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## Aloha Temple Members & Supporters

Otsukare sama deshita, thank you for your hard work! On behalf of Mō‘ili‘ili Hongwanji Mission, I would like to personally thank all of our temple members, family, friends and various organizations for coming together to make the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Mō‘ili‘ili Summer Fest possible. Each year, we heavily rely on outside help in order to make this event a success. This year, we had close to 200 volunteers.

The Mō‘ili‘ili community really came together to celebrate this special occasion, the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Moiliili Summer Fest.

Many thanks to the Bon Dance committee for another year of planning and executing a successful event!

Mahalo nui loa,

Ryne Masuda  
Mō‘ili‘ili Summer Fest Co-Chair  
Mō‘ili‘ili Hongwanji Mission Bon Dance Chair



# 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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## It's Bon Dance Time!

As in the gatha that is sung during the Obon season,

“Obon, Obon, It's Festival Day! We gather friends all along the way  
and bring fruits and vegetables for the shrine.”

“Like Mogallana many, many years ago.”

In the classical story of Obon that can be traced back to the Ullambana Sutra, it is the story of a Mogallana who used his extraordinary powers to visualize the whereabouts of his mother who recently died. Mogallana was surprised to find her suffering in the realm of the *hungry ghosts*, one of the six realms of existences in Buddhism. Using his powers, he filled a bowl with food and had it sent to her. However, as soon as she put the food into her mouth, it burst into flames. Finding himself at wits' end, Mogallana ran to seek the advice of the Buddha. The Buddha explained that although his mother was kind and gentle and appeared devoted to him; in reality she did so forsaking all other people who needed help. The Buddha told Mogallana that it would be impossible to save his mother by himself, but needed the combined help of all beings and that the only way was to make offerings of food.

Obon is truly a special time, as families come together to express gratitude to all of our loved ones who have passed on from their earthly existence. Together, families and friends gather to have fun, reminisce, and to enjoy each other's company. The importance of this is the realization that as we come together, we acknowledge our interconnectedness with one another. This is the lesson of the Mogallana story.

This interconnectedness allows us to realize that we are not alone in the world, but together, we can make this a better and more meaningful place in our lives. The feeling of loneliness is the direct opposite of togetherness, and this for many of us, is something we can well understand.

Obon in the Jodo Shinshu tradition is oftentimes referred to as *kangi-e*, or a Gathering of Joy. We gather in joy, as we recall the benefits bestowed on us by our forbearers. In the Jodo Shinshu Service book, there is a passage in the *Homages or Kikyomon* that reads that “Hard it is to be born into human life; now we are living in it. Difficult it is to hear the Teachings of the Blessed One; now we hear them.....”

Each of us has our own parents. They in turn had their parents, and so on. If we go back just 10 generations, we have 1,024 direct ancestors.

If we go back 20 generations, we have over 10 and a quarter million direct ancestors. If we go back 40 generations, we can count 1,099,511,627,776 direct ancestors.

So my life, your life, is made up of the many, many lives of our ancestors. If only one of the 1 trillion plus ancestor is missing, I and you would not be here today, and that is a guarantee.

Let us be reminded of our indebtedness to our parents and ancestors during Obon, and realize the interdependent nature of life and to be able to express it daily in our lives.

Rev. Bert Sumikawa

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### 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
2022	1 <sup>st</sup> year
2021	3 <sup>rd</sup> year
2017	7 <sup>th</sup> year
2011	13 <sup>th</sup> year
2007	17 <sup>th</sup> year
1999	25 <sup>th</sup> year
1991	33 <sup>rd</sup> year
1974	50 <sup>th</sup> year

## *“Campaigning and Renovating”*

### *Campaigning News:*

- On May the 4th the “*Force*” was with us! Campaign chair Nancy Shimamoto was super excited to text the capital campaign team with a bold and colorful “**YAY**” to let the team know that the capital campaign fund had crossed over to \$202,506.59. Nancy even said “I am ready to donate 41 cents to round up the total.” We think she did because on June 14, in bold red letters, Nancy, once again announced that “**as of TODAY, our total has reached \$212,112.00. We think that’s AMAZING! Thank you!**”
- On July 1, the capital campaign team will “bittersweetly” be a team member short as Reverend Umitani leaves Moiliili Hongwanji temple to ascend to become Bishop Umitani at Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. But we do not fear because Reverend Umitani said he will be back to celebrate with us in our *newly renovated social hall* at the culmination of this capital campaign at the February 2026 Shinnen Enkai that will coincide with the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the temple.



