

Dharma Wheel

Lihue Hongwanji Mission, a Shin Buddhist Temple

VOLUME 66 ISSUE 8

AUGUST 2013

Path of Entrusting: Live the Teachings!

Contact Information:

- * *Resident Minister:*
Rev. Bruce Nakamura
- * *P.O. Box 1248*
Lihue, HI 96766
- * *Phone:*
808-245-6262
- * *Parsonage:*
808-245-4543
- * *Preschool:*
808-245-7857

Emergency #:
808-634-9093

Do you know what this is?
Did you see it flying
on our flagpole?
It is the Buddhist Flag!



History of the Buddhist Flag

The Buddhist flag was originally designed in 1885 by the Colombo Committee, in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The modern creation was modified to be of the normal size of National Flags, jointly designed by Colonel Henry S. Olcott and the Ven. Hikkaduwa Sumangala Nayaka Thero of Sri Lanka. In 1880 Olcott embraced Buddhism and joined the Buddhist revivalist movement and pioneered Buddhist education. He initiated the establishment of close to 400 Buddhist schools and colleges in Sri Lanka. The Buddhist Flag, so designed, was hoisted for the first time on 28th May 1885. The flag was modified to be of the normal size of National Flags. The Buddhist Flag so modified was hoisted in 1886. It remains unchanged to this day and is used by all the traditions and schools of Buddhism throughout the world.

(Please read "Ask Rev. Bruce" on page 4 for more information)

Inside this issue:

Calendar	2
Visitation Sched.	2
Minister Message	3
Ask Rev. Bruce	4
Jr. YBA	5
Honpa Info	6
Dharma School	8
Monthly Memorial	10
Acknowledgments	11

Meaning of the Colors of the Buddhist Flag

The original design's six colors; Blue, Yellow, Red, White, Scarlet, and the mixture of these six colors of the flag represented the colors of the aura that emanated from the body of the Buddha when He attained Enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree. The original color of Scarlet, was subsequently altered to Orange. The colors symbolize the perfection of Buddhahood and the Dharma.

Blue: Peace, loving kindness and universal compassion for all beings.

Yellow: The Middle Way, avoiding extremes and bringing balance and liberation.

Red: The blessings that the practice of the Buddha's teaching brings; achievement, wisdom, virtue, fortune and dignity.

White: Purity of Dharma, the Buddha's teaching, leading to liberation that the Dharma will always exist regardless of time or space.

Orange: Unshakable Wisdom of the Buddha's teaching; the essence of Buddhism which is full of wisdom, strength and dignity.

The **Combination** of the colors symbolizes the universality of the Truth of the Buddha's Teaching.

Therefore, the overall flag represents that regardless of race, nationality, division or color, all sentient beings possess the potential of Buddhahood.

Information gathered from: Wikipedia.com; Buddhanet.net; Buddhist Council of Queensland, Australia

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

Sat	03	8:30 AM	Bon Service, Kauai Veterans Cemetery
Sun	04	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Dharma School Rally
Sun	11	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday and Memorial Sunday
Sun	11	10:30AM	LHWA Meeting
Tue	13	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg
Sun	18	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Tue	20	7:30 PM	Bon Dance Evaluation Mtg.
Sun	25	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

SEPTEMBER

Sun	1	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	8	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service (State Lay Convention, Oahu)
Tue	10	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	15	9:00 AM	Autumn Higan Service, Guest Spkr: Rev. Shigenori Makino
Sat	21		Peace Day Memorial, Oahu Dharma School to attend
Sun	22	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday and Memorial Sunday
Sun	29	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

Visitation Schedule

Mon	Aug 5	8:00 AM	Regency at Puakea Service
Wed	Aug 7	10:30 AM	Hale Kupuna Heritage Care Home Service in Omao
Mon	Aug 19	8:00 AM	Regency at Puakea Service
Wed	Aug 21	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital (KVMH) Service Kauai Care Home Service (KCH) in Waimea
Tue	Aug 27	10:00 AM	Garden Isle Ext. Care Service @ Wilcox Memorial Hospital
Wed	Aug 28	9:30 AM	Mahelona Hospital Ext. Care Service

Members and friends are welcome to accompany the minister at service and visitation Outreach. Please contact Rev. Nakamura in a timely way.

