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Flower Donation

The temple appreciates any donation of altar flowers. If you have any to donate please bring them to the temple on Thursdays, our ikebana ladies will arrange them on Friday mornings.

Mahalo Nui Loa to all who donate flowers for the altars.

Rummage Donations



Thank you for your kokua. Due to limited storage, donations for the October 5 rummage will be accepted from July 20 through September 30. We will be accepting "up to" 2 large bags or boxes from each family each month. We will accept clean, new or gently used clothing, kitchenware, household goods, garden supplies, books, toys & games, music related items, arts & crafts, etc. We will not be accepting any big electronics, appliances, or computers. Please call the office at (808) 949-1659 if you have any questions BEFORE bringing questionable donations.

Thank you kindly for your support ~ the Rummage Team



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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Obon Reflection: Who is YOUR Anchor?

I recently saw a movie in which the main character was asked "Who is your anchor?" What do you think of or picture when you hear or see the word "anchor"? An "anchor" is something or someone that provides us a sense of grounding, purpose, and direction. This concept is not new and has been explored by various spiritual leaders and philosophers throughout history. One such spiritual guide who delved deeply into the notion of finding an anchor in life is Shinran *Shōnin*.

I believe that through the Nembutsu Teachings, Shinran discovered his anchor in Namo Amida Butsu, The Infinite Wisdom and Incomprehensible Compassion of Amida Buddha. We as sentient beings so filled with blind passions are unable to achieve enlightenment, and so this entrusting in Amida Buddha's Vow is that anchor in our lives. Shinran has a running theme in his works that relate to we as sentient beings relying on the Name that embodies Amida's Primal Vow, for the Vow was made to save sentient beings burdened with heavy karmic evil and lacking roots of goodness. This anchor serves us unconditional support and guidance through the ups and downs of our lives.

As we observe Bon, let us reflect on who is our anchor. When you really think about it, it can come in many forms, whether its our spiritual belief, career, values, other relationships, and yes, even that trip four times a year to Vegas!

Traveling on the Nembutsu Path allows us to live on both planes of where and who do we find our anchor. From Shinran's perspective,

> "The Light of Compassion illuminates us from afar; Those beings it reaches, it is taught, Attain joy in the Dharma, So take refuge in Amida, the Great Consolation" - Shinran Shōnin Jōdo Wasan 11

From the human perspective, anchors can be found in the love and support of friends and family, our work, ethical principles, other activities. However, despite which form you ascribe to, our anchor serves to hold us, embrace us, keeps us from drifting, and grounds us.

Today, we live in such a turbulent time, it feels as if we are being knocked around like a boat caught in a storm. Bon serves as a reminder that we have an anchor that helps us to stay centered. Whether it's a spiritual or human anchor, let us reflect on it and allow it to continue to help us in life.

Rev. David Fujimoto, BCC



Moiliili Summer Fest

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) nonprofit organization.

Parking options:

UH Mānoa Lower Campus – Stan Sheriff Center

Open from 4:00pm to 11:00pm with complimentary shuttle to/from Washington Middle School. 11:00PM last shuttle to UH Mānoa Lower Campus – Stan Sheriff Center.

Event Parking at Shriners Children's Hawai'i (1310 Punahou St.)

\$15 presale via Eventbrite (scan QR code) or \$20/event day, cash only

No in/out privileges, all vehicles must be out by 11:00PM or be towed at owner's expense.

Limited Premium Parking - Washington Middle School (entrance on S. King St.)

\$30/vehicle from 3:30PM to10:00PM. No in/out privileges, cash only

Rideshare – We partnered with holoholo Mobility

Use code: MSF2025 for \$5.00/off one way. Advance reservations are highly recommended.

We are seeking monetary donations to help keep costs down. If you would like to make a donation, please contact the temple office.

Bon Dance towels are \$8.00 each. If you donate \$25 or more, you will receive 1 complimentary towel.

Mahalo to all of our members, friends and volunteers of the temple for helping to make this annual event possible! For the latest information, please visit our website: www.moiliilisummerfest.org. We hope to see you there!

