

# Dharma Wheel

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## Many, But One

"Like a triangle, circle, square. We may well differ in how we look. Oh, the wonder of this life! For in the Buddha's Vow, we are all embraced! Oh, we are many, but one. We are one together, here and now!"

The words to the song "Many, But One" are the inspiration for our logo. The "Dharma Wheel," the name of our bulletin replaces the circle, and is balanced by the triangle and square. The eight spokes of the Dharma Wheel represent the Eightfold Path, by which we live as One.

Namu Amida Butsu.



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## Calendar of Events

### FEBRUARY

Sun 3 9:00 am Family Dharma Service  
 Fri 8 Legislative Assembly on Oahu  
 Sat 9 Legislative Assembly on Oahu  
 Sat 9 LHM Golf Club, Poipu Bay  
 Sun 10 9:00 am Family Dharma Service  
 Tues 12 7:30 pm Board of Directors Mtg.  
 Sun 17 9:00 am Family Dharma Service  
 Sun 24 9:00 am Family Dharma Service

### MARCH

Sun 3 9:00 am Family Dharma Service  
 Sun 10 9:00 am Spring Higan Service,  
 Rev. Kuniyuki, Speaker  
 Tue 12 7:30 pm Board of Directors Mtg.  
 Sun 17 9:00 am Family Dharma Service  
 Sat 23 TBA BSC Seminar on Kauai  
 Sun 24 9:00 am Family Dharma Service  
 Sun 31 9:00 am Family Dharma Service

## Visitation Schedule

“When we try to  
 pick out  
 anything by  
 itself, we find it  
 is tied to  
 everything else  
 in the universe.”  
 - John Muir

Mon Feb 4 8:00am Regency at Puakea Service  
 Wed Feb 13 10:30am Hale Kupuna Heritage Care Home Service in  
 Omao  
 Wed Feb 20 9:30am Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital (KVMH)  
 Service in Waimea  
 10:30am Kauai Care Home Service (KCH) in Waimea  
 Mon Feb 25 8:00 am Regency at Puakea Service  
 Tues Feb 26 10:00 am Garden Isle @ Wilcox Memorial Hospital Service  
 Wed Feb 27 9:30am Mahelona Hospital Service in Kapa'a

## Temple Decorations

<u>2013 TEMPLE DECORATION</u>	
February 7, 14, 21, 28	Nawiliwili/Wailua
March 7, 14, 21, 28	Isenberg I/Gym
April 4, 11, 18, 25	Isenberg II/III
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Molokoa I
June 6, 13, 20, 27	Molokoa II



## Message from Rev. Bruce Nakamura

“Bruce, Are You Really Alright?”

In this essay, I will go on with our talk-story on “living the Nembutsu”. The Nembutsu of Gratitude can be experienced and refreshed in every part of our human living.

Though the origin of Buddhist Teaching begins with India, the importance of Siddhartha Gotama Buddha’s life, experiences and teachings tell us a basic truth that we all experience from generation to generation: “Life does not go the way we want it to go”.

If we look into our daily living, we see what we expect, mostly comes from things we take for granted that will hopefully repeat themselves, so we don’t have to worry about them at all. But, if we’re aware, reflect and learn from these daily happenings, we find that change and uncertainty are just as much a part of daily living. No matter how much we plan, prepare and place our efforts to work things out in a certain way, there’s no guarantee, we will get the desired result.

In a recent light lunch sitting at the table with fellow member from West Kauai, we began to reflect on how surprised we were of how attentive our children are about our religion. Many think the Buddhist experience is not a religion, but, rather a philosophy. I think that our Buddhist experiences are not limited by either, but rather provide a basis to draw and live closer in our interconnectedness and interdependence with all beings, human and non-human.

In the gatha, “Gassho To Amida” we praise life with gratitude by singing, “Springtime brings the happy birds; Their songs all praise Amida. I join them in Nembutsu. I gassho to Amida...” This doesn’t mean that birds actually chirp ‘Nembutsu’; however this praise expresses the beauty and oneness of all living and non-living things—seen and unseen—a reality that, for the most part, we ignore and don’t want to recognize fully, because it does not suit our personal interests.

Our children are watching us and observing, not from the “front” as the saying goes, but from the “back,” meaning, they are constantly learning by our

examples. Even after we die, children may be more intent on learning because the human lessons become more alive for them as such reminders (subliminal) naturally rise to face us daily.

There are those of us who lament ‘they’re not becoming registered members of our Hongwanji, even, after they get married and have their own children!, and yet, they remain our children who we love, adore and embrace no matter [even after we die]. The point is that let us try to set real and honest examples by our daily living...even to the moment we die.