Privacy and confidentiality rights of individuals limit the clergy from visiting persons in medical, residential and care-home facilities without the express request/consent of the family. Our minister is happy to visit members and friends, but by law, such visits require a referral from the family. Please contact Rev. Nakamura at 245-6262 and 245-4543.

Temple Decorations

<u>2013 TEMPLE DECORATION</u>	
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Pua Loke II/Puhi
September 5, 12, 19, 26	Hanamaulu
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Nawiliwili/Wailua
November 7, 14, 21, 28	Isenberg I/Gym
December 5, 12, 19, 26	Isenberg II/III



Message from Rev. Bruce Nakamura

NEMBUTSU NOT FOR THE DEAD

Of the various world-cultures throughout, we discover in Asian cultures perhaps, the most imaginative in conjuring ghosts and spirits (*tamashi*) that play havoc onto the living as retribution for not being treated properly (*bachi-ga-taru*). Many Buddhists even up to the present, think the only time we need a Buddha-shrine (*butsudan*) is when a loved one has passed away. In some streams of Buddhism, prayers for the dead are to be conducted to allay any spiritual ill-at-ease upon the living (*kuyo*). Led by the priest-minister, invoking the Buddhist sutra is thought to console the deceased and family-relations at designated times.

Families traditionally held the anniversary memorial service before the actual death date, if it can't be on the actual date. The belief is that, if not on the actual date, sad events such as death-memorials are to be observed earlier; Happy events are to be celebrated later, if not on the actual date. There remains among many, an underlying fear and apprehension of "*bachi-ga-taru*" that determines the timetable of such events on the family calendar. Fears of retribution by the dead (*bachi*) are a predominant theme played out in Japanese movies, television and other popular genre. In the larger view, retribution by the dead onto the living is not peculiar to Asians, but, in all cultures is human nature's dread of death and the dead.

What was then and now, today, a radical departure from this fear of retribution by the dead onto the living, is the view that as Shin Buddhists, we have no spiritual capacity nor power to benefit the dead. On quick review, this popular term and meaning of "Shin" is what Shinran Shonin, Shin's inspirational founder referred to as the "Essential" or "True" Teaching of the Pure Land Path or Jodo Shinshu. Shinran is referring to his spiritual master, Honen or Genku Shonin—the founder of the Pure Land School (Jodo-Shu) who emphasized the Exclusive Selection of Nembutsu of (Amida's) Selected Primal Vow. Shinran himself did not start a new school or branch of the Pure Land school, but sought only to clarify his teacher's intention ("Shin" as Essential-Truth).

It was Honen's assertion that the Selected 18th Primal Vow of Amida Buddha onto which we simply place our trust assures birth into His Pure Land of true peace and happiness—in other words, the continuous and mindful invoking of "Namo Amida Butsu" as simple trust assures birth in His Pure Land. It is not my small mind rooted in ego-assertion and driven by greed, anger, and ignorance that is the source of any real spiritual benefit for my loved ones. Only the wisdom-compassion of the Buddha (Amida Buddha) can provide the true spiritual virtues for all beings by the ultimate Blessing of his 18th Primal Vow of True-Entrusting—the Nembutsu.

Though Honen places his entire trust in Amida's Selected Primal Vow—the Nembutsu—in practice, he remains a precept master foremost, whose invocation of meditative and continuous Nembutsu outwardly emphasized the number of Nembutsu recited. The implication is, most followers overlooked the inner content of meaning to Amida's Vow-power—the utterance of Nembutsu as Thanksgiving for being unconditionally taken-in and embraced without fail—the hallmark and basis to Shinran's view of true religious life.