Hongwanji Bon Dance Schedule

July 5	Moiliili Summer Fest	July 19	Waianae Hongwanji
July 5	Waipahu Hongwanji	July 26	Aiea Hongwanji
July 12	Windward Buddhist Temple	August 9	Pearl City Hongwanji
July 18-19	Shinshu Kyokai	August 15-16	Mililani Hongwanji
July 19	Jikoen Temple		

Moiliili Hongwanji BWA

When June and July roll around we often think of balmy nights with termites flying near the light poles. It also indicates that Obon Season is upon us. This year the ever-popular Moiliili Summer Fest will take place at the Washington Middle School grounds. Bon dancers will have a bigger area to form odori circles around the yagura tower. This larger venue means Lois Ohta, Donna Higashi and Osamu and Anne Kawabata will be hard at work making over 500 Spam musubi with the help of Jr. YBA members and friends. This delectable snack is affordable, yummy and a huge seller at bon dances. Thank you to many of you who have donated Spam, rice and supplies for this project.

A week after the Summer Fest, our members will be assisting at the Bon Mairi (July 12th, 10am) and Hatsubon (July 12th, 7pm) services at our temple. There will also be an Obon service at the Moiliili Japanese Cemetery at 4pm. Ann Nakata will coordinate this observance and the Hirai sisters (who wish to remain anonymous) will clean and decorate the Memorial.

On August 16th, there will be a Honolulu United Joint Educational/Membership Conference at the Hawaii Betsuin. Honolulu United consists of Moiiliili, Jikoen and Hawaii Betsuin BWA units. There will be a remembrance service, general meeting conducted by President Lois Ohta, lunch and a program. It is a nice way to interact, connect and socialize with other unit members.

Our very special 100th BWA Anniversary luncheon will be held at our temple on September 6, 2025. Lois has assembled a Planning Committee to ensure a memorable event and celebration. Some of our former resident ministers and special guests will join in on the festivities.

Lastly, an important change has been announced for the 2027 World BWA Convention. In lieu of the Hawaii Convention Center which will be closed for renovations, the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort has been secured for Sept. 11-12, 2027. The WBWC Steering Committee is hard at work so that Federation of Hawaii BWA can host participants from Japan, Mainland US, Canada and Brazil.

Reported by Lynn Nakata, President



Join Project Dana's Public Presentation Meetings!

Upcoming Events:

Meeting Date:	Wednesday, July 9, 2025		
Time:	10:00 am to 11:30 am		
Location:	Zoom and Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813)		
Topic:	"Supporting a Loved One with Hearing Loss: Understanding & Better Communication" – This presentation is designed to help families, friends and caregivers better understand hearing loss and how it affects day-to-day life. We'll cover the different types of hearing loss, its emotional and social impact, and how it can change the way we interact with one another. Most importantly, we'll share practical, effective communication strategies to foster deeper connection, reduce frustration, and offer meaningful support to those living with hearing loss.		
Speaker:	Tori Carapelho, CEO/Founder, Hear 4 Hope		
Meeting Date:	Saturday, July 12, 2025		
Time:	10:00 am to 11:30 am		
Location:	Zoom and Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (94-821 Kuhaulua Street, Waipahu, HI 96797)		
Topic:	"Why It's Good to Plan Ahead for End of Life" – In this session, caregivers will gain valuable insights into the services available to assist them and their loved ones before and during the time of death. The goal is to educate caregivers on essential preparations and the procedures that follow a person's passing. Discussion will take place on what caregiv- ers may experience at the time of death, highlighting the steps and processes to anticipate when engaging with family members and professionals. Additionally, resources on proac- tive planning to help ease the burdens of funeral, memorial, and burial arrangements will be provided.		
Speaker:	Pete Dillwith, VP Operations, Mililani Memorial Park & Mortuary		

*Zoom links will be provided by inquiry

Please call or e-mail if you are interested in attending public presentations or need more information about the program:

Shelley Paet, C4C Program Specialist

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CAMPAIGNING FOR OUR TEMPLE'S RENOVATION-UPDATE 18

Phase 1 is Complete

A final inspection walk through the project 5 courtyard and extended sidewalk, and the project 8 CMU fence/vinyl fence area were done on June 9th with the contractor, and Renovation Committee. The walk through punch listed (1) fill perimeters of pavers to ensure no shifting; and (2) fix loose concrete masonry unit/vinyl fence cap. These two items were addressed on June 20th and June 16th, respectively. Come take a look.

