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WE ARE THE WORLD

*We are the world. We are the children.
We are the ones who make a brighter day,
So let's start giving.*



The Dharma Dragons have chosen the 1985 song "We are the World" as their theme for this year's Relay for Life. The Relay's theme is "A Totally Awesome 80's Homecoming Celebration! 30 Years of Relay." "We are the World" is symbolic of the Buddhist concepts of Sangha, One-ness, and Interdependence. Hundreds of luminaria, decorated and lit in memory of or in honor of friends and family who have passed or survived cancer, encircle the walking track – the light, the circle, and people symbolizing hope, unity, and support.



Lihue Hongwanji Mission began participating in Relay for Life in 2010, with a team of 20 to 25 people. Gladys Fujiuchi organized the team, and now co-chairs with James Yamamoto. Each year, the funds raised have increased, reaching a high of over \$10,000 in 2014. The name Dharma Dragons was chosen last year, when the theme was "Super Heroes." A cute dragon logo was designed by Jana Ogle, and

printed on T-shirts.

If you've never been to Relay for Life, come to Hanapepe Stadium on Saturday, April 25. It's a wonderful community event, with entertainment throughout the night and dozens of booths with delicious food to eat, goodies to purchase, and activities to enjoy. All proceeds are donated to the American Cancer Society.

In addition, many teams have fundraisers prior to Relay for Life. The Dharma Dragons will sell food items at Hanamatsuri on April 5.

Things you can do:

Join the LHM team § Donate when asked by a team member § Donate goods to sell § Come to RFL § Send a check payable to American Cancer Society to LHM, attention: Gladys Fujiuchi

Calendar of Events

APRIL

Sun	5	9:30 AM	Kauai Buddhist Council Buddha Day Hanamatsuri Service at Lihue Hongwanji
Sun	12	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Memorial Sunday
Tues	14	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Fri	17	7:30 PM	Bon Dance Practice (new dance)
Sun	19	9:30 AM	Kauai United BWA Eshinni & Kakushinni Day Service at West Kauai Hongwanji-Hanapepe Spkr: Ms. Diane Kent
Fri	24	7:30 PM	Bon Dance Practice (new dance)
Sat	25		Relay for Life
Sun	26	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

MAY

Fri	1	7:30 PM	Bon Dance Practice
Sat	2	8:30 AM	Eden at Home Workshop
Sun	3	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Memorial Sunday LHWA Meeting
Fri	8	7:30 PM	Bon Dance Practice
Sun	10	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Tues	12	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Fri	15	7:30 PM	Bon Dance Practice
Sun	17	9:00 AM	Gotan-e Service Shinran Shonin's Birthday Spkr: Rev. Kosho Yagi
Fri	22	7:30 PM	Bon Dance Practice
Sun	24	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	31	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

Visitation Schedule

Wed	Apr. 08	2:30 PM	Regency at Puakea
Wed	Apr. 15	9:30 AM	Mahelona Hospital Ext. Care Service/Visitation

Members and friends are welcome to accompany the minister at service and visitation outreach. Please contact Rev. Takahashi 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. Takahashi at 245-6262 or 245-4543.

Please deliver flower donations by **THURSDAY** evening.

Temple Decorations

<u>2015 TEMPLE DECORATION</u>	
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Nawiliwili/Wailua (correction)
May 7, 14, 21, 28	Pualoke I

All flower
donations will
be gratefully
accepted.



**** Please check the temple terrace in the back of the social hall for flowers.****

Sakyamuni Buddha

Every year on April 8th, we observe Buddha's Birthday, *Hanamatsuri*. According to Buddhist tradition, Prince Siddhartha Gautama (who later became Sakyamuni Buddha), the son of King Suddohana and Queen Maya, was born at the Lumbini Garden in Nepal on April 8 of about 2,500 years ago.

