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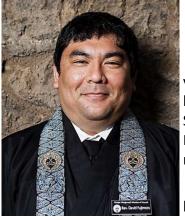
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Mo'ili'ili Hongwanji is the center of Shin Buddhist spiritual growth, learning, and compassionate service to our Community.

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Greetings!

Haisai and Greetings! It is with a deep sense of gratitude to be serving you as your resident minister here at Moiliili Hongwanji. As some of you may already know, I went to Hongwanji Mission School, graduated from Farrington High School, and obtained a Psychology Degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. During the early days, I grew up down the road from Moiliili Hongwanji, right by Ala Wai Elementary School.

Through my time at the Institute of Buddhist Studies and also becoming a board-certified chaplain, I hope to bring a different perspective of the *Nembutsu* Teachings that I hope you all can benefit from as we journey this path together. I

firmly believe that we all can find joy in the Teachings, as it is not a one-way streak, in which you learn from me. The *Nembutsu* Teaching is for you and I and so I will learn from you, and you will learn from me (*I hope*).

One of the many things you will be hearing from me is the question "why?" in many forms. Practical Buddhism asks us that very question as to WHY we live, WHY we suffer, and WHY we do things, amongst other things. I don't want you to feel like I am being sarcastic or anything, but as Buddhist, we must be able to be mindful about the "whys" in life and be able to share in that experience.

Sharing experiences, especially *Nembutsu* Moments are something that I am very interested in and will be sharing. My family and I are your typical 21st Century family in which there are a lot of untraditional things about us and yet if you hear our stories and our experiences, many of you will be able to relate. After all, isn't that what the whole intent of the Buddha appearing in this world? To accept all sentient beings no matter who they are.

Finally, I would like to thank my mentors, many of whom have come from Moiliili Hongwanji. Former Bishops Okano and Matsumoto, current Bishop Umitani, Rev. Dr. Sumikawa, Rev. Ikeda, and a person whom I grew up with, Rev. Higa.

I hope to see you all soon! If you haven't been to temple in a while, please come and check us out!

Gassho,

Rev. David Fujimoto

CAMPAIGNING FOR OUR TEMPLE'S RENOVATION-UPDATE 10

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

"The Capital Campaign celebrates its First Anniversary"

"Gung Hei Faat Choi!" Happy Lunar New Year, or as spoken locally, "Happy Chinese New Year"!

On February 10th, the Wood Dragon made its cosmos ascent to begin its year of reign. From that moment, we can be assured it will be a "unique" year with "yang" energies of masculinity, light, heat, and furthermore, this *Wood* Dragon, as one website interprets, is characterized as one "with roots that dig deep into the earth" or in other words, "now is not the time to dabble"!



Campaigning News:

On the evening of February 14, at the monthly meeting of the Board (not to celebrate the observance of the day), the Capital Campaign committee chair, Nancy Shimamoto, of the year of the dragon, expressed with gratitude, the generous \$223,077 raised as of the end of January 2024. With renewed vigor to begin the second year of the capital campaign, Nancy encouraged members of the Board to continue supporting the campaign by also contacting family, friends, and businesses in the community for their support.

This year, Moiliili Temple will have resided on University Avenue for 64 years of its 118 years, as a home of services, spiritual, cultural and Dharma teachings for its members and communities. "Okagesamade"

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

Renovating News:

The Renovations committee co-chairs Melvin Takemoto and Osamu Kawabata met in January with architect John Toguchi and retired architect Glenn Miura, to discuss the priorities of the renovation projects. (1)The first topic of discussion was of an unanticipated topological survey requirement by the Department of Permitting and Planning (DPP) to submit with the permitting application for a subject parcel. A topological surveyor is contracted to survey the entire three large parcels of the temple, to cover all future permitting applications as well. (2) The second topic on the agenda was that of selecting a design assist contractor to collaborate with the architect during the design phase intended to reduce the cost and time for construction, as well as improve constructability and add value to the temple's needs, such an example is acoustical improvements in the social hall. (3) However, the first priority from an earlier permit application to DPP resulted with a condition to have 6 feet fence borders with shading around the perimeter of the makai parking lot, before DPP release approvals for the other building permit applications. Other parking lot improvements under consideration by the committee are lighting powered by photovoltaic, and security cameras. These are first priorities on a list of carefully considered renovation projects. "Ganbatte"

A LEGACY GIFT OF Oya Kou Kou - THE KOSEKI FAMILY

Oya kou kou

When I was young, I often heard the term "oya kou kou" translated as "filial piety." Even the English translation required definition, but I think it refers to being respectful of and honoring one's parents, which will then make them happy.

