
Save the Date!

An island-wide Virtual Nembutsu Seminar is coming up on Saturday, October 17th. Please save the date! Here's what's being planned so far.

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2020
Time: 9:00-11:30 am
Speaker: Bishop Marvin Harada of
Buddhist Churches of America with
local panelists from 3 islands
Deadline: October 11, 2020

More info will be forthcoming! Geared for young and old! YESS Camp participants are welcome to join in that weekend too! Check our MHM website for more details!

PEACE DAY

RINGING BELLS FOR PEACE

In the spirit of promoting Peace Day in Hawaii and throughout the world, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii invites the world to join in ringing bells for Peace Day on September 21, 2020!

At 12:00 noon on Monday, September 21, Bishop Eric Matsu-moto will lead a minute of silence, honoring all those who have sacrificed for the achievement of peace. At 12:01 p.m., young people will ring bells from their local temples, churches, schools, and community organizations. Plans include streaming the event live on the Internet as well as a post-event video that may be enjoyed on-demand.

The International Day of Peace was established by the United Nations in 1981 and, since 2001, has been celebrated on September 21. That date is also recognized as Peace Day in Hawaii, thanks in large part to members of the Hawai'i Federation of Junior Young Buddhist Associations who successfully advocated for the legislature to officially recognize Peace Day.



The White Way

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

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Navigator

**Entrust yourself to Amida's Primal Vow.
Through the benefit of being grasped, never to be abandoned,
All who entrust themselves to the Primal Vow
Attain the supreme enlightenment.**

("Pure Land Hymns on the Right, Semblance, and Last Dharma-Ages" #1 written by Shinran Shonin)



Once there was a caravan. They were about to depart on a long journey to an unknown place. They were not familiar with the direction to the destination, so they hired the guide. Following the guide, the caravan started their journey. They crossed rugged mountains, passed through dangerous jungles, and approached a desert. A journey across a desert was a continuation of the same scenery. All they saw was nothing but a desert. They struggled against dry and hot weather. After spending several days and nights in the desert, the members of the caravan began to doubt the guide. They traveled for a long time and they were very tired. But still they could not see the destination. When they asked the guide about the destination, the guide just said, "Over there... We must continue further to the west." He also refused to carry their loads or to care for their camels. Finally, the members of the caravan came to the point of refusing to share their precious water with the guide and abandoned him, thinking that they could reach the destination without such a useless guide. But this guide had been waking up in the morning before the sun rose. Navigating by the stars, the guide had been determining their actual location and the direction in which they should continue. Actually, the guide was not useless at all. He was very efficient and experienced. He was taking the group in the right direction. However, since the group had abandoned the guide, now the members of the caravan lost all senses of direction in the desert and eventually perished.

Our lives are like this journey. We encounter many ups and downs in life. In our journey through the human desert, we all need a reliable navigator. The role of the navigator is to inform a traveler where he is standing now, and to guide a traveler to the destination. The navigator is not to take our place whenever we encounter something uncomfortable or something we do not want to face. We cannot simply complain or blame the navigator for adversities. We should face up to the problems of life as a personal matter. Whether we are with the navigator or not, we still have to make an effort to walk through the desert. We still have to carry a heavy load on our shoulder. And we still have to walk the same distance. But the presence of the navigator will give us strength, courage, a sense of security and comfort at every step of our life's journey.

To me, the teaching of the Nembutsu that I listen to in our temple with you is the navigator that enriches my life. Shinran Shonin taught us that Amida Buddha is the Buddha who “once grasped, never abandons us.” “Namo Amida Butsu” is Amida Buddha’s voice of compassion saying, “You will be fine. Just come as you are.” Vasubandhu, the second of the Seven Masters in the Jodo Shinshu tradition, expressed Amida Buddha “The Buddha of Unhindered Light Shining Throughout the Ten Quarters”. Professor Zuio Hisao Inagaki states, “Although we look up to Amida and worship him as if he were residing somewhere beyond our knowledge and perception, from Amida Buddha’s side there is no boundary that separates us from him. His Light always shines upon us wherever we are. Even though we are not able to see it, we can feel it and rejoice at being embraced by it at all times.” In the Nembutsu, we express our joy and gratitude of finding a place where we can become true selves, and with that we take full responsibility for our own lives.

In September, we will observe the Autumn Higan Service. Higan translates as "the Other Shore." From the Other Shore of Nirvana and Peace, Amida Buddha is always illuminating our life’s journey. Let us take this opportunity to receive Amida’s voice of Compassion. I welcome you to our weekly Online Sunday Services. Contact the temple office for more information. Please stay safe and well!

