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## ZIPPY'S FUNDRAISER

Moiliili Hongwanji is having a Zippy's fundraiser once again. Five tickets for a total of \$50 will be mailed to each household. These tickets can be redeemed for Chili, Portuguese bean soup, and now a Breakfast plate with small drink or 5 pieces of Napoleon's Bakery Cornbread.

Zippy's has outlets on Maui and on the Big Island. These would be great to include in your holiday gift giving or as stocking stuffers! (Watch for expiration date) Look for tickets in your mailbox mid November.

If you would like to purchase more tickets, simply call the office at (808)949-1659. If not, tickets must be returned to the temple office.

Mahalo for your kokua!





# 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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Project Dana: (808) 945-3736 [info@projectdana.org](mailto:info@projectdana.org)



## REFRESHMENTS ARE BACK!

Finally, refreshments are back! We could not serve refreshments during the COVID-19 pandemic for more than two years. We held Sunday Services virtually (online only) for about two years, started hybrid Sunday Service (online and in-person) from this year, and now we resumed serving refreshments after the Sunday Service on October 9. Those who attended our Sunday Service in person that day enjoyed meeting with fellow Sangha members and talking stories in the social hall while having the refreshments. Thank you to the temple members who volunteered to bring refreshments. It was wonderful to see people smiling, greeting, and embracing each other in the Social Hall.

Refreshments are an essential part of our Sunday Service. It provides an opportunity for the participants to experience the joy and warmth of living in the Nembutsu. We listen to the all-inclusive Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha as we chant the Sutra, sing the Gatha, and listen to the Dharma message during the Service. We then “practice” what we received/learned and deepen our understanding and appreciation together with Dharma friends through refreshments.

**“Members of the Buddha’s Sangha should associate together with affectionate sympathy, being happy to live together with fellow-followers, and seeking to become one in spirit.”**

**“When a Buddha Land is founded upon the pure mind of a single person, that single pure mind draws other kindred minds to itself in the Sangha. Faith in Buddha spreads from individual to family, from family to village, from village to towns, to cities, to countries, and finally to the whole world.”**

**(From “The Teaching of Buddha”)**

We are all children of Amida Buddha. Regardless of our age, gender, ethnic and cultural background, all of us are embraced, illuminated, and affirmed as we are by the Light of Amida Buddha. We extend our loving-kindness, empathy, and caring heart to one another just like the Buddha who promised to embrace us all. What draws people to Hongwanji is the equality and inclusiveness of Jodo Shinshu’s teaching and the people who practice the teaching.

Moilili Hongwanji commits to providing a welcoming, pleasant, and nurturing environment for anyone who visits us. We would like you to experience a sense of comfort and belonging through our services and programs. You are more than welcome to join us. We would love to see you at our Sunday Service and refreshments.

**May the gifts bestowed upon us by Amida Buddha be equally shared with all beings. And together, awakening our Bodhi mind, realize the Perfect Realm of Peace and Bliss.**

Namo Amida Butsu

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani

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## New Year's Services

### December 31, 2022 (Sat)

The New Year's Eve Service will be held at the Hondo at 7:00pm. (In-person only)

We will hit the temple bell (Joya no Kane) after the service.

Temple office is closed but the Columbarium will be open from 8:00am to 1:00pm.



### January 1, 2023 (Sun)

The New Year's Day Service will be held at the Hondo at 9:00am. (Hybrid: In-Person & Zoom)

Temple office is closed but the Columbarium will be open from 8:00am to 1:00pm.



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## Memorial Services

As COVID-19 restrictions ease, Moilili 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 (808)949-1659 for more details and to make an appointment.

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

Year of passing	Type of memorial service
2021	1 <sup>st</sup> year
2020	3 <sup>rd</sup> year
2016	7 <sup>th</sup> year
2010	13 <sup>th</sup> year
2006	17 <sup>th</sup> year
1998	25 <sup>th</sup> year
1990	33 <sup>rd</sup> year
1973	50 <sup>th</sup> year

# **REPORT TO THE SANGHA**

from your Board of Directors

After almost three years with a pandemic that closed our temple, forced us to hold Sunday services “virtually” on Zoom, and kept temple members apart, we are **finally getting back to “normal.”** We co-sponsored the Moiliili Summer Fest and Bon Dance in the summer that drew thousands, very likely due to pent-up demand for activities that would foster social interaction rather than isolation. We sponsored a successful Mini Bazaar that brought people together but also raised needed funds to support the temple.