Consequently, those disciples who came after Honen, (one being Shinran) either emphasized the many-calling or the single-calling of Nembutsu—quantity over quality. Shinran would clarify Honen's teaching as Shin (essential) by emphasizing the state of mind—that is Amida's Mind of True-Entrusting (*Shinjin*), ie., 18th Primal Vow of True-Entrusting, given freely and unconditionally into the hearts and minds of all beings with their utterance of gratitude in his Name—Namo Amida Butsu.

Even as we proceed through the Bon season from June through August, we are often reminded of the ancient Buddhist legend of Mogallana-Mokuren and his mother's suffering in a state of unsatiated desires—the realm of the *gaki*. In this account however, we do not find retribution by Mokuren's mother directed at her son, a disciple of the Buddha. Instead, she endures her spiritual state as she is. That is to say

original Buddhism does not teach the notion and belief of bachi-ga-taru – the dead’s retribution onto the living. Mokuren on the other hand, awakens through spiritual insight deeply sorrowing over his mother’s spiritual suffering. Out of deep love and concern for his mother, not out of fear or retribution, Mokuren seeks the support of the Buddha’s community—the Sangha. Out of great compassion not only for their fellow disciple, but for all beings, the Buddha-Dharma seeks to transform the fears and delusions of living for the dead having spent their human karma, are with certainty, embrace by Amida Buddha’s all-embracing compassion.

No matter the sophistication and intelligence of modern living, we often find ourselves locked or trapped by the fears that isolate us from family, community and most fundamentally, ourselves. Even the fearful religious mind can pose a threat to inner spiritual freedom that deny better choices for our shared responsibility to one another. The Shin Teaching of Nembutsu provides an absolute freeing of the deep anxieties that so often bind us to delusion and self-centeredness and provides a living foundation upon which true gratitude is built and shared with others.

Ask Rev. Bruce

Q: What is that rainbow-colored flag hanging beneath the American flag off the flag pole next to our Lihue Hongwanji office?

A: This is the Buddhist flag or Bukki in Japanese. It’s been adopted by all Buddhists as the flag for all Buddhists. The flag is made up of six colors which the sutras say emanated from the head of Sakyamuni Buddha at his enlightenment and at his deathbed.

The Buddhist flag consists of vertical stripes of blue, yellow, red, white, ochre and a “non-color” combining the previous colors. The last stripe is made up of horizontal bars of blue, yellow, red, white, and ochre to make up the sixth “non-color”. In the Japanese version, the blue is replaced by the green and the ochre by a purple-grey.

We find in the Amida Sutra, one of the three main sutras of the Pure Land Teaching, Lotus blossoming in the Pure Land of Amida Buddha, each emanating its own unique color and hue. Each blossoming lotus is symbolic, not only the myriad lights of the Buddha’s compassionate light, but, of each being’s uniqueness being born into the Buddha’s wondrous compassion.

Whether one is old or young, man or woman, simple or talented, rich or poor, and even, good or bad—each is as if, the only and most cherished child of the Buddha’s true love and compassion, embraced without fail. This wondrous compassion brings us to entrust in a life of thanksgiving, in the effort to repay our debt of gratitude to the Buddha and to all beings for this absolute compassion that does not judge or condemn. Awakening to this awareness and spiritual reality, we desire to grow in a gracious life of humility and appreciation. NaManDa-Bu...

Reference: Traditions of JodoShinshu Hongwanji-Ha, by Masao Kodani, Russell Humada; p. 113; C. 1984.



Got something on your mind? Submit your questions to Rev. Bruce by email to lhmnw@yahoo.com, by mail, or by dropping it in the slot in the door to his office. Including your name is optional.

Note that he may edit the question for brevity.

Hawaii Buddhist Youth Month

By Melia Okura & Landen Ishida

Hawaii Buddhist Youth Month (HBY Month) was established by the Hawaii Federation of Jr. YBA to increase connectivity among Buddhist youth and is an opportunity for Buddhist youth to be visible in the community. Each year HBY month has a theme that is the same as that year's convention theme. This year's theme was "BuddHA: Sharing the Breath of Life." HBY Month is held in October and each United is to **hold a religious service**, participate in a **community service project**, and **make a donation to a charity selected by the Federation**. If you would like to attend the HBY Month Service, look in the September newsletter for the time and place.

