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ZIPPY'S FUNDRAISER

Moiliili Hongwanji is having a Zippy's fundraiser once again. Five tickets for a total of \$55 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!

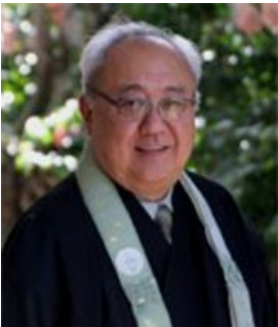




The White Way

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

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Thoughts on Halloween and Eitaikyo in November

The month of October and Halloween is the beginning of a much awaited for year-end celebrations and fun-filled days and nights of activities for both children and grown-ups alike. We look in anticipation for food and drink as we anxiously await the coming Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year celebrations, not to mention the many Bowl games on TV, pupus, and liquid refreshments. We look upon Halloween as a time for ghosts and goblins, spirits and monsters awaiting our call of "Trick or Treat!"

Why do you think we are so afraid of ghosts and things that go creeping in the night? How come human beings have come to believe in werewolves that suck your blood in the night, zombies and vampires?

Maybe it's because there are so many dangers in the world. There is a lot to fear. For thousands of years, we have lived in nature and were helpless against this unpredictable power. They were worried about being eaten by dangerous animals in the wild. At night, people huddled together for safety. People didn't understand occurrences such as tsunami, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and hurricanes. We also developed a fear of other humans trying to do harm to us. So, we humans have developed a lot of fears about the world around us, and those ghosts and goblins may be a way for us to express those fears, and we have come to enjoy them as well.

From a Buddhist perspective, we need not be afraid of them. Even if there really were such things as ghosts and goblins, we understand that they too, are embraced by Amida Buddha's great compassion, and will too, become Buddhas one day.

If we are afraid of something, we must understand that they too are Buddhas someday and are ultimately a part of this Oneness of Life. The Oneness of life is that there is nothing that is not connected with me or is not a part of me.

EITAIKYO AND THANKSGIVING

Eitaike, a Buddhist observance in which we honor and express our gratitude for all those pioneers that have built and sustained our temples for generations, is observed during the month of November.

Eitaike is about appreciation. We realize that everything we receive in life – actually, life itself – is truly a gift. The main thing that makes it possible for anyone to live a full and creative life is the realization that “I exist only because of the limitless and unearned benevolence I am receiving at this moment, and in each and every moment.

This is the teaching of interdependence. When we truly realize interdependence, we cannot help but want to express gratitude to all beings. To understand the debt of gratitude we owe others means that we have begun to desire happiness of all beings. This is the true Buddhist path, the path of the Onembutsu.

We express gratitude for the benevolent pioneers in providing us a wonderful place to hear the Dharma and that their kindness was directed to not only to the temple, but for the sake of all suffering beings. As we reflect on this, let us also remind ourselves to continually entrust in the Compassionate Vow of Amida Buddha and live the Teachings every moment of our lives.

Thanksgiving is a good time to reflect on our interdependence with all beings in the world and realize that our existence depends on others and that we cannot live or achieve anything without the help of others.

Namo Amida Butsu

Reverend Bert Sumikawa

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 949-1659 for more details and to make an appointment.

We also provide Online Memorial Services via Zoom. Please go to www.moililihongwanji.org and complete the request form.

Year of passing	Type of memorial service
2022	1 st year
2021	3 rd year
2017	7 th year
2011	13 th year
2007	17 th year
1999	25 th year
1991	33 rd year
1974	50 th year

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

by Joanne Kealoha, President

October 2023

Update on HHMH Maui Wildfires Relief Fund

Mahalo to all who donated to the Maui relief efforts of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Please refer to the HHMH website (Google Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii) for updates on relief efforts by the Social Concerns Committee.

Roughly half of all Lahaina Hongwanji families lost their homes to the devastating wildfires. One member has been confirmed to have lost his life after being on the list of the missing for some time. But one welcome action taken by the Social Concerns Committee was to send ***cash assistance directly to impacted Lahaina Hongwanji members who lost their homes***. These families were forced to find temporary housing with family, friends, or even in temporary shelters provided through FEMA or the Red Cross, but cash assistance was also needed for food, clothing, and other necessities. Although all of their personal belongings are sadly lost forever, affected families are no doubt grateful for the assistance through HHMH.

