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Sunday, February 25, 2024



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NEW YEAR'S GREETING



Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

Over the last year, innumerable people worldwide have been affected by natural disasters, such as earthquakes, floods, and forest fires. I was particularly shocked by the wild fires that devastated the island of Maui in the state of Hawaii. This disaster completely destroyed the temple hall of Lahaina Hongwanji Mission and one temple member was reported to have lost his life. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to all who have perished in those calamities. I would also like to express my sympathies to those who are still coping with the dire situations. It is my sincere hope that all who have been affected will soon be able to return to a normal daily life.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022 is still continuing. Not only that, conflict between Israel and Palestine has once again flared up from October 2023, embroiling nations concerned with victimizing a large number of people many of whom are civilians. Looking at the appalling state of the world, the following words of Sakyamuni Buddha come to mind. "Everyone fears violence and is scared of death. In consideration of all life, do not kill and do not make others kill."

Every one of us who has received life as a human being, no matter the reason, must be ensured equally of human rights, and no one's life should be threatened. In reality, however, conflicts and terrorist attacks have occurred everywhere in the world and for many people, their right to live and exist has been threatened. As Buddhists who aspire for peace, we must keep Sakyamuni Buddha's words seriously in our hearts and pursue our endeavor of contributing toward world peace and security.

During the last year, we observed the Joint Celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching at Hongwanji, Kyoto for a total of 30 days, divided into 5 sessions during the period from March 29 to May 21. On this occasion, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to those who came to Japan to attend, as well as those who supported it in various ways. This celebratory event could be realized only because our predecessors have cherished the Jodo Shinshu teaching as their spiritual foundation for many years no matter when or where they were, and carefully transmitted it to us today.

Let us, too, continue listening to the teaching as the center of our life while cherishing each day.

OHTANI Kojun Monshu

BUILDING HEALTHY SANGHAS



To welcome the New Year, I would like to extend my heartfelt greetings to you all. On behalf of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all of you for your support, dedication, and participation in our services and activities.

Since I took the Headquarters Office as the new Bishop last July, I have been able to visit some of your temples. I bow my head to the ministers, temple leaders, and temple members for their tireless effort in protecting their temples and sharing with others the joy of Namo Amida Butsu. Each temple has its challenges and opportunities. As a community of people joined together revering the teaching of Shinran Shonin, let us work toward the realization of a society in which everyone can live a life of spiritual fulfillment.

This year, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will observe the Triple Celebration at Ala Moana Hotel on September 7-8, 2024. The Triple Celebration commemorates the 850th Anniversary of the Birth of Shinran Shonin, the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teachings, and the 135th Anniversary of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. The Steering Committee is working hard towards the two-day celebration event and its related programs. I would like to invite you all to attend this auspicious anniversary.

Our Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Theme and Slogan for 2024 is <u>"Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments."</u> What are the "Nembutsu Moments"? These are the moments when the voice of the Nembutsu, "Namo Amida Butsu," spontaneously flows from our lips.

The main body of the Sutra on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life explains the Forty-eight Vows of Amida Buddha, who undertook to establish a Pure Land for the enlightenment of all sentient beings. Shinran Shonin regarded that our act of saying "Namo Amida Butsu" is derived wholly from the working of Amida's Vow. It means that the sound of "Namo Amida Butsu," the promise Amida Buddha made to embrace and never abandon all beings, is already fulfilled and extended to all beings. It is the calling voice from the Buddha of Immeasurable Light and Life that holds the Buddha's boundless empathy, concern, and compassion toward all beings. Such a message of universal compassion reaches into our hearts and minds, and flows from our lips spontaneously as "Namo Amida Butsu."

What we experience in our daily lives could be the opportunities to ascertain and appreciate the truth of Boundless Wisdom and Compassion that embraces our lives. Let us experience, savor, appreciate, and share the Nembutsu moments with our families and friends in our daily lives.

May the sound of the Nembutsu flow from our lips. May the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha inspire and guide us always. Namo Amida Butsu.

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani

Bishop

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

President's New Year's Message Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii



Happy New Year! Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu! Hauoli Makahiki Hou!

