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Spring Seminar on

“Identity Theft and Scam Prevention Info Session.”

When? Saturday, May 24, 2025
9:00-10:30 a.m.
Where? Moiliili Hongwanji Mission
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Rev. David Fujimoto's
1 year anniversary

Thoughts on the Passing of Pope Francis

Rev. David Fujimoto

As I am writing this article, the world is mourning the loss of Pope Francis, the head of the Catholic Church, on the day known as Easter Monday. It is mentioned that on Easter Monday, Jesus appeared to his disciples thereby strengthening their faith. It was a time of teaching and preparing his disciples for their own work.

As Shin Buddhists, our time of teaching and preparation comes in the form of our rededication to hearing the Calling Voice of Amida Buddha through the *Nembutsu*. Many of our annual observances remind us of this activity.

In 2023, the Vatican and members of the Buddhist community held their annual interreligious dialogue, along with other religious representatives. The theme was "*Karunā and Agape in Dialogue of Healing a Wounded Humanity and the Earth.*" After the event, the Vatican and the Buddhist community issued a joint statement saying that "As Buddhists and Christians, we see the Buddha and Jesus as Great Healers. The Buddha pointed to greed and Jesus to sin as the cause of suffering. On many levels, Jesus and Buddha proposed love and compassion as medicine to drive out the darkness in the human heart and the world. Nourished by their respective spiritual teachings, Buddhists and Christians, for thousands of years, have adopted compassionate ways of living to address the suffering of life."

Today, we are living in a world that is in constant change and full of the unknowns, which is instilling fear to many. The goal of this dialogue was a call to work together to address the problems of the world where "everyone can bring a ray of hope to a desperate humanity."

In the *Shōshinge*, Shinran writes the following:

The light of compassion that grasps us illumine and protects us always;
The darkness of our ignorance is already broken through;
Still the clouds and mists of greed and desire, anger and hatred,
Cover as always, the sky of true and real *shinjin*.

But though the light of the sun is veiled by the clouds and mists;
Beneath the clouds and mists there is brightness, not dark.
When one realizes *shinjin*, seeing and revering and attaining great joy,
One immediately leaps crosswise, closing off the five evil courses.

This illusionary usage of "clouds" bonds us together as the joint statement also mentions that "We refuse to give into despair, for we strongly believe that in the midst of dark clouds, those who are deeply rooted in their religious traditions and willing to work together."

Some of the key thoughts Pope Francis used throughout his time was "periphery" and "discernment." As Nembutsu Followers, these ideas are something our own founder exuded. Both Pope Francis and Shinran redefined the periphery of social margins, in which they humanized the Teachings for the everyday person and realized that their Teachings were always open to critics and that often seemed to be beyond the grasp of understanding due to our ego and greed.

The Pope and Shinran also thought and taught how can we discern how the Teaching is working in our lives. In the Christian sense, the term "discernment" means "perception in the absence of judgment with a view to obtaining spiritual understanding." From a Buddhist perspective, through the clouds and mists of our ignorance, greed, desire, anger and hatred, how can we view our

true nature to understand the Nembutsu Teachings?

How do we find the Teachings in the most mundane and or troubling world that we are living in today? That is the question we should be answering and or trying to find the answer to. Today we have rebuilt a social margin that is filled with that ignorance, greed, desire, anger and hatred. Where is this leading us? Is it in the right direction? Just as the Buddha transcended all of this in his first seven steps, we too must live beyond the periphery of the social margins that we have created for ourselves. We have to change our perception, our view of the world and develop that partnership of working together to work together to bring "a ray of hope to a desperate humanity." Engage with one another through respect and friendship for the betterment of one another and reaffirm Shinran's aspiration of "May peace and tranquility prevail throughout the world!"

The teachings tell us, that we are not alone in this world. All of us are all interconnected and interdependent. We all need to acknowledge that our respective religious teachings invite us to nurture an environment of compassion, respect and dignity for all sentient beings and we all play a significant role in all that we do. In Systems Theory, it is understood that all of us are a part of several systems in our lives. Like the Golden Chain of Love, we are a part of the human race, the greatest system and the system that encompasses all. We must nurture this system, so that all sentient beings remain bright and strong.

Moiili Hongwanji BWA

Several years ago at a Buddhist Women's World Convention, a designation of C.A.R.E. Day was made. This stood for Compassion and Respect for Elders. To commemorate this, in January our members prepared light lunches of barazushi, simmered vegetables, kuromame and matcha kanten and delivered them to homebound temple elders. The snacks were well-received by the recipients.

