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NOVEMBER

- Sun 4 8:00 am Choir Practice
 9:00 am Family Dharma Service
- Mon 5 8:00 am Regency at Puakea Service
- Wed 7 10:30 am Hale Kupuna Heritage Care Home Service in Omao
- Sat 10 1:00 pm Lonesome Grave-Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Hanapepe
- Sun 11 8:00 am Choir Practice
 9:00 am Eitaikyo Service & Family Dharma Service
- Tue 13 7:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting

Nov 13 to 17— Annual Ministers' Seminar—Rev. Nakamura in Honolulu

- Sun 18 8:00 am Choir Practice
 9:00 am Family Dharma Service
 10:00 am LHWA Meeting
- Mon 19 8:00 am Regency at Puakea Service
- Wed 21 9:30 am Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital Service in Waimea
 10:30 am Kauai Care Home Service in Waimea
- Sun 25 9:00 am Family Dharma Service, Monthly Memorial and Birthday Sunday
- Tue 27 10:00 am Garden Isle at Wilcox Memorial Hospital Service
- Wed 28 9:30 am Mahelona Hospital Service in Kapaa

DECEMBER

- Sun 2 9:30 am Bodhi Day Service at Waimea Shingon Mission
- Sun 9 8:00 am General Clean-up and General Membership Meeting

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SADAKO'S PRAYER

From September 20th through the 22nd, the State of Hawaii, the only state in the U.S.A., observed solemn Peace Day events. The Honpa Hongwanji Mission is truly grateful to our state Junior YBA Federation, credited for advancing this state-wide Peace Day initiative approved by our Hawaii Legislature.

On that Saturday, Yuji Sasaki, the nephew of Sadako Sasaki, the little girl and victim to the outcome of the Hiroshima atomic bomb blast, presented one of the few cranes left made by the hand of Sadako before she died. Her aspiration to fold 1,001 cranes (tsuru) was not realized and on October 25, 1955 at the age of 12, Sadako died from the effects of Leukemia. Sadako's Tsuru was presented to the World War II Valor Exhibition as part of the permanent memorial collection housed at Pearl Harbor. The Federation of Jr YBA also presented Tsuru to the exhibit with aspirations of Peace inscribed on each of the cranes.

Sadako was at home when the atomic blast denoted about one mile from ground zero. She was blown out of the window and her mom ran out to find her. Mom thought she was dead, but found her two year old daughter still alive. In November 1954 Sadako developed swellings in her neck and behind her ears. In January, 1955 purple spots formed on her legs. Subsequently she was diagnosed with leukemia referred to as the atom bomb disease. Sadako was hospitalized given a year to live.

From her hospital bed, Sadako learned of the Japanese prayer of the thousand cranes. If one can complete folding one thousand and one cranes, one will attain one's wish. Despite the scarcity of paper, she scavenged scraps of paper from medicine box wrappings and however she could fulfill her wish.

Despite her efforts, having folded over 660 tsuru, Sadako continued to die. Mom urged her to eat something. Sadako requested tea on rice (chazuke) and upon eating it, she remarked, "oishii"—(it's delicious). Those were her last words on this earth.

Sadako's short life and young death are a poignant symbol of the innocence that the ravages of war tear from human life. The countless young—standing at the life's doorway, yearning to grow, wonder, and question life's curiosities, can, but whisper to the rest of us their only and eternal prayer—"Let me live, please let me live."

On this occasion of the annual Sangha Memorial (Eitaikyo) gathering of our sanghas, I close with the Dharma aspiration of Jitsuen Kakehashi, noted scholar-devotee of Shinran Shonin's Teachings:

...those who slander and deny the Dharma are not only losing sight of the right path and sinking into deeper confusion, but also depriving others of the sense of what is right and what is wrong. The life of such people is like driving a car with a broken steering wheel and broken brakes.



They repeatedly drive recklessly according to their own desires, involving other people and dooming their own lives and of others to destruction..." "HEARING THE BUDDHA'S CALL"; Kakehashi, Jitsuen, Translated by Toshikazu Arai; BSC Press; C.2012; p.154.

To hear the Call of the Buddha is also to hear the Call of our fellow humankind and the world. Let us do our share to work diligently to support our fragile human and natural environment for healthy, wholesome living today and tomorrow. Namo Amida Butsu.