Four years ago, I had a chance to visit the Lumbini Garden. From long before, I wanted to visit sacred places relating to Sakyamuni Buddha's life. Then at last, I could achieve my wish of traveling to Nepal and India by myself, using my two-week vacation. I visited Lumbini Garden, Buddha Gaya where Buddha attained supreme enlightenment, Sarnath where Sakyamuni Buddha delivered his first Dharma message, Kusinagar where he entered into Nirvana, and some other places where Sakyamuni Buddha stayed and gave guidance to his disciples.

My first destination was Kathmandu, Nepal. To reach there, I took four airplanes. I changed airplanes in Honolulu, Tokyo, Bangkok, then I finally arrived in Kathmandu, Nepal. It took about 18 hours to go to Nepal by the airplanes. I had various precious experiences through this travel, but space is limited to talk about everything, so I'd like to share one unforgettable incident.

When I visited different places relating to Sakyamuni Buddha's life, I met so many Buddhist people. They were from not only Nepal and India but also Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Cambodia, China, Korea, Indonesia, Japan, European countries, United States and so on. When they visited there, they did a service and paid homage to the altar.

When I heard what they chanted, I was surprised. Many of them chanted "Vandana Ti-sarana" that we always chant at Sunday services. They chanted "**Namo Tassa Bhagavato Arahato Sammasam Buddhassa,**" and "**Buddham Saranam Gacchami, Dhammam Saranam Gacchami, Sangham Saranam Gacchami.**" The way of chanting is a little different depending on traditions, but the words are totally same.

The definition of Buddhist is "a person who relies on Buddha, Dharma and Sangha," so it is not strange that other Buddhists also chant Vandana-Tisarana. However, I heard that in Nepal and India, the birthplace of Buddhism. In addition, those countries are far from Hawaii. Therefore, I couldn't help but have a deep impression, because I could reconfirm that Buddha Dharma is shared with so many people and became a strength beyond space and time.

After this experience, I thought of the following Shinran Shonin's words: **How joyous I am, Gutoku Shinran, disciple of Sakyamuni! Rare is it to come upon the sacred scriptures from the westward land of India and the commentaries of the masters of China and Japan, but now I have been able to encounter them. Rare is it to hear them, but already I have been able to hear. Reverently entrusting myself to the teaching, practice and realization that are the true essence of the Pure Land way, I am especially aware of the profundity of the Tathagata's benevolence. Here I rejoice in what I have heard and extol what I have attained.**

(The True Teaching, Practice, and Realization of the Pure Land Way, Preface: *Collected Works of Shinran*, p. 4)

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Life is an Echo

Carol Valentine

By now everyone probably knows of my love for YouTube. I find wonderful resources for Dharma talks on YouTube, both in Dharma messages presented by other speakers and videos which show aspects of Buddhism. Today's Dharma message is based on two videos I found which are entertaining and educational and share the Buddhist idea of interconnectedness, that Life is an Echo.

We know from listening to the words of the Buddha that we are all interconnected, that what we do affects not only ourselves but also many other people, perhaps people we don't even know. Being interconnected means that what we do sets the world in motion and brings back to us what we send out. That is why I call this talk "Life is an Echo." An echo comes back at us exactly as we send it out; it doesn't change the words, it doesn't add paragraphs, it doesn't change meaning; it simply duplicates what is sent out. I know it is a rather simplistic way to think of the way interconnectedness, or karma, works but it does make sense. If what we send out comes back to us in the same way, doesn't it make sense to send out good thoughts, to say gracious words and to act with others in mind, as if it was happening to you?

In this interconnected life of ours, what goes around comes around, just like an echo. When we act, we are actually telling the world what we want in return. Unlike an echo, however, we know that life doesn't come back at us immediately. In fact we may never know the impact. It may come many years later or we may never see it happen. But it does happen, we know that. The Buddha has told us that over 2,000 years ago and now science has proven that to be correct, that we are all interconnected.