In March, MHBWA took out a Sponsorship for the PBA Taiko Festival "Wabi Sabi." This annual event is a wonderful concert of taiko, rock music, song and dance. It is very gratifying to see the many hours of hard work and practice by the students and staff culminate in an enjoyable program. We look forward to next year's version of this wonderful event.

At the end of March, MHBWA members worked with temple friends and the Hawaii Kai Jaycees to produce a variety of food items for the Hawaii Betsuin Bazaar. BWA made rice dishes while kyodan and friends made chicken karaage (marinated then deep fried), yatsumizuke cabbage and mochi. Just about everything sold out and the funds raised were added to the coffers of the temple and the BWA. The Bazaar, previously known as the "Taste of Hongwanji" allowed us to visit and chat with Betsuin members and Windward Buddhist Temple members.

Planning, shopping and preparing are helpful "rehearsals" as we look forward to the big event of the Moiliili Summer Fest and Bon Dance, a very important fundraiser.

A special Eshinni-Kakushinni service, honoring Lady Eshinni, wife of Shinran Shonin, and Lady Kakushinni, his daughter, was held on April 20th. Just a little over one hundred years ago, letters written by Lady Eshinni were discovered in the archives of the Hongwanji in Kyoto. These letters revealed much about Saint Shinran's life. Both of these women are credited in helping to establish the Jodo Shinshu Teaching along with founder Shinran Shonin.

For this special service, the Dharma message was given by Mrs. Marilyn Morikawa of Makawao Hongwanji Mission. Funds raised during this time will be used for student and youth programs in the temple and community.
Lynn Nakata - President



Moiili Summer Fest & Bon Dance

MŌ'ILĪ'ILĪ
SUMMER * FEST

Summer is right around the corner! The 12th Annual Mō'ili'ili Summer Fest will be on Saturday, July 5, 2025 at Washington Middle School (1633 South King Street) from 5:00pm to 10:00pm. Thousands are expected to celebrate this crowd favorite summer festival honoring the historic Mō'ili'ili & McCully districts and Obon season featuring Honolulu's largest Bon Dance. This community planned annual event also includes a family-friendly modern street festival featuring a diversity of local food vendors, artisans/retailers, cultural entertainment, activities for the keiki and more.

Mō'ili'ili community organizations including Kamehameha Schools, Mō'ili'ili Hongwanji Mission, Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, Mō'ili'ili Community Center, the University of Hawai'i and other community groups come together to create this unique community gathering. The Mō'ili'ili Summer Fest is put on by Mō'ili'ili Festivals, a local 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

For the latest information, please visit our website: www.moiililsummerfest.org or our Instagram @moiililifest.

We hope to see you there!

Mahalo,
Ryne Masuda

Event Coordinator - Mō'ili'ili Summer Fest

REPORT TO SANGHA
From the Moiliili Hongwanji Board of Directors
May 2025

NEIGHBORING PROPERTY CONSTRUCTION PLANS

Moiliili Hongwanji's neighbor is getting ready for construction soon. Their lot has been cleared for months now with trees and houses removed, offering a clear view of our annex building.

Currently at issue is a request from the owner and the developer for an agreement to use temple parking lot space during construction and to grant an easement to Hawaiian Electric Company to run a line for electricity through our property to the neighbor's. The temple has retained an attorney, Peter Kashiwa, longtime attorney for Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii with close ties to the Hongwanji, to represent us in negotiations with the neighbor. The owner and developer want the temple to agree to an easement to HECO *in perpetuity* with responsibilities so we are asking for the other party, which needs the HECO easement to proceed, for an agreement with the temple. We hope the negotiations go smoothly.

TEMPLE RENOVATIONS CONTINUING

Phase 1 (courtyard and sidewalk adjacent to the annex building) has been completed. All that's left is erecting a vinyl fence between the annex and the neighboring property. Let us know what you think of it.

The **Capital Campaign** that began in February 2023—with a goal of \$500,000—will end in February 2026. There's still time for temple members and others to contribute to the campaign and exceed our goal. Our members have generously donated to the campaign, some more than once, but we'd like to reach out to others in the community who have had connections with Moiliili Hongwanji over its long history—120 years next year! If you know anyone we might be able to reach out to, please contact the office at 808-949-1659 with their names.