In Gassho,
Namo Amida Butsu.

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani

2020 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 2020. 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

Memorial Services

Due to the Covid-19 concerns, currently MHM can hold in-person memorial/funeral services at the temple only for small families of no more than 9 people. Reverend Umitani is also able to hold a private family memorial service online so that you can still place your hands together in Gassho and pay respects to your loved ones. The service format is the same as the regular memorial service at the temple, but everything will be held online so you can participate from your home. If you have family members who live separately (such as neighbor island or mainland) they can also join in the service remotely. If you would like to hold an online memorial service officiated by Reverend Umitani, please go to www.moililihongwanji.org and complete the request form. Once you submit the form, we will get back to you with detailed instructions as to how to participate in the service. You can also contact our temple office at 949-1659 for any questions.



2020 FALL SEMINAR

Free & Open to the Public - Register for Zoom Link

Saturday, October 24, 2020

10:00am - 11:30am

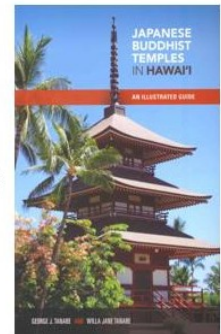
“Moiliili Hongwanji: A Zoom Tour of its Objects and Meanings”

Professor George Tanabe and Professor Willa Tanabe of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, who are the authors of “Japanese Buddhist Temples of Hawai’i: An Illustrated Guide (UH Press)”, will talk about the history of the temple, altar objects, and their meanings.



Professor George Tanabe was born and raised in Waialua, Hawaii. He graduated from University High School, Willamette University (B.A.), Union Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and Columbia University (M.A. and Ph.D.). From 1977 to 2006, he taught in the Department of Religion at the University of Hawaii and is currently Professor Emeritus. He is President of BDK Hawaii and Chairman of BDK America. In 2007, he received the Foreign Minister's Award from the Japanese government, and in 2012 he was honored with the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun. He still lives in Waialua.

Professor Willa Tanabe was born in Sewickely, PA and was raised in Astoria, Oregon. She attended Willamette University and graduated from the University of Oregon (B.A.) and Columbia University (M.A and Ph.D.) From 1977 to 2006, she taught in the Department of Art and Art History at the University of Hawaii, and also served as Dean of the School of Hawaiian, Asian and Pacific Studies. She is currently Professor Emerita of Art History. She is a specialist in the history of the art of Japan and China with a specialty in Buddhist art.



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Zoom link will be sent to you after registration.

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Thank you!

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With many changes put in place we reopened our preschool on June 29th and the children were eager to return and once be amongst their friends and teachers. The teachers were impressed to how aware and adaptive the little ones were even at their young age. The children do their best to be “germ fighters” by washing their hands often, wearing a mask and trying not to crowd each other.

One of our units of study was Sea Life. The children learned about the wonderful creatures that live in our oceans. We sang songs and moved like various sea animals, some classes did fish printing (Gyotaku), found shells in sand play, created paper crabs, wrote letters in sand, counted shells and many other fun activities. The children laughed, explored and showed that amidst all of the changes they always manage to glean the joy!

Cori Uwaine

Grateful and Thankful Corner

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous donations to our COVID19 Recovery Fund. Listed below are friends, families, staff and temple members that we would like to acknowledge.

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Dr. & Mrs. Charles Sakamoto



MH Market Place

Due to Covid-19, Moiliili Hongwanji needs to regretfully, cancel its Open House and Bazaar this year, in its usual form. However, in the works is something different for 2020! We are tentatively planning a **MH Market Place** soon.

Various items will be on sale to temple members, family and friends. More info will be forthcoming so watch for future WW newsletters, our website and temple FB page!

Due to the increasing Covid-19 numbers and concern for the safety of our volunteers and members, we have cancelled our Chicken, Chili & Sushi Fundraiser.

Shop at Amazon via MHM and earn income for our temple. At no cost to you, Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase to MHM. Go to the MHM web-page, click on the Amazon.com button and make your purchase.

Aloha Mrs. Rose Nakamura



In the midst of this unforgettable 2020 year, our Hongwanji community lost a great person. On Friday, July 10, we bid a sad farewell to Mrs. Rose Nakamura, a staunch Moiliili Hongwanji member. She passed away peacefully at Maunalani Nursing Home surrounded by her family. Rose Nakamura would have made 92 years old the following day on July 11th.