I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and in good spirits as we enter the New Year, 2024. The year 2023 was an eventful one. Many of our Sangha were able to attend the Joint Celebration (Commemoration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching) at our Honzan in Kyoto on May 10, 2023. The Joint Celebration program was well organized and meaningful. The 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention (WBWC) followed on May 11 and 12 at the modern (although 50 years old) Kyoto International Conference Center. These two events were a highlight of the year for those who were able to attend. I will always remember the warm welcome that we received from our hosts at the Honzan and at the World Buddhist Women's Convention.

Soon after our return from Japan, we said "Mahalo and Aloha" to outgoing Bishop, Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Mrs. Tamayo Matsumoto, Chika and Caden at a luncheon in July. In August we warmly greeted incoming Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani, Mrs. Yoshiko Umitani, and daughters Naho and Riho at a luncheon.

Then, the disastrous Maui Wildfires of August 8, 2023 destroyed the historic town of Lahaina. Our Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, located near the center of the town was not spared. The temple, social hall, and minister's residence burned to the ground. Only the columbarium appears to have survived the fire. Fortunately, Rev. Ai Hironaka and family along with many other temple members evacuated in time. However, we have learned that one temple member lost his life in that fire. It appears that 2023 will be remembered as the year of the Maui Wildfires and the year that Lahaina Hongwanji was lost to the fire. This was a great loss for Lahaina town and the entire Hawaii Sangha.

However, this was not the end of the story. Community, state and federal agencies rushed into action and are still on the ground in Maui, planning for the future of Lahaina town and helping those displaced by the fire. Maui temple ministers and Sangha have warmly supported Lahaina members displaced by the fire. The Hongwanji community statewide, nationally and internationally has responded with compassionate action in the form of postcards, letters, gifts and generous monetary donations. Like the recent "disaster" that affected us, the COVID-19 pandemic, we learned that we are adaptable and we are resilient. The Lahaina community, and Lahaina Hongwanji Sangha in particular, I believe will respond with grit and determination.

Our theme and slogan for 2024 is "Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments". We live with joy and gratitude for Amida's universal and unconditional compassion for us. Since we are connected with and care for the people around us, we share our Nembutsu moments, so that others may awaken to, and appreciate the Buddha's limitless Compassion. In this way, we can each contribute to building healthy Sanghas.

With Gassho,

Warren Tamamoto

President, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

HAPPY HOLIDAYS MESSAGE



As you read this article, we will have celebrated Christmas. Cheers and messages of "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Holidays" have rung throughout the country.

It is a time of merriment, a time when we give gifts of appreciation to people, and an acknowledgment of the interconnection that we share with each other. It is a truly Buddhist Holiday, when the words "Okagesama de" rings true. This phrase is deeply steeped in Buddhism. It means that through the benefit of the millions of beings and things that I am indebted to, I am able to live this life, this wonderful life that we have, never to be repeated again. When we give, the giver experiences more benefit than the receiver. It is a truly Bodhisattva experience,

that what makes others happy will also make me happy.

But there is another side of Christmas that we need to look at, as members of the world society. That is the deep aspiration from time immemorial, from cultures around the globe, a deep wish for Peace on Earth and Goodwill toward men.

A hope that is repeated each year around this time of the year, even in the midst of wars, devastation, famine, racial discrimination, starvation and homelessness. A wish on Christmas cards sent to family, friends and other loved ones.

In a Sutra, it is written that, "In the Pure Land there are many kinds of wondrously rare and beautiful birds of various colors, such as white geese, peacocks, parrots, sarikas, kalavinkas and jivam-jivakas."

In this story, it is about this strange bird, the jivam-jivakas. This bird lives in the Pure Land and has 2 heads with human faces and 2 minds that share one body. It sings with such a beautiful voice, a voice that no one has ever heard before. It is said that at one time, there existed one especially beautiful jivam-jivakas bird with beautiful feathers and voice.

After a while, both heads began to think that they were the best in the world, and that if only there were only one head, then there would be no doubt as to which head was number one in the world. They envied and hated each other day after day. One day, one head came up with an idea. He mixed poison in another's food to poison him. Of course, he soon died. However, since they both shared one body, the poison travelled to the other head, and soon both died.

