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# The White Way

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

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## A Bodhisattva Way of Life

**“The Bodhisattvas became friends of all beings without being asked, ready to carry the heavy burden of the multitude of beings. ... Having awakened great compassion, they took pity on sentient beings, uttered kind words, and endowed them with the Dharma-eye. .... Without being asked, they gave the Dharma to the multitude of beings, just as dutiful children love and respect their parents. They looked upon all sentient beings as their own selves.” (The Sutra on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life)**



Today, we hear many sad news of hate, violence, and discrimination. A human criticizes, discriminates, hates, and hurts other human beings. It is truly a sad thing. Outwardly, we are all different... Our appearances, social economic background, race, language, lifestyle and so on. Even family members who live in the same household have different thoughts and viewpoints. And we all experience joy and sadness in our lives. We all experience happy days and challenging days. It seems like we are like surfers who try to ride on a huge range of waves.... waves of our life's challenges. Some waves are small, and some waves are too large

for a single person to face. Sometimes we succeed in riding on the waves, and sometimes we are overwhelmed and fail to ride on it. It would be wonderful if we can work together. It would be wonderful if we can extend our compassionate hands to those who need help in riding on the waves. But it seems like we are all too busy to focus on our own life's challenges. We are all too busy to catch the waves that are right in front of us and fail to see other people around us. We all wish to ride on the waves successfully. But in the ocean of our lives, maybe we are too busy to understand and care for people around us. Maybe we are too focused trying to catch the waves we want, and sometimes feel that the people around us should not belong to this ocean or they should not enjoy the ocean that we are enjoying. Driven by those shallow viewpoints, we do not have even a single moment of peace. And such viewpoint are the cause of hate and discrimination. Buddha taught us that this is the sad reality of Saha, the world of suffering.

On the contrary, the Other Shore is the Buddha's world, the land of enlightenment. Buddhism encourages us to see the world with a wider viewpoint and perspective. Buddhism teaches us the truth of oneness. Due to his shallow viewpoint, a surfer was not able to see his surroundings clearly. But once he sees his surroundings carefully, he realizes that he is not the only one who is trying to ride on the waves, and he is not the only one who is suffering on these challenging waves of life. We are all living. And we all experience joy and suffering as well. In that sense, we are all one beyond race, gender, social economic background, sexual orientation, gender expression, religious faith, physical ability, and so on.

Recently I watched a video of Professor Kenneth Tanaka. He talked about “authentic individuality.” Buddhism is the teaching to cultivate this authentic individuality. Authentic individuality means that each of us is unique, each of us can contribute to others, and each of us is precious and has dignity. “Oneness” that we talk about in Buddhism does not mean being the same. Oneness does not mean

that, say you are an apple, Oneness does not mean that you and others have to be pineapple. Being the same means that everything has to be pineapple, but oneness means that an apple can exist as an apple, and a pineapple can exist as a pineapple. Apple has its own dignity and place, and pineapple also has its own dignity and place .

Buddhist teachings of oneness teaches us that we are all, no matter who we are, illuminated by Wisdom and Compassion just as we are. In that awareness, we can cultivate a sense of peace and harmony, compassion for self and others, and live with confidence, conviction, and dignity. I understand this as the meaning of “authentic individuality.”

I firmly believe that there are strong messages that Buddhism can offer especially in these challenging times. I sincerely hope that people in the world would encounter the Buddha’s messages of Wisdom and Compassion that guides and enriches our life’s journey.

I would like to briefly explain the meaning of the opening aspiration at the beginning.

Bodhisattva (Bosatsu) is the one who seeks to attain bodhi (enlightenment), and to guide others to the same goal. Such a one performs practices for a long time and cultivates wisdom and compassion for the purpose of becoming a Buddha. In Mahayana tradition, the term means one who makes vows, not only to attain the highest enlightenment, but also to save all suffering beings.

It is my understanding that the goal of Buddhism is for us to live a life of Bodhisattva. These passages indicate an ideal way of life as a Buddhist. A life devoted to seeking Wisdom and Compassion not just for oneself but also for others.