Here is a brief bio of Rose Nakamura's life. She was born in Hilo, Hawaii to Shizuo Kiyosaki and Masae Inouye. Rose started off teaching PE at Hilo High School on Hawaii Island and later at UH Hilo. The entire family consisting of husband Paul, sons Paul Jr. and Neil and daughter Gwen moved to Windward Oahu where they attended Kailua Hongwanji Mission (now known as the Windward Buddhist Temple). She went on to becoming a program officer at the East-West Center helping hundreds of students coming from all over the world to attend UH Manoa. Many described Rose as always welcoming and a mom to all of the students. The family home moved from Kailua to Kaimuki (Kaminaka Drive) where they transferred to Moiliili Hongwanji.

After retiring from the East West Center, she co-founded Project Dana with Mrs. Shim Kanazawa in 1989. She served as the Project Dana's Founding Administrator until her retirement in 2017. Project Dana is a volunteer group that helps the frail and elderly by taking them to appointments, helping with grocery shopping, providing companionship, and more. Last year in 2019, Project Dana celebrated its 30th Anniversary. Throughout the 30 years, Rose Nakamura has been very humble and wanted no recognition. Instead, she wanted the volunteers to get all the recognition and credit. Rose epitomized true Dana, selfless giving.



Rose Nakamura

July 11, 1928 - July 10, 2020

Rose Nakamura served the Hawaii Kyodan well and over the years served many positions at the Hawaii Kyodan and Moiliili Hongwanji Mission. She was very active in the Buddhist Women's group at all levels – Moiliili Unit, Honolulu United, Hawaii Federation and World Federation. She enjoyed playing the ukulele with the other members of the Happy Strummers.

Rose loved all sports and always had a close heart with the UH Manoa sports. She would always support her daughter Gwen, who is the UH Band Director, whether it would be by attending games or just watching it on TV. Grandchildren Erin Warner and Drew Nakamura and sister Iris Namaye remember her most fondly.

The Hawaii Kyodan Funeral Service is currently being coordinated by the Office of the Bishop and Moiliili Hongwanji Mission. Due to the current situation of COVID-19, a private memorial service for only the immediate family members will be held. The family is planning to hold a public ceremony at a later date next year.

We bid a very fond aloha to Mrs. Rose Nakamura. Domo arigato gozaimashita!

Reflecting on the recent passing of Rose Nakamura

I have a very distinct memory when I first started attending services at Moiliili Hongwanji. There was an announcement that Shim Kanazawa had passed away (April 2014). I didn't know who this was but I started hearing sniffles around me and saw people with tears in their eyes. My thoughts were that she must have been a very beloved temple member and that I wish I had known this person.

After many years of being at Moiliili, and getting to know Rose Nakamura, I thought, my goodness, what a selfless woman she is. I remember being the emcee at our Shinnenekai party one year and looking at her in the audience and saying, my goal is to be like Rose when I grow up. Of course she giggled and I remember needing to say it because when you meet phenomenal people in your life, you should at least let them know that they are living a life that inspires you. As I saw Rose's health decline and saw that she was still taking care of others, I was so amazed. In the back of my mind, that same thought came to me of what a sad thing it will be when she is no longer here. I was out at a restaurant when I read Gwen's FB post about Rose's passing and although I knew she had been in hospice, I still gasped and the tears flowed just thinking about what an amazing person she was.

Although she is gone, she is clearly unforgettable. I still see her face, her presence is still here and her kindness will live on. This is the ultimate purpose in life. Not to live forever on earth but to live forever in people's hearts and minds. I'm glad I took that moment that day to convey my thoughts to her while she was healthy and happy. We should all take the time to say the important things to people now, while there is time. The "thank yous", the "I love yous", the "I appreciate yous" because it matters and it can offer you peace of mind during difficult times.

In Gassho,

Cheryl Yasunaga

Moiliili Hongwanji BWA

by Donna Higashi, MH BWA President

Since the temple closed in late March, many of us have sheltered at home and could only tune in to virtual Sunday services only if we were connected to the internet. We sent emails to friends and family and joined in Zoom meetings. In addition, for those without the internet, friends have kept in touch by phone or mail. Slowly as Hawaii's economy opens, continue to keep safe and follow the proper guidelines including wearing a facemask, being socially distanced and washing hands regularly.