After this event took place, it is said that in the Pure Land, Jivam-javikas sings the following song: "The way to destroy others is the way to destroy myself. Respecting and supporting others is the only way to live in peace."

Don't we often think, 'How can I become happier than others?" But, oftentimes, by thinking of our own happiness, we bring unhappiness to others. In this way, aren't we pushing our unhappiness on to others unconsciously? The story of the Jivam-javikas is not just a good story, but it is a story that is telling us to reflect on our own lives.

So during this Holiday Season then, let us think of all the gifts that we receive, and especially gift of life itself. Let us realize the true nature of the interdependence we have with one another, even with our pets. And, may we have peace in our hearts not only at this time of the year, but throughout our lives as well.

Reverend Bert Sumikawa Minister Moiliili Hongwanji Mission

MHM President's New Year's Message



It's hard to imagine that 2023 is over and we are now into **2024**—how time flies! For all of us, many events, both large and small, have occurred—some joyous, some sad—but we can all be grateful for our precious lives and the opportunity to live with purpose.

For Moiliili Hongwanji, we are embarking on new changes and new opportunities. **Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani**, our resident minister for the past five years was appointed the 17th Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, a high honor for him and for us. We thank Bishop Umitani for being our spiritual leader and for sharing his family with us.

Our new resident minister, **Rev. David Fujimoto**, is coming to our temple from Mililani Hongwanji and will give his first dharma message to our sangha on March 3. Please come to Sunday service that day to welcome him to Moiliili Hongwanji. Rev. Fujimoto, a former teacher, was born and raised in Hawaii and has served temples on the Big Island and Oahu.

Rev. Fujimoto's arrival means that we will be saying aloha to **Rev. Bert Sumikawa** once again. Rev. Bert has been with us since July 1 in his third stint at Moiliili. In the past six months, Rev. Bert has been very active, providing insightful dharma messages, attending virtually every temple and committee meeting, getting involved in all temple activities (including walking in the Kapa-Moi Christmas Parade!), conducting many funeral and memorial services, providing dharma talks at nursing homes and assisted living communities, being our spiritual guide through challenging times, and doing everything he can to disprove that he is an octogenarian. Rev. Bert is a renaissance man, who became a Buddhist minister after a long and successful practice in pedodontics (dentist for children) and has used his varied life experiences to provide us with invaluable Buddhist lessons. We will miss his dharma talks, his wit, his energy, his compassion and hope he will be back to visit often.

These past few years have been challenging. The world is changing around us. Although most of us may not be directly affected by world events, the effects on each of us are inevitable as we are in so many ways **interconnected and interdependent**. The wars in Ukraine and Gaza may be thousands of miles away, but we can feel the pain of the suffering caused by conflict that need not be. None of us are global leaders, but in our own way, we **strive for world peace** and teach our children and grandchildren that war and hunger for power solves nothing.

Homelessness, poverty, inequality, racial unrest, political division—all plague our society and **challenge our wisdom and compassion**. We are grateful for Buddhist teachings that help us live our lives.

The effects of **climate change** have also been devastating. Wildfires, storms, flooding—all have caused immense destruction, anguish, and sorrow. The wildfires in Lahaina reduced a once thriving community into rubble, ash and toxins. The temple building at Lahaina Hongwanji is gone, but surprisingly, the nokotsudo still stands and the grass around it is green and growing. The Lahaina Hongwanji sangha may be scattered throughout Maui and elsewhere, but they are determined to rebuild and grow once again. Let's keep them in our thoughts and send them our support.

Similarly, our own temple, almost 120 years old and with an aging sangha, strives to grow. Our plans for **renovation of our buildings** may be modest but should breathe new life into Moiliili Hongwanji. Watch for new developments in the next year. In the meantime, our **facilities are available for rent** to members and others—please contact the temple office.

We welcome everyone to join us for Sunday service, either in person or on Zoom, and for our many activities and seminars. The Moiliili Summer Fest and Bon Dance will be held once again at the old Varsity Theater site on July 6—mark your calendars. Invite your friends and family to Moiliili Hongwanji to help us grow our sangha.

