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Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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HOW PEARLS ARE MADE

Pearls are precious dewdrops from the ocean that continue to fascinate people. They shine so beautifully. Have you ever wondered how do these beautiful pearls are made? There are natural pearls that can be found in seashells and cultured pearls grown by farmers. Either way, seashells take some time to produce beautiful pearls. Natural pearls are formed when a microscopic irritant makes its way into the mussel or oyster and settles inside the shell. The irritant can be a particle of food, a piece of shell, bacteria, or even a sand granule. Then, the mussel or oyster produces nacre and covers its irritant. The nacre is continuously produced, which keeps forming layers over the irritant. This results in the formation of a pearl. This process takes years before a pearl is formed.

I thought that this process of an irritant becoming a pearl is similar to us who encountered and are nurtured by the teaching of the Nembutsu. An irritant is us, human beings, and the mussel or oyster is Amida Buddha.

A microscopic irritant that flows in the ocean accidentally enters into seashells. We encountered the teaching of Jodo Shinshu through countless causes and conditions. Some of us encountered through our parents or grandparents. Some of us originally had no relation with Hongwanji but accidentally encountered the teaching. You may become interested in Jodo Shinshu by reading a book, meeting with a minister, or being influenced by your friends. Regardless, those are wonderful and unique causes and conditions that led us to encounter the teaching.

And, the mussel or oyster does not spit out or reject an irritant but covers it (embraces it) with nacre. In the same way, our Jodo Shinshu teaching accepts anybody. Shinran Shonin said Amida's Primal Vow (Amida's Light) makes no distinction between old and young and between good and evil. He taught us that Amida's boundless compassion never discriminates against anyone. Just as the great sky encompasses all things large or small, and the great earth carries all things heavy, light, clean, and dirty indiscriminately, the great compassion of Amida Buddha embraces all beings equally. It means that it recognizes each life as precious and indispensable as all others. For Shinran Shonin, Namo Amida Butsu is not a petitionary prayer but a compassionate illumination of Amida's Light that affirms and embraces us as we are. It is also our voice of thanksgiving that entrusts ourselves to such a compassionate light.

Covered by layers of nacre, an irritant is transformed into a beautiful pearl. It is not an irritant's effort that turned itself into a pearl, but the power of mussel or oyster which turned it into a beautiful pearl. In the same way, it is not our self-power or effort that changes our hearts and minds, but the power of Amida Buddha's Compassion that turns our darkness into a shining pearl. Buddhism is the path of "becoming." An ancient Buddhist master once expressed that Buddhism turns bits of rubble turn into gold. Bits of rubble (or irritants) are compared to human existence filled with blind passions. Shinran Shonin said that our blind passions never cease until the very moment of our death. But these blind passions or karmic evils are, just as they are, embraced by the Buddha's Compassion. Because of our blind passions, Amida Buddha continuously extends his gentle hands toward us. Our human nature, our self-centeredness, or our karmic evil are still there, always there. But Shinran Shonin taught us that we do not need to lament. Because Jodo Shinshu is not the teaching that rejects such beings, but the teaching that we (irritants) can be nurtured into a beautiful and shining pearl.

Embraced by the Compassion of Amida Buddha, our minds of greed, anger, and ignorance will be gradually nurtured and transformed into minds of generosity, love, and wisdom.

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani

Project Dana House Presentation

Good morning. My name is Karen Murakami. My sisters (June Matsumoto and Jean Sato) and I were born and raised in Moiliili, adjacent to the present Moiliili Japanese Cemetery. Our maternal grandparents raised roses on a parcel which was later incorporated into the cemetery. The family then purchased property next to the cemetery and built a home. A gate from our side yard opened into the cemetery.

Our maternal grandfather, Kameji Oyamada, who was born in 1862, was among the founders of Moiliili Hongwanji. They were referred to as “soritsusha”.

Today’s story is a combination of our memories/recollections of Mr. Masaru and Mrs. Kuniyo Kawamoto who generously donated their residence on Nakookoo Street to Moiliili Hongwanji. We also included several of our recollections of significant events which occurred in the Moiliili community as we were growing up during the 1950s.