Another significant evidence of our return to normalcy is that refreshments are once again being served after Sunday service! Thanks to Susan Okano, **refreshment teams** have been organized to provide light refreshments after the service to allow those who attend service in person to gather for food and fellowship in our newly available social hall. If you’re not on a team yet, please contact Susan to volunteer!

Nancy Shimamoto, chair of the **Capital Campaign**, has been hard at work with her team on a “soft launch” of the **Capital Campaign** to raise funds for renovations that are planned to rejuvenate the temple. The official launch of the capital campaign will be at the Annual Meeting and Shinnen Enkai (New Year’s Party) on February 19, 2023. Gearing up for that, the capital campaign team organized two “town hall” meetings in September and October following the Sunday service to inform members about the capital campaign—what it is and what it’s for. The recent town hall meeting was especially vibrant with roughly 30 Sangha members sharing candid comments about the temple as it is now and how it can be improved as well as the renovations they would like to see. Members expressed the need for more communication with temple leadership about what’s going on now and for the future.

**Regular membership meetings** in town hall fashion have been discussed by board members as a way to share information, gather member input, and keep the Sangha engaged. The Board has discussed scheduling these open forums possibly six times a year, the first to be held after Sunday service, hopefully some time in December. This (with refreshments) might even draw members back to attend Sunday services in person!

As most of you know, the temple has been seeking to **acquire the neighboring property**, which is surrounded by the temple. Heirs of the original owners, the sellers would not accept our offer of the appraised value of the property and instead entertained an offer for an amount closer to their asking price of \$2 million, which is half a million more than the appraisal. Since then, the property has been in escrow for almost half a year with no movement. We remain hopeful that the temple can acquire the property at a reasonable price.

In the meantime, **plans to renovate the temple** have been ongoing for a year. A “dialogue” session was held in April by Mari Fukuya and Dorothy Colby, then co-chairs of the Renovations Committee, to solicit member input about how temple facilities should be used when the Preschool closed in May and space would be available on the first floors of both buildings. The committee, now chaired by Mel Takemoto and Osamu Kawabata, is working with a retired architect, Glenn Miura, who is volunteering his time and talent to put together a plan for City approval. The plan is intended to provide space for temple members to use as well as to provide opportunities to generate revenue. Please contact Mel or Osamu if you have any thoughts on temple renovations.

Moiliili Hongwanji has been in existence since 1906. Temple membership once flourished with community members, predominantly Japanese, eagerly gathering to listen to the Dharma while joining in fellowship as a Sangha. But over the years, membership has declined. Today, our sustaining membership count hovers around 150 and has declined by about 100 in just the past 15 years. The **Temple Revitalization** Committee, co-chaired by Gail Okata, Cynthia Ogasawara and Martha Samson, is exploring ways to revitalize our temple and welcome newcomers to the temple who will, we hope, become sustaining members. The committee will soon be implementing some of the ideas that may attract newcomers and encourage old timers to become both more inviting and welcoming. Exciting changes are on the horizon!

**Any questions?** Contact Joanne Kealoha, board president, at [jkealoha@ilwulocal142.org](mailto:jkealoha@ilwulocal142.org) or leave a message at the office and she will call you back. Mahalo for reading this report!”



# CAMPAIGNING FOR OUR TEMPLE'S RENOVATION-UPDATE 2

*"Spreading the Joy of Gratitude, Peace, and Service to All"*

## *Since the last article....*

- **The soft launch** was set into motion for the Moliili Hongwanji Board of Directors. It was launched at the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting by Campaign Chair Nancy Shimamoto. Letters and pledge forms have since been distributed to each Board member. As of the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, a total of \$9,250.00 was collected from 5 donors. Each board member is asked to provide three to five names of non-members or businesses who could be solicited for donations. Letters are available to write a personal message to potential donors. Donor packets (letter, pledge form, return envelope, brochure) can be prepared for members to address on their own (if an address is not wished to be provided and returned to the office for a stamp for mailing). A target of January 2023 is set to provide names to Emma, Office Manager, before the Capital Campaign is officially kicked off in February.
- **Town Hall Meeting #1** ~ September 18:



24 participants in Social Halls 2 & 3. Guest speakers were Rev. Blayne Higa of Kona Hongwanji and Melvin Takemoto, Renovations Committee Chair. Refreshments and group discussions were held.