### *Renovating News:*

- At their meeting on April 28, the renovations committee met with Glenn Miura who introduced John Toguchi, a licensed architect, and the current president of Jikoen Hongwanji. John Toguchi will begin meeting with the renovations committee in August to steer the committee from where Glenn Miura, a retired architect, was able to do. John Toguchi will steer the committee to the completion of the renovations of Moiliili Hongwanji.
- On May 25, the committee filed the Declaratory Statement with the State Bureau of Conveyances for a certified copy to submit to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). Once the Declaratory Statement is provided to DPP, the detailed building plans for the temple’s renovations can be drawn up by John Toguchi and submitted to the Building Department for approval.

*The Capital Campaign Team, Nancy Shimamoto, Joanne Kealoha, Reverend T. Umitani,  
Rona Fukumoto, Robin Meade, Martha Samson, Emma Kie and Iris Wasa Uehisa*



## **Join Project Dana's Public Presentation Meetings!**

### **Upcoming Events:**

Meeting Date:	Wednesday, July 12, 2023
Time:	9:30 am to 11:30 am
Location:	Zoom and Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813)
Topic:	“Public Health Nursing Branch (PHNB)” – learn about what services and resources are available to caregivers and older adults offered by the Department of Health, Public Health Nursing Branch.
Speaker:	Ivy Okasako, Ailene Barranco, & Mohamed Elshehaby, Public Health Nurses

Meeting Date:	Saturday, July 22, 2023
Time:	9:30 am to 11:30 am
Location:	Zoom and Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (94-821 Kuhaulua Street, Waipahu, HI 96797)
Topic:	“Dementia Friends” – learn how to create a more dementia-friendly community, be a friend to persons living with dementia, what organizations in our community are doing to create a dementia-friendly environment, and community resources on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias.
Speaker:	Dr. Kevin Kawamoto

\*Zoom links will be provided by inquiry

**Please call or e-mail if you are interested on attending public presentations or need more information about the program:**

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## GO-EN MOMENTS IN JAPAN



Led by MH BWA President Lois Ohta and Honorary President Yoshiko Umitani, 12 BWA members and a few spouses left Honolulu Airport for Kansai Airport, Osaka on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> for the Special events in Kyoto, Japan. Included were: *D. Higashi, A. and O. Kawabata, L. and R. Masuda, S. Morishige, A. Nakata, C. Ogasawara, L. Ohta, F. and S. Okano, Y. Umitani. Naomi Kawabata, daughter of Anne and Osamu joined from California.* That afternoon on a separate flight, *Rev. T. Umitani and daughter Riho* joined the group.

Our JAL flight included dharma friends from Hawaii Betsuin, Jikoen, and several Oahu and neighbor island temple members. After passing immigration and customs, we traveled by bus to three different hotels in Kyoto. MHM settled in very close to the Kyoto Railway station at the Miyako Hotel for the next 5 days/nights.

Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> was a free rest day and most of the group traveled to Lake Biwa led by Osamu Kawabata. (He also took care of the men folks while the BWA Convention was being held.) Ann Nakata was more adventurous and traveled by Shinkansen to Yamaguchi and Hiroshima prefecture, while others met with relatives and went shopping in Kyoto city.

