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Invite you to this Seminar

TALKING ABOUT COMMUNITY TRAUMA AND PATHWAYS TO HEALING

KEVIN Y. KAWAMOTO, MSW, PH.D.
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA CENTER ON AGING



SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024
9 TO 10:30 A.M.
MO'ILI'ILI HONGWANJI MISSION
902 UNIVERSITY AVENUE

We live in a world where bad news travels fast. Throughout the day and for weeks if not months on end, we often hear stories about traumatic events such as natural disasters, acts of violence that cause death and suffering, and human conflicts that turn residential communities into war zones. How does repeated exposure to bad news affect our emotional health as individuals and as a community? Let's talk about community trauma and pathways to healing at this free community event open to the public.
For more information please contact Mo'ili'ili Hongwanji at (808)949-1659 or Email mhm@moililihongwanji.org



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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I Hear Music!

“Everybody who hears that music naturally conceives the thought to invoke the Buddha, to invoke the Dharma, and to invoke the Sangha.”

Over the years, my wife and I have gone to see many concerts. As of this writing, I am currently streaming Taylor Swift’s new album, and last night we went to see Debbie Gibson. Just after the double celebration in Kyoto, we went to Arizona to see Morgan Wallen.



When you hear your favorite song, what kind of emotions do you go through? Depending on the song, we may feel happiness, or sadness. We recall what we were doing when we first heard that song. Music even has the power to heal. And let’s not forget the heavenly sound of fingernails scratching the chalkboard. (It sent shivers down your back, as you read that last part, didn’t it?)

It is said that there isn’t an exact definition to the word “music.” Yet, we understand what it does, as it is a collection of sounds in a uniformed composition. Every instrument, every note works as one to make a beautiful sound. Perhaps that is why it is written in the Smaller Sutra that the Pure Land is filled with “heavenly” music, with a hundred thousand musical instruments playing at the same time.

Try and ponder this for a moment, when we sing the gathas, or perhaps our favorite songs, there is that sense of invoking something. Whether it’s inspiration, visualization of something (such as the Pure Land), or praising something, someone, or event.

Music has the power to connect and unite everyone, no matter who we are. When we were at the Morgan Wallen concert, a conversation started before the concert began, to see where everyone was from. There were people of course from Arizona, but also people from Canada, New York, and everyone was surprised that my family and I were from Hawaii!

To me, that is a great example of “invoke the Sangha.” All of us came together as one big community, connected by one single thing to sing, laugh and have a good time. That to me IS the Pure Land. All of us forgetting our problems, even if it’s for a few hours, to truly live life.

The Buddha, Dharma and the Sangha has the power to unite us all. Namo Amida Butsu is the calling voice of Amida, calling out to us and we have that opportunity through the Primal Vow to be united as one big voice invoking the appreciation and gratitude of The Buddha, Dharma, and the Sangha, as it has it’s place in our hearts and minds, and makes us who we are.

So let us continue to be centered around Namo Amida Butsu, and continue to invoke its power to embrace not only ourselves, but all beings with the aspiration of peace throughout the world.

Rev. David K. Fujimoto

BWA News

In January, members prepared barazushi mixed rice and kanten and delivered these to over 20 temple elders. It was in connection with C.A.R.E. Day or Compassion and Respect for Elders. This designation was made several years ago at a World Buddhist Women’s Convention.

In March, MHBWA took out a Sponsorship for the PBA Taiko Festival “Yaramaika”. This annual event is a delightful concert of taiko, rock music, song and dance. It is very gratifying to see the hard work of the students culminate into an outstanding program.

In March and April, with our wonderful partnership of the Hawaii Kai Jaycees, BWA members and Kyodan members prepared various food items and rice dishes for the Betsuin Bazaar and the BSC Spring Festival. The Bazaar monies was a major fundraiser for the BWA and it was nice to visit with our good friends at the Hawaii Betsuin and the Windward Buddhist Temple. The items made for the BSC Festival, although modest in quantity, provided support and participation along with other Honolulu and Oahu District Temples.

Along with the help of the Hawaii Kai Jaycees, we look forward to future temple ad community events.