Moiliili Hongwanji sustaining member, Clayton Koseki. embodies this sentiment of *oya kou kou* As an only child after an older sister died at age two, Clayton was raised by loving parents, Kenneth and Betty Koseki, who doted on him. They kept him active in Boy Scouts, football, baseball, bowling, karate, judo, kung fu, band, and the YMCA. When he was young, he might have been spoiled, but to know him now, you would say he was *oya kou kou* because he respected, loved, and honored his parents - and most certainly made them happy.



Legacy gift to Moiliili Hongwanji

More than five years ago, Clayton decided to honor his parents with a gift to the temple on their behalf and designated a million-dollar life insurance policy as a legacy gift.

When we heard about this, we wondered: Why would anyone do this? Simply put, Clayton is paying the premium on this million-dollar policy (no small amount) to support the temple, to honor his parents, and to help temple members remember them. Moiliili Hongwanji meant a lot to his parents, especially Betty, who volunteered tirelessly for many temple activities. She was a mainstay in the kitchen, cooking for fundraisers and for the bon dances. Clayton remembers his mother working in the kitchen to prepare food and clean up late into the night after the bon dance. (Those were the days when Fujinkai ladies, later BWA, cooked for the concession and for the dancers.) Betty also loved performing for temple members with the Happy Strummers and volunteered with the Moiliili Hongwanji Preschool.

The income from this gift is a long way off, but Clayton's gift will help to ensure a steady source of income for the future of Moiliili Hongwanji.

A religious seeker

Clayton's parents were longtime members of Moiliili Hongwanji. Growing up, Clayton himself did not go to the temple much, except for occasional Sunday or memorial services, but through his parents' example, especially his mother's, he learned about Buddhist teachings and values to help him live a productive, honorable life.

But in his youth - and possibly even today - Clayton did not consider himself a Buddhist. He was always interested in religion and was a religious seeker. He went to religious services of many faiths. He asked questions. He even minored in Religion at UH. He wanted to know **why** someone was a Jehovah's Witness, a Methodist, a Catholic, or a Muslim and found that many could not answer his question. **Is that true for some of us?** What kind of answer would we give someone asking why we are Buddhist?

Betty Koseki

His mother's influence was strong. Betty Koseki was born and raised on Kauai. Her father, Rev. Honi Ohye, was a Hongwanji minister in Waimea. He served the workers at the sugar plantation in Kekaha with spiritual guidance and writing letters for them to family in Japan. Because he was a respected leader in the Japanese community, he was deported back to Japan shortly after World War II began while other Hongwanji ministers were interned on the mainland. Sadly, Rev. Ohye was killed in Fukui during a bombing raid of a large parachute factory in the town where he lived.

Back home in Kekaha, Rev. Ohye's wife, Kotoki Ohye, kept the temple running as she raised her five children. Clayton shared that when his grandfather was killed, his grandmother became ordained as a minister herself to continue serving the Kekaha community.

Because of her parents' close ties to Jodo Shinshu beliefs and the Hongwanji in Hawaii, Betty was devoted to the Hongwanji, even when she moved to Honolulu for secretarial school. Clayton said, "the Hongwanji was in her DNA."

After finishing her schooling, Betty went to work for the State Personnel Services, which would recruit and hire for State jobs. She served as secretary to directors and deputy directors under many governors for 44 years. As a civil servant, she was the gatekeeper for access to department leadership and a constant while her bosses were political appointees.

Betty met her husband, Kenneth, when she happened to be helping at the counter to assist G.I.'s returning home from World War II and looking for employment. Kenneth was a medic with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. He witnessed the horrors of war firsthand, but it took him three decades before he could share his wartime experiences with anyone. The war shaped the man, who became a successful businessman with a heart. His compassion extended to his work as an insurance agent.

Kenneth Koseki

Kenneth's encounter with Betty led to a job as a health inspector for the State. But civil service was not for him so he went into sales, which led to someone recognizing his charisma and sales acumen and suggesting he consider the insurance business.

As Kenneth achieved success in insurance, he wanted his son to join him in the business, but Clayton was adamantly opposed - until he accompanied his father to deliver insurance checks to widows. When he saw how grateful the widows were, Clayton realized how important insurance payments were to help families make their house payments, to help parents send their kids to college, to help businesses continue operating. Although Clayton initially looked with disdain at the insurance industry, he could see the value of insurance to help individuals and families live through loss. Clayton has been an insurance agent for 40 years.