All 15 of us including Rev. Umitani met early Wednesday morning to board the bus to Honzan which was the true beginning of our journey to join the double commemoration of the 850<sup>th</sup> birth of Shinran Shonin and the 800<sup>th</sup> Establishment of Jodo Shinshu. I always thought this year had to do with Shinran's daughter, Kakushinni, but nothing like that was ever shared at the workshop. According to Rev. David Fujimoto of Mililani Hongwanji who I questioned later, it was actually the date given when Shinran began writing and preaching his major works (Kyo-Gyo-Shin-Sho). After a commemorative photo taken of our group and waiting at the rest area, we met up with the rest of the Hawaii delegation (close to 170) and joined the other Overseas groups from Buddhist Churches of America, Buddhist Churches of Canada and possibly South America. Each of us was given a translator and large screens were available for closeup viewing of the entire service program. The entrance of the Zen Monshu Kosho Ohtani and Lady Noriko Ohtani as well as the present Monshu's wife, Lady Ruzumi was not to be missed by all. Some of us had a Go-En moment when we met Dr. Toshikazu Arai and Blayne Nakasone, of Waipahu, presently studying in Japan as a ministerial aspirant. Before lunch the group was invited to view the back chambers of the Hongwanji.

Joining us for lunch at the Monpo Kaikan were 3 members of Hawaii Betusin who received their Dharma name at a special Affirmation Rites ceremony. They were *David Atcheson, Claire Groom* and *Albert Wong*. Congratulations to all. There are many places to shop for Buddhist items in around the Hongwanji as our group will tell like Onenju and

For the next two days, we traveled to the Kyoto International Center, site the 17<sup>th</sup> World Buddhist Women's Convention which was about a 40 minutes bus ride north of Kyoto Station. Since it was the first day, Hawaii members wore similar outfits. Black pants, purple BWA shirt, Double gold and purple lei with a special button (donated by Barbara Fujimoto of Hilo). We joined other attendees at the mini market, refreshments area, and planned workshops. However, the popular hands-on workshops were quickly closed. We ended the day by viewing the entertainment group from each district. Most were song (and dance) numbers and Hawaii's show was the singing of "My Pledge" done in sign language led by Wendi Yumori of Hawaii Betsuin and included our two Bishops from Hawaii.

*"We welcome all with aloha to come as they are to the circle of Namu Amida Butsu. To the circle of Namu Amida Butsu."* (final verse of Pledge)

We ended the day's activity with the sharing of gifts with people sitting nearby: packets of tea, handkerchiefs, small snacks, hand made toys, etc. Lois Ohta's go-en moment was sitting by two members of Yoshiko Umitani's temple from Osaka. Yoshiko's own mother and sister could not attend because only 3 members from her temple were allowed. She quickly introduced them to each other. Another go-en moment occurred earlier back at the Miyako Hotel. The parents of *Rev. Joshin Kamuro*, formerly of Hawaii Betsuin and now at Hilo Betsuin introduced themselves to us. They had traveled from Kumamoto and wanted to meet some Hawaii folks. What a chance meeting since we even met his twin sister.

The final day at Kyoto International Center included a concert by a renown singer-songwriter *Chihiro*. She shared songs familiar to many of us because the words came from *Takeko Kujo*, who actually began the BWA years ago. So beautiful. We also took turns taking group shots of Honolulu United BWA members and individual Honolulu Units by the center stage. The Opening Ceremony, close to 2,000 attendees was followed by a Dharma Message by *Rev. Morita Shinnen Kangaku* of Kyoto Women's University. Next, amazingly, a stay in your seat bento lunch and drink was passed out in the hall. The district panelists followed, and Hawaii was again well represented by former Hawaii Betsuin BWA president, *Cindy Alm*. The General Membership Meeting led by the Japan Federation and the five district representatives followed. Hawaii was ably represented by *President Linda Nagai* and *VP Claire Tamamoto*. The Closing Ceremony included the exchange of the Flag from Japan to Hawaii and an invitation to the next World Buddhist Women's Convention in 2027 in Hawaii. The video production by *Joy Nishida* and *Jacob Chang* was very well received and the finishing touch was a lovely hula by *Cindy Alm's daughter, Kristen* which was followed by thunderous applause. "See you in Hawaii in 2027." As we left the Center, we bid farewell to the Japanese planners as they lined the thoroughfare and, in their midst, stood *Lady Ruzmi Ohtani* bowing and waving. Some of us stopped in our tracks. It was another fitting go-en moment for those in Hawaii who had met her personally a few years before at the Honolulu United BWA meeting at Jikoen Hongwanji.