Gassho,

Lynn Nakata-BWA President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

by Joanne Kealoha, President

April 2024

Welcome, Rev. David!

On March 1, **Rev. David Fujimoto** became our new resident minister. He adapted quickly to Moiliili Hongwanji and has been attending many temple meetings, conducting services at nursing and care homes, being available in his office on the second floor of the temple office, and, of course, leading Sunday services and giving dharma talks.

Rev. David has fit right into Moiliili Hongwanji. He has helped us to become more “green” and environmentally conscious by encouraging us to bring our own plates, cups, and utensils for Sunday refreshments so we can avoid using disposables that end up in our landfills. He is even helping us compost our food waste. Best yet, Rev. David has also brought two newcomers to our services—his parents, **Richard and Joyce Fujimoto!**

Welcome, Rev. David!

Triple Celebration

To commemorate three significant events for Jodo Shinshu followers -namely, the 850th anniversary of Shinran’s birth, the 800th anniversary of the founding of Jodo Shinshu, and the 135th anniversary of the establishment of Honpa Hongwanji in Hawaii -a **Triple Celebration** is planned for **September 7 and 8** at **Ala Moana Hotel**. Registration is \$250 until April 30 and \$300 thereafter until July 31. The Moiliili Hongwanji Board voted to provide a subsidy of \$125 for each sustaining member registered by April 30. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji of South Alameda County Buddhist Church.

Honpa Hongwanji is also sponsoring an online Buddhist Education series that began in January. There is **no charge** to register for the dharma talks, but donations are welcome. The remaining talks are on:

May 18, 10:00 a.m., with Rev. Yuki Sugahara on “Kyogyoshinsho: Practice.”

June 22, 10:00 a.m., with Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara on “Kyogyoshinsho: Entrusting Heart.”

July 20, 10:00 a.m., with Rev. Henry Adams on “Kyogyoshinsho: Realization.”

August 24, 2:00 p.m., with Rev. Gene Sekiya on “The World is Waiting for Buddhism and Shinran Shonin: Joy of the Nembutsu.”

To register for the Triple Celebration in September or the Buddhist Education series, visit the Triple Celebration website: hongwanjihawaii.com/triple-celebration.

Temple Renovations

The Renovations Committee, co-chaired by **Melvin Takemoto** and **Osamu Kawabata**, has been hard at work with John Toguchi, architect, and Ralph S. Inouye Company, design-assist contractor, to finalize design and drawings for a building permit. Our volunteer architect, Glenn Miura, worked pro bono for two years to help us secure land use approvals and develop preliminary designs. We are so grateful to Glenn, who continues to be involved with the Renovations Committee! Unfortunately, because of issues at the City Department of Planning and Permitting, we don’t expect construction to begin for another year.

In the meantime, temple space is being rented to various tenants, including Moiliili Sewing School, Na Leo Lani Choral Group, United Self Help, a hula halau, and a karate class. Space is also available to temple members at very reasonable rates (for the time being) for graduation parties, birthday parties, meetings, and other gatherings. **Contact the temple office if you need a place for your next gathering.**

The proposed renovations include upgrading the social hall and restrooms, leveling off the existing grass courtyard with permeable pavers, and installing a shade sail overhead. A unisex ADA-accessible restroom is also being considered, depending on available funds.

A **Capital Campaign** to fund the renovations is in the second year of a three-year campaign. Please consider a donation, but even more importantly, let us know who else we might be able to reach out to for a contribution - people who have been involved with Moiliili Hongwanji in the past (Dharma School, Preschool parents and students, Jr. YBA, Sr. YBA, and the like) and others you think may consider a donation. **Please contact the temple office with names and addresses - and your contribution!**

Mahalo to our Landscaping Team

If you like seeing the landscaping touches around our temple grounds, please thank the volunteer landscaping team. **Mari Fukuya, Eugene Makino, Cyndi Osajima, Lynn Nakata, and Emma Kie** are core members of the team, assisted by **Betsy Nishioka, Adela Lee**, and others, who gather early on Saturday and two weekday mornings each week to tend to the flowers, trees, and other plants at the temple. Theirs is a labor of love - weeding, watering, trimming in the hot sun - to beautify our temple campus. **Sincere *mahalo* to our hard-working landscaping volunteers!**

Gatha Practice, Anyone?