We mostly lament that our children's and grandchildren's generations have changed so... with their sense of values that don’t mirror our own. Yet, from age to age, parent to child, old to young, attitudes and values are challenged; perhaps not so openly as our young do today; the only difference is that we had to repress many of our attitudes undesirable to our parents. Every generation, every family, every person must find his/her way. As parents we give them the best tools we know how to assist them. And yet, it comes down to trial and error. The cycle of birth and death is without end as each person must learn in his/her own way, in his/her own time. Was this not also the path of Siddhartha, the young prince, and Shinran, the novice monk on Mount Hiei? Our human journeys of struggle for meaning and purpose open wide our lives onto a limitless world of astonishment that only the inner self can wonder and cherish.

I should be grateful, that my children, my parents and grandparents) always asked me, “Are you doing alright?...”, but, as I am, truly human, I’m used to getting what I want, ever trying to keep it that way. Thus, great compassion cannot leave me alone; its dynamic power calls out to me, “Bruce, are you really doing alright?” I leave this short Hoonko essay message as part of an on-going series throughout the rest of the year. Namo Amida Butsu.

## Lay Message

### Lucky in Vietnam

Wayne Fujioka

Carol and I will soon tour Vietnam and Cambodia, which got me thinking about my time there in 1970, compliments of Uncle Sam. I'd like to share some stories which remind me of gratitude and being lucky.

During the June 1969 field artillery officers' graduation ceremony at Fort Sill, OK the speaker congratulated us 2<sup>nd</sup> LT's for completing the 12-week course and on our new assignments. He especially wished good luck to those who were being assigned to a 12-month tour in South Vietnam. He said that the average life expectancy of a 2<sup>nd</sup> LT there was less than one hour, especially if he was a forward observer or FO. When I arrived at my unit, I didn't have to be a FO because the 2<sup>nd</sup> LT who was already a FO really liked it so he requested to keep doing that for a few more months. I was really lucky.

I arrived in country on January 3, 1970. I was assigned to a battery or unit of about 85 men and six 155mm self-propelled howitzers. Our fire base was located about 40 miles north of Saigon, now known as Ho Chi Minh City, named for the communist revolutionary leader, who was prime minister and president of North Vietnam 1945-1969.

One night we were attacked by Viet Cong or VC. I was asleep in my bunker so when I heard the gunfire and other noises, I put on my pants, boots, and helmet, but not my shirt (with my name & rank on it), and grabbed my weapon. As soon as I got outside, one of our guys quickly swung his rifle around and pointed it at me. He thought I was a VC, but for some reason he didn't instinctively fire his weapon and hesitated just long enough to recognize me as an American soldier. I was really lucky that he didn't shoot me.

Each day, garbage from the kitchen and mess hall had to be taken outside our compound and dumped into a big hole dug in the ground. As our truck drove away, women and children came running out of the bushes to fill their containers with our garbage. That was their next meal. We should be grateful for 3 good meals a day.

One night after a rocket attack, a kid from Puerto Rico went back into his bunker to go back to sleep and found that a rocket had penetrated the wall of wood, metal panels and 55-gallon drums filled with sand & dirt, but had not exploded. The nose of the rocket was about 12" from where his head would have been if he was sleeping on his cot. He went

right back outside, dropped to his knees, and thanked his Lord in prayer. He was really lucky.

For a change of pace, the following are four songs that were popular with American troops in Vietnam.

**"Fortunate Son"** written by John Fogerty of Creedence Clearwater Revival speaks against the war, but supports the troops. Most of the soldiers came from working class families and didn't have connections to get them out of being drafted and being sent to Vietnam.

**"War"** by Edwin Starr protests the war and talks about the need for harmony in everyday life. It says "War, what is it good for, absolutely nothing."

**"Paint it Black"** by The Rolling Stones is from the viewpoint of someone who is depressed and wants everything to turn black to match his mood. The first line is "I see a red door and I want it painted black."

**"Born to be Wild"** by Steppenwolf: each generation wants to be able to do their own thing. The words "heavy metal thunder" in this song are credited with the term "heavy metal" music which means hard rock.

From 1 May to 30 June 1970 U.S. military forces, including our artillery unit, were in Cambodia.

While there, I found a stray puppy and named him Shorty. A soldier was called a "short timer" when he had about 30 days left in his 12-month tour. Shorty was my close buddy for about 5 months and I wanted to ship him home to the U.S., but the red tape was too much so one of the guys who had more time in-country and who Shorty already knew, kept him when I returned home. I hope they both lived happily ever after.

A good day was when we received a letter from home. The best mail day was in June when I received a letter and a wedding anniversary cake from Carol. It was amazing that it actually got to me somewhere in Cambodia. It was dropped from a helicopter with our supplies so it got smashed a little, but it was the best looking cake.