For our service project we chose the "Hug me Ministries". We will be collecting stuffed animals during the months of August and September which we will be taking to Regency Puakea Care Home. Look for a box at your temple to drop of your donations!

During this year's Convention the General Assembly chose Kapiolani Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit as the charity each United will donate to. Every United has to choose a fundraiser and our United has chosen KFC-Hawaii Fundraising Program. We can raise a significant amount of money simply by selling "Quick Bite" coupons. This coupon is \$7.00 and can be redeemed at any participating KFC-Hawaii locations. The "Quick Bite" is a meal with two pieces of chicken (Original recipe, Extra Crispy, or Mixed), one biscuit, and a small mashed potato with gravy. We will be selling the "Quick Bite" coupons starting August 1st until they are sold out. Look for a Jr. YBA member nearest you!!

Landen Ishida-Kapaa Hongwanji

Mie Miller-Lihue Hongwanji

Shawna Ogata-Lihue Hongwanji

Melia Okura-West Kauai Hongwanji

Hug Me Ministries

Jr. YBA

By Shawna Ogata

Hug Me Ministries is an event in which people can contribute by donating soft teddy bears and stuffed animals (approximately 12 inches in size) to residents in Regency at Puakea Assisted Living Community and to long term hospital patients. We need your help in obtaining these stuffed animals.

How? You can simply go to any Hongwanji temple location and drop off a stuffed animal in a container that will be supplied. The stuffed animals will be collected during the months of August and September.

The Jr. YBA will be visiting residents in Regency at Puakea and distributing stuffed animals during the month of October as our service project for Hawaii Buddhist Youth Month. Remaining stuffed animals will be given to Rev. Nakamura who will distribute them during later care home visits.



For more information, contact:

Jani Okura-

808-346-9126

Your help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much for your donations.

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii-Highlights

Web: www.hongwanjihawaii.com Email: hqs@honpahi.org

MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS (JINJI)

Rev. Shinji Kawagoe, the new minister of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, will be assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin as its associate minister as of August 1, 2013.

Rev. Satoshi Tomioka, the new minister of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, will be assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as its associate minister as of August 1, 2013.

The ministers of Oahu districts are asked to provide for the needs of Aiea Hongwanji Mission during the absence of the resident minister. Ministers of Oahu District are tasked with providing spiritual care such as conducting funeral services, memorial services, assisting Aiea Hongwanji with Sunday Services, etc. and also provide guidance for Aiea Hongwanji Mission.

55th STATE MINISTER'S ASSOCIATION SEMINAR

The 55th Annual Honpa Hongwanji Minister's Association Seminar, hosted by Hawaii District Minister's Association, was held at Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort and Spa on June 11-13, 2013. The theme of this year's seminar was "Path of Entrusting: Live the Teachings" and the ministers attended the following workshops and discussions:

- "Team building and appreciative inquiry" by Mr. Rod Moriyama
- "Globally minded Shin Buddhism" By Dr. Ugo Dessi
- Presentation "Myokonin of Kona" by Rev. Tatsuo Muneto
- "Public Relations" by Catherine Tarleton and Leilani Hino
- Visitation to the Onizuka Space Center

2013 YBICSE

Led by 2 chaperones (Rev. Mariko Nishiyama and Mr. Gordon Heit), 8 YBICSE participants departed Honolulu International Airport for Japan on July 15, 2013. This year's YBICSE program is sponsored by Honzan and the participants will experience various programs with other participants from BCA, JSBTC, and South America Districts

BWA EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The BWA Student Exchange program was first inaugurated in 1971 as one of the approved World Buddhist Women's Convention resolutions. This year Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations will be sending two girls to Japan from July 23, 2013 to August 4, 2013. The two selected students are **Megan Emi Pascual** of Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin and **Lyssa Kei Nishikawa**



Rev. Nakamura and Rev. Takahashi (Kapa'a Hongwanji) share a moment with the new Honpa Hongwanji ministers, Rev. Kawagoe & Rev. Tomioka. The new ministers had a chance to meet some of the LHM Preschool Summer Play & Learn program participants ranging in age from pre-school through 5th grade.