Cyndi Osajima, Executive Director of Project Dana will be showing two historic photos, which until recently, were displayed in the Kawamoto residence which then became the Project Dana House. The first is an early photo of Mr. and Mrs. Kawamoto. The second is an early photo of the Kawamotos’ Nakookoo Street residence. The house was painted white for most of its existence.

As a foreshadowing of the “blue house”, this photo shows a blue trim on the windows and other areas. Cyndi Osajima will now deliver her message of appreciation in behalf of Project Dana:

“Words cannot describe our appreciation for the gift of the “blue house” that most people remember relate to Project Dana. The blue house has welcomed hundreds of volunteers, guests, and visitors for the past thirty years to Project Dana. We are so grateful to the visionary gift that Mr. and Mrs. Kawamoto gave and helped to make the dream of our Founder, Mrs. Shimeji Kanazawa come true.”

There is a Japanese practice called “mukoyoshi”. A groom agrees to take the surname of his bride when the bride does not have any male siblings to carry on the family’s surname. Mr. Kawamoto sometimes referred to himself by his family’s surname which was Nakamoto. Mr. and Mrs. Kawamoto and our parents, Yoshimichi and Toyoko Hirai had developed a friendship as members of the Moiliili Hongwanji. Our sister, Jean, had conducted an oral history interview with our mother, Toyoko Hirai in 2006. In that interview, our mother mentioned that several days after her wedding in 1939, she was visited by Mrs. Fujitani, wife of Moiliili Hongwanji’s then-resident minister, Reverend Kodo Fujitani. Mrs. Fujitani was accompanied by Fujinkai members Mrs. Yamanaka and Mrs. Kuniyo Kawamoto. They came to invite our mother to join the Moiliili Hongwanji Fujinkai or Buddhist Women’s Association. Our mother remained a Fujinkai member until her passing in 2006—a total of 67 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Kawamoto did not have children. My sisters and I affectionately referred to Mr. Kawamoto as “grandpa”. He retired before Mrs. Kawamoto and was a weekly visitor to our parents’ home.

Our grandparents had passed away before our marriages, so the Hirai sisters were honored to have “Grandpa Kawamoto” as the person who offered the congratulatory toasts at our wedding receptions.

While they were healthy, the Kawamotos attended holiday gatherings at the Hirai residence and then for many years at eldest sister June and her husband’s residence. Mr. Kawamoto participated in sometimes-spirited discussions with some of the Hirai sisters’ in-laws. Topics included politics and world events. Mrs. Kawamoto listened quietly on the side.

Mr. Kawamoto was a general contractor as well as a master carpenter. My sisters recall that Mr. Kawamoto mentioned that he was impressed by a home which he had seen in the Dowsett Highlands area of Nuuanu. He decided to replicate that home on a smaller scale on his Nakookoo Street property. The Kawamoto home was built in 1928. This year marks 93 years since its construction. Due to Mr. Kawamoto’s excellent contracting and carpentry skills, the home, though in need of repair, is still standing.

Mr. Kawamoto filled his yard with greenery. He treasured a magnolia tree which he planted in his front yard. As noted on Google, the magnolia tree is a strong tree which represents “strength of character, dignity, spirituality and peace” and its blossoms represent “nobility, perseverance and love of nature”. The sisters recall that during the 1950s, many member families of the Moiliili Hongwanji resided in the Moiliili community, within walking distance of the temple. They resided on streets including, but not limited to Kapaakea Lane, Husten Street, Nakookoo Street, Kaaha Street, Kahuna Lane, Kuilei Lane and Waiaka Road. Several of those Moiliili families are, or have been represented in our temple’s membership into this century.

A historic photo shows the Moiliili Hongwanji which we attended in the 1950s. To the right and extended outward, facing Kapaakea Lane, is the main temple structure. A walkway connected the temple to the minister’s residence on the upper floor of the adjoining structure.



A photo shows the front entrance of the wooden temple which faced Kapaakea Lane. In the photo, the wing of our temple which presently houses the columbarium on the second floor and the temple kitchen on the first floor, is under construction. The new construction is immediately to the left of the old temple structure. The new temple was built with its entrance facing University Avenue. The majority of our present-day temple membership reside in areas outside of Moiliili. Currently, members live in areas such as Aiea, Kailua, Kaneohe, Manoa, St. Louis Heights, Kapahulu, Kaimuki, Palolo, Aiea Koa, Niu Valley and other neighborhoods along the corridor to Hawaii Kai.