Several times at Sunday services, we have struggled to sing some gathas because the music is unfamiliar. Has anyone wanted some gatha practice so that gathas may be properly sung? If so, let us know. We'll need a pianist and someone to coordinate the practices, but it would be nice to learn to sing the gathas so that our voices can be loud and strong!

Preserving Oral Histories

A few Sundays ago, I had a brief conversation with Rev. Thomas Okano about his internment and deportation experience as a small child during World War II - all because his father, Rev. Ryoshin Okano, was a Hongwanji minister. A truly fascinating story about how wartime hysteria perpetrated such tragic upheaval in so many families.

Oral history is a gathering of the life stories of individuals. Some may be significant people in our communities. But many are ordinary people living ordinary lives, who can tell us about how people lived. And occasionally, these ordinary people have extraordinary experiences to share. Oral histories can be recorded on voice recorders or with video camcorders and can later be transcribed so others may listen, see, and read the stories.

Our members at Moiliili Hongwanji have many stories to share but just may not realize it. Or they may have stories to share only with their families so generations to come will know who they were. The process to do an oral history is not complicated - i.e., work up an outline of what needs to be covered, use your smartphone to do an audio or video recording, then just start talking. This might be a good gift for your children and grandchildren - your life story!

Let us know if you'd like to learn more about oral histories and how to gather them!

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

"The Capital Campaign is climbing new heights!"



On February 19, 2023, the members of the temple gathered together, for the first time after decades, in the Social Hall to celebrate its annual Shinnenkai 2023, and the launch of a three year renovations Capital Campaign drive. Members and the Board of Directors of Moiliili soft launched the Capital Campaign fund drive beginning in July 2022. They launched the campaign with a balance on February 21, 2023 of \$174,755. This year at the temple's annual Shinnenkai on February 25, the Capital Campaign has reached its climactic point just beyond its half way point with a gratifying balance of \$250,897. As of April 15, the Capital Campaign fund balance is \$257,137. What an accomplishment! Working together we reached a milestone, reached a new peak, reached an unprecedented level. Let's continue to walk together on this path by inviting our families, friends, and community partners to help us reach our *tangible* goal. Let's do our best together! Ganbarimashou!

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

Renovating News:

The Renovations committee reported, (1) that the unanticipated topological survey requirement by the Department of Permitting and Planning (DPP) has been completed by ControlPoint Survey company, and is preparing the topographical report; (2) that the selection of a design assist contractor to collaborate with the architect during the design phase has selected Ralph S. Inouye; (3) that Alakai Mechanical has been selected to work on the backflow preventer; (4) a meeting on April 9 with Glenn Furukawa of Senior Care touched base with Glenn to let him know the status on the renovation plans of the temple and to also find out about the status of Glenn's adult day care operation. Glenn still plans on operating an adult day care center at Moiliili Hongwanji once the renovations are completed but feels it is still premature to work on a lease agreement now. Six months prior to the completion of the renovations is when Glenn would like to discuss an agreement, including lease rent, and begin to actively recruit clients and staff.



Aloha Readers of the White Way,

On behalf of Mō'ili'ili Hongwanji Mission, I would like to personally thank those of you who purchased and supported our Hongwanji for Maui Shirt project. The project was launched in November 2023. So far, over 850 shirts have been sold. We have sold out of shirts numerous times and are now into our 6th printing with Squeeze Play Hawaii (shirt company). We have supporters throughout the neighbor islands, CA, WA, OR, NY, FL, CO, NV, MD, IL as well as Canada and Japan.

All proceeds will benefit Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH) and be dispersed into the community on Maui and Lahaina Hongwanji Mission for ongoing relief efforts.

If you have not yet ordered your shirt, please contact us today & place your order. Shirts are \$25 each (adult small – extra large) and \$27 each (adult extra extra large). Individual stickers are \$3/each.

Note: Our Hongwanji for Maui Shirt project will be ending in the coming months. Please place your orders soon. Mahalo for your support!