- **Town Hall Meeting #2** ~ October 23:



28 participants gathered in the Social Hall rallied by Nancy Shimamoto, Chair. Cards were held up by Robin Meade, Martha Samson and Joanne Kealoha, respectively, to visually present the specifics of the Capital Campaign: \$500,000 goal, within a period of 3 years and for the purpose of *renovating* the lower campus of the temple. At the end of the town hall meeting, \$72,750 has been received toward the Capital Campaign drive that will officially launch in February 2023.

Bert Matsuoka, Melanie Van der Tuin and Martha Samson facilitated and reported of their group discussion on the five topics: **1) Name some things that are "working" (going well) at MH?** **2) How can we improve what we are doing at MH?** **3) Can you suggest some new activities/programs that we may want to try out?** **4) How would you like to see the Social Hall and Lower Annex used?** **5) What would you like to see (physical improvements) in the Social Hall?** Corresponding to topic number, the responses were: **1)** hybrid services/meetings;

handicap accessible; returned to in-temple services and events; investments. **2)** need better communications between the Board and membership; expand outreach beyond our community; donation of membership talents; remembering the 3 pillars of a strong Sangha (members & volunteers, teachings, finances); regular town hall meetings. **3)** discuss to bring awareness of current community social issues to participate, learn and understand and relate to in the Buddhist way; support for members with health issues. **4)** event coordinator for the social hall; rooms be open and a priority to members; rooms 2 & 3 always available; **5)** better acoustics; black out shades; audio/video infrastructure in temple and social hall; security; stage.

*Possibility of a next town hall meeting? Stay tuned!*

*Submitted by: Iris Wasa-Uehisa*

## Mini-Bazaar Mahalo

A Big Mahalo to all those who helped put the Mini-Bazaar together! The event was a major (not a mini) temple-wide fundraiser on October 2nd. Success was largely due to members' and supporters' hard work. A huge mahalo to everyone!

Rummage and crafts, chaired by Iris & Cheryl and Ruth & Karen, brought in the most profit and was definitely the main attraction. Everything from creative home sewn items, fine china sets to children's books could be found, something for all ages. Thanks to the generous donation of JCCH and many individuals, many collectables and one of a kind vintage items could be found. The Made in Occupied Japan was definitely a collector's find. The reduced prices made everyone feel like there were great bargains they just couldn't pass. Everyone left with big smiles on their faces.

Plant sales were also winners! Lynn and Mari made sure plant lovers bought more than one, with gentle coaxing from the knowledgeable chairs. Thanks to generous donations by Lori & Glen, Wally, Lynn, and many plant lovers, everything seemed to say, "Please take me home!" Many plants were happily adopted!

Baked goods, chaired by Cynthia and Noriyo, were surprisingly very popular and disappeared in no time! Through the generous donation of many talented hands, goodies such as cookies, brownies, chex mix, mochi and homemade goodies, quickly disappeared. The yummy snacks and desserts made many tummies totally happy!

Food items, with Arlyne, Ann N, and Karen K. and the BWA at the helm, were chow fun, chicken katsu, spam musubi, vegetable pasta salad, chirashi sushi and more. Our talented kitchen crew knew how and what to make for lunch and dinner, if any were left by then! Shave ice, handled by the Jr. YBA, was certainly a nice way to cool off!

Thanks to the Dharma School, led by Ann M and Rona, they created balloon animals and had creative storytelling sessions. That certainly made many children happy!

Even a religious table attracted the public's attention where they could receive brochures and ask questions. Thank you to Rev. & Mrs. Umitani, President Joanne, and Cyndi of Project Dana for their efforts.

All couldn't have happened without the help of the Set-Up Crew led by Mel T., the parking & gatekeepers led by Alan N and Cyndi., publicity led by Robin & Ryne, and many behind the scene temple members, friends and supporters such as the Jaycees.

A big mahalo to everyone for a successful bazaar! Hana Hou!



# Mini Bazaar Photos



BWA ladies



Bake Sale Volunteers



Learn about MHM



Plant Sale Volunteers



Rummage & Crafters/Quilters Sale Volunteers



Dharma School Balloon Animals & Storytelling



Jr YBA Shave Ice Volunteers



### Home Covid 19 tests available

If you are interested in a Home Covid 19 Test, please contact Project Dana  
(808) 945-3736.