On September 24, a special ***Maui Wildfires Memorial Service*** was held at Hawaii Betsuin. ***Rev. Ai Hironaka***, resident minister of Lahaina Hongwanji, spoke with much emotion about the impact the fires had on himself and his family as well as his temple members. It was a touching dharma message, spoken from the heart, that showed how he and many others continue to struggle emotionally. The service was recorded and is available on YouTube or on the HHMH website.

Rev. Hironaka was recently assigned to Kahului Hongwanji, which had been without a resident minister since Rev. Tennes retired and returned to the mainland. Rev. Hironaka will also continue to minister to members of Lahaina Hongwanji, who are scattered throughout Maui and elsewhere.

Open House and Bazaar

Once again, Moiliili Hongwanji members showed they are able to put on a spectacular Open House and Bazaar! So many volunteers spent hours (some even days and weeks) preparing for the rummage sale, making food for sale, and baking cookies, dessert bars, and other goodies for the bake sale. ***Many thanks to everyone (including the Hawaii Kai Jaycees) who helped make this another successful event.***

“Open House” was a special part of the event, with Rev. Bert leading two scheduled tours of the temple. Rev. Bert, assisted by Raymond Takiue and Mel Takemoto, welcomed visitors into the hondo to hear about the altar, Buddhist traditions, and an introduction to Buddhism. Several others also stopped by the MHM table in the annex to ask questions about the temple and Project Dana. ***We hope some of these visitors will come back again!***

Kamehameha Schools plans for Moiliili

Kamehameha Schools has been an active partner with the Moiliili Summer Fest for more than a decade. Richard Chang, Calvin Mann, and Mae Nishimura of Kamehameha came to the temple after Sunday service on October 15 to share their plans for “redevelopment” of Kamehameha properties in Moiliili, in particular the old Varsity Theater site and the block between Coyne and Beretania Streets. Their plans are more of a “refresh” than a major development and plan to keep the Varsity parking lot open for what they consider Moiliili’s signature event—the Moiliili Summer Fest and Bon Dance!

The redevelopment will displace some businesses for a while, but the end result will be a more attractive and inviting space in which to sit, eat, socialize, enjoy artwork and a Hawaiian sense of place. ***Watch for the redevelopment to begin in a year or so.***

Fall Seminar on November 11

Mental health is important for everyone, especially in these difficult times that often challenge our ability to cope. But due to biases that place a stigma on mental illness, many people with depression, anxiety, and other mental health disorders ignore the symptoms and do not seek help and treatment. We can change this bias and stigma by understanding mental health.

Our Fall Seminar speaker is **Bud Bowles, Executive Director of United Self Help**, to discuss the “Most Ignored Organ in the Body.” The seminar will be held **on Saturday, November 11, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** Bud Bowles is a social worker by training and has decades of experience counseling and organizing to promote the well-being of hundreds of individuals in our community. Bud’s organization, United Self Help, meets at Moiliili Hongwanji the last Friday of the month and weekly with self-help groups.

Call 808-949-1659 to reserve your seat for the seminar. No registration fee is required, but donations are welcome.

Temple clean-up on November 26

This year’s temple clean-up will be held on **Sunday, November 26, at 9:00 a.m.** No Sunday service that day. Please volunteer for the clean-up with the office or with co-chairs Bert Matsuoka and Susan Okano. Even if you can’t climb a ladder, there’s always something for you to do

Kapa-Moi Christmas Parade on December 14

In the spirit of Christmas and community, Moiliili Hongwanji will once again participate in the Kapahulu-Moiliili Lions Club **Christmas Parade** on December 14. The parade starts at Kuhio School (meet at 5:30 p.m.) and ends at Old Stadium Park. The Dharma School teachers and students are coordinating our parade contingent. After the parade, everyone is invited to return to the temple for ramen! **Sign up to RSVP for the ramen party—and to walk in the parade!**

Triple Celebration

Next year, on **September 7 and 8**, Honpa Hongwanji’s Triple Celebration will commemorate the 850th anniversary of Shinran’s birth, the 800th anniversary of the establishment of Jodo Shinshu, and the 135th anniversary of the Hongwanji in Hawaii. Hongwanji organizations like the Federation of Lay Associations and the Buddhist Women’s Association have been invited to gather during the same weekend. This in-person event should be a good opportunity for temple members to participate in a historic celebration while meeting or reacquainting themselves with other Hongwanji members. **Mark your calendars**

Shinran statue

The Shinran statue at the foot of the steps to the hondo was donated by several individuals, including Rev. Bert Sumikawa, and welcomes members and visitors alike to the temple. The surface of the statue was beginning to wear, but rather than bring in expensive contractors from Japan to refurbish the statue, the temple sought help from a retired University of Hawaii art professor, who personally cleaned and resurfaced the statue. **The next time you’re at the temple, take a good look at the statue!**

Any questions or comments?