I found the following video, as usual, on YouTube. It shows the concept of "Pay it Forward", of simply doing good. Sometimes it comes back to you in ways you never knew possible.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovj5dzMxzmC>

"A simple act of kindness creates an endless ripple that comes back to you." That is truly interconnectedness.

A few years ago Wayne & I were on an East Coast tour which stopped in New York City. We were fortunate enough to get tickets to the Broadway production of the musical "Wicked." This musical is loosely based on the story of "The Wizard of Oz", with Glinda (the "Good Witch") and Elphaba (the "Wicked, but really just misunderstood" Witch). As I was enjoying the production I was moved to tears by a song called "For Good." The words of the song reflect the theme of "Life is an Echo", how other people can touch our lives and how we touch the lives of others, often while we are unaware of our affect.

Please enjoy this song from "Wicked" entitled "For Good."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2fR4JotwwWo>

As we know, life is an echo. What we send out we also receive back from the world. The Buddha taught us that wonderful concept. What are you sending out? What do you want back? Love or Resentment? Friendship or Hatred? Are you searching for happiness or discontent? We all have choices to make as we move through this world. We affect people beyond ourselves and beyond our families. So do everything with good intentions. As we leave a handprint on the heart of those we touch, let's be sure the handprint is gentle and warm.

One more final thought . . . Selma. If you have watched the news at all this week, you have heard about the history of the march in Selma Alabama in 1965, 50 years ago, as part of the Selma Voting Rights Movement which led to the passage in the same year of the Federal Voting Rights Act. Because of Martin Luther King, the marches were peaceful and non-violent, even though the marchers were beaten, tear gassed, fired on by water hoses and attacked by K-9 dogs. It was the picture of the peaceful marchers being beaten with no provocation that captured the national conscience . . . finally. What do you think might have happened if the marchers had fought back, meeting violence with more violence. We'll never know but I suspect the national thoughts might have been different. The marchers sent out a message of peace and thousands of people joined them in peaceful protest. More examples of the echoes of life.

Minister's Message continued

I tend to take for granted that I can listen to the teaching of Buddhism. However, through visiting the sacred places of Nepal and India, I was reminded that it's great for me to have chances to listen to the teaching of Buddhism here today.

Hanamatsuri is to celebrate the birthday of Sakyamuni Buddha. This celebration is a great opportunity for us to be reminded of how rare it is to listen to the Buddha Dharma today. It would also make us remember the importance of passing it on to the next generation. Namo Amida Butsu.



March 8 was National Proofreading Day.

Edith Ushio was honored as our Dharma Wheel proofreader. She makes us look good!



Kauai Buddhist Council



BUDDHA DAY SERVICE

April 5, 2015

9:30 AM

Lihue Hongwanji Mission

Kauai United Hongwanji BWA
Eshinni & Kakushinni Day Service

April 19, 2015

9:30 AM

**West Kauai
Hongwanji-
Hanapepe**

Speaker:

Ms. Diane Kent



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii-Highlights

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MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENT - JINJI

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii welcomed its newest minister, Rev. Mieko Majima, on March 1, 2015. Rev. Majima is originally from Nagoya city, Aichi Prefecture, Japan. After graduating Ryukoku University, she moved to the United States to work at the ZEMI Corporation as a researcher. She became a localization specialist there and then worked for different software companies. In 2003, she became an independent contractor for US software companies and Japanese Medias, and started to write articles for magazines. She has supervised 43 software localization projects, proofread a few movies and TV programs. In 2010, she returned to Japan to further her study at the Department of Buddhist Studies at Ryukoku University for both the Masters Course and Ph.D. Course. Rev. Majima is currently under orientation during the month of March, and she will be assigned to Kapaa Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister as of April 1, 2015. Rev. Majima said, "First of all, I would like to thank Bishop Matsumoto, for inviting me as a minister to beautiful islands of Hawaii. I really appreciate to have the opportunity to join Sangha here. I also would like to thank everyone at Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for sharing Buddha dharma with me. Thank you."