Let us all **embrace 2024** and the changes, challenges, opportunities it will bring for all of us! Mahalo for supporting Moiliili Hongwanji.

Joanne Kealoha

TEMPLE CLEAN UP

Sunday, November 26th, was the second Temple Clean Up in 2023. The MHM landscaping crew again arrived early and were the first to begin their part with trimming, weeding and providing general maintenance of the plants, grassy areas and shrubs around the temple, and particularly on the perimeter of the parking lot. Other "early birds" were also hard at work in the social hall well before the 9:00 am start.

As it neared the start time, volunteers were gathered in the hondo. Raymond Takiue rang the temple bell and led a short service. Susan Okano provided an upbeat welcoming message and last-minute instructions. And the clean-up began.

Groups headed for the various areas of the Temple to begin their tasks. Screens were taken down, windows were wiped down, ladders positioned, light bulbs were changed, floors were vacuumed, railings were cleaned, the kitchen was made sparkling...the army of volunteer cleaners attacked all areas of the Temple.

One unusual discovery was the return of a pile of dried branches, twigs and trash that birds had accumulated on the ledge outside of the minister's residence.

Keith Hamao again showed up with a power washer that was put to good use, especially in the bathrooms.

After less than two hours of work, the project wound down and volunteers were ready for a light lunch of pizza, salad and other side goodies. Joanne Kealoha picked up boxes of pizza. Others helped to set up in the social hall and got the pizza buffet ready. It was refreshing to hear the laugher and exuberance from within the social hall.

The clean-up was a success. The event was another example of "Laulima" - many hands make light work.

Though there was anxious anticipation if enough volunteers would be available, the MHM sangha was reinforced by a large number of Hawaii Kai Jaycees' volunteers. We need to extend a special mahalo to Madisyn Sim and the Jaycees. Their eagerness to help is truly appreciated.

We are quickly reaching the point where events like the temple clean up and the bon dance will be too much for just our limited number of MHM members. The dedication and willingness may still be strong, but our "senior" bodies are quickly becoming unable to fulfill the needs. These realities need to be addressed for future planning.

We know that there are others who were unable to be

there physically, but who were with us in mind and spirit.

A big mahalo to everyone! bert



CAMPAIGNING FOR OUR TEMPLE'S RENOVATION-UPDATE 9

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

The Moiliili Hongwanji Capital Campaign Team (CCT) wishes to take this opportunity to express our sincerest appreciation to our many members and friends who have contributed to our Capital Campaign in 2023. As the year comes to a close, we reflect on your generosity and kindness in support of our Temple and facilities. Members of the CCT include Chair Nancy Shimamoto, Iris Wasa Uehisa, Robin Meade, Rona Fukumoto, Martha Samson, President Joanne Kealoha, Office Manager Emma Kie, and Rev. Bert Sumikawa. **THANK YOU** from our heart to yours!

We officially launched our campaign on February 19, 2023, at our annual Membership Meeting and Shinnen Enkai. Our goal is to raise \$500,000.00 over a span of three years. At this time we are pleased to announce that our total stands at \$242,757.00. The funds will go toward major renovations of our Social Hall and the ground level campus. The Renovations Committee, under the leadership of Melvin Takemoto and Osamu Kawabata, has been meeting periodically with an architect. They are busy setting up priorities and making critical decisions. We hope we will all begin to notice visible upgrades and improvements in 2024.

May we once again reach out to you in 2024, as we continue our campaign into year #2. Your pledge, which is cumulative over three years, may be contributed in one lump sum or in increments. All donations to the Capital Campaign are tax deductible.

Here's wishing everyone a remarkable New Year filled with family togetherness, warm friendships, and enduring peace. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Namu Amida Butsu.

Nancy Shimamoto Capital Campaign Chair

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

Notice of Proposed Amendments to the Moiliili Hongwanji Mission Bylaws

At the February 2024 Annual Meeting will be three proposed amendments that were approved by the BOARD, for the membership's vote of approval. Proposed Amendments #1 and #2 are in Article XI Standing Committees and VIII Duties of Officers, respectively, on the **renaming** of the Finance Committee to the Investment Committee; and Proposed Amendment #3 amends the language in various sections of the Bylaws with current practices.