Author's footnote:

Despite Japan's historical renunciation of atomic weapons in the wake of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki atomic holocaust, they, like all of us have short memories. The contamination of the Fukushima nuclear power plant to the human and natural environments is but a small ripple of when the Tohoku earthquakes and Tsunamis laid waste and too many lives were lost.

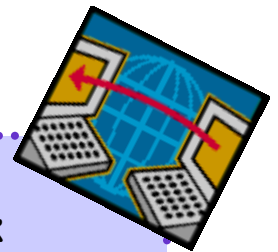
The Tohoku region suffered like disasters hundreds of years before. Those who survived placed giant stone markers upland to remind those who came after of the periodic natural disasters that would come time and time again. Modern man forgot and ignored the wisdom of their ancient predecessors. The arrogance of modern technology and wilful demands of modern life would again answer to the Great nature: Air, Wind, Fire, Water and Earth.

The world continues to face the dreadful prospective of yet, other nuclear

spills from natural or man-made disasters. Human error, human waste and the lack of will and vigilance, threaten modern life fuelled by atomic energy in a world with an explosive population. The great edifices—the metropolis, the cities—the great temples of our collective vain-glory, are at risk if we do not radically revise the way(s) we live with unimpeded arrogance and greed.



A Paper Crane folded by Sadako Sasaki, from the book Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes



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JINJI – MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENT

Rev. Yuika Hasebe, the associate minister of Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin, will take leave of absence and return to Japan from January 31, 2013 to January 31, 2014. She will be discharged from her current assignment at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin as of January 31, 2013.

FOODLAND GIVE ALOHA - A SUCCESS!

Thanks to your donations through the Foodland Give Aloha Program, we will be able to add \$2,379.31 to Hawaii Kyodan's Ministerial Training Fund. Your donations of \$1,918.01 were supplemented with \$461.30 in matching contributions from Foodland and the Western Union Foundation. This was a good first year and we hope that as more members become aware of Honpa Hongwanji's participation in this program, we can make an even greater contribution to the Ministerial Training Fund.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Rev. Shinkai Murakami of Wailuku Hongwanji Mission received a certificate of appreciation from the United Japanese Society of Hawaii in recognition of his outstanding commitment to teaching and preserving the Japanese language in Hawaii for the past twenty-five years. Congratulations, Rev. Murakami!

BLAYNE HIGA RECEIVED TOKUDO IN JAPAN

Mr. Blayne Higa, member of the Moiliili Hongwanji Mission, attended the 11-days

Tokudo Training which was held from October 6 to 16, 2012 at Nishiyama Betsuin in Kyoto, Japan. Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani also participated in the Tokudo Training as the interpreter. Tokudo is the official training which is administered by the Honzan to educate and prepare the candidate for ordination as a Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha minister. Blayne Higa successfully completed all the required training and received a Tokudo from the Gomonsu Koshin Ohtani in the evening of October 16, 2012 at the Goeido Temple in Honzan.

REV. MUNETO OFFERED THE INVOCATION AT OAHU AJA VETERANS COUNCIL'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Oahu AJA Veteran's Council held its seventh annual Joint memorial Service on Sunday, September 30, 2012 at the National memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. This service was held to honor the fallen World War II members of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service and the 1399 Engineer Construction Battalion. Rev. Tatsuo Muneto, Rimban of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, participated in the event and offered the Invocation.

[Invocation by Rev. Tatsuo Muneto]

As the sun shines upon the earth, awakening the seed that lies therein, so does the light of truth sheds its glorious radiance in the hearts and minds of all mankind, calling forth into activity the compassion of the universe. May the same light shine upon us all as we commence with the Oahu AJA

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Veterans Council World War II Joint Memorial Service at this hallowed site. Let there be sincere heart to honor the many AJA soldiers and civilians who fought bravely for democracy, without which equality and freedom that are enjoyed today in Hawaii's society would not have been easily realized. We gather together each year not only to honor the individuals who fought bravely for our country, but also to perpetuate the values of "loyalty", "honor" and "sacrifice" that the AJA soldiers demonstrated in their actions. May our deep aspiration to live in peace and justice prevail in our hearts and minds, as we see more people who were once separated as enemies meeting together in forgiveness and in reconciliation! May we be ever grateful to the spiritual guidance of Amida Buddha that promotes the spirit of meeting together in warm memories of the fallen soldiers and civilians and to promise to work together for peace of the country and the world!
Namo Amida Butsu.