During my time in-country I don't recall that our unit had any fatalities, but we had injuries when a track hit a land mine and some were wounded from rocket and mortar explosions; we were extremely lucky. I appreciated that most of my fellow soldiers were smart, did a good job, and we looked out for each other. Carol said that I came back from Nam a changed person, harder around the edges. I think it was about becoming more mature, of surviving the



## Lay Message (cont.)

war, seeing the living conditions, far away from life as a happy-go-lucky college student in Colorado and an innocent childhood on Kauai. Many of the American soldiers were slightly more than 18 years old.

It's been over 40 years since I was in the Vietnam War, but I still try to have some appreciation of our freedoms, that we have choices, that we can vote for our government leaders, choose our schools and occupation, live in a house with indoor plumbing and electricity, shop at modern stores, explore our national parks, have access to nearby medical care, safely walk or drive down our streets without encountering booby traps, car bombs, incoming rockets and bombs, and we can worship freely. We are reminded of some of these by Mrs. Lily Horio's gatha named

"Gratitude" in the New Gathas Book, which includes the words "I am thankful for my country for the blessings I receive. School and parks and other places, Namo Amida Butsu".

Some people may not have a lot of material things, but we should appreciate what we do have, and not think so much about what we wish we had. Yes, lucky we live Hawaii, but also lucky we are Americans.

This is the last photo I took in Vietnam, of what we called the Freedom Bird. After 11 months, this is the airplane that flew us to Oakland, CA, USA. I was extremely lucky and grateful that day.

NAMO AMIDA BUTSU. Thank you.



2013 Board of Directors Installation,  
January 1, 2013



2013 LHWA Installation  
January 6, 2013

## Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii-Highlights

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### CHANGE OF HONZAN GOVERNING BOARD

The Honzan has announced the change of their Governing Board as of December 20, 2012.

Governor General (Socho) Bishop Giko Sonoki

Governors (Somu) Bishop Ryuji Kuwaba ... in charge of Overseas District

Bishop Takao Honda

Bishop Daitoku Matsunaga

### 2013 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

February 7, 2013 (Thursday)

9:00 am Hawaii Kyodan Board of Directors Meeting (New Kanji, New Directors & Advisors)

1:00 pm Punchbowl Visitation (Kanji Ministers & Lay Representatives)

1:00 pm Hawaii Hochi/Herald Visitation (Kyodan Representatives)

2:00 pm State Ministers Association Meeting (All Ministers)

6:00 pm Rap Session (Lay members)

February 8, 2013 (Friday)

7:45 am Registration

8:30 am Opening Service

10:00 am Session begins

12:15 pm HHMH Annual Membership Meeting

5:00 pm Recess for day

February 9, 2013 (Saturday)

8:00 am Installation of new Hawaii Kyodan Officers

8:30 am Picture Taking

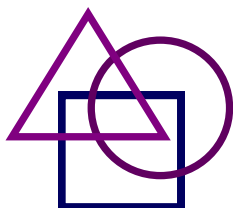
9:00 am Resumption of Plenary Session

10:30 am Adjournment

12:00 pm Living Treasures Recognition Luncheon at Sheraton Waikiki Hotel

(Please go to [http://hongwanjihawaii.com/news\\_events/index.html](http://hongwanjihawaii.com/news_events/index.html) for more information and registration form for the Living Treasures Luncheon)

2:00 pm End of the program



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### Dharma School News

The Dharma students have been busy with their Dharma classes and their computer classes. They are learning interdependence, gratitude, dana and how to utilize Buddhism and technology together.. They have created posters for the temple and are in the process of creating even more. Be on the lookout!

In December the Dharma students made mochi to be used on the altar for the New Year's Day Service.

There was plenty mochi and lots of fun! Rev. Bruce got in to the mochi making too!

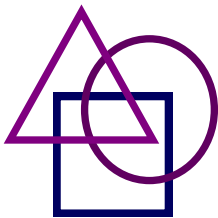
The Dharma students also helped to create the decorations and helped to decorate the tables for the New Year's Party.



Mochi Making



Mochi Making-Good Fun



### Relay for Life 2013

The Lihue Hongwanji Mission's Relay for Life team is gearing up to start its campaign for the American Cancer Society's fundraiser for its battle against cancer. We invite anyone to join us by becoming a team member or a supporter through your donations. Relay for Life is an overnight event to celebrate survivorship and to raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. The event will take place in Hanapepe on April 27, 2013.



