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Nov. 8th to Dec. 27th, 2020

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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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There are only a few months left until the year 2020 comes to a conclusion. I think we will never forget this year with the outbreak of the Coronavirus. Due to this unprecedented pandemic, Moiliili Hongwanji Mission had to suspend many of our programs and events such as; culture classes, memorial services, Bon Dance, and Sunday services. Temple is the place for people to gather together in friendship and listen to the teachings of Amida Buddha, but we missed many of these opportunities during the past few months. But I would like to



emphasize that the Three Treasures of the Buddha, Dharma (Teachings), and Sangha (Community) are always around us and guiding us toward the path of the Nembutsu. We courageously face this challenging situation and will continue keeping our temple warm and vibrant. Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion is always embracing us no matter what situation/condition we are facing now.

Since Gotan-E (Shinran Shonin's Birthday Celebration) in May, our temple started Sunday Service via online through Zoom. Even though I miss seeing people here in the temple's hondo, these online gatherings have become a wonderful time for me to meet with the temple members and friends and spend quality time reciting the Nembutsu together.

Our newly launched Online Memorial Services provide the family members who are not able to gather inperson with the opportunity to meet each other virtually and to listen to the Nembutsu guidance in honor of their loved ones.

The Bon Dance and Moiliili Summer Fest were cancelled, but people enjoyed watching our "Virtual Bon Dance" video on YouTube and experienced the heat, liveliness, and excitement of the summer. If you have not seen it yet, please check it out here: https://youtu.be/vmzCJ0u0UTo

On the Statewide level, the ministers of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii have created many videos on YouTube to share the joy of living in the Dharma. Many people received senses of comfort and peace through those videos. (https://www.youtube.com/c/HonpaHongwanjiMissionofHawaii/featured)

The current temple building was built in 1960. Our Nembutsu predecessors also experienced many challenges and adversities in their lifetime, but they responded and embraced those challenges by working together hand in hand. They moved forward with courage, peace, and serenity in the sound of the Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu, and left us this temple so that we too can establish a spiritual foundation in our lives through the Nembutsu.

In "Passages on the Land of Happiness", written by master Tao-ch'o (562-645), it states: "Those who have been born first guide those who come later, and those who were born later follow those who were born before them, so that there is aspiration [of Tathagata] is continuous and uninterrupted. In this way, limitless numbers of persons who are wallowing in delusion may attain liberation."

I would like to express my appreciation to all of you for your dedication and support. Let us continue to discover joy and gratitude in our daily lives by taking refuge in the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. Take care.

Namo Amida Butsu. (I entrust myself to the timeless voice of Amida Buddha)

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.moiliilihongwanji.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.

Moiliili Hongwanji BWA Update

by Donna Higashi, MH BWA President

As the year comes to a close, we are reminded of our dear BWA friends who passed away. They will be memorialized at our Zoom MH BWA Hoonko Service and General Membership Meeting on November 1st. They are: *Itsuko Takamura, Lily Muraoka, Gladys Okano, Mildred Nishida, June Hamada and Rose Nakamura.* In addition, our sympathies go out to *Melvin Murakami* (spouse of Karen) and Satoru Kumagai (spouse of Hideko). Our meeting will include the Election of Officers and Directors for 2021; some amendments to the bylaws and gift to MHM in celebration of our 95th Anniversary. We also look to renew our membership for 2021 (\$15 dues).

For the past few years, our Honolulu Hongwanji temples have participated with the Family Promise program. For one week (2-3 times a year), we set up and clean up; provide a place to sleep, make dinners and breakfasts and take care of laundry for homeless families with children. We had many volunteers from Moiliili Hongwanji. Due to the pandemic, this program was discontinued temporarily while the families were housed at a campsite. However, Family Promise has started the 'Ohana Meal Program and volunteers are being asked to provide dinners for these families who are now housed in an apartment building in downtown Honolulu on Mondays and Wednesdays till December. Moiliili BWA will participate in this program. If you would like to join us, please contact the BWA.

The Honolulu United BWA will hold its final General Membership Meeting on November 28, 2020 from 9-11:15am via ZOOM. It will be preceded by a Memorial Service. Moiliili Hongwanji BWA is in charge of this event. Please RSVP for this Zoom event by November 11 to MHM office or by email. The Honolulu United and Hawaii Federation of BWAs will continue with their leadership into 2021 by Presidents Sharyn Sekine and Lois Toyama, respectively. Please remain healthy and safe.



The past few months have been stressful on everyone! The new and ever changing guidelines of the state and federal, to help reduce the amount of Covid-19 cases has put a lot of confusion in our minds. At our preschool we have maintained our strict guidelines since the day we came back! The children that are attending preschool have a safe and fun way to let out their energy and do something fun.

Last month our students learned about family and healthy habits. We talked about who is in our family and how many people live with us. We all come from different backgrounds with various households, so it was interesting to see how some of us have small families, while others have larger families and even pets!

Healthy habits was a perfect topic for our current situation! We went over how we wash our hands for at least 20 seconds... sing the ABC song... keep some distance between each other and get outside to enjoy the sun and exercise! Luckily we live in Hawaii where the weather is almost nice everyday, so we can go outside and play, stretching our muscles and making them strong!

On September 21st, we joined the world in celebrating Peace Day. The children did a Peace Day art and at 12 noon we had a moment of silence and at 12:01pm we all rang bells. Our preschool children will be featured on the "Ringing Bells of Peace" video.