PEACE DAY FESTIVAL 2012

On September 22, 2012, a Peace Day Festival was held at the World War II Valor in the Pacific Memorial and Blaisdell Park sponsored by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. The festival included a few ceremonies, live entertainment, booths and a peace walk. This year's theme was "A 'Peace' of Aloha," encouraging participants to share the Aloha Spirit and the Peace that comes from it. The idea of sharing Peace through the Aloha Spirit resounded not only locally, but also internationally as we were very fortunate to have

Mr. Yuji Sasaki, nephew of Sadako Sasaki, participate in the festival.

Sadako Sasaki was a victim of the atomic bomb attack on Hiroshima. Although she survived the initial blast, the lingering radiation caused her to get leukemia at the age of 12. While in the hospital, Sadako's friend convinced her to fold paper cranes with the belief that if she were to fold 1,000 cranes, her wish would come true. There is a book titled *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* that details her life and her aspiration for world peace.

Through the efforts of the Hawaii Federation of Jr. Young Buddhist Associations and the National Parks Service, a special paper crane ceremony was held at the WWII Valor in the Pacific Memorial where Mr. Sasaki Donated a paper crane, folded by Sadako, to support the Peace Education Efforts being done by the park. There were about 90 people who heard an inspirational message from Sasaki as he presented a crane. Following his presentation, the Hawaii Federation of Jr. Young Buddhist Associations and the Pacific Buddhist Academy donated 1,000 cranes each to also support their Peace Education efforts.

After the ceremony, a peace walk was held going to Blaisdell Park, asking participants to carry Sadako's aspiration and spirit of peace from the paper crane to the Peace Day Festival. About 60 people participated in the fun walk, including Sasaki; Mr. Paul DePrey, Superintendent of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument; Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Mr. Alton Miyamoto, of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii; faculty and students of the Pacific Buddhist Academy; and members of the Hawaii Federation of Jr. YBAs.

A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

Timeless Source of Gratitude

By Bruce Y. Nakamura

It's easy to forget our connections with our parents, of where and how various community and cultures have contributed to the true joy of living today. When an elder tells stories of the difficulties growing up, they often fall on deaf ears. If we ourselves are given the opportunity live through the life stages of parenting, grand-parenting, etc., we will also repeat things over and over to those around us.

As we grow, develop and experience the unique challenges of modern life, let us ask ourselves if we so often repeat the fears and anxieties that return us to the same point in our life—its Buddhist expression is samsara—an endless cycle of fear, ignorance and self-delusion. Let's not pass by opportunities to enlarge our worlds and deepen our appreciation to the wonders that make everyday human life truly divine and an amazing miracle.

I once had a very good friend whom I loved dearly like a brother. He recently passed away in his early forty's due to a congenital heart defect. He didn't know that he had a bad heart condition until it was too late. One day after jogging, he simply collapsed and died.

When we worked together in the restaurant industry, he shared with me an account of his father, one of two twin brothers. Living on Oahu their mother had lost her husband and was left to care for the children. Suddenly, however, she died in a drowning incident. Her children were deeply shaken by their mother's death so soon after their father's passing. They suspected she took her own life, thinking to spare them from a life of extreme hardship with her life insurance. While understanding their mother's "best of intentions", they also knew her insurance would not be honored because she took her own life.

Parentless, the children were forced to live with relatives. As a result from a younger age, they had to make their way in the world. Aware of the forces surrounding their mother's death, they worked even harder to make a better life for themselves and the rest of their family. There wasn't a day when the children didn't remind themselves to learn from this tragic life—lesson. The bitter-sweet awareness as to the meaning of family and community profoundly translated into this young man's daily life.

Real life is indeed, stranger than fiction. The lives surrounding his own became a timeless source of gratitude. They grounded him, inspiring courage and joy in his professional, social and personal life. A beloved "brother's young life" ends in his early forty's. And though he did not outwardly identify with Buddhism or the Nembutsu teaching, that amazing life was firmly rooted in the wonder of Great Compassion.