<u>Proposed Amendment #1</u>: Article XI – Standing Committee, Section 2. Finance Committee

As currently stated in the MHM Bylaws, the Finance Committee role describe the treasury functions of the Temple funds with a reference to investments. Therefore, to align the current roles of the Finance Committee chairperson and the committee, it has been recommended that an **Investment** Committee be created to set forth the roles of the committee. It is thereby proposed that Section 2. Finance Committee be **renamed** to Section 2. **Investment Committee** with the following amendments for its functions.

*Page 9: - Section 2. Finance Committee Investment Committee

The Finance Committee shall include the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

The Investment Committee shall include but not be limited to the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Financial Advisor.

b. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for the administration and management of all financial matters of the TEMPLE, including investment of TEMPLE funds.

The Investment Committee shall be responsible for the administration and management of all investment matters and that the funds are invested on behalf of the TEMPLE.

c. Together with the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, the Finance Committee shall prepare an annual budget of income and expenses for the TEMPLE, with input from Standing Committees and Special Committees, and present the budget to the BOARD for approval.

The Investment Committee shall prepare a report to the BOARD at its monthly meeting and to the SUSTAINING MEMBERS at the Annual Membership Meeting, and at such other times as required by the BOARD.

d. Together with the Membership Committee, the Finance Committee shall determine the membership dues with approval of the Board.

The Investment Committee chairperson shall keep accurate and current investment records and statements of the TEMPLE.

Proposed Amendment #2: Edits to sections in the Bylaws that reference Finance Committee

to Investment Committee.

Article VIII - Duties of Officers

*Page 6: - Section 6. Treasurer

- Together with the **Finance Investment** Committee and Assistant Treasurer, the Treasurer shall prepare an annual budget of income and expenses for the TEMPLE, with input from the Standing Committees and Special Committees, and present the budget to the BOARD for approval.
- e. The Treasurer shall be a member of the **Finance Investment** Committee.

*Page 6: - Section 7. Assistant Treasurer

d. The Assistant Treasurer shall be a member of the **Finance Investment** Committee.

Article XI – Standing Committees

*Page 9: - Section 3. Membership Committee

b. Together with the Finance Committee Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, the Membership Committee shall determine the membership dues, subject to approval by the BOARD.

<u>Proposed Amendment 3:</u> Amendments to the language in various sections of the Bylaws to be consistent with practices:

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

*Page 3: - Section 2. Composition

a. <u>Officers</u>: President, Immediate Past President, Vice Presidents (not less fewer than three), Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditors (not less fewer than three two).

*Page 3: - Section 3. Meetings

c. The Secretary or Assistant Secretary shall notify BOARD members, BOARD and non-board committees, special programs chairpersons, and affiliated organization representatives of upcoming BOARD meetings and request any reports be submitted to the Secretary electronically or by mail at least one week before the meeting. An agenda and reports shall be compiled and sent electronically or mailed to BOARD members prior to each meeting.

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

*Page 4: - Section 2. Meetings

b. The Executive Committee shall report all its actions to the BOARD at the next regular meeting, which, when **approved ratified**, shall become the actions of the BOARD. However, the Executive Committee shall not have the power to reverse or reconsider any action or policy of the BOARD.

ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

*Page 6: - Section 4. Secretary

b. The Secretary or Assistant Secretary shall notify BOARD members, BOARD and non-board committees, special programs chairpersons, and affiliated organization representatives of upcoming BOARD meetings and request any reports be submitted to the Secretary electronically or by mail at least one week before the meeting. An agenda and reports shall be compiled and sent electronically or mailed to BOARD members prior to each meeting.

c. The Secretary shall retain custody of the minutes of all meetings of the SUSTAINING MEMBERS, the BOARD, and the Executive

Committee. These minutes shall be kept in the TEMPLE office or on the Google Shared Drive.

*Page 7: - Section 5. Assistant Secretary

e. The Assistant Secretary shall circulate and maintain correspondences.