If you have any questions or comments about the Board’s actions, please feel free to share your views and concerns with me or anyone else on the Board of Directors. **Mahalo!**

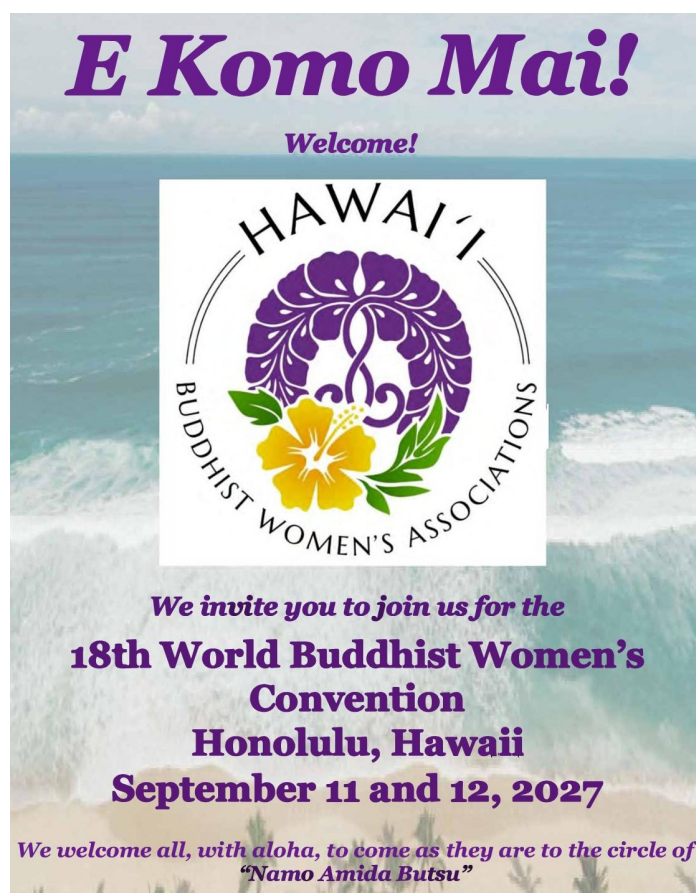
Hawaii Hosts WBWC in 2027

In the previous MHM White Way Newsletter (July 2023), I wrote an article about the MH BWA trip to Japan for the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention (WBWC) in May. I titled it Go-en Moments. Near the end of my article I wrote the following: *"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."* Please look at the attached flyer and Save the Date.

Several months have gone by and a Steering Committee led by HFBWA President Linda Nagai met with representatives from each United Districts and shared that the Hawaii Convention Center has been reserved already for September 11-12, 2027. The Ala Moana Hotel and several Waikiki hotels contacted also. Now comes the real planning. Each United District, Oahu, Honolulu, Maui, Kauai and Hawaii Island has many members that are great organizers and very suitable for these important committees. Some of which are: Theme, Registration, Program booklets, Workshops, Services, Entertainment, Panel and Speakers, Airport Greeters, Publicity, Leis, Marketplace, and so forth. Unlike our last convention in 2006, the neighbor island districts can be more involved due to planning/meetings via ZOOM. So please find the energy to make the 18th



Hawaii Federation of BWAs newly elected officers for 2024-2025



World Buddhist Women's Convention the best by contacting your United District President and director and volunteer. Ask to see the program timeline passed out at the recent Fall Rep BWA meeting on Oct. 14, 2023. As the time goes by, more information will be found in the Federation website www.hawaiiibwa.org

(Shared by Donna Higashi)

Moiliili Hongwanji BWA

by Lois Ohta, MH BWA President

“Together We Share...Our Struggles, Our Joys” was Honolulu United BWA’s Conference theme this year and was held on Saturday, August 26th at Betsuin’s Annex Temple and Social Hall. We came together filled with “joy” that we could meet in-person after some 3 years of doing Zoom conferences. The day started with our Remembrance Service which this year honored the memory of 9 of our members who offered their hands and hearts in service to our temples. Two of our precious MHM ladies, Harumi Suzuki and Shuku Najita lived to 102 years old!

Moiliili was represented by 26 ladies and Rev. Bert in this conference which drew a total of 79 attendees.