As we emerge into a new era of meaning, it must be a world that braves our broad and diverse human histories. That courage brings diversity into our awareness, open to others' unique stories, and gifts. Our conversation has just begun. Let us stand together not separately on our own paths—banded together, "us against them"—but united amidst diversity, open to renewed meaning that is the timeless source of gratitude in Infinite Light and Life. Namo Amida Butsu.

In Gassho



2012-2013 Social Concerns Fund Drive

In November we celebrate the important holidays of Thanksgiving and Eitaikyo. Both remind us to be mindful of the countless blessings in our lives and how we live connected to each other and to the world around us. It is in this spirit of gratitude that we begin our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive.

The generous contributions from Sangha members provides the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii the ability to support worthy organizations and programs with funding to continue their work in our community and to provide compassionate action during times of disaster. Your contributions also allow the Committee on Social Concerns to plan for future programs related to social issues affecting our community.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Please make all checks payable to **Lihue Hongwanji Mission**. The suggested donation is the cost of just one meal per person. Any donation you are able to give will make a difference in the lives of others. Your help is needed to continue our mission of sharing the Dharma *through* compassionate action. Mahalo!



Words of Thanksgiving

We are truly grateful for this wonderful food, a gift of life. May we share its benefits with all beings. As we partake of this food, let us remember Amida Buddha's compassion, which surrounds all people and all forms of life.



Namo Amida Butsu
Itadakimasu

Greeters

November 2012

Nov. 04: Carol Valentine

Nov. 11: Lynette Mizuo

Nov. 18: Charlotte Yasumoto

Nov. 25: TBA

2012 TEMPLE DECORATION

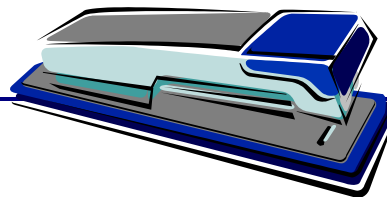
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December 6,13,20,27 Isenberg II & III

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MEMORIAL SERVICE (NENKI HOYO)

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2012

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of November and December. In Jodo Shin Buddhism, memorial services are observed to remind the family members of the compassion of Amida Buddha in memory of the deceased.

1st YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 2011

None

3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 2010

2010 Nov. 17 Yoshiko Hadama

7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 2006

None

13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 2000

2000 Nov. 6 Edward Midori Watanabe

2000 Dec. 9 Shizuto Hiraoka

2000 Dec. 19 Harumi Kouchi

17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 1996

1996 Dec. 16 Yoshito Fujiwara

1996 Dec. 16 Ruth Chiyoe Oyeda

25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 1988

1988 Nov. 3 Teiji Shibuya

1988 Nov. 7 Masae Ishii

1988 Dec. 10 Norman Toyoichi Urakawa

33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 1980

1980 Nov. 22 Paul Kichisuke Naganuma

50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 1963

None

☞ With Deepest Sympathy ☜

Lihue Hongwanji extends its deepest sympathy to the family and relatives of:

The late ***Tadao Suemori*** who died on September 5, 2012 at the age of 89.

LIHUE HONGWANJI WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

On October 7, 2012 some of the members of LHWA attended the annual Kauai United Honpa Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association Fall Conference hosted by Kapaa Hongwanji BWA. The speakers at the conference were Rev. Bruce Nakamura of Lihue Hongwanji and Rev. Kazunori Takahashi of Kapaa Hongwanji. Next year's conference will be hosted by LHWA.

For many years the members of the KUHHBWA have been decorating the graves at Kauai Veterans Memorial Cemetery just before Veterans Day. This year we will be decorating the graves on November 10, 2012 starting at 1:00 p.m. Donations of flowers are greatly appreciated and if you would like to come and help decorate the graves, please come and join us. For more information contact Gail Shibuya, at 245-2905.

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As of November 20, 2012

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49TH DAY SERVICE:

In Memory of Doris Watanabe
Akinori Watanabe

100 DAYS MEMORIALDONATION:

In Memory of Barbara Miyoshi
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**December, General Cleanup and Membership Meeting
December 9, 2012 at 8:00 am**

LHM general clean up will be on Sunday, December 9, 2012 at 8:00 am. Lunch will be at 10:30 am, followed by general membership meeting. There will be NO Sunday Service on that day. **Please come out to help.**