Like Bodhisattvas, let us try to become a friend for those who are suffering in carrying the heavy burden of their lives. Like Bodhisattvas, let us try to awaken to the great Wisdom and Compassion. Like Bodhisattvas, let us try to show our pity and empathy for others. Like Bodhisattvas, let us try to utter kind words, respect others, and share the Messages of Wisdom and Compassion. And, like Bodhisattvas, let us try to look upon and embrace all beings as our own selves.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Reverend Toshiyuki Umitani  
Moiliili Hongwanji Mission

### Memorial Services

As COVID-19 restrictions ease, Moiliili Hongwanji can now provide religious services such as Memorial Services and Funeral Services at our main temple (Hondo). Seating is limited to provide social distance. Please contact our temple office at 949-1659 for more details and to make an appointment.

We also provide Online Memorial Services via Zoom. Please go to [www.moiliilihongwanji.org](http://www.moiliilihongwanji.org) and complete the request form.

Year of passing	Type of memorial service
2020	1 <sup>st</sup> year
2019	3 <sup>rd</sup> year
2015	7 <sup>th</sup> year
2009	13 <sup>th</sup> year
2005	17 <sup>th</sup> year
1997	25 <sup>th</sup> year
1989	33 <sup>rd</sup> year
1972	50 <sup>th</sup> year

# BCA Takes Part in Historic First Celebration of Vesak at White House

The Buddhist Churches of America participated in the first-ever celebration May 26 of Vesak — the Buddha’s birth, enlightening and passing — at the White House.

In honor of the occasion, President Biden issued the following official statement from the White House:

“Jill and I extend our warmest wishes to Buddhists in the United States and around the world as they celebrate Vesak, the day honoring the birth, enlightenment, and passing of the Buddha. The ceremonial lighting of a lamp, the symbol of this holiday that has been celebrated for over 2,500 years, reminds us of Buddhism’s teachings of compassion, humility, and selflessness that endure today. On this day, we also commemorate the many contributions of Buddhists in America who enrich our communities and our country as we all work together toward brighter days ahead.”

The White House celebrated Vesak with the Second Gentleman, Douglas Emhoff, lighting a candle in the White House in the presence of three Venerables representing Theravada, Mahayana, and Vajrayana traditions. This occasion also marked the first time all of them came together under [#peaceloveunity](#).

The event was coordinated by Wangmo Dixey, President of the International Buddhist Association of America through the offices of Shekar Narasimhan, President of the Dharma Into Action Foundation.

Lamps were lit and prayers offered by the Most Venerable Uparantan (representing Sri Lankan and Americans) on behalf of the Theravada tradition; BCA Bishop Rev. Marvin Harada (representing Japanese and Americans) on behalf of the Mahayana tradition; and Venerable Tarthang Tulku Rinpoche (representing Tibetan and Americans) on behalf of the Vajrayana tradition.

“It is wonderful that prayers were offered from all three great traditions of Buddhist practice here, at the heart of American democracy,” Dixey said. “It is so auspicious that this should happen on this day of celebration of the life and teachings of the Buddha.”

Jon Kawamoto



First Vesak at the White House! Mahayana, Theravada and Vajrayana representatives were invited to the White House and celebrated Vesak! On behalf of the Mahayana Buddhism, Bishop Harada of Buddhist Churches of America attended this memorable ceremony. I think this is a very memorable event in the American Buddhist history! (Official White House Photo by Cameron Smith, this picture is from the announcement from the Dharma College.)





Summer is here and it's a nice time for the children to play outdoors and enjoy the sunshine. In June the preschool continues with our regular school year, ending in late July.

This month the children are focusing on forest animals. Various crafts are displayed among the classrooms, depicting this



Father's Day is on June 20 and the children are thrilled to be making a special gift for their dad

Walk With Me Daddy  
By Helen Bush

Walk alongside me, daddy  
and hold my little hand.  
I have so many things to learn  
that I don't yet understand,

Teach me things to keep me safe  
from dangers every day.  
Show me how to do my best  
at home, at school, at play.

Every child needs a gentle hand  
to guide them as they grow.  
So walk alongside me, daddy.  
We have a long way to go.





With Much Gratitude

## With Gratitude

For the past three decades, Project Dana's headquarters has been the "little blue house on Nakookoo Street". We are truly grateful to the late Mr. Masaru and Mrs. Kuniyo Kawamoto for their generous and visionary gift to Mo'ili'ili Hongwanji Mission.

The house has aged throughout the decades and Project Dana has maintained the offices and property to the best of our ability. It has been determined that major renovations needed would be costly.

Project Dana and Mo'ili'ili Hongwanji are working to finding a new home for Project Dana. Temporary locations are being looked at. Staff will move out of the Nakookoo Street location by September 1, 2021.