The total renovation project will cost much more than \$500,000. Whatever is not raised through the Capital Campaign will be paid with investment funds. But as our investment portfolio decreases, our investment earnings also will decrease. Raising new money through donations is ideal. We need your help to find new, non-member donors—please help with your names of potential donors. *Mahalo!*

A SURVEY OF OUR SANGHA

Moiliili Hongwanji will be 120 years old next year—quite a milestone. In 1906, Moiliili Hongwanji was established to minister to Japanese immigrants and their families. Through the next 100 years and more, the temple has grown physically from a small wooden building on Kapaakea Lane to the temple structure and annex building we now know, but our membership numbers have not kept pace with the size of our campus.

A survey of our Sangha is being contemplated to see what our members think about the future of Moiliili Hongwanji. As we are acutely aware, our membership is aging. Although we have gratefully attracted several new members in the past couple of years, our demographic remains roughly the same. While young (in age) members do not always translate to a thriving organization, there is no question that youth (and by "youth," I mean anyone from age 20 to 60!) is an advantage. With much appreciation, we have been relying on the youth of our Hawaii Kai Jaycees partners for temple clean-up, fundraiser manpower, and energy for temple activities. But we realize that attracting young families may be an uphill battle.

We'd like to hear from our members about what you think about the future of Moiliili Hongwanji—and how you can help. **Watch for a survey soon to ask for your opinions**—and we hope we can count on your cooperation to provide your candid responses about where we are and what we can do for the future. *Mahalo!*

First Projects funded from *YOUR* Capital Campaign Donations!



View from above of the repair of the concrete masonry unit fence and sidewalk extension pavers and drainage bed. The panels for the fencing are on order.



Long view of the sidewalk extension pavers, provide ample space for rolling walkers, wheelchairs and strollers



View from above of the newly completed courtyard. An observation that has been made is that this improvement may have abated the flies presence in the area and social halls.

*Capital Campaign donations have for the most part paid for these two projects estimated in the beginning of this year to total \$372,000. Two progress billings invoiced and paid to the contractor as of April 10th total \$318,060.

\$258,000 had been transferred from the temple investment account to the Capital Campaign account. Current campaign donations received as of this writing (April 20) is \$317,062.

*The Capital Campaign Committee Chair, Nancy Shimamoto will be sending out an appeal letter to *Friends of Moilili Hongwanji*. Please furnish Nancy or any member in the Capital Campaign Committee with names and contact information of potential donors.

*Capital Campaign Committee member Martha Samson is researching ideas for a display to acknowledge the many generous campaign donors. If you have ideas to share, please contact Martha or leave a message at the office for Martha.

*We are in the last ten months of the campaign for donations to fund the temple's renovations. Your suggestions of potential donors that the committee could appeal for capital donations are very much welcomed. Also, any ideas for a display will be welcome and can be forwarded to Martha.

*We end with a *nice* note and a photo originally taken by the Landscaping committee and "artificially intelligence restyled" of how in their own way beautified the grounds of the back of the annex ground. A strip of turf donated by a committee member was laid by them in the back of the area between the oceanside of the lower annex and the wall of the temple's oceanside neighbors. The turf makes the walk through the area soft and level