As mentioned earlier, in the 1950s, a large number of our temple members actually resided in Moiliili. Many families had children who were close in age to other families who resided in

the Moiliili community. During the weekdays, children would see each other in public schools and then at after school classes which were held at Moiliili Japanese Language School, on the grounds of the Moiliili Community Center. (The community center and a Japanese Language School continue to exist and offer services and programs, today, on the nearby parcel bordered by South King Street and Kapaakea Lane.)

The students then met at Sunday services at Moiliili Hongwanji. The large number of children/young adults filled Sunday School (presently referred to as Dharma School) classes and provided members for the Junior and Senior Young Buddhist Associations. At one time, a Cub Scout and a Brownie Troop were based at the Moiliili Hongwanji. The proximity of Moiliili Hongwanji to the University of Hawaii at Manoa campus, made it possible for young college students to volunteer as Sunday School teachers.

A major historic event took place at Moiliili Hongwanji in 1952-nearly 70 years ago. The Gomonsu, Kosho Ohtani, grandfather of our present Gomonsu, Kojun Ohtani, visited the temple to conduct affirmation rites. The Gomonsu is the spiritual leader of the Nishi Hongwanji, with headquarters located in Kyoto, Japan. At the affirmation rites, participants received Homyo or Buddhist names. The Hirai sisters accompanied their parents and maternal grandparents to this well-attended event. A formal photo, taken on the day of the event, is on display in our temple office.

Prior to the pandemic, affirmation rites were periodically held at local temples. Two of our immediate family members received their Buddhist names in 2003 when affirmation rites were held at Moiliili Hongwanji.

A Chigo procession was held in 1956 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Moiliili Hongwanji. Young children were dressed in special clothing and head dresses. They formed a procession along a planned route. A



historic photo shows the Chigo participants and family members as they stood in line to offer incense in the old temple which faced Kapaakea Lane.

Another historic photo shows the interior of Moiliili Hongwanji when it was a wooden structure. The minister who is seated to the left of the altar area is the Reverend Kenyei Hatta, who became Moiliili Hongwanji's resident minister in 1956. He is credited for spearheading the campaign to build our present

temple. The photo also shows the full attendance at a Sunday service during the 1950s.

Also of historic significance is that three of the bishops of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii had connections to the Moiliili Hongwanji. The late Bishop Yoshiaki Fujitani grew up on the temple grounds. His father, the late Reverend Kodo Fujitani was assigned as Moiliili Hongwanji's resident minister in 1934. Bishop Thomas Okano, who with his wife, Mrs. Michiko Okano, are current Moiliili Hongwanji members, served as assistant minister to his father, after the late Reverend Ryoshin Okano began his assignment as resident minister of Moiliili Hongwanji

in 1964. Currently, Bishop Eric Matsumoto is serving his third term as the bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. He began his assignment as resident minister of Moiliili Hongwanji in 2002. His wife, Mrs. Tamayo Matsumoto taught at the Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool.

Mr. and Mrs. Kawamoto were devoted members of the Moiliili Hongwanji. Mr. Kawamoto, a Mr. Kamo from Kapahulu and our father formed one of several teams of members who visited temple families in the evenings to solicit donation pledges to fund the construction of the main structure of our present temple.

Some of you may be familiar with the red-orange-colored commemorative plates which were given to donors whose financial contributions were critical in making the construction of the new temple and men's dormitory, possible. Plates in two sizes were created with the drawing of



the new temple which was completed in 1960. Plates with the drawing of the men's dormitory were given to those who donated funds for the construction of the complex which was also completed in 1960. The men's dormitory was situated at the corner of Isenberg and Young Streets in Moiliili. It was named the Hawaii Young Buddhist Center. Its proximity to the University of Hawaii campus, attracted student residents, many of whom were from the neighbor islands. The dormitory site was later acquired by the State of Hawaii.

Mrs. Kawamoto was an active member of the Fujinkai or Buddhist Women's Association. She regularly participated in food preparation projects in the temple kitchen. She joined other Fujinkai members in projects to care for the temple as well as in social activities. In a historic photo, Mrs. Kuniyo Kawamoto and other Fujinkai/BWA members are setting up the kitchen in preparation for the resident minister and his family's move to their home within the newly-constructed temple structure.