We will let you know when the move to a new location is finalized.

In gassho,

Cyndi Osajima

Executive Director

## Summer Event of 1967

On August 17, 1967 together with my wife and our daughter, I returned to Hawaii upon completion of my study at Ryukoku University in Kyoto, Japan. My first assignment was as an associate minister at Moiliili Hongwanji Mission. During those days Moiliili Hongwanji used to have Bon festivities in early July, and the bazaar/carnival in August. Our carnival/bazaar that year was scheduled for August 18, and 19 which happened to be the day after our arrival to Moiliili.

Moiliili Hongwanji had used the spacious grounds of Moiliili Community Center for the carnival rides and game booths and offered the people in the community to enjoy summer events. I remember our two years old daughter, Ann, enjoyed riding the children's merry-go-round and had a great time.

The carnival/bazaar came to an end in 1968 due to Moiliili Community Center's planned development of the property.

It was a brief memory for me, but I thought of sharing that segment of Moiliili Hongwanji Mission's history that took place over half a century ago.

Thomas R. Okano

May 2021

## **Moiliili Hongwanji BWA**

by Donna Higashi, MH BWA President

As mentioned in an earlier issue, the Hawaii Federation of BWAs is planning the 14th BWA State Conference on April 23-24, 2022 at Wailuku Hongwanji. Registration cost is \$150 and lodging will be at the Maui Beach Hotel. Close to 20 members plan to attend this event, even leaving a day earlier to hopefully go sightseeing on Maui. The program and workshops are listed on the Hawaii Federation website: [hawaiiibwa.org](http://hawaiiibwa.org) Since it is the year before the BW World Convention slated in May 11-12, 2023 in Kyoto, Japan, a General Membership meeting will be conducted by the new Federation BWA President (to be installed in Oct. 2021).

On August 14, 2021, the Honolulu United BWA will be holding a Jt. Education and Membership event from 8:00am – 12:30pm. It was earlier printed that Hawaii Betsuin would be the site but this has been changed to a Hybrid Zoom and In-person at our own temples. So up to 25 of our members can meet in person at Moiliili Hongwanji while the others will zoom in like a regular Sunday service. Theme: *Building a Healthy Sangha: Nurturing Empathy and Respect.*

At our last MH BWA membership meeting it was reported that the new HU Dana Fund recipient is Adult Friends for Youth, a nonprofit serving at-risk youth. Continuing recipients are Touch-a-Heart, Hawaii FoodBank and Project Dana. Similarly, our MH BWA members donated \$1340 to our Eshinni Fund, which stays with us to assist our youths and youth related organizations. Thank you for your generosity.

Other matters shared at the meeting included: assisted with Family Promise Ohana Dinners, adopted several policies, established Nominating Committee for upcoming 2022 year.

In closing, continue to zoom in or attend in-person Sunday services, support and participate in upcoming MHM Bon related activities. Be vaccinated and stay safe.

## **Eshinni Donations**

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Susan Okano

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## White Way Donations

Roy & Amy Abe  
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## Pickle Mango Mahalo!



Glenn & Lori M, generous donors  
of green Haden mangoes

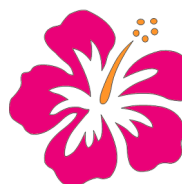
Mahalo to everyone's support for purchasing pickle mangoes! Thanks to the generosity of Glenn & Lori M. who picked and donated their backyard green mangoes, we got to make 4 batches of pickle mangoes! Needless to say, they sold like hotcakes! The last batch sold out in just 2 days! Many disappointed customers had to, regretfully, be turned away!

Thank you also to the hardworking pickle mango crew for peeling, cutting, soaking, and packing the pickle mangoes! If you have green mangoes that you want to give away, we welcome them after July 3<sup>rd</sup>! Mahalo nui loa!





# Mahalo Temple Donations



Dennis Asato

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Contact the office for Zoom link or in person reservation)

### July 2021

- 4 **9:00 AM** Remembrance Service with Col. Burt Okamoto
- 11 **9:00 AM** Obon Service with Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki
- 18 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service
- 25 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service with Linda Nagai
- August 2021**

- 1 **9:00 AM** Remembrance Service
- 8 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service
- 15 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service
- 22 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service
- 29 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service

### September 2021

- 5 **9:00 AM** Remembrance Service
- 12 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service
- 19 **9:00 AM** Autumn Ohigan Service
- 26 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service

#### MHM Hybrid Sunday Service

MHM members and friends enjoy attending the Sunday Service either in-person or via online (Zoom). You are always welcomed to join us. The service starts at 9:00am every Sunday.