Phase 2 project permit drawings of the Social Hall are ongoing and being developed by engineers.

The Capital Campaign donations has reached a generous total of \$331,122.00. We are very grateful for the generous support received for the renovations of the Temple.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer! And a memorable Obon Season.



University Ave. side of Annex's extended sidewalk: from makai to mauka view of fence.

were adjusted for preventative measure of foot/toe/heel snags.

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

Temple renovations progress report for the June 2025 Board of Directors meeting:

- a. 1st Phase is complete with the installation of the vinyl fence last week.
- b. Building Design Plans are nearly ready to be submitted to the City Dept. of Permit & Planning (DPP)

and so our architect recommended we contract with a company, Third Party Review, which specializes in

assisting in moving design plans through DPP review and approval process.

c. Also the formal contract agreements with our Architect using AIA A105 contract template and with our

Design-Assist Contractor using AIA B105 contract template have both been signed.

From the Renovation Committee Report for June 2025

Call for Submissions 2026 HONGWANJI CALENDAR

Five-Year Theme (2025-2029): NURTURING NEMBUTSU. 2026 Slogan: Sharing Gratitude

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH) Calendar Committee invites members, Dharma friends, and affiliates to provide photos for the 2026 Hongwanji Calendar that shows,

"NURTURING NEMBUTSU: SHARING GRATITUDE.

- You may submit several photos for consideration by the Calendar Committee for the 2026 Hongwanji Calendar. We do welcome cell phone photos. Photos will need to be able to be clearly enlarged. Preferably, please submit pictures in <u>landscape format</u> (horizontal), like this flyer.
- For EACH photo, please include a brief caption expressing the 2026 slogan and your name/lemple for photo credit. If you have questions, please leave a message for Yumi Suzuki at the Hongwanji Headquarters Office at (808)522-9200 or email:
- For photo submissions, please submit directly to Alan Kubota at lenscapeshawaii@gmail.com. He will respond directly to any technical questions. Thank you



Deadline: Monday, September 15, 2025.



Capital Campaign Donations

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Spring Ohigan Donation

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2025

- 6 9:00 AM Cancelled
- 13 9:00 AM Obon and Remembrance Service
- 20 9:00 AM Family Dharma Service

/Mr. Raymond Takiue, Jr.

27 9:00 AM Family Dharma Service /Ms. Joy Nishida

August 2025

- **3 9:00 AM** Remembrance Service
- 10 9:00 AM Family Dharma Service/Ms. Asami Goto
- **17 9:00 AM** Family Dharma Service /Mr. Dennis Tashiro

24 9:00 AM Family Dharma Service /Mr. Jon Matsuoka

31 9:00 AM Family Dharma Service /Mr. Pieper Toyama

September 2025

- 7 9:00 AM Remembrance Service
- 14 9:00 AM Autumn Ohigan/Rev. Tatsuo Muneto
- 21 9:00 AM Peace Day Service
- 28 9:00 AM Family Dharma Service/Ms. Adela Lee

With Heartfelt

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

Sally Sueko Fitzgerald	4/29/2025	87
Edith Fujiwawa Kato	5/18/2025	10
Betty Chieko Goya	6/10/2025	10
Peter Henry Kealoha	6/22/2025	70

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

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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.

July 2025

- 5 Mr. Pieper Toyama/ The Matsumoto Family
- 12 Rev. Richard Tennes/ Mr. Alan Yokota
- 19 Mr. Josh Hernandez-Morse/ Ms. Jo DesMarets
- 26 Rev. Kojun Hashimoto/ The Horii Family

August 2025

- 2 Rev. Jeffrey Soga/ The Hirai Family
- 9 Dr. Benjamin Bruch/ Mrs. Michie Hamao
- 16 Rev. Candice Shibata/ Mrs. Jo DesMarets
- 23 Rev. Earl Ikeda/ The Morikubo Family
- 30 Rev. Marcos Sawada/ Mr. Alan Yokota