In Gassho,
Ryne Masuda
Mō'ili'ili Hongwanji Mission
Project Chair

The Seminar

Moiliili Hongwanji and Project Dana will be sponsoring a Seminar on Saturday, June 8, 2024. It will be at Moiliili Hongwanji from 9:00-10:30am and is open to the public.

The topic is *"Community Trauma and Pathways to Healing."* The speaker is Dr. Kevin Kawamoto, MSW, PhD. He will be focusing on how to deal with effects of direct trauma as well as secondary trauma.

This seminar is jointly sponsored by Moiliili Hongwanji and Project Dana in an effort to promote awareness of stress; work, school & financial pressures; and mental health issues in our society today.

To register, please call the temple office at (808) 949-1659 or email mhm@moiliilihongwanji.org.



Upcoming Open House & Bazaar October 6, 2024

An Open House & Bazaar is happening at Moiliili Hongwanji on Sunday, October 6, 2024 from 9:00 -1:00 pm. The following is being planned. Your kokua is greatly appreciated.

Rummage sale, Plant sale, Baked Goods, Food Sale, Dharma School activities, and "Ask Us Questions" with our temple minister and Project Dana are tentatively being planned. Save the date. More info will be forthcoming.

Mō'ili'ili Summer Fest



Aloha Mō'ili'ili Hongwanji Mission Sangha & Readers of the White Way,

Our annual Bon Dance & the 11th Annual Mō'ili'ili Summer Fest is quickly approaching. Please save the dates! Mō'ili'ili Summer Fest will be having a Sneak Peek Preview event on Friday, July 5, 2024 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm (same location as the Mō'ili'ili Summer Fest). It is an opportunity for attendees to stop by for special edition collaboration merchandise from local businesses and purchase various food such as Andagi (Okinawan donuts) and Flying Saucers (a Kauai specialty).



On Saturday, July 6, 2024 from 5:00m – 10:00pm will be the 11th annual Mō'ili'ili Summer Fest, Honolulu's largest Bon Dance which includes a street festival featuring a diversity of local food vendors, artisans, retailers and cultural entertainment.

The Mō'ili'ili Summer Fest consists of several community organizations: Mō'ili'ili Hongwanji Mission, Kamehameha Schools, Mō'ili'ili Community Center, Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, & University of Hawaii at Manoa.

There are several easy ways you can help!

In order for this event to be successful, we heavily rely on volunteers. No prior experience is necessary and help is needed in all areas. Tasks include: behind the scenes working at the temple, set up/cleanup, parking attendants, working in the concession/retail booths, and more. Please sign up today! We are actively seeking monetary donations. Your donation will help offset expenses especially in our concession booth. There are several easy ways to donate to the temple: Cash, Check, Credit Card and Paypal. Please contact the temple office and make your donation today!

I humbly ask for your support & encourage you to ask your family, friends, co-workers to kokua. Giving back to this community event can be very rewarding.

I would like to personally thank the Bon Dance committee in advance for their hard work & dedication each and every year. I would also like to thank all of our volunteers for coming out and making this event possible.

Mahalo,

Ryne Masuda

Bon Dance Chair- Mō'ili'ili Hongwanji Mission

Event Coordinator - Mō'ili'ili Summer Fest



Project Dana: Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

Excerpts from Martha Samson's Talk

“Project Dana has truly been built by visionary leaders who come together with the sole purpose of making life better for the frail, elderly, and disabled in our community. They created this unique project with the means and infrastructure that have allowed thousands to experience the life changing, community changing, world changing concept of DANA.

Among these early supporters was my dear friend *former* Bishop Rev. Yoshiaki Fujitani. He was always so supportive and continued to attend Advisory Council Meetings until well into his 90's. When Rev. Fujitani was Bishop, he was a major force to encourage interfaith events and cooperation between different faiths communities in Hawaii. He led the effort to organize the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving eve services that is still being observed today among the temples and churches in Hawaii... I would encourage you to make it a point to attend the service this year.

