also started a coffee stand which includes coffee, tea, cocoa and snacks. This coffee stand is by donation only. Please feel free to stop by during preschool hours.

February 14th we invited grandparents to spend the morning with their grandchild and their friends in their classrooms. The children sang "We Are Family" and "Grandpa and Grandma" to their grandparents and friends. They then went to their classroom and did an art activity. Chika from Candy Art Hawaii custom made a lollipop, a dragon, unicorn, shark, etc. for each student. This may have been the highlight of the event as adults and children enjoyed watching their lollipops being made. To wrap up the festivities, we had lunch catered by Ige's Catering.

On February 21st, the preschool had its very first snow day! The money we raised from selling Molokai Hot-Bread tickets and our fundraiser at Old Spaghetti Factory, all proceeds went towards this event. The children had so much fun and everyone had about an hour to play in the snow. Another event the children talked about for days!



Talk on Crime Prevention by HPD

On March 8th, there will be a talk on crime prevention by HPD officers at the 9:00 Sunday service. Many people are concerned about recent purse snatchings, theft and assaults in the community. HPD officers will be on hand to address some of these concerns.

HPD's District 7 Community Policing Team will be at the service giving first hand suggestions on how to prevent and prepare for possible assaults, especially among seniors. There will be time for questions and answers so everyone is welcome to attend!

Spring Seminar



Moiliili Hongwanji's Spring Seminar will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020.

Rev. Blayne Higa of Kona Hongwanji will be the speaker. Many may remember that Rev. Blayne was a former MHM Kyodan President, Tokudo recipient, and ministerial candidate while at Moiliili Hongwanji.

Seminar will be from 1:00-3:30 pm. His topic will be on, "**It's Ok to not be Ok: Shin Buddhist Wisdom for Living.**" Please sign up by calling the temple office at 949-1659 by March 12th.

OBITUARY NOTICE

Reverend Shoin Hoashi, a retired minister of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, passed away peacefully at the Kuakini Medical Center in Honolulu and returned to the Pure Land on January 1, 2020 at the age of 96. The Funeral Service was held at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin on Saturday, February 29, 2020 under the officiation of Bishop Eric Matsumoto.

Rev. Shoin Hoashi became a Kaikyoshi Minister in December 1960 and served the following temples;

April 1960 – July 1975 Puna Hongwanji Mission

August 1975 – May 1980 Moiliili Hongwanji Mission

June 1980 – February 1994 Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin

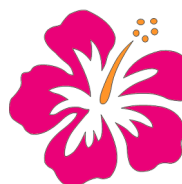
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MOILIILI HONGWANJI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2020

- 1 9:00 AM** Sunday Remembrance Service
- 8 9:00 AM** Sunday Service with HPD
- 15 9:00 AM** Spring Ohigan Service
with Rev. Blayne Higa
Preschool Parent Teacher Organization
Breakfast Fundraiser
- 22 9:00 AM** Sunday Service with Dean Sakamoto
- 29 9:00 AM** Sunday Service

April 2020

- 5 9:30 AM** HBC Buddha Day Service at Honpa
Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (no service at Moiliili)
- 12 9:00 AM** Buddha Day and Remembrance Service
- 19 9:00 AM** Eshinni & Kakushini Day Service
BWA Meeting 10:30 AM
- 26 9:00 AM** Earth Day Service with Hannah Shipman

May 2020

- 3 9:00 AM** Sunday Remembrance Service
- 10 9:00 AM** Mother's Day Service
- 17 9:00 AM** Sunday Service
- 24 9:00 AM** Gotan-e Service
- 31 9:00 AM** Sunday Service

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- 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

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April 2020

- 4** Rev. Shingo Furusawa /Mrs. Wendy Nakanishi
- 11** Rev. Sol Kalu/sponsorship vacancy
- 18** Rev. Kazunori Takahashi/sponsorship vacancy
- 25** Rev. Jay Okimoto /Mrs. Thelma Ando

May 2020

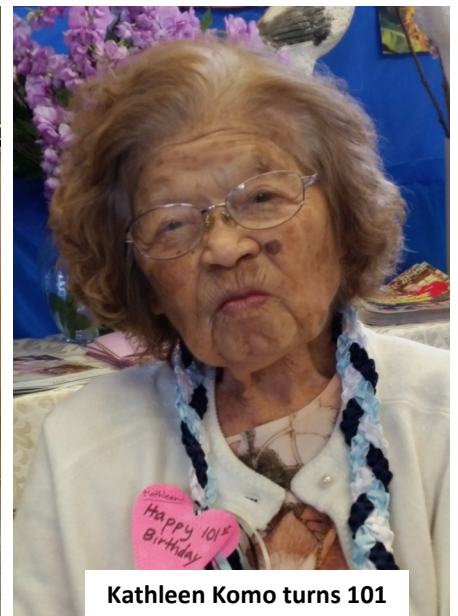
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June 2020

- 6** Dr. George Tanabe/Mrs. Thelma Ando
- 13** Rev. David Fujimoto / The Hirai family
- 20** Rev. Kojin Hashimoto /The Miyasaki Family
- 27** Dr. Benjamin Bruch / MHBWA



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Kathleen Komo turns 101



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Nancy Shimamoto turns 80