In the Education portion of our conference, Rev. Shindo Nishiyama shared his own personal struggles with stress, panic attacks and thoughts of suicide. It was eye-opening that we can be almost oblivious to what is happening within our Sanghas and that making a sincere effort to “connect” with others can make a big difference in building healthy sanghas. Rev. Nishiyama shared that if his openness about his struggles can help even one person, then he was grateful to be able to talk about what he went through and continues to work on.

We held our General Membership meeting and saw our Dana Awardees for 2023: Project Dana, Adult Friend for Youth, We Are Oceania, Hawaii Project, Inc. (help keiki from homeless shelters), and the Honolulu Police Community Foundation. Each year, \$1,000 awards are given to support community groups and their efforts. This year, additionally, one-time \$1,000 awards were given to: Genki Ala Wai Project, Kids Hurt Too, Ma’I Movement and Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies. A special Humanitarian Dana Award of \$3,000 was given to HHMH for Lahaina Hongwanji. Our Dana Fund is able to offer this monetary support because of the generous donations from the BWAs of our temples (Hawaii Betsuin, Jikoen and Moiliili). We are sincerely thankful for the generosity of all our members!

We ended the conference day with Origami Fun! Thank you to: Donna Higashi, Anne Kawabata, Cynthia Ogasawara, Susan Okano, Ann Nakata, and Lois Ohta for leading the activity with small groups, making a simple lotus flower and flapping tsuru.



“Campaigning and Renovating”

Campaigning News:



Daruma-san, our Capital Campaign drive “perseverance” icon, resides in room #2 of the Social Hall. Throughout the preparation and event of the Bazaar’s Rummage sale in the halls, it remained steadfast although in another spot. It was moved from its normal position in hall #2 off its table, to an out of the way inconspicuous spot, perched on the piano in the dim, far northwest corner of hall #3. This was to allow Rummage to use the table he sits on during normal times. Despite its diminished presence, Daruma-san continued to watch over us from the obliviousness of its presence. It is said since the Edo period (1602 – 1868) in Japan, the doll has risen to popularity as a good fortune icon, modeled after the Bodhidharma founder of Zen Buddhism. Its popular red color is believed to ward off evil and even protect people from the small pox epidemic. It has, from then, eventually evolved into the belief that the daruma doll could make one’s dreams come true. It has in a sense, watched over us and given us the “ganbatte” or perseverance to come together in harmony to achieve the successful Bazaar of this year. *Thank you very much, Daruma-san.*

As of October 17th, Campaign Chair Nancy Shimamoto reported the current pledged funds are \$231,817, an increase of \$4,140 since the reporting in the previous newsletter. *Ganbatte!*

The next CCT meeting is planned to be held on November 1st, at 6:00p.m. in the Hondo.

Renovating News: The Renovations Committee met with architect John Toguchi in early September. He presented plans for securing the necessary professionals and cost estimates for renovations to the first floor bathrooms, upgrading the electrical system for the Social Hall and Kitchen, as well as other renovations listed in the permit application with the City Department of Planning and Permitting.

The Capital Campaign Team, Nancy Shimamoto, Joanne Kealoha, Reverend Bert Sumikawa, Rona Fukumoto, Robin Meade, Martha Samson, Emma Kie and Iris Wasa Uehisa



Year End Wishes & New Year’s Dreams

Did you know that 2024 is the Year of the Dragon? Some characteristics of a Dragon person is one who will experience growth, happiness, and abundance. Their color is green.

On behalf of Project Dana, we would like to extend great appreciation and much gratitude for all the support in 2023 and the previous 33 years of volunteer caregiving.

To the dedicated staff, volunteers, Advisory Council members, site leaders, friends, supporters, temple members, partners/collaborators, communities, and others served by The Project, we are truly grateful.

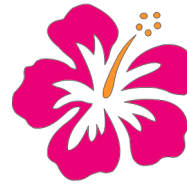
Project Dana looks forward to 2024 (35 years of volunteer caregiving) with excitement, lots of change moving forward (abundance and growth), with much happiness and joy.

We kindly ask for your continued support in spreading the JOY OF DANA. Elders, family caregivers, and disabled persons can also experience the JOY OF DANA in the Year of the Dragon.

We wish peace and happiness to all entering 2024, the Year of The Dragon. Please stay safe, healthy, and love one another.