When Shimeji Kanazawa needed a meaningful name for her new project she called on her friend, Mrs. Ruth Tabrah. Ruth was an ordained Minister at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin and was an authority on the history of Buddhism in Hawaii... Ruth chose the ancient Sanskrit word “DANA” meaning selfless giving with no expectation of reward or recognition, for the name and guiding principal for this new project, with the Lotus as its logo. She wrote” In the Buddhist tradition in particular the lotus growing out of the mud to rise to the pure beauty of its flowering symbolizes the spiritual journey of each of us. Like the lotus, we too rise from the darkness of ignorance and self-centeredness to the pure beauty, light, and warmth of compassion selflessly extended to others.

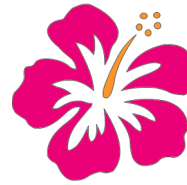
I had to include Dr. Mary Bitterman. She has been with Project Dana from the very beginning, helping us write grants, serving as a trusted advisor to Shim and Rose in those early days, serving on the Advisory Council, and to this day, she is always giving us her wise advice and counsel and we literally cannot make a decision without her. On any issue, the Advisory Council as a whole says, “Let's call Mary and see what she thinks”. She is always a phone call away and a dear friend to Project Dana.

Project Dana helps provide support that is so needed to combat the issues of loneliness and isolation along with the mental and physical challenges associated with aging. The pandemic has changed the world as well and we are much more aware of the need to keep our elders healthy and not expose them to diseases or contagions. Many of our volunteers are aging as well and we need to find ways to support our elderly population.”

These paragraphs are excerpts of her meaningful and informative talk given on February 2024 to the Mililani Hongwanji Project Dana Volunteer Appreciation Service. If you would like the complete presentation, please contact the Project Dana office. Martha generously agreed to share her words. Thank you, Martha.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Hybrid services (in person and zoom)

May 2024

- 5 **9:00 AM** Remembrance Service
- 12 **9:00 AM** Gotan-e & Mother's Day Service
w/ Rev. Tomo Hojo
- 19 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service - Followed by Karuta
- 26 **9:00 AM** Memorial Day Service
w/ Ms. Kaleo Samson Leo

June 2024

- 1 "Dharma-Centered Living 101"
By D. Trinidad Hunt
Group Zoom at BSC from 9:30-12:00
- 2 **9:00 AM** Remembrance Service
Followed by Jr. YBA Brunch Fundraiser
- 9 **9:00 AM** Dharma School Students, Graduates,
Teachers Recognition Service
- 16 **9:00 AM** Father's Day Service
- 23 **9:00 AM** Junteenth Service w/ Mr. Ed Young
- 30 **9:00 AM** Dharma School coordinated Service

July 2024

- 7 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service - Cancelled
- 14 **9:00 AM** Obon & Remembrance service -
w/ Rev. Blayne Higa
- 21 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service
- 28 **9:00 AM** Sunday Service

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May 2024

- 4 Mr. Alan Goto/ The Hirai Family
- 11 Rev. Sol Kalu/ The Yoshimura Family
- 18 Ms. Linda Nagai/ Michael & Wendy Sorakubo
- 25 Rev. Shindo Nishiyama/ Mrs. Iris Wasa-Uehisa

June 2024

- 1 Rev. David Nakamoto/ Roy & Amy Abe
- 8 Mrs. Irene Nakamoto/ Mr. Arnold Matsuura
- 15 Rev. Jan Youth/ The Hirai Family
- 22 Dr. George Tanabe/ The Miyasaki Family
- 29 Rev. Mariko Nishiyama/ MHBWA

July 2024

- 6 Mr. Pieper Toyama/ The Matsumoto Family
- 13 Dr. Dexter Mar/ Mr. Alan Yokota
- 20 Mr. Josh Hernandez Morse/ Ms. Jo DesMarets
- 27 Rev. Kojun Hashimoto/ The Horii Family

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

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

Charlene Yukie Yoneda	95	3/5/2024
Jeanette Tsuyako Mimuro*	93	3/30/2024
George Kiyoto Nakagawa	79	4/16/2024

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

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Hongwanji Spring Bazaar



Ohigan speaker - Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata



Eshinni/Kakushinni speaker - Mrs. Irene Nakamoto w/Rev. David Nakamoto



Shinobu Fukakusa and Raymond Takiue Jr.



Hanamatsuri



Rev. David & his parents Richard & Joyce Fujimoto