Mrs. Kawamoto loved to participate in Bon Dances and eagerly looked forward to the summer Bon Dance season. She also



enjoyed traditional fruitcake which was sold in decorated tin containers. She purchased tins of traditional fruitcake to share with friends during the holiday season.

As mentioned earlier, Mr. Kawamoto was both a general contractor and master carpenter.

When he renovated our parents' home, he built new shelving, cabinetry and counters for the living room, kitchen and bathroom areas. He also modified an existing shower into a tiled furo.

PART 2 IN THE NEXT ISSUE!



With Much Gratitude

With deep gratitude, Project Dana is able to share excerpts from Bishop Matsumoto's inspirational talk at the 33rd Annual Volunteer Appreciation Service held on January 25, 2022. If you are interested in his entire talk please contact Project Dana.

2022 Project Dana Volunteer Appreciation Service *Gratitude, the great motivation that can change the world."*

"Aloha Kākou and Good Morning, Everyone! First, please allow me to extend my congratulations and appreciation to the Staff, Volunteers and Supporters of Project Dana not only here at Moiliili Hongwanji and other Temples, but also those at other churches and sites, in and outside of Hawaii, as we celebrate Project Dana's 33rd Anniversary!

It goes without saying that most of us will agree that being connected to others is very important for a meaningful life. In fact, according to UCLA professor Matthew Lieberman, "the need to connect socially with others is as basic as our need for food, water and shelter..." He is saying that for life to be truly meaningful and fulfilling a connection with others is necessary. I believe he is addressing the quality of life.

Another powerful quote by Goutham Duggaraju is "Never underestimate the power of a simple human connection. The presence of the right person at a time when you need help the most can definitely save your life and give you the love you need to be that right person to someone else..."

To me, these people could be talking about Project Dana. Don't you think?

Of course, the above individuals are speaking about human connections, but if a connection is made with that which is universal, then that connection and gratitude does not limit itself to only human relationships or certain people only, but includes, literally, all others. Our view or understanding shifts to a world view not limited to humans and only focused on several people but impacts every relationship we have with all around us. Again, from a primal connection with that which is greater and larger than oneself other connections continue to be made, to me, out of and with gratitude.

A definition of gratitude which I embrace is "Knowing what has been done." It is based on awareness. Gratitude is not obligatory or mandated by being told to be grateful. Rather it is "becoming and being grateful" due to an awareness and understanding of the innumerable contributions of others which makes my life and living possible and responding in gratitude to them.

In my pursuit of truth, I was astonished to come across this ever widening and expanding understanding of gratitude as found in "The Teaching of Buddha." It shares "The Wise show appreciation not only to the person who helped them, but to all those around them." In our normal way of thinking we would acknowledge that I should express my gratitude to an individual who personally helped me, but this all-encompassing definition of gratitude says my appreciation is expressed to everyone and everything around me. In these dynamics, gratitude keeps expanding itself and continues to make a difference in more and more lives.

One of the cornerstones of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji Teachings, which was established close to 800 years ago, has been gratitude. Gratitude is not a mere fleeting feeling or emotion. It is a power or force which sustains and moves us. It motivates me to respond as captured in the expression "Knowing Gratitude, Respond in Gratitude."

From this experience besides a deep sense of connectedness with others there also wells up an immense sense of joy, peace and gratitude. It does not mean that life will be perfectly smooth. The ups and downs of life are still there, but throughout one's life, one experiences a deep supportive inner peace and grateful connectedness with others. As we found in the life of some of the people I mentioned above, it changes the way I think about myself, others and my relationship with others including how I interact with others.

As a final thought for today, when I think about it, at Project Dana, besides the word "Dana" what word do we hear so often in Project Dana circles? I think it is "gratitude" or "appreciation." Whether it be from staff and volunteers or the clients or recipients of Project Dana's services or their families, everyone mentions "gratitude." Why? How come?

To me, it is because of dana based connections that have been made. In the words of Leo Buscaglia, "Too often we underestimate the power of touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around..."

And as Gina Greenlee says "When we establish human connections within the context of shared experience, we create community wherever we go."