HQ BOOKSTORE UPDATE

HQ Bookstore recommends 2 books about our founder Shinran Shonin in memory of **Dr. Taitetsu Unno (1929-2014)** and **Rev. Jitsuen Kakehashi (1927-2014)** who are well-known as Shin Buddhist scholars and passed away last year.

"TANNISHO A Shin Buddhist Classic"

Translated by Dr. Taitetsu Unno (\$13.00)

This book was published in 1984 by the Buddhist Study Center Press and is the best seller book at our HQ bookstore so far.

"This work contains the sayings of Shinran (1173-1263), the founder of Jodo Shinshu or Shin Buddhism, which claims the largest following in Japanese Buddhism. Compiled several decades after his death by a disciple named Yui-en, this work consists of 18 sections. The Tannisho is one of the most widely read works in Japanese Buddhism, known not only as a religious but literary classic. It is impossible to translate such a work into English adequately and fully, but I have attempted to transmit some sense of its flowing style, religious content, and spiritual flavor." (From "TANNISHO A Shin Buddhist Classic" FOREWORD by Dr. Taitetsu Unno)

"Hearing the Buddha's Call - THE LIFE, WORK AND WORDS OF SHINRAN"

By Rev. Jitsuen Kakehashi translated and edited by Dr. Toshikazu Arai (\$15.00).

This book was published in 2012, the newest book published by the BSC Press.

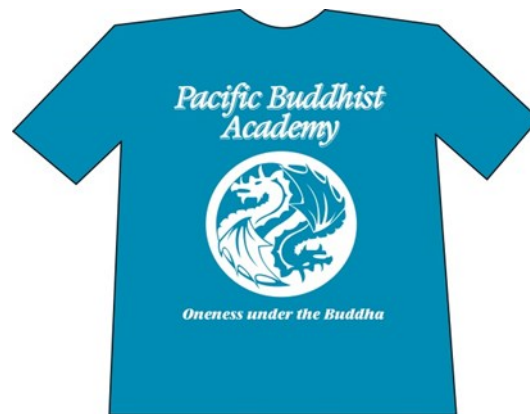
"Shinran's words are difficult because his thought is extremely profound, but if this book is hard to understand, that is because I lack sufficient knowledge or sufficient ability to express my thought. I am very sorry about that. However, if this book is of any help to the readers when they read Shinran's works, I am more than happy." (From "Hearing the Buddha's Call - THE LIFE, WORK AND WORDS OF SHINRAN" POSTSCRIPT by Rev. Jitsuen Kakehashi).

These two books will help you touch Shinran's profound thought and teaching and also know 2 great Shin Buddhist scholars' work. HQ Bookstore offers 10% discount if it is a Hongwanji Temple order. Please call 522-9202 or e-mail to hqbooks@honpahi.org

Hawaii Kyodan & PBA T-Shirt



Front



Back

Dear Dharma friends and family,

The State Ministers' Association offers this T-shirts project as a means to be publicizing the presence of Hawaii Kyodan and for supporting the Pacific Buddhist Academy. The Pacific Buddhist Academy is our Kyodan's great project for spreading a Buddhist way of our founder Shinran Shonin's thought. Two dragons express Hawaii Kyodan and Pacific Buddhist Academy. It explains two things are always together in the circle. Likewise, we are always together in Amida Buddha's compassion. We, the State Ministers' Association, wish to support for Hawaii Kyodan **and** Pacific Buddhist Academy by making this attractive T-shirt available to all.

We ask you minimum \$15 donation for per t-shirt. *above XL, we ask minimum \$20 donation. The proceeds from this project will be donated to the Pacific Buddhist Academy.

Please sign up below and give to your temple or minister.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Let us walk together.

Gassho.