*Page 7: - Section 8. Auditor

a. The Auditors, with approval of the BOARD, may perform or contract for the performance of an audit of the financial accounts of the TEMPLE on **an biennial annual** basis or as required by the BOARD.

ARTICLE XI – STANDING COMMITTEES

*Page 9: - Section 4. Dharma Enrichment Committee

a. The Dharma Enrichment Committee shall be chaired by the Dharma School Supervisor.

b.a. Under the guidance of the Resident Minister, the Dharma Enrichment Committee shall be responsible for all religious services of the TEMPLE and the planning and development of Dharma programs.

c.b. The Dharma Enrichment Committee shall serve as liaison to Honpa Hongwanji Headquarters and other religious organizations in the community.

*Page 10: - Section 5. Building Committee

b. A subcommittee of the Building Committee shall be responsible for rental of all TEMPLE facilities with approval of the BOARD.

ARTICLE XII - SPECIAL PROGRAMS

*Page 12: - Section 2. Project Dana

d. Project Dana shall provide an annual report to the Annual Membership Meeting, including a financial report and a summary of program activities for the prior year to share with the membership.

ARTICLE XIII – AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

*Page 13: - Section 1. Affiliated organizations of the TEMPLE.

f. All affiliated organizations shall provide an annual report to the Annual Membership Meeting, including a financial report and a summary of program activities for the prior year to share with the membership.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2024

- 7 9:00 AM Sunday Remembrance Service & Mochitsuki
- 14 9:00 AM Sunday Service
- 21 9:00 AM Hoonko Service w/Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki
- 28 9:00 AM Project Dana Appreciation Service February 2024
 - 4 9:00 AM Sunday Remembrance Service
- 9:00 AM Nirvana Day & Pet Memorial Service w/Rev. Noriaki Fujimori
- 18 9:00 AM Sunday Service
- 25 9:00 AM Sunday Service March 2024
 - 3 9:00 AM Sunday Remembrance Service
- **10 9:00 AM** Spring Ohigan Service w/Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata
- 17 9:00 AM Sunday Service
- 24 9:00 AM Sunday Service
- 31 9:00 AM Sunday Service

You Are Cordially Invited To Project Dana at Moiliili Hongwanji Mission's 35th Volunteer Appreciation Service

Hybrid (in person & Zoom)

Date: Sunday January 28, 2024

Time: 9:00 am

Guest Speaker Rev. Bert Sumikawa

Moiliili Hongwanji Interim Resident Minister

Please join us as we observe the 35th year of volunteer caregiving in Hawaii. We welcome members, volunteers, and friends to this special service from the entire state and from the mainland. Contact the MHM office for the service link.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the decades of Project Dana.

Dana is a Joy!

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, Buddhist Teachings.

January 2024

- 6 Gomonshu Ohtani & Bishop Umitani /Mr. & Mrs Michael Sorakubo
- **13** Dr. Warren Tamamoto/ Mrs. Nancy Shimamoto
- 20 Rev. Eric Matsumoto/ The Hirai Family
- 27 Rev. Bert Sumikawa/ The Kie Family

February 2024

- **3** Mrs. Joanne Kealoha/ The Miyasaki Family
- 10 Mr. Raymond Takiue, Jr./ The Morikubo Family
- 17 Rev. David Fujimoto/ Renee Kaneshiro & Pamela Uyeda
- 24 Rev. Thomas Okano/ Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sorakubo

March 2024

- 2 Rev. Yuika Hasebe/ The Kanazawa Family
- 9 Rev. Kazunori Takahashi/ Mrs. Jo-Ann Yokota
- 16 Rev. Shigenori Makino/ Ms. Donna Higashi
- 23 Rev. Tatsuo Muneto/ John & Laura Moriyama
- 30 Rev. Toyokazu Hagio/ MHBWA



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

Dennis Mikio Matsuoka 72 6/10/2023 Alice Harue Tanaka 93 9/21/2023 Faye Sanae Morimoto 80 9/27/2023 Robert Hisashi Yokomizo 92 10/4/2023

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



Happy Birthday, Rev. Bert!







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