This is exactly what Project Dana is. It is a community of people who are deeply connected with each other and connected with that which is inclusive and embracing and thus has made a difference in the lives of so many people over the past 33 years. How it has enriched our island home. Thank you, one and all!

To close, on this 33rd Anniversary of the founding of Project Dana, from the Office of the Bishop, "Let us all together continue to widen the circle of gratitude with dana. Thank you very much and Namō Amida Butsu. Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion."

LIVING LEGENDS

Every year since 2017, we recognize our temple Living Legends at our annual Shinnen Enkai. Those chosen are long time Moiliili Hongwanji members who dedicate many voluntary hours for the benefit of the temple and congregation. They live the Nembutsu Way in their everyday lives.

Iris Wasa-Uehisa and Mari Fukuya are this year's honorees.

Iris was greatly influenced by her grandmother, a devout Buddhist, when she was young. Although she was consumed with her career as an accountant at Meadow Gold and busy raising her daughter, she embraced Jodo Shinshu Buddhism when she retired. She started attending weekly Sunday services, joined the MHM Board, became and still is the very efficient recording secretary.

She has worked at the Open House, spent countless hours getting rummage sale items ready, and when the pandemic hit, helped to start up the Market Place. She is part of a Hosha temple cleaning group and when asked to help in other areas, always does so with a ready smile.

A retired licensed Social Worker, Mari Fukuya appears to be at the temple 24/7. A Hilo native, she started coming to the temple for many years then readily became a member. She is on the Board and volunteers for all "hard" or challenging committees such as building maintenance, ad hoc renovation, etc. She became an efficient recording secretary taking meticulous minutes and is now a Vice President on the Board. She will notice termite droppings, leaky plumbing and mold. Do you know that she helped paint the annex interior with Osamu and Anne Kawabata?

A veteran of several Honolulu Marathons and a jazzercise enthusiast, Mari has been instrumental in cleaning and beautifying the temple grounds. She cleaned up the weeds and organized the growing of crotons, ti-leaves and other ornamentals. She heads the Landscaping Committee and was one of the pioneers of the Market Place. As if that is not enough, she is part of a Hosha temple cleaning group.

Congratulations to Iris Wasa-Uehisa and Mari Fukuya!



Shinnen Enkai Program 2022

A Virtual Shinnen Enkai New Year's gathering was successfully held on Sunday, February 20, 2022. The Year of the Tiger was ably greeted by service emcee Bert Matsuoka.

Keirokai members Wendy Nakanishi, Joyce Moriwaki, Jay Hamai, and Ruby Saito and new members Ken & Roanne Yamasaki and Wayne Iwaoka were recognized. Following the service, ono bentos made by Nijiya Market were picked up.

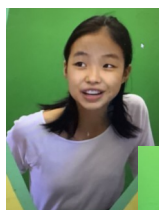
The Shinnen Enkai program followed with emcee Cheryl Yasunaga at the helm. Welcome addresses by Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani; Raymond Takiue, outgoing president; and Joanne Kealoha, incoming president were made.

The MHM Living Legends were announced by Lynn Nakata and Cyndi Osajima. It was a well-kept secret until Iris Wasa-Uehisa and Mari Fukuya's names were announced. Though on zoom, everyone could see the surprise on the recipients' faces. A big and well-deserved congratulations to our 2022 Living Legends!

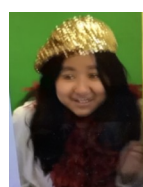
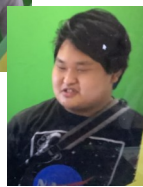
The Dharma School students did "Stayin Alive with CPR," an offshoot to Ann Nakata's imaginative idea. Can you imagine doing CPR on air-pumped Alien dolls? It was hilarious!

Happy Strummers, Betsy Nishioka, Ann Nakata, and Susan Morishige, played and sang to "Haru Ga Kita" or "Spring Time is Here." Did you notice the sakura branches and hearts on their music sheet stands?

Dharma School followed with a "DS Joke Wall," produced by



Ann Miyasaki and the Dharma School students. Their joke wall props and jokes brought much laughter. Well done Dharma School students!