On August 8th, 27 MH BWA members and friends tuned in (from home or MHM Hondo) to view the Honolulu United Education Seminar's culmination of the gathered reflections on the COVID 19 Experiences. Personal writings, video clips, haiku verses, songs, photos, etc. were shared in a Video and Memory book. This year 2020 will not be forgotten. Thank you to MH BWA members for participating.

On August 30th, we celebrated our 95th Anniversary at the MHM virtual Sunday service with lay speaker, Mrs. Sharyn Sekine, President of Honolulu United BWA. Immediately after, we met with a small group in Zoom's Breakout Room. It was nice to see close to 15 familiar faces and chatted awhile. However we missed the rest of the membership. Hope you are well and safe. So what will happen at our Centennial celebration?

On September 20th, again after the Sunday service on ZOOM, our 4th BWA General Membership meeting will be called (completely missed our 2nd in April and 3rd in June). Some issues include Alisa Kondo, nominating committee chair reporting the advisors, officers and directors for the upcoming 2021 year. We will also share Bylaw changes dealing with 1) Membership and 2) Finances from the recent Honolulu United BOD meeting. Keep this date free and join the Sunday service and meeting. Sorry but no refreshments will be offered.

Graduates' Recognition Service

On July 19th, graduates were recognized at the in-person temple and Zoom service. They walked down the aisle to "Pomp and Circumstance" grandly played on the organ by Noriyo Morikubo. Some were in their caps and gowns. It was a special moment since many did not have the opportunity to "walk down the aisle" at their school graduation because of COVID-19.

The high school graduates were **Christopher Meade**, May 24th graduate of McKinley High School, **Alexandrianna Harman**, June 6th graduate of Pacific Buddhist Academy, and **Zachary Hoashi**, June 6th graduate of Iolani School. Christopher Meade received the Post High School Education Incentive Award from Moiliili Hongwanji Dharma School.

Alexandrianna Harman summed it up by saying, *"I will keep Amida Buddha close to my heart, in all my life decisions."*

Former Dharma School students **Justin Yasunaga** graduated from University of Hawaii at Manoa with a BS in Civil Engineering and **Kayo Brown** graduated from University of Washington Foster School of Business with an MBA. They were honored in absence.

Dharma School students who made special promotions were **Ren Yagi** from Manoa School to UH Lab School and **Joshua Oh Young** from Washington Middle to McKinley High School.

Congratulations to the graduates. The Moiliili Hongwanji Sangha is proud of you and wish you the best in the years ahead!



NOTIFICATION: Be on the lookout for a Letter of Appeal coming your way soon. Your support and generosity will help Moiliili Hongwanji's COVID-19 Relief Fund. THANK YOU!

HAIKU

by MHM Japanese Class



Social distancing,
From Spring into Summer,
Oh! Blooming Shower Trees & Rainbow!
Sachi

<i>Natsu matsuri</i>	Summer festivals
<i>Kyanseru sarete</i>	Have been cancelled
<i>Zannen na</i>	Disappointing
	Matsube

Hen na Natsu
Natsu ga kita
Tanoshimini matsu
Kotoshi hen na
直美

Odd Summer
Summer time is here
Usually look forward to
This year it feels odd
Naomi

夏が来る (<i>Natsu ga kuru</i>)	Summer is coming
やっぱりコロナ禍 (<i>Yappari korona-ka</i>)	Of course, that Corona
楽しくない (<i>Tanoshiku nai</i>)	It's not enjoyable

狸 *Tanuki*

The new normal, wear your mask
Life is so precious
Let's give thanks for what we have.
Lois Chong



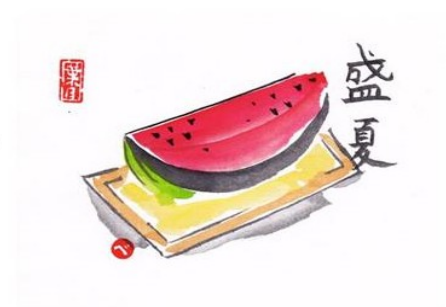
七夕や (<i>Tanabata ya</i>)	Tanabata has come.
マスクにデイゴの (<i>Masuku ni deigo no</i>)	Masking all summer through,
花も見ず (<i>Hana mo mizu</i>)	Missed coral tree flowers.
不完	<i>Fukan</i>

Summer breeze gently
Obon lanterns swaying stopped
Covid swiftly spreads
Aiko



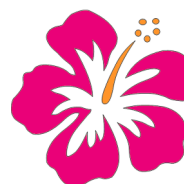
夏のさち
Natsu no sachi
マンゴとスイカ
Mango to suika
おいしいな
Oishii na
Matsube

Summer joy
Mango and watermelon
De-e-li-cious!!!