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Kauai United Hongwanji BWA SCHOLARSHIP CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

- \$1,000 Scholarships
- Open to students in good standing of the Honpa Hongwanji on Kauai

Deadline to apply: April 17, 2015

Contact: Rev. Takahashi for an application form

2015 KAUAI BUDDHIST COUNCIL BON DANCE SCHEDULE

Note: All Bon Odori will begin at 7:30 pm

June 5-6	Waimea Shingon Mission
June 12-13	Kapa'a Jodo Mission
June 19-20	West Kauai Hongwanji (Waimea)
June 26-27	Kapa'a Hongwanji Mission
July 10-11	Waimea Higashi Hongwanji
July 17-18	Kauai Soto Zenshuji
July 24-25	Koloa Jodo Mission
July 31-August 1	West Kauai Hongwanji (Hanapepe)
August 7-8	Lihue Hongwanji Mission



Bon Dance Practice Schedule

Temple	Day	Time (for 1 hour)	Beginner Class	Regular Class
Kapa'a Hongwanji	Monday	7:00 pm	2/23 – 4/20	4/27 – 6/22
Koloa Jodo Mission	Tuesday	7:00 pm		5/05 – 7/21
Kapa'a Jodo Mission	Thursday	7:00 pm		5/14 – 6/04
West Kauai Hongwanji (Hanapepe)	Thursday	6:00 pm	2/05 – 3/26	4/02 – 5/22
Lihue Hongwanji	Friday	7:30 pm		4/17 – 5/22



With Deepest Sympathy

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

The late Leslie Soichi Yaka who died on February 27 at the age of 90.

The late Masao Yotsuda who died on February 28 at the age of 99.

MEMORIAL SERVICE (NENKI HOYO)

APRIL–MAY

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of April & May. 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—2014

2014 April 5 Ross Ohama

3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2013

2013 April 9 Fumiko Kato

2013 April 14 Yoichi Arita

2013 May 20 Shizuko Fujii

2013 May 27 Robert Fujikawa

7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2009

2009 April 9 Edith Ibe

13 YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2003

2003 April 9 Isamu Kawaguchi

2003 April 12 Ichiro Kato

17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1999

1999 April 20 Masami Mukai

25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1991

1991 May 1 Fumito Kanazawa

1991 May 14 James Shinno

1991 May 31 Noboru Takeuchi

33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1983

1983 April 1 Toyoka Mizumura

1983 April 14 Minoru Takeuchi

1983 May 3 Albert Ohama

1983 May 12 Jingoro Konoki

50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1966

1966 April 29 Yoshi Ishimoto

1966 May 7 Yasakichi Katsuki

We apologize for the absence of acknowledgments this month. Acknowledgments for March will be included in the May Dharma Wheel. Thank you for your patience and understanding.





Interested in learning more about how to use **PowerPoint** or **KeyNote**? If so, please call the LHM office @ 245-6262 if you

are interested. Stay tuned for more information!



Do you have a refrigerator you are willing to donate to LHM (for bon dance and other uses)? If you can help, please contact Wayne Fujioka @ 246-1870 or the LHM office @ 245-6262. Thank you!



Date Change



Eden at Home™

Caring for elders who live at home

This meaningful workshop focuses on changing perceptions of elders at home and in the community. Applying Eden at Home™ concepts and The Ten Principles of The Eden Alternative®, will broaden awareness and provide tools on improving quality of life for elders living at home and their care partners by eliminating the three plagues of **loneliness**, **helplessness**, and **boredom**.



Date: May 2, 2015 (Saturday)
Where: Lihue Hongwanji Mission Social Hall
 3-3530 Kuhio Highway, Kauai, Hawaii 96766
Time: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (Lunch will be served)

A nominal \$10.00 registration fee will be assessed for workshop manuals.

Workshop is limited to 30 participants. Please mail checks, payable to Project Dana, to Lihue Hongwanji Mission, P.O. Box 1248 Lihue, HI 96766, two weeks prior to workshop date.

Call Karen Hiranaka at (808) 652-5321 to register by April 19, 2015.

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APRIL 5, 2015*

9:30 AM

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