During October, we will be learning about community helpers... police men and women, fire fighters, refuse workers, doctors, dentists, cooks, mail carriers, just to name a few. We will also be celebrating Halloween in our own classrooms in our 'Ohana bubbles.

Stay safe! Ms. Candace





Grateful and Thankful Corner

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

Dave Ariyoshi and Family
Chieko Cupak and Family
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With gratitude - Ms. Wendy

Mollili Hongwanji Market Place

Moiliili Hongwanji's Market Place has been up and running since September 6th!

The Market Place features donated unused or gently used items, some homemade. The first few weeks featured such items as homemade garden dustpans, chili pepper plants and kitchen hand towels. They quickly sold out.

Since then we have featured facemasks, areca palms, tea pot sets, etc. Some popular items that sold quickly are owl potholders and Cosco buckets. Items are now featured in different categories on our web page. They are Visitor's Promotions, Featuring Now, Health & Personal Care, Kitchen, Home Accessories, Gardening, \$5.00 Finds and Games & Entertainment. Our Market Place is growing!

The Market Place will continue as long as there's interest and donations. As we approach the holidays, you may find treasures in our Market Place! Don't forget to spread the word with friends and family. Advertise on your FaceBook page!

All monies help our temple treasury in tough pandemic times!

Please kokua!

How Can We Help Support Our Temple?

How can we continue to help our temple survive despite the pandemic?

- Pay our yearly dues
- Donate for the six major services
 Shinran's Memorial Hoonko Service
 Spring Equinox Ohigan Service
 Shinran's Birthday Gotan-e Service
 Obon Service
 Autumn Equinox Ohigan Service
 Sangha Memorial Eitaikyo Service
- Make arrangements for a memorial service at the temple or via zoom so family members far and near can listen to the teachings
- Make a donation in memory of a loved one on their meinichi (memorial observance) or at Obon
- Readily support our temple's fundraisers
- Attend Sunday services regularly
- Contribute to the Sunday Service offertory collection or osaisen
- Give generously to appeals or capital campaign funds
- Fill the 'wishlist' of supplies for the temple
- Volunteer regularly to the temple
 whether it's through hosha (temple cleaning), yardwork, Adopt a Plot, offering of
 garden greenery and flowers to decorate
 the altar, doing minor repairs, supporting
 Project Dana and Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool, donating and supporting the Market Place, Family Promise, the list goes on.

We are all interconnected through Amida Buddha's great compassion and wisdom.

Please support and take care of our temple and Sangha so we can perpetuate the Nembutsu for generations to come!



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

Jack Matsuichi Watanabe Mieko "Jane" Carvalho Randal Mamoru Tanaka Chiyoko Fujita Richard Kazuyoshi Saito Jane Umeno Teruya Audrey Emi Endo

83	3/23/2020
96	3/20/2020
66	6/27/2020
97	8/14/2020
99	8/21/2020
96	9/7/2020
78	10/4/2020

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2020

- 1 9:00 AM BWA Hoonko Service with Mrs. Fujiko Motobu
- 8 9:00 AM Veterans 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 with Hannah Shipman

December 2020

- 6 9:00 AM Virtual HBC Bodhi Day Service with Dr. Kenneth Tanaka No MHM service
- **9:00 AM** Zoom Bodhi Day & Remembrance service with Mrs. Barbara Brennan
- 20 9:00 AM Zoom Service
- 27 9:00 AM Zoom Service

January 2021

- 3 9:00 AM Sunday Service
- 10 9:00 AM Sunday Service
- 17 9:00 AM Hoonko Service
- 24 9:00 AM Sunday Service
- 31 9:00 AM Sunday Service

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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

December 2020

- 5 Kuikawa Kahu Sherman Thompson/Mr.& Mrs.
 Alfred Ono
- 12 Rev. Blayne Higa/Mr.&Mrs. Michael Sorakubo
- 19 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka/Dr. Douglas Shiraki
- **26** Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani/Mrs. Karen Murakami

January 2021

- 2 Gomonshu Otani & Bishop Matsumoto/ Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sorakubo
- 9 Dr. Warren Tamamoto/Mrs. Nancy Shimamoto
- 16 Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani/The Hirai Family
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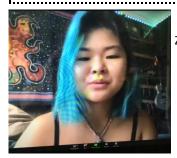




On Sunday, October 25th, Dharma School students carved into their vegetables or fruits to show off their Halloween creativity. Led by DS teacher Cheryl Yasunaga, she showed how a simple bell pepper or tomato can be carved into original jack-o-lanterns! Lettuce was used as hair and the tomato's mouth was stuffed with cream cheese! How about a glow to the bell pepper carving? Creative!

Amanda and Nicholas worked on their their little pumpkins together while Naho and Riho carved their potatoes into avatars and thank you spelled backwards! All weren't spooky but could fit into the categories of original or cute!

Wonder what's in store for the Dharma School students next? If you are between the ages of preschool and first year in college, you are welcome to join the Dharma School classes, via zoom. See you next Sunday!



Zoom service MC Shayna!

Guest Speaker 9/27: Carrie Kawamoto and husband Dennis



Zoom Guest Speaker 10/25: Dean Sakamoto

















Crazy Hat & Crazy Mask Day