DONATION TO KAUAI ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

A \$500.00 check from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i and over 100 bags of toiletries made by the Lihu'e Hongwanji Mission Buddhist Women's Association were presented by Rev. Bruce Nakamura of Lihu'e Hongwanji Mission to Jose Madrid and Jessie Basquez of Kaua'i Economic Opportunity, Incorporated (K.E.O.) for their Emergency Homeless Shelter Program. Also present were Lillian Amimoto, Gail Shibuya, Marian Ogata, and Wayne Fujioka of Lihu'e Hongwanji Mission.



Mahalo to everyone for their help and support during our Bon Dance Festival. It would not be possible without everyone's generous gifts of their time and talents.

More information will be coming out with the September newsletter.

To read the LHM Newsletter in full color, please check on-line at our web-site: www.lihuehongwanjimission.com. If you would prefer to go green/go paperless and receive the newsletter through email, please send an email request to lhnews@yahoo.com

Don't Miss the Newsletter

Please notify the office if your address changes.

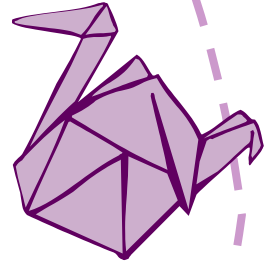
Call Amy Yamada at 245-6262.

ARTICLES FOR THE BULLETIN ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH.

IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE SUBMIT ARTICLES VIA EMAIL TO lhnews@yahoo.com

Dharma School News

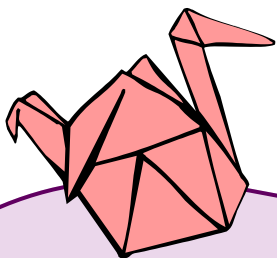
Dharma School students continue with their fund raising activities to prepare for their trip to Oahu on September 21, 2013. (See the article below) . They will continue to raise money for their trip until the plane taxis down the runway on September 21st.! Look for our products after Sunday services.



Thank you to all who have supported us with your generous donations and with purchasing items from the Dharma School booth during the Bon Dance. We had many wonderful people stop by to talk with us and make purchases. Because of your generosity, our dream of going to Oahu for the dedication of the Sadako Peace Memorial will be realized!

Dharma School Rally

Come one, come all! Join us on Sunday, August 4 for our Dharma School Rally to celebrate the start of the new Dharma School year! There will be refreshments and Bingo for all following the service!



September 21, 2013

Lihue Hongwanji Dharma School Students will be traveling to Oahu to participate with the memorial display honoring Sadako Sasaki and one of the origami cranes she folded before she died. The display will be at the Pearl Harbor Memorial. The students will be doing some fund raisers to help defray the cost of their trip.

Calling All Computer Users

We are looking for people interested in helping to maintain the Church's Web Site. If you can use a computer, you can help with this valuable activity. We are looking for all levels of expertise, from beginner to advanced. If you are interested, we will be having a meeting on August 10, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room (below the Temple). Come and join this new and dynamic team! Please call Amy Yamada (245-6262) if you will be attending.



Thank you for your help!

LHM GOLF CLUB NEWS

If anyone is interested in playing at Princeville Makai Golf Course on September 14, 2013 please contact Ray Morikawa, tournament chairman, at 652-3185 or morikawar010@hawaii.rr.com. Car-pooling will be available. Anyone, LHM member or not, is welcome to play. LHMGC plays together four times annually. If you're interested in joining the LHMGC, please contact Ray.