Remember, always keep in touch with your health care provider, doctor, or primary care physician for any questions about Covid 19. Ask questions about your or loved one's health. We need to be assertive consumers in caring for ourselves and family.

### REMEMBER:

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

It's easy to vote by mail.

KEEP HYDRATED!

Drink lots of water all day long.

CONTACT PROJECT DANA  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR  
IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE.

## MAHALO TO

## FOODLAND DONORS

Many thanks to generous members and friends who donated to Foodland's GiveAloha program this year. We had \$269 donations and a Foodland and partner match of \$69.79 for a total of \$338.79. Mahalo for your support!

## TEMPLE REFRESHMENTS

Temple members have an opportunity to contribute refreshments for Sunday services. The after-service social hour allows worshippers to talk story while munching on the goodies provided by our members. If you would like to join our refreshment team, please email Susan Okano at [susanokano@gmail.com](mailto:susanokano@gmail.com) or call her at (808) 223-2486. The refreshment schedule is as follows:

### REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE 2022

	NOV	DEC
TEAM 1 (Donna)		18
TEAM 2 (Gail)	13**	
TEAM 3 (Nancy S)		
TEAM 4 (Ruth and Mel)		
TEAM 5 (Cheryl)	6*	
TEAM 6 (Lynn)		
TEAM 7 (Anne K)	20	
TEAM 8 (Lily)	27	
TEAM 9 (Cynthia)		11*
<u>No Services</u> on these days:		
12/4 HBC Bodhi Day	*BWA Mtg	*Bodhi Day Svc
12/25 Christmas	**Eitaikyo	





You are invited to

**Moiliili Hongwanji Dharma School's**

# **Dana Food Drive!**

**Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Looking for:

Canned goods (vegetables, fruits, soup)

Canned proteins (spam, tuna, chicken, vienna sausage)

Canned meals (stew, spaghetti, chili)

Packaged items (bags of rice, ramen, spaghetti noodles, etc.)

*Please check expiration dates. No perishables please!*

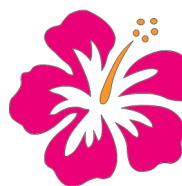
**Moiliili Hongwanji  
902 University Ave.**

*Donations will be made to Hawaii Food Bank.  
Let's support those in need, especially during this difficult times!*





# Mahalo Temple Donations



Dennis Asato

Dorothy Colby

*IMO Barbara Nomura*

Donna Fujimoto

*IMO Chikako Fujimoto*

Keith Hamao

Ernest & Sumie Hashizume

Wesley Henry

Calvin & Sharon Higuchi

Wallace & Nancy Hironaka

*IMO Sumiko Hironaka*

Deane Kadokawa

Stanley & Doris Kitadani

*IMO Zenichi & Hatsue Sunada*

Kevin & Kay Kitazumi

Sonya Kuki

Bert & Hazel Maedo

*IMO Grace Maedo & Robert Maedo*

Sharleen & Arnold Maruishi

Patsy Matsuo

*IMO Milton Yamasaki's 13 yr memorial*

Janyce Miyashiro

Moiliili Japanese Cemetery

Noriyo Morikubo

*IMO Dan Hirashima's 1st yr &*

*Shigezuchi Morikubo's 50th yr memorial*

Susan Morishige

*IMO Stanley Morishige*

Wendy Nakanishi

*IMO Warren Yokota*

Alan Nakasone

Lynn Nakata

Ann Nakata

Ethel Aiko Oda

Chie Oshima

Martha Samson

Laurie Stewart

Gail Tagashira

Linda Takai

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Sharen Uyeunten

Melanie Van der Tuin

Ruth Yashiki

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Frances Aoyama

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Mari Fukuya

Wesley Henry

Donna Higashi

Jeanette Hiranaga

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Karen Kikukawa

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## Capital Campaign Donations

Dr. Richard & Thelma Ando

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Dharma School

Gordon Kitsuwu

*IMO Linda Kitsuwu*

Lois Ohta

Karen Murakami

*IMO Hirai & Murakami Families*

Roy & Nancy Shimamoto

James Hatashima

Alyce Jenkins

Sharon Okubo

## Covid-19 Relief Fund

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Contact the office for Zoom link)