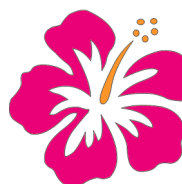
Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, we left Kyoto to begin our own post-convention tour. Others joined their own tours or returned to their family temples/homes in Japan and some like Rev. Umitani and Riho returned home to Hawaii. Hopefully, you will learn about their adventures later.

(Shared by Donna Higashi)





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## Chris Richardson's Dharma Message "Unity"

Mr. Christopher Richardson, President of Lanai Hongwanji, was our lay speaker on May 28, 2023. He talked about the Four Immeasurables.

1. Loving Kindness *Mettā*, is an outward expression of good will to others, beyond discrimination.
2. Empathetic Wisdom *Karuṇā*, is more often defined as compassion, or compassionate wisdom. It resonates with sharing in the griefs, sorrows, and disappointments of others, while hoping for and helping their well being.
3. Sympathetic Joy *Mudita*, is sharing in the triumphs, accomplishments, and success of others with genuine well wishing, good intentions without any slightest bit of jealousy or self comparisons.
4. Equanimity *Upekkha*, which I see as a state of contentment that arises with peace and understanding despite the causality of being. It is remaining focused, calm, and not disturbed no matter how difficult or wonderful circumstances may arise.

We are all connected in a nonphysical mindful way. All humans are intrinsically—essentially or naturally, connected to each other. We are all interrelated. Let's keep working together in whatever we do.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### July 2023

- 2 **9:00 AM** Service Cancelled, Bon Dance clean up
- 9 **9:00 AM** Obon Service with Rev. Bert Sumikawa
- 16 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service
- 23 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service
- 30 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service w/Mr. Evan Watarida

### August 2023

- 6 **9:00 AM** Remembrance Service
- 13 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service
- 20 **9:00 AM** Temple Picnic
- 27 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service w/Mr. Neil Yamamoto

### September 2023

- 3 **9:00 AM** Remembrance Service
- 10 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service
- 17 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service
- 24 **9:00 AM** Autumn Ohigan 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 via Zoom: Please contact the office to receive a Zoom link.

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

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

Isamu Matsumoto	94	1/6/2023
Miyeko Nakamoto	96	2/21/2023
Anne Miyoko Sakamoto	95	4/28/2023
Kimiko Okano	103	5/7/2023

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

### July 2023

- 1 Rev. David Fujimoto/ MHBWA
- 8 Mr. Joshua Hernandez Morse/ The Matsumoto Family
- 15 Rev. Kojun Hashimoto/ Mr. Alan Yokota
- 22 Rev. Jeffrey Soga/ Mrs. Jo DesMarets
- 29 Dr. Benjamin Bruch/ The Horii Family

### August 2023

- 5 TBD / The Yoshimura Family
- 12 Rev. Barbara Brennan/ Mrs. Michie Hamao
- 19 Rev. Kiyonobu Kiyohara/ Mrs. Jo DesMarets
- 26 Rev. Shawn Yagi/ The Morikubo Family

### September 2023

- 2 Rev. Tomo Hojo/ Mr. Alan Yokota
- 9 Rev. Mieko Majima/ The Hirai Family
- 16 Ms. Rene Mansho/ Mr. Reese Morikubo
- 23 Rev. Daido Baba/ The Kanazawa Family
- 30 Rev. Ai Hironaka/ The Miyasaki Family

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# Bon Dance/Moiliili Summer Fest 2023

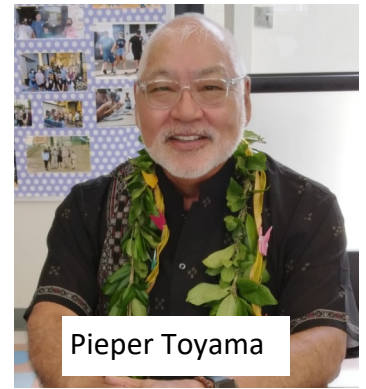




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The Umitani's at the Aloha party



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