*Thank you Landscapers for keeping the temple grounds **green** and beautiful.*



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

From the Renovation Committee Report for April 2025

- 1) First phase of the temple renovation is nearly complete except for the vinyl fencing that are on order and will be tan in color.
- 2) A vote in March to approve the hiring of HHMH's attorney Peter Kashiwa of Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel was tabled until costs were provided. His discounted by 50% hourly cost "under HHMH client number" will be extended to MHM at an hourly rate of \$290.00 "for services rendered relating to negotiations with B7 Hawaii LLC (Developer) for the terms of (A) a grant by HHMH to HECO of an easement for the transmission of electricity from University Avenue to and from the Project; and (B) the amount of a donation by Developer, Lessee and/or Fee Owner to MHM for its (or their) use of a portion of the MHM property to construct the Project".
- 3) Analysis by attorney Peter's legal team listed benefits to the Developer in regards to their affordable housing development such as: (1) real property tax exemption for 10 years; (2) waiver of building permit and plan review fees; (3) waiver of wastewater and water systems facilities charge, and new meter cost; (4) waiver of park dedication requirements; (5) property tax freeze during construction; (6) post-construction cash grants of up \$10 million (\$40 per square foot for units under 300 square foot and \$12,000 per unit for units 300 square foot or more); (7) able to charge market rent or above after 15 years.
- 4) In consideration of the benefits to the Developer listed in number 3, and concerning MHM granting a new easement to HECO, Attorney Peter recommends compensation from the affordable housing development to MHM be a utility fee of \$1 per unit from receipt of Certificate of Occupancy, increased proportionately with each rental increase, until building is demolished; recorded as a mortgage that carries over to each new owner. The Developer and Owner instead wish to negotiate an upfront one-time payment.
- 5) In regards to the Developer's request to rent select sections of MHM to facilitate construction during work hours only (7a.m. – 4p.m. M-F, and selective Saturdays), MHM will offer the following at about \$0.065 per square foot per day:
 - * the *Crane's Stabilizing Arms* - in the front parking lot from the start of the wall at driveway easement going 32 feet along wall in northwesterly direction; and 12 feet wide in westerly direction to the white line marking the parking stall; *384 square feet*.
 - * the *trucks to pour concrete* - in the makai parking lot, all parking spaces along the westerly side adjacent to neighbor's lot except the 1st stall closest to the gate on the northeastern side - 65 feet; and 20 feet wide in the easterly direction – *1,300 square feet*.
 - * the *trucks to deliver* - pre-cast concrete panels and other construction materials such as steel, dry wall, appliances, etc.; *parking on the driveway* rather than along University Avenue; and *workers parking in the lot*, the entire MHM makai parking lot whenever delivery trucks are scheduled to park in the driveway easement to unload – *5,250 square feet*.
 - * there be *no-work periods* - for funerals and Bon Dance prep from June 30 – July 6; there be *weekly communications* - regarding schedules for concrete pours and truck deliveries that will park in the driveway.
- 6) Developer and Owner are eager to start construction work from April 21 and therefore hoping to finalize an agreement as soon as possible. *(As of this writing, April 20, there is no final agreement.)*

White Way Radio's 50th Anniversary

Do you remember where you were or doing on December 7, 1941, November 23, 1963, January 28, 1986 or September 11, 2001? These are dates which are hard to forget in America/Hawaii's history. (Attack on Pearl Harbor), (Assassination of President John F. Kennedy), (Disaster of Space Shuttle Challenger with Hawaii's Astronaut Ellison Onizuka) and (Collapse of NYC's World Trade Center Twin Towers).

Why do we remember so many tragic happenings? But then we can also remember happier occasions like birthdays, graduations, wedding anniversaries, or the start of a new business. Do you recall what happened at Moiliili Hongwanji on April 4, 1975? No, it was not when Moiliili Hongwanji was founded. That was in 1906. On April 4, 1975 (50 years ago), Moiliili Hongwanji began its first radio broadcast in English as a public service to the general community on an all-Japanese Radio Program, KOHO. A committee was formed led by Chairman Toshiyuki Hiranaga, Rev. Ryoshin Okano, Rev. Thomas Okano, President Makoto Kunimune, and other members including David Hunt, Toshimasa Tando, Rose Nakamura, Nancy Shiraki, Ann Nakata and Donna Higashi.

Moiliili's resident minister, Rev. Ryoshin Okano, wrote a book in December 1973 that was entitled "Byaku Doh" The White Way. Our temple newsletter was named the same so we decided to name our radio broadcast "The White Way" also. We selected our first broadcast (April 4, 1975) on the same day as the 1001st broadcast of Hawaii Betsuin's Hongwanji Hour in Japanese. That would be a memorable way to connect our dharma messages. Mr. Kunimune encouraged all our announcers to be female since many radio broadcasters at that time were male announcers. He wanted our voice on the program to "stand out". Many technicians were also recruited. Our first 4 tapes were on cassette tapes (which we still have in our sound room today) but changed to reel to reel upon request by KOHO. Our English speakers generally rotated between the temples in Hawaii. We also featured visiting guest speakers. One of our favorite speakers was Dr. Alfred Bloom, Professor of Religion at the University of Hawaii who spoke once a month and encouraged our listeners to always give him feedback. He spoke for years and we have hundreds of his talks. Upon his passing, his wife donated all his written and oral work to his Alma mater Library at the Harvard Divinity School.

We did our early taping at the Hawaii Betsuin sound room. A 15-20 minute broadcast, sometimes took the announcer and technician close to 2 hours to complete. Since our volunteer announcers and technicians had their full-time jobs, we remember those who worked with technician Toshimasa Tando. They always had a long day AND night. The tape then needed to be dropped off at the Radio station and the week's before tape returned to our office. Unless a reel to reel player is found, these tapes will remain "as is" in our sound room.