- To attend in-person: Please contact the office beforehand since we only have a limited number of seats.
- To attend via Zoom: Please contact the office to receive a Zoom link.

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

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

Atsushi Yashiki*	94	2/17/2021
Fusae Ishiyama*	102	4/18/2021
Mildred Tomiko Kawano	88	4/26/2021
Aimee Aiko Tonaki	77	5/21/2021

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

## 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.moiililhongwanji.org](http://www.moiililhongwanji.org), Buddhist Teachings.

### July 2021

- 3 Mr. Joshua Hernandez Morse/ The Matsumoto Family
- 10 Rev. Kojun Hashimoto/ Mr. & Mrs. Gene Yokota
- 17 Rev. Jeffrey Soga/ Mrs. Jo DesMarets
- 24 Dr. Benjamin Bruch/ Mrs. Edith Horii
- 31 Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani/ The Yoshimura Family

### August 2021

- 7 Mr. Piper Toyama/ Mrs. Michie Hamao
- 14 Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara/ Mrs. Jo DesMarets
- 21 Mrs. Juliet Kono-Lee/ The Morikubo Family
- 28 Rev. Mieko Majima/ Mr. Alan Yokota

### September 2021

- 4 Rev. Tomo Hojo/ The Hirai Family
- 11 Mrs. Barbara Brennan/ Mr. Reese Morikubo
- 18 Rev. Jan Youth/ The Kanazawa Family
- 25 Rev. Richard Tennes/ The Miyasaki Family



**Reverend Yoshiaki Fujitani**, the 11th Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, passed away peacefully at the Kuakini Medical Center in Honolulu on May 17, 2021, at the age of 97.

# Noriyo Morikubo:

## Temple Organist

Excerpts from an article by Francis Okano in the July  
2016 issue of Musical Notes



At Moiliili Hongwanji's centennial commemorative banquet in 2006, those in attendance well remember being serenaded beautifully by Ernie Morikubo, his smooth guitar improvisations and mellow bass filling the hall. As fortunate as Moiliili Hongwanji is to be able to enjoy Ernie's talents, it is even more fortunate that it has younger sister Noriyo as the bedrock of temple music in her position as principal organist.

Noriyo Morikubo has, since her early teens, provided organ music cheerfully and consistently to more than a generation of temple-goers at Moiliili. If her service over a span of almost five decades has seemed low-profile, it is partly the nature of the job — organists are more heard than seen, to such a degree that, for a while, they even toiled from behind a bamboo screen!

Since organ-playing has been voluntary, when asked how she felt "giving up" her Sunday mornings to the organ—as opposed to simply catching a few more winks or soaking up sun and surf — Noriyo replies she feels lucky she has had the opportunity to play the organ, a privilege indeed granted only a few. "The experience has kept me in the temple and has shaped who I am," she says. "Being organist is part of my identity, and I'm finding the alternatives not as attractive," she asserts. Noriyo wryly admits she is totally OK to receive little pressure, as organist, to serve in other capacities at temple! Musically speaking, preparing for and playing the organ every week, Noriyo says, "has kept me at the keyboard and in music all these years." Noriyo acknowledges, above all, that her devotion to temple music owes much to the abiding influences in her life—her parents and family, the temple, her teachers.

Noriyo can be found during the workweek at Pacific Woolen, Ltd., in Honolulu, busy managing operations with her brother Ernest. At home Noriyo and her husband, Dr. Jerrold Brown, a practicing psychologist, are proud parents of daughter Kayo, who graduated from the University of Hawaii and who has inherited mother's and uncle's musical talents. It goes without saying that the Moiliili Hongwanji sangha is truly fortunate for Noriyo's dana of temple music every Sunday.





DS students & teachers at end of the school year recognition service



Naho Umitani, Miss Jr. YBA  
Riho Umitani, Art Contest 2nd place winner



8th grade graduates  
Kayla Takiue moving to McKinley HS  
Luke Oh Young moving to McKinley HS  
Riho Umitani moving to PBA



Happy Strummers on Mother's Day & Father's Day



Dharma School created a "together we are one" banner