### November 2022

- 6 9:00 AM BWA Hoonko Service with  
Ms. Carolyn Uchiyama
- 13 9:00 AM Eitaikyo Service with Rev Ai Hironaka
- 20 9:00 AM Sunday Service
- 27 9:00 AM Sunday Service
- December 2022**

- 4 9:00 AM HBC Bodhi Day Service at Jodo Mission
- 11 9:00 AM Bodhi Day & Remembrance Service
- 18 9:00 AM Sunday Service
- 25 Service cancelled

### January 2023

- 1 9:00 AM New Year's Day Service
- 8 9:00 AM Remembrance Service & Mochitsuki
- 15 9:00 AM Hoonko Service w/ Rev. Tatsuo Muneto
- 22 9:00 AM Sunday Service
- 29 9:00 AM Project Dana Appreciation Service

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

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

Kazuyo "Kay" Furukawa	102	10/2/2021
Thelma Ando*	102	7/26/2022
Gladys Fusae Okamura	97	7/31/2022
Edward Shigeharu Masaki	89	8/22/2022
Sharon Sachiko Watanabe*	74	8/29/2022
Setsuko Tomishima	95	9/10/2022
Michael Seiji Tajima	81	10/11/2022

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

(\* Indicates Temple Sustaining Gojikai Member)

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

### November 2022

- 5 Mr. Blayne Nakasone/ Mrs. Jolene Nakamatsu
- 12 Rev. Alan Urasaki/ Mr. & Mrs. Roy Abe
- 19 Rev. Kazunori Takahashi/  
Mr.&Mrs. Michael Sorakubo
- 26 Rev. Joshin Kamuro/ The Morikubo Family

### December 2022

- 3 Rev. Blayne Higa/ Mrs. Ruth Ono
- 10 Rev. Charlene Kihara/ Mr.&Mrs. Michael Sorakubo
- 17 Rev. Shinji Kawagoe/ Dr. Douglas Shiraki
- 24 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka/ Mrs. Karen Murakami
- 31 Rev. Masanari Yamagishi/ Bert & Cynthia Ogasawara

### January 2023

- 7 Gomonshu & Bishop Eric Matsumoto/  
Mr.&Mrs. Michael Sorakubo
- 14 Dr. Warren Tamamoto/ Mrs. Nancy Shimamoto
- 21 Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani/ The Hirai Family
- 28 Mrs. Joanne Kealoha/ The Kie Family

### White Way Radio Donations

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Chris Kanazawa  
Joy Miyasaki  
Ernest Morikubo  
Karen Murakami

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IMO Grace Maedo & Robert Maedo  
Glen & June Matsumoto  
IMO Hirai & Matsumoto Families  
Leighton & Sharynne Sakamoto

### MHM Hybrid Sunday Service

MHM members and friends can enjoy Sunday Services either in-person or online (Zoom). You are always welcome to join us. The service starts at 9:00am every Sunday.

- To attend in-person: No reservations required.
- To attend online: Please contact the office to receive a Zoom link.



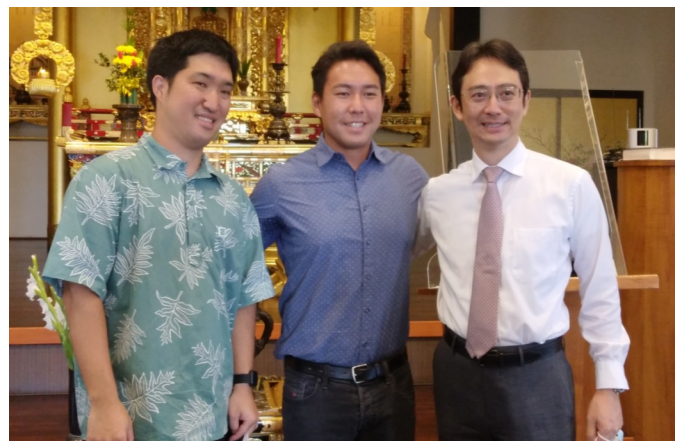
Grandparents Day



Rev. Alan Urasaki



Laura Ruby ringing  
the kansho on Peace  
Day



Ryne Masuda, Dwight Matsuo & Rev. Umitani



The Ganotisi family & Riho trying out tie  
dyeing activity led by Ruth & Mel Takemoto