*"A Dharma School student asked the Bishop,
"Is is okay to use email?"*

Yes, replied the Bishop, but with no attachments!" Ha, ha!

Sangha Singers – Rev. Muneto, Rev. Bert Sumikawa, Rev. Umitani, and Osamu Kawabata sang to the song, "Wakare no Isochidori," "A Proper Good-bye." This song was written by the Hawaiian-Japanese composer Francis Zanami, a former Moiliili Hongwanji member, and became a hit back in 1952.



The highlight was the Virtual Dharmachakra Bingo Game. Prizes of silk sakura branches and gift cards were generously donated by Ann and Lynn Nakata.

For the finale, Naho Umitani sang to "Stayin Alive" as everyone sang along at home. As you can see, it was a well put together Shinnen Enkai program! Everyone, please 'stay alive' by eating healthy, exercise and sleeping early, a good new year's resolution for 2022!

Moiliili Hongwanji BWA

by Lois Ohta, MH BWA President

Happy Spring! Time is just “Marching” along...

Our BWA entered 2022 full of hope for the end of this long pandemic. Our group has, in general, kept in good health through these challenging 2 ½ years.

On January 8th, the Executive Board physically came together to begin planning for 2022.

Our first activity for the year was on January 16th with 6 folks coming together to make otoki for delivery to our homebound temple elders. The otoki consisted of inarizushi, kuromame, yokan, kanten and homegrown orange wedges.

A special thank you to: Osamu, Anne, Donna, Susan O., Joanne, Jeanne, Karen K., Ann, Cyndi and Lily who helped to make the food and/or deliver to our elders. We were not able to see each elder in person, but family members gratefully accepted the delivery. Those we saw were just as happy to see us as we were to see them!

We had our first General Membership meeting via Zoom on February 13th after the Dana Day service with 24 people in attendance. Here's to a happy, productive 2022!



Mrs. Frances Aoyama, Mrs. Thelma Ando, Mr. Walter Ebisu & Mrs. Sue Sonoda receiving otoki bento

Zippy's Ticket Fundraiser

The Zippy's Ticket Fundraiser was a huge success! The timing was right, as it was held in November before the holiday season. It was easy as it didn't take many man hours to carry through. The tickets could be redeemed for Chili, Portuguese bean soup, Spaghetti sauce, and a Breakfast plate with small drink or 5 pieces of Napoleon's Bakery cornbread. There were a variety of items to choose from.

Many commented the Zippy's tickets made great stocking stuffers or gifts for the holidays.

Mahalo for your kokua!

Digitizing the White Way Radio Broadcast Tapes Update

(shared by Donna Higashi)

Since we last asked for help (Nov. 2021 White Way) with this huge project of digitizing close to 1400 cassette broadcast tapes found in our MHM Sound room, (dated from 1984-2010) we completed digitizing two years worth of tapes, selected randomly 2004 and 2007. You might be asking why those two years? Well, I was afraid to start at the oldest, which hadn't been used for close to 40 years and maybe we might need professional help for them. I didn't want to start "backwards" at 2010, so decided to take the "middle path" since all the tapes are stacked neatly in two rows on 7 shelves and that's how far I could reach without standing on a ladder or stool.

It's a time consuming process because it has to be done in "real time." Each tape is close to 14 minutes long and you need to sit and listen for 14 minutes also. Fresh batteries, useable flashdrives and a home computer are needed for this small converter to work. Imagine my frustrations when the "green" recording light failed or the flashdrive needed to be reformatted, thus losing all the recordings. I quit several times but was encouraged again and again by Ann and Clyde Kabasawa who loaned us the original converter and Rev. Umitani, who attended the initial training with me. Special thanks also to Emma Kie in the office who has since downloaded all the recordings on the office's external drive.