Betty and Kenneth

Kenneth was not particularly religious, but he supported his wife in her faith. Betty was a devout Shin Buddhist, who devoted her time and talent to the temple. She especially loved children and enjoyed working with Sunday School and Preschool children.

In her later years, Betty developed dementia, which gradually limited her mobility and her activity. At first, Kenneth was her caregiver, but as her needs increased, Clayton hired caregivers to provide her with around-the-clock care at home. Betty passed away at the age of 89 in 2014. Kenneth survived her by nine months and passed away at the age of 93. They were accomplished in different ways but made a handsome couple and left a very devoted son.

Insurance provides a legacy gift

As an insurance man, Clayton understands the value of insurance to support nonprofit organizations like Moiliili Hongwanji - and he can also see the importance of setting up legacy gifts properly and legally. For his legacy gift, Clayton went to Hawaii Community Foundation (HCF), which manages gifts like Clayton's to benefit nonprofit organizations, and set up a trust with the insurance policy. HCF will manage the perpetual gift and invest the million-dollar benefit, which will yield 4-5% a year for Moiliili Hongwanji as the beneficiary.. The principle will remain untouched and will allow investments to provide a steady annual income to the temple in perpetuity.

His policy allows Clayton to leave a healthy source of income for Moiliili Hongwanji as a gift to the temple on behalf of his parents - a way of demonstrating his "oya kou kou." Like many of us, Clayton

understands the challenges facing Hongwanji temples like Moiliili with aging members and decreasing numbers.

Even though he has no direct ties to the temple, other than being a sustaining member himself and having his parents in the temple's nokotsudo, Clayton has deep familial ties to Moiliili Hongwanji and wants to ensure that the temple survives.

As an insurance agent, Clayton found a way to support the temple that meant so much to his parents. He urges other temple members to find their own way to show their gratitude to the temple and help to sustain and grow Moiliili Hongwanji well into the future.

Our gratitude to the Koseki family

Moiliili Hongwanji is deeply grateful to Clayton Koseki for his generous gift to honor his parents, Betty and Kenneth Koseki, to whom we are also very grateful for their contributions and service to the temple. Clayton's gift may seem unique but, he says, others can do something similar - and in their own way. We hope to provide more information soon, possibly with a seminar by Hawaii Community Foundation and Clayton himself.

Shin Buddhism has much to offer the world - keeping Hongwanji temples alive and thriving is important to sharing the Dharma. Our sincere mahalo to Clayton, Betty, and Kenneth for their generous gift.

Submitted by: Joanne Kealoha, President

Reflections from the Kolohe Krafters

As the Kolohe Krafters reflect on 2023, there is just so much for us to be grateful for. First we would like to thank the Moiliili Sewing School for their donations. We were constantly being blown away by the sheer volume of donations and the high quality of workmanship. Thank you so much! Without these donations our sales would not be anywhere as high as they were this year.

Thank you to the anonymous donor for the generous gift card used to purchase supplies to complete projects for the Bodhi Holiday sale and future projects. It was such a wonderful surprise.

Thanks to our sister sewing crafters at the Betsuin we received a huge donation of fabric and some partially finished projects that we will be working to complete. We definitely have our work cut out for us.

We are also grateful that we received donations of fabric & craft supplies from members and friends that will keep us busy. We look forward to creating new items for future sales. Thank you to the congregation for the overwhelming support we received during the Bodhi Holiday sale. Your purchases generated much needed funds for the temple.

The Kolohe Krafters meet on Mondays at around 10:00am, usually to around 12:00pm. Please join us in creating items for sale using donated supplies. Our email address is kolohekrafters@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Nembutsu Awareness

Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki, retired minister of HHMH, was the speaker at Moiliili's Hoonko Service on January 21, 2024. He spoke on Nembutsu Awareness.

Shinran Shonin's writings show us a way to spiritually develop through awareness. Reminding us that our judgemental self-centered mind is always within us. Indeed, the teachings of fundamental Buddhism will make our lives better but it is the Other Power of Amida Buddha that will lead us to realization.

Rev. Kuniyuki focused on:

Self Awareness

Dharma Awareness

Gratitude Awareness

Shakyamuni Buddha showed us the way.

Shinran showed us the path of peace of mind as a limited human being living by Buddhist values.

Namo Amida Butsu

MOILIILI SUPPORTS HAWAII BETSUIN'S SPRING BAZAAR

Once again Hawaii Betsuin's has invited other district temples, including Moiliili Hongwanji to participate at their annual Spring Bazaar (formerly called Taste of Hongwanji).