In 1984, we went back to cassette tapes filling the many shelves in our sound room. There are more than 1500 cassette programs in our sound room today. As part of the Moiliili Hongwanji's Centennial Preservation Committee, we attempted to digitize these tapes. We can report that only 25% of the tapes have been digitized. It's a slow and long process. Although Radio Station KOHO was changed to KZOO, we continued on Saturday mornings, again following the Hawaii Betsuin's Hongwanji Hour. We are fortunate that our members support this project with their donations, which covers payment to the radio company and speaker honorarium. Earlier announcers and technicians included Susan Morishige, Wally Oda, Sharen Uyeunten, Ethel Shintaku, Patrick Komo and Donna Higashi. The MHM Office Manager assisted by gathering upcoming news and events and along with the minister basically secured the speakers and sponsors yearly.

In April 2011, a big change occurred. Modernization! The radio company moved to the nearby Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii building and began receiving our tapes on a CD disk. Again copies of these CDs can be found in our Sound Room. Presently, we send our talks in digital format directly from the MHM office to the radio station. We didn't need to drop off anything, anywhere. Our announcers came in to record the beginning and ending of each program. Then Richard Oka, MHM Office Assistant, diligently joins the announcer's tape with the speaker's tape and sends it to the station weekly. A copy of the entire recording is kept on the computer upstairs in the sound room.

On April 2012, Richard and Robin Meade, MHM's IT person, collaborated by adding these broadcasts to Moiliili Hongwanji's website. Now any listener can click on a broadcast that they have missed or wish to relisten to. In the past, we shared only the speaker's dharma talk, but realized if the announcements were also heard, the listeners could get a better idea of what it was like during that period of time.

A new crew of announcers led by Nancy Shimamoto assumed the responsibilities as announcers in January 2024. Current announcers include Noriyo Morikubo, Lynn Nakata, Raymond Takiue, Jr., Cynthia Ogasawara and Nancy. They record their segments on their cellphones in the comfort of their homes which may take less than five (5) minutes. They forward the recording to the MH office where Richard Oka completes the task.

Moiliili Hongwanji's White Way Radio Broadcast has evolved exponentially in the past 50 years. We are filled with gratitude. May it thrive for many more years into the future, reaching listeners far and wide.

We sincerely thank the ministers, sponsors, speakers, announcers, technicians, office staff and listeners for supporting the Moiliili Hongwanji White Way Radio broadcast throughout these many years allowing us to celebrate its 50th anniversary this year. If you wish to help, please contact the MHM office and you will be contacted.

Shared by Donna Higashi, Rev. Thomas Okano, Nancy Shimamoto, Susan Morishige and others

Living Legends

For the past 8 years, MHM has been recognizing individuals as **Living Legends** at its annual membership meeting, usually in February. These individuals are selected by the previous year's Living Legends (and Kyodan President and Office Manager). Their names are held back from family and friends and this year, 2025, none of the 3 individuals could attend the meeting so they were recognized at several Sunday services in March instead.

This Living Legend, **June Matsumoto**, is a third-generation member of Moiliili Hongwanji. Her maternal grandfather, a founding member, was involved in relocating the original wooden temple on King Street to Kapaakea Lane, the site next door to our present temple. Her maternal grandmother came from a temple family of Buddhist ministers. They all were lifelong members of Moiliili Hongwanji.

As a youngster, June lived with her parents, Yoshimichi & Toyoko Hirai, and two sisters, Jean (Sato) and Karen (Murakami), next to the Moiliili Cemetery. At an early age, she helped with various temple activities and belonged to the Jr. YBA and Sunday School. Later, June had a long career as a public elementary school teacher and during weekends, often left her teacher's cottage, to return to Moiliili Hongwanji to teach Dharma School. One of her assistants was Lois Ohta. She and her late husband, Glen, live in Hawaii Kai. She loves drawing and painting and more recently was asked to illustrate the monthly birthday cards that the temple sends to members 80 years and older.

June along with her ikebana (flower) arrangement partners, Nancy H. and Karen K. arrange the main and columbarium altar flowers regularly. During the bon season, she and her sisters clean the main tombstone at the Moiliili Cemetery and help at obon services at MHM welcoming members and helping to serve refreshments. This Living Legend cherishes the opportunity to be continuously involved in temple activities and we are so proud of **June Matsumoto**. (shared by Betsy Nishioka)



In recognition of the generous sharing of his expertise, leadership and mentoring of the Moiliili Hongwanji members who made up the planning team of Moiliili Summer Fest for the past few years, **Cedric Duarte**, is hereby designated a Living Legend of Moiliili Hongwanji.