## **MEMORIAL SERVICE (NENKI HOYO)**

### **FEBRUARY-MARCH 2013**

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of February and March. 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 March 2 Betty Tomoye Nakamoto

#### **7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 2007**

2007 Feb 23 Beverly Namiko Harris

2007 March 7 Shizuko M. Nakai

#### **13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 2001**

2001 March 19 Shiro Nakamura

2001 March 27 Ruth Sumiko Lauterwald

2001 March 30 Walter Tsuneki Ishii

#### **17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 1997**

1997 Feb. 1 Masao Fujioka

1997 March 4 Yoshino Suenaga

1997 March 26 Katsuro Yoshida

1997 March 27 Eiko Shimizu

#### **25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 1989**

1989 Feb. 13 Misae Sato

#### **33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 1981**

1981 Feb. 20 Doris Tsuneyo Hiramoto

1981 March 3 Matsuji Maeda

1981 March 15 Hatsuyo Nakae

#### **50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE - 1964**

1964 Feb. 22 Asajiro Abe

1964 March 6 Takeno Uchiyama

The world breaks us  
all, and afterward, we  
are strongest at the  
broken places.

Mahalo to all who helped to make our New  
Year's Party, 2013, a success. All of the  
help is gratefully appreciated. We hope  
everyone had a wonderful time!



## Acknowledgments as of 1/16/2013

### 49TH DAY SERVICE:

In Memory of Elsie Toyofuku  
Amy Toyofuku  
Dean Toyofuku

### MEMORIAL SERVICES:

In Memory of Neal Saiki (1Yr.)  
Mrs. Reiko (Neal) Saiki  
M/M Sadamu Saiki  
Ed & Leesha Kawamura

In Memory of Betty Uchiyama (3 Yrs.)  
Richard Uchiyama  
Mamo & Amy Yamada

In Memory of Harumi Kouchi (13 Yrs.)  
Ralph Kouchi  
Claude & Judy Kouchi  
Sumako Ichimasa

In Memory of Norman Urakawa (25 Yrs.)  
Winston & Marian Ogata

In Memory of Shodo Umehara (33 Yrs.)  
Mamo & Amy Yamada

In Memory of Shie Inouye (33 Yrs.)  
Howard & Sarah Date  
Michael & Shirley Garcia  
Mamo & Amy Yamada

In Memory of Shigezo Tanaka (33 Yrs.)  
Roy & Arleen Tanaka  
Mamo & Amy Yamada

In Memory of Shunichi Yamada (50 Yrs.)  
Mamo & Amy Yamada

In Memory of Seito & Taka Murabayashi  
Gene & Yuriko Oshiro

In Memory of Masako Kanehiro  
Eric & Yoko Takabayashi

In Memory of Joseph Quon  
Glenn & Gail Shibuya

In Memory of Yoshinori Hirazumi  
Kuniaki & Lorraine Shimauchi

In Memory of Chieko Inouye  
Ted & Alice Inouye

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

In Memory of Isao Inouye & Matsu Ito  
Ted & Alice Inouye

In Memory of Roy M. Sakai  
Patsy Sakai

In Memory of Seichi Higuchi  
Colleen & Warren Nonaka  
Blaine Sasaki

In Memory of Sally Higuchi  
Colleen & Warren Nonaka  
Blaine Sasaki  
Amy & Mamo Yamada

In Memory of Tetsu Sasaki  
Blaine Sasaki

### COLUMBARIUM DONATION:

In Memory of Seichi Higuchi  
Mamo & Amy Yamada

In Memory of George & Elsie Toyofuku  
Guy & Lori Toyofuku

In Memory of Kiyoshi & Chiyo Kato  
Norman Kato

In Memory of Sanji & Kimiko Fujii  
David & Karen Fujii

In Memory of Mitsuharu Sukehira  
Mike & Lee Ann Sukehira  
Kazuko Matsushima

Anonymous  
Eleanor Sasaki  
Henry & Grace Ishida

### SOCIAL CONCERN:

Rowena Yamada

### EITAIKYO SERVICE DONATION:

Dennis Dodo

### NEW YEAR'S PARTY DONATION:

Anne M. Watase

### SPECIAL DONATION:

Roy & Carol Fujioka  
Stephen & Sylvia Fujii (For Bulletin)  
Marge Elwell (For Bulletin)  
Mamo & Amy Yamada (1st great grandson)

### MAJOR PROJECT:

Ted & Alice Inouye  
Roy & Arleen Tanaka  
Violet Tsuchiyama  
Mamo & Amy Yamada  
James & Karen Yamamoto  
Ray & Joyce Morikawa

### NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE:

Diane Fukuyama  
Akiyo Matsuyama  
Marian Ogata

### NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE:

Natsuko Daida, Flora Fujii, Edith & Setsuo Ushio, Kathleen Sasaki, Mamo & Amy Yamada, Lynne Matsumura, Glenn & Gail Shibuya, Masa & Jane Arita, Janet Fujii, Diane Fukuyama, Mino & Florence Shimokawa, Kimiko Sugibayashi, Violet Tsuchiyama, Arleen Marugami, Anonymous

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Kauai Buddhist Council Buddha Day Service will be  
on April 7, 2013. It will begin at 9:30 am at  
Lihue Hongwanji in the social hall.