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Contact the office for Zoom link)

September 2020

- 6 9:00 AM Zoom Fall Ohigan & Remembrance Service with Rev. Alan Urasaki
- 13 9:00 AM Zoom Remembrance service
- 20 9:00 AM Zoom Service
- 27 9:00 AM Zoom Service with Mrs. Carrie Kawamoto

October 2020

- 4 9:00 AM Zoom Remembrance Service
- 11 9:00 AM Zoom Service
- 18 9:00 AM Zoom Service
- 25 9:00 AM Zoom Service with Mr. Dean Sakamoto

November 2020

- 1 9:00 AM BWA Hoonko Sunday Service with Mrs. Fujiko Motobu
- 8 9:00 AM Veteran's Day & Remembrance Service
- 15 9:00 AM Eitaikyo Sunday Service with Rev. Tatsuo Muneto
- 22 9:00 AM Sunday Service
- 29 9:00 AM Sunday Service

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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.

September 2020

- 5 Rev. Jan Youth/The Hirai Family
- 12 Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani/Mr. Reese Morikubo
- 19 Rev. Ai Hironaka/The Kanazawa Family
- 26 Rev. Kerry Kiyohara/The Miyasaki Family

October 2020

- 3 Mr. Rudiger Ruckmann / The Matsumoto Family
- 10 Rev. Shinkai Murakami / Mrs. Edith Noriko Horii
- 17 Rev. Richard Tennes / Mr. Chris Kanazawa
- 24 Ms. Charlene Kihara / Ms. Martha Samson
- 31 Rev. Alan Urasaki / Mrs. Thelma Ando

November 2020

- 7 Rev. Ronald Kobata / Mrs. Jolene Nakamatsu
- 14 Rev. Joshin Kamuro / Mr. & Mrs. Roy Abe
- 21 Rev. Daido Baba / Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sorakubo
- 28 Rev. Shinji Kawagoe / The Morikubo Family

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

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

Ralph Jitsuo Murakami	87	4/30/2020
Harold Toshio Ichiyama	82	4/27/2020
Elaine Yukie Miyasaki	82	6/28/2020
June Junko Hamada	89	6/20/2020
Stanley Teruo Sato	97	6/21/2020
Rose Sadako Nakamura	91	7/10/2020
Chiyoko Catherine Mirikitani	103	7/17/2020

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

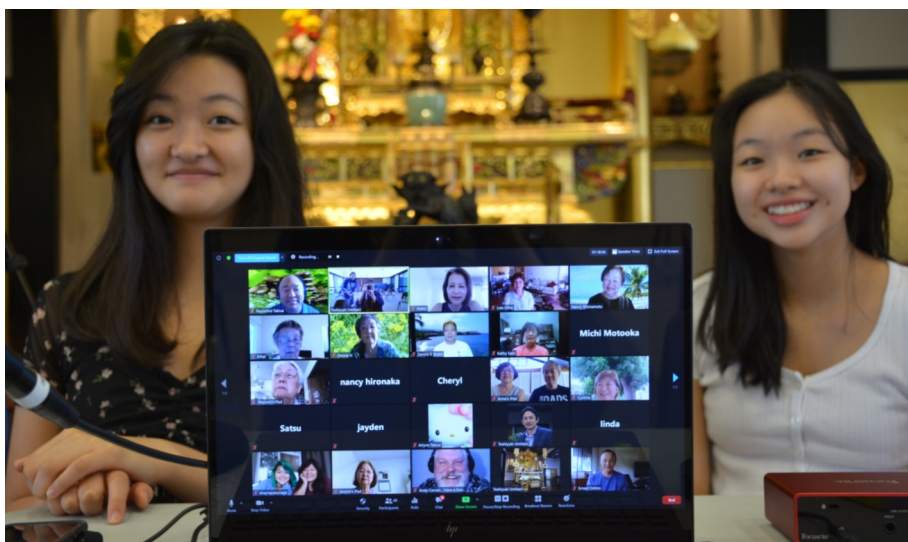


Osamu painting the elevator lobby

Osamu, Anne & Mari painting the Annex



Rev. Umitani's assistants at Zoom service
Naho & Riho



Covid lasagna at the Umitani household