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Fall Seminar

Moiiliili Hongwanji invites everyone to a **Free** Fall Seminar on Saturday, November 11, 2023 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. with a Question & Answer session to follow. Our speaker will be Mr. Bud Bowles, Executive Director of United Self-Help. The topic is, **"Most Ignored Organ in the Body-All About Mental Health."**

United Self-Help rents meeting space at Moiliili Hongwanji and meets every Tuesday from 3-6 p.m. United Self-Help has been around for a long time. It is the only peer-run group on the island. United Self-Help is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote mental health through education and mutual support. Its main focus is to provide support and resources for peers. They offer various types of programs such as support groups, cooking/exercise classes, mental health workshops/seminars, and social

events. On Thursdays from 3-6 pm they have support group/workshops, on Fridays from 10-2pm movement, exercises and brain health and on every 4th Friday, a social event - dinner, presentation, and bingo.

The public is welcome to join the Free Fall Seminar on November 11th at Moiliili Hongwanji. Please call the temple office to sign up for the seminar at (808)949-1659.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023
9:00AM TO 11:00AM
902 UNIVERSITY AVE.

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BUD BOWLES
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
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TOPIC
MENTAL HEALTH
"MOST IGNORED ORGAN IN THE
BODY - ALL ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(If attending via Zoom, contact the office for the link)

November 2023

- 5 9:00 AM BWA Hoonko Service & General meeting
- 12 9:00 AM Remembrance Service - Rev. Sol Kalu
- 19 9:00 AM Eitaikyo Service - Rev. Marcus Sawada
- 26 NO SERVICE - Temple clean up

December 2023

- 3 9:00 AM HBC Bodhi Day Service
- 10 9:00 AM Bodhi Day & Remembrance Service - Rev. Reyn Tsuru
- 17 9:00 AM Sunday Service
- 24 9:00 AM Sunday Service
- 31 7:00 PM New Year's Eve Service

January 2024

- 1 10:00 AM New Year's Day Service
- 7 9:00 AM Remembrance Service - Mochitsuki & Tsukemono sampling
- 14 9:00 AM Sunday Service
- 21 9:00 AM Hoonko Service
- 28 9:00 AM Project Dana Appreciation Service

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, Buddhist Teachings.

November 2023

- 4 Ms. Juliet Kono-Lee/ Mr. Arnold Matsuura
- 11 Rev. Charlene Kihara/ Mrs. Jolene Nakamatsu
- 18 Rev. Alan Urasaki/ Mr. & Mrs. Roy Abe
- 25 Rev. Kazunori Takahashi/ Mr.&Mrs. Michael Sorakubo

December 2023

- 2 Rev. Joshin Kamuro/ The Morikubo Family
- 9 Rev. Blayne Higa/ Mrs. Ruth Ono
- 16 Rev. Satoshi Tomioka/ Mr.&Mrs. Michael Sorakubo
- 23 Rev. Masanari Yamagishi/ Dr. Douglas Shiraki
- 30 Rev. Blayne Nakasone/ Mrs. Karen Murakami

January 2024

- 6 Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani & Bishop Umitani
- 13 Dr. Warren Tamamoto
- 20 Rev. Eric Matsumoto
- 27 Rev. Bert Sumikawa

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With Heartfelt Sympathy

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

Anne Miyoko Sakamoto	95 4/28/2023
Kimiko Okano*	103 5/7/2023
Dave Yoshiyuki Fujita	99 6/30/2023
Shuku Wakayama Najita*	101 7/21/2023
Glen Matsumoto*	86 7/31/2023
Ruth Yoko Hozaki	87 8/1/2023
Masao Yoshida	92 9/18/2023

May the Onembutsu provide solace to family members during this time of sorrow.
(* Indicates Temple Sustaining Gojikai Member)

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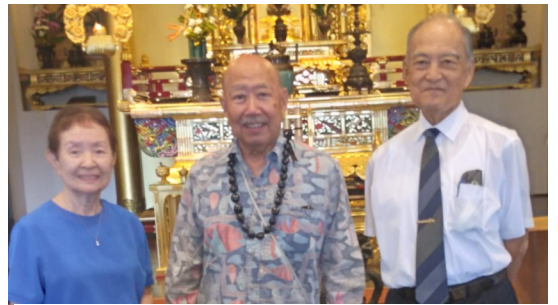


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In loving memory of Jay Hamai



Rev. & Mrs. Thomas Okano & Dennis Sekine



Bert M & Rev. Frances Wong



Martha & Sage on Grandparents Day



Peace Day



Raymond & Daichi conducting service



HBC Bishops at Maui Wildfire Memorial Service