Date: Sunday, March 24, 2024

Time: 8:30am – 1:00pm

Place: Hawaii Betsuin grounds 1727 Pali Highway Phone (808) 536-7044

We agree with its purpose: * Share joy and nembutsu moments *Showcase the talents of Hongwanji temples, affiliate and members *Engage with the local community *Raise funds.

Moiliili members, including the MH BWA and volunteers, notably the Hawaii Kai Jaycees will spearhead the following popular and "ono" food dishes: Spam musubi, inarizushi, chirashizushi, mochi, chicken adobo and yatsumizuke. We get to keep all the funds made that day. (learn more to help)

Other food products, sold mainly at the annex social hall (downstairs) include WBT's manju, bittermelon namasu, takuan and from HI Betsuin affiliates – waffle dog, drinks, baked products, noodles, fresh produce and more. Watch out for maki sushi and possibly other items.

The main social hall (downstairs) will feature the BWA's gigantic Rummage Sale, while clothing only will be sold in the Annex upstairs hondo. Help is needed in this area.

Scrips will be used and parking is available at HMS, Kawananakoa School with volunteer's parking at the Lusitana St. lot. Special thanks to the Betsuin's Boys and Girls Scout Troops.

By Donna Higashi & Lily Masuda



Join Project Dana's Public Presentation Meetings!

Upcoming Events:

Meeting Date:	Saturday, March 9, 2024
Time:	10:00 am to 11:30 am
Location:	Zoom and Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (94-821 Kuhaulua Street,
	Waipahu, HI 96797)
Topic:	"Home Health" – Home health agencies offer a wide range of services that
	can be given at home for an illness or injury. Learn from one of the agen-
	cies in our community about this range of services and how home health
	offers more convenient and equally effective care compared to hospital or
	skilled nursing facilities.
Speaker:	Corrine Suzuka, Care Resource Hawaii
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, March 13, 2024
Time:	10:00 am to 11:30 am
Location:	Zoom and Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (1727 Pali Highway, Hono-
	1ulu, HI 96813)
Topic:	"Hawai'i Intergenerational Network (HIN) and HIN's Homesharing Ha-
	wai'i (HH) program as a Caregiver Resource": Martha Ross will describe
	the Hawai'i Intergenerational Network (HIN), nonprofit organization, and
	the HIN's Homesharing Hawai'I (HH) program. HIN HH helps independ-
	ent kupuna remain in their own homes as long as possible more safely and
	healthily, without facing social isolation and loneliness. The program also
	helps increase the availability of affordable places to live on O'ahu. The
	presentation will explain how HIN HH brings together home owners and
	home seekers who are interested in home sharing in exchange for chores,
	rent, or some combination.
Speaker:	Martha Ross, HIN HH Director & Intake Lead

^{*}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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Hybrid services (in person and zoom)

March 2024

3 9:00 AM Remembrance Service

w/Rev. David Fujimoto Welcome to MHM!

10 9:00 AM Ohigan Service

w/ Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata

17 9:00 AM Sunday Service w/ Ms. Shinobu Fukakusa

24 9:00 AM Sunday Service

31 9:00 AM Sunday Service w/ Mr. Steve Lohse

April 2024

7 9:00 AM Service Cancelled/HBC Hanamatsuri Svc

9:00 AM Hanamatsuri & Remembrance Service w/ Rev. Jan Youth

21 9:00 AM Eshinni/Kakushinni

w/ Mrs. Irene Nakamoto

28 9:00 AM Sunday Service w/ Ms. Gail Tagashira

May 2024

5 9:00 AM Remembrance Service

12 9:00 AM Mother's Day Service

19 9:00 AM Gotan-e Service w/ Rev. Tomo Hojo

9:00 AM Sunday Service w/ Ms. Kaleo Samson Leo



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

Samuel Kiyoshi Taguchi 94 12/10/2023 Margaret Yoshie Taira 99 12/23/2023 Edgar Akio Hamasu* 92 12/25/2023

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

(* Indicates Temple Sustaining Gojikai Member)

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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

April 2024

- 6 Bishop Tatsuya Aoki/ Mrs. Wendy Nakanishi
- 13 Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara/ The Nakata Family
- 20 Rev. Daido Baba/ Mrs. Karen Murakami
- 27 Dr. Jay Sakashita/ Mr. Arnold Matsuura

May 2024

- 4 Mr. Alan Goto/ The Hirai Family
- 11 Rev. Sol Kalu/ The Yoshimura Family
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