MEMORIAL SERVICE (NENKI HOYO)

AUGUST –SEPTEMBER 2013

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

Lihue Hongwanji Mission recommends that the families and relatives of the deceased members listed below contact the temple office at 245-6262 for an appointment.

1st YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 2012

None

3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 2011

2011 Sep 02 Violet Harue Doi

7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 2007

None

13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 2001

2001 Aug 11 Michiyuki Fujimoto
2001 Sep 05 Kiyoe Fujimoto
2001 Sep 11 Masayo Tanisaki

17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 1997

1997 Aug 02 Shige Matsuzaki
1997 Aug 13 Shizue Hanaoka
1997 Aug 27 Mitsugi Isokane
1997 Aug 30 Natsuko Tanimoto
1997 Sep 17 Tomiko Miyoshi

25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 1989

1989 Sep 23 Misao Morishige

33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 1981

NONE

50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 1964

1964 Aug 08 Moto Muraoka
1964 Aug 24 Tsuya Suzawa

“May I become at all times, both now and forever
A protector for those without protection
A guide for those who have lost their way
A ship for those with oceans to cross
A bridge for those with rivers to cross
A sanctuary for those in danger
A lamp for those without light
A place of refuge for those who lack shelter
And a servant to all in need.”

Words of the Dalai Lama

Acknowledgments as of 7/17/2013

FUNERAL SERVICE:

In Memory of Tomoko Watanabe
Watanabe Family

1st 7 DAY SERVICE :

In Memory of Tomoko Watanabe
Watanabe Family

INURNMENT SERVICE:

In Memory of Robert Fujikawa
Arlene Fujikawa

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

In Memory of Dennis Hirota (25 Yrs.)
Elsie Takata

In Memory of Tomoko Watanabe
Gladys Fujiuchi

In Memory of Masao & Mine Tamura
Patsy Tamura
Wilfred & June Morinaka

In Memory of Chizuko Shinseki
Howard Shinseki

In Memory of Shigemi & Gordon Kashima & Hazel
Kashima Kurasaki
Paul & Alice Kudo

COLUMBARIUM DONATION:

In Memory of Yoshiake Hiramoto
Marsha Okada

In Memory of George & Elsie Toyofuku
Amy Toyofuku
Guy & Lori Toyofuku

In Memory of Clifford Ichimasa, Sr.
Clifford Ichimasa, Jr.

Anonymous

SOCIAL CONCERN DONATION:

Clifford Ichimasa
Elsie Takata

MAJOR PROJECT DONATION:

Roy & Carol Fujioka
James & Karen Yamamoto

FATHER'S DAY DONATION:

In Memory of Masaichi Shibuya
Glenn & Gail Shibuya

In Memory of Joseph Quon
Glenn & Gail Shibuya

SPECIAL DONATION:

Roy & Carol Fujioka
Satsue & Shizuko Ono

BON COLUMBARIUM DONATION:

In Memory of James Onishi
Natsue Onishi

BON MEMORIAL DONATION:

In Memory of Mikiso & Sadayo Nakai
Helen N. Ota

BON SERVICE DONATION:

Natsue Onishi
Robert & Alma Yotsuda
Elsie Takata



BON DANCE COUNTRY STORE DONATION:

Robert & Alma Yotsuda

**If there are any errors or
if your name is not listed,
please call Amy Yamada
at 245-6262 between the
hours of 9:00 AM and
12:00 Noon.**

Lihue Hongwanji Mission, a Shin Buddhist Temple

Lihue Hongwanji Mission
P O Box 1248
Lihue, Hawaii 96766-5248
Return Service Requested

NonProfit Organization
U.S. Postage, Paid
Lihue, HI
Permit No. 73

Path of Entrusting:
Live the Teachings!



Address Label

Email: lihuehong@hawaiiintel.net

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

lihuehongwanjimission.com

Camera Shy?

If you do not want your picture used in either the Newsletter or on the temple website, please email at lhnews@yahoo.com or contact Gail Shibuya (245-2905). Please leave a message if there is no answer.