September 2025

- 6 Rev. Shawn Yagi/ The Hirai Family
- 13 Rev. Tomo Hojo/ Ms. Karen Kikukawa
- 20 Jaimee "Jay" Yokoyama/ The Kanazawa Family
- 27 Dr. George Tanabe/ The Miyasaki Family

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2025 BSC Summer Session Kauai Satellite Seminar

"Buddha, Dharma, Sangha" and the "European Sangha"

Wednesday, July 30, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (HST): Zoom Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Enrique Galvan-Alvarez



Rev. Dr. Enrique Galvan-Alvarez was born in the Canary Islands, but has spent most of his adult life in the UK. In 2011 he obtained a PhD in Modern Languages and shortly after started working at the (all-online) Universidad Internacional de La Rioja, where he is now Associate Professor. He encountered the Buddha's teaching in 2003 and he started practicing under various Tibetan teachers. In 2011 he encountered Shinran Shonin's teaching and was deeply moved by the writings of Rev. Dr. Al Bloom, with whom he sustained a 5-year long correspondence. Rev. Dr. Galvan-Alvarez continued his study of Jodo Shinshu with other Sensei and Dharma friends, at Dr. Bloom's recommendation, in Europe, Japan and America. In 2019 he was ordained at Nishi Hongwanji. Since then he has been actively spreading the Dharma, both in English and in Spanish.

During the global Covid-19 pandemic, when all Buddhist activities went online, Rev. Dr. Galvan-Alvarez started forming a Spanish-language online group,

Jinen-kō, which now has members across the Spanish speaking world. He also serves the Jodo Shinshu UK community, by offering online sessions and visiting members in their homes across England. He was certified as Kyōshi minister in January 2025 and is currently organizing the 21st European Shin Conference, which will take place in Oxford in September 2025.

Registration Fee: Free

Donations can be made to the Kauai Hongwanji Council. Please make a check payable to Kauai Hongwanji Council and send it to Kapaa Hongwanji Mission 4-1170 Kuhio Hwy, Kapaa, HI 96746.

The maximum capacity is 100 people, first come, first served. We will email you a Zoom link three days prior to the seminar.

Click below to register! "Registration Deadline July 23, 2025" https://forms.gle/tZzwe4PWCPW1ugYE9



When you complete the seminar registration, you will receive an automatic confirmation email from Google forms.

For further information, please contact:

Kapaa Hongwanji at 822-4667, West Kauai Hongwanji at 335-3195 or Lihue Hongwanji at 245-6262.



IN REMEMBRANCE AND REFLECTION Commemorating 80 Years Since the End of World War II

A Narrative from a Hiroshima Hibakusha & an Exhibition on the Atomic Bombing

On the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, we gather in solemn remembrance of all those whose lives were profoundly affected by the consequences of war. We reflect on the immense human cost of conflict, and through the preservation of historical memory, we seek to deepen our understanding and commitment to peace.

Guided by the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha, we rededicate ourselves to building a community—and a world—where every life is equally valued and embraced. May this gathering inspire us to walk together on the path toward a more peaceful and harmonious society.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025

COMMEMORATION SERVICE

At 5:00 p.m. Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (Access to parking is from 1742 Lusitana Street)

Guest Speaker: Ms. Sadae Kasaoka

Ms. Kasaoka was exposed to the atomic bomb when she was 12 years old in her first year of girls' high school. At the moment of the explosion, she was at home, which was 3.5 km (2.2 miles) away from the hypocenter.

ATOMIC BOMB PHOTO POSTER EXHIBITION

In the Hawaii Betsuin Social Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Event Organizers:

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii-Office of the Bishop and Peace Day Committee Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Honolulu District Ministers Association

> With special cooperation from the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation and Ms. Sadae Kasaoka







Bishop Umitani, Riho, Mrs. Umitani & Naho at Riho's graduation from PBA



Amanda Meade - Father's Day speaker with father Robin Meade



Dharma School recognition - Christopher Meade, Jayden Takiue, Ren Yagi, Nicholas Meade, Kayla Takiue, Ms. Ann Miyasaki



Recognitions - Noriyo M (organist), Nancy H (ikebana), Robin M (technician), Rev. Fujimoto, Raymond T (technician)