For the first time, a member from the general community was selected as a Living Legend. Since 2015, Moiliili Hongwanji has collaborated with various community groups such as JCCH, Bishop Estate, Kamehameha Schools, MCC, Moiliili Businesses to bring forth the "Largest Bon Dance" In Hawaii.

He resides in Ewa Beach with his wife and two daughters. He is a Honolulu based consultant and storyteller with a passion for Hawaiian culture with over 25 years of experience in marketing and community relations. At first, Cedric was hired through Kamehameha Schools to assist with producing the annual Moiliili Summer Fest and now loves the event and what it means for the community. He plans to help in 2025, when our bon dance and Summer Fest (July 5) will be on the Washington Middle School grounds, since our usual area near Burger King on Coyne Street is under construction with Bishop Estate. Thank you and welcome to the Hongwanji Ohana, **Cedric**. (shared by Melvin Takemoto)



Nancy Hironaka is the third MHM Living Legend for 2025. She was born and raised in Waimea, Kauai and attended Kekaha Elementary and graduated from Waimea High School. She left Kauai to attend Whitworth University in Spokane Washington and after graduating, immediately started working in Spokane.

She met her husband Wallace in Honolulu and got married on June 11, 1960. Her favorite food is tsukemono, pickled vegetables and her favorite place to visit is Cupertino, California where they travelled often to and had another home close to her son, daughter in law and grandson. But now they call Honolulu, their family home.

Along with June M., she helps with arranging the temple flowers and is very supportive, with husband Wally (and other green-thumbers), tending to the grassy areas around the temple. Their yard in Kaimuki has many fruit and vegetable plants which they generously give away to friends. Both of them have contributed many plants and vegetables to the plant sales during our Open House in October.

Mahalo, Nancy and Wally!





Join Project Dana’s Public Presentation Meetings!

Meeting Date:	Saturday, May 10, 2025
Time:	10:00 am to 11:30 am
Location:	Zoom and Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (94-821 Kuhaulua Street, Waipahu, HI 96797)
Topic:	“Medicare Coverage of Ambulance Services” – The goal of the session is for caregivers to learn about Medicare coverage of ambulance services, anticipated costs, what to do if your ambulance ride is denied, and helpful resources. It is also an opportunity to learn about the Hawaii State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and the services they offer to Medicare beneficiaries.
Speaker:	Candace Nakamoto, Jazlyn Wandasan and Hawaii SHIP volunteers

Meeting Date:	Wednesday, May 14, 2025
Time:	10:00 am to 11:30 am
Location:	Zoom and Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813)
<u>Topic:</u>	“Elder Abuse” – Caregivers will learn that elder abuse affects as many as one in ten older adults. Often underreported, this type of abuse can lead to adverse health effects for elders. This session provides an overview about the types of elder abuse with a focus on financial abuse. Caregivers will learn about the signs of elder abuse and prevention tips. Get the facts on elder abuse and protect a kupuna!
Speaker:	Connie Liu, Senior Attorney, Elder Law Services, Legal Aid Hawaii

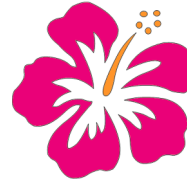
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2025

- 4 9:00 AM Remembrance Service
- 11 9:00 AM Mother's Day Service
- 18 9:00 AM Gotan-e Service/ Rev. Toyokazu Hagio
- 25 9:00 AM Family Dharma Service/ Mr. Higashionna

June 2025

- 1 9:00 AM Remembrance Service
- 8 9:00 AM Dharma School & Teachers Recognition
- 15 9:00 AM Father's Day Service
- 22 9:00 AM Juneteenth Service/ Mrs. Dianne Iida
- 29 9:00 AM Family Dharma Service

July 2025

- 6 9:00 AM Cancelled
- 13 9:00 AM Obon and Remembrance Service/
Rev. Bert Sumikawa
- 20 9:00 AM Family Dharma Service
- 27 9:00 AM Family Dharma Service / Ms. Joy Nishida

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With Heartfelt
Sympathy

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

Bette Ing 83 12/6/2024
Nobuko Maruyama* 94 2/7/2025

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



Spring sakura flowers - Dong, Nancy H. & Betsy



Hongwanji Spring Bazaar



Ohigan speaker - Ms. Edythe Vassall w/Rev. Okano and Rev. Fujimoto



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Rev. Alan Urasaki & Happy Strummers at Hanamatsuri service



BWA Eshinni & Kakushinni service speaker - Mrs. Marilyn Morikawa



Earth Day speaker - Ms. Kaleo Samson Leo w/son Sage

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