Here are some amazing hi-lites that I heard from these tapes: In August 2003, the Pacific Buddhist Academy began with ninth graders. The following speakers shared the beginnings of PBA: F. Nonaka, P. Toyama, Bishop C. Yosemite, K. Takakuwa, J. Morse, A. Urasaki. Other topics in 2004 included Project Dana's 15th Anniversary (S. Makino), Hongwanji Mission School's 55th Anniversary (L. Yasui), Honokaa Hongwanji's Centennial (W. Bonk), Pearl City's Centennial (T. Murakami), Eshinni-sama (M. Kondo)

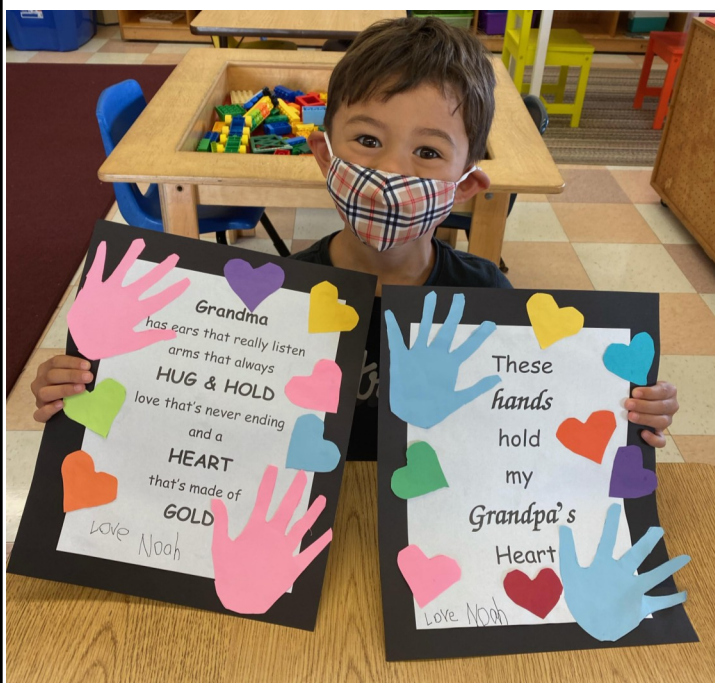
2007 was the 50th Anniversary of the Jr. YBA and PEACE was the major hi-lite as shared by many speakers thanking the United Jr. YBA for establishing the First Peace Day in Hawaii. Honokaa Peace Parade started (M. Okumura). Even the announcements were



The month of February began with a bang as Chinese New Year was observed on February 1...the Year of the Tiger. The children were busy crafting tigers and/or lions and even had their own lion dance.

Grandparents play such an important role in our children's lives. On February 14 Valentine's Day, and Grandparent's Day (for the preschool), the children recognized their grandparents by making heartfelt crafts to show how much they are loved and appreciated by their grandchildren.

****Each bubble class had their own activity for Chinese New Year and Grandparent's Day**



noteworthy listing the many services, seminars, affirmation rites, bon dance schedules, fundraisers, concerts, etc.

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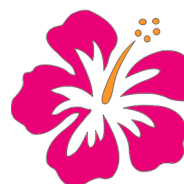
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March 2022

- 6 9:00 AM** Hongwanji Day & Remembrance Service
13 9:00 AM Spring Ohigan Service with
 Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki
20 9:00 AM Sunday Service with Rev. Umitani
27 9:00 AM Sunday Service with
 Ms. Teresa Shimogawa

April 2022

- 3 9:30 AM** Online HBC Buddha Day Service
10 9:00 AM Buddha Day & Remembrance Service
17 9:00 AM BWA Eshinni & Kakushinni Service
 with Mrs. Doris Oshiro
24 9:00 AM Sunday Service with Rev. Umitani

May 2022

- 1 9:00 AM** Sunday Remembrance Service /
 State Dharma School gathering
8 9:00 AM Mother's Day Service
15 9:00 AM Sunday Service with Rev. Umitani
22 9:00 AM Gotan-E Service with Rev. Thomas Okano
29 9:00 AM Memorial Day Service with Rev. Umitani

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

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

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

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- 5** Ms. Linda Nagai/Francis & Susan Okano
12 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio/Donna Higashi
19 Dr. Dexter Mar/John & Laura Moriyama
26 Rev. Shingo Furusawa/MHBWA

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- 2** Rev. Yuika Hasebe/Wendy Nakanishi
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23 Rev. Daido Baba/Thelma Ando
30 Bishop Tatsuya Aoki/Hirai Family

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- 7** Rev. Shindo Nishiyama/Yoshimura Family
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- To attend in person: Please wear masks and vaccinated or tested is encouraged.
- To attend via Zoom: Please contact the office to receive a Zoom link.



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