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Embrace Change: Awareness (Seek Opportunities)

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Lihue Hongwanji Mission Bon Dance August 7&8, 2015

5:00 pm Dinner Plate Available

6:00 pm Country Store and Food Booths Open*

6:00 pm Fish Pond & Children's Games

7:30 pm Dancing Begins

*Food for purchase includes: Flying Saucers, Pronto Pups, Saimin, BBQ Beef, Chicken Yakitori, Andagi, and Shave Ice.

Beverages for purchase includes soda, water and coffee.

For more information, call 245-6262

Lihue Hongwanji Mission, 3-3530 Kuhio Highway, Lihue, HI 96766

Calendar of Events

JULY

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| Sun | 5 | 9:00 AM | Family Dharma Service |
| Sun | 12 | 9:00 AM | Family Dharma Service Birthday & Memorial Sunday |
| | | 10:30 AM | LHWA Meeting |
| Mon | 13 | 7:30 PM | Bon Dance Meeting |
| Tues | 14 | 7:30 PM | Board of Directors Mtg. |
| Sun | 19 | 9:00 AM | Family Dharma Service |
| Sun | 26 | 9:00 AM | Kauai District Dharma School Joint Service at LHM |
| Tues | 28 | 4:30 PM | Bon Service, Lihue Cemetery (*Kalapaki Bay on Request) |
| Wed | 29 | 4:30 PM | Bon Service, Kauai Memorial Garden |
| Thurs | 30 | 4:30 PM | * Bon Service on request: Halehaka, Puhi, Hanamaulu Cemeteries |

AUGUST

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|-------------|-----|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Sun | 2 | 9:00 AM | Bon/Hatsubon Service |
| Fri/ Sat | 7/8 | | Bon Dance |
| Sun | 9 | 8:00 AM | Clean-Up (No Service) |
| Tue | 11 | 7:30 PM | Board of Directors Mtg. |
| Sun | 16 | 9:00 AM | Family Dharma Service Birthday & Memorial Sunday |
| Sun | 23 | 9:00 AM | Family Dharma Service |
| Sun | 30 | 9:00 AM | Family Dharma Service |

Visitation Schedule

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.

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| Wed | July 8 | 2:30 PM | Regency at Puakea |
| Wed | July 15 | 9:30 AM | Mahelona Hospital Ext. Care Service/Visitation |
| Tues | July 28 | 10:00 AM | Wilcox Hospital / Garden Island Health 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.

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

Temple Decorations

| 2015 TEMPLE DECORATION | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Hanamaulu |
| August 6, 13, 20, 27 | Pua Loke II / Puhi |

All flower
donations will
be gratefully
accepted.



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

Amida Buddha's Eyes

A few months ago, I had a slight problem when I was in Honolulu for some occasion. I always wear contact lenses, because my eyesight is not good. However, when I had a dinner at some restaurant on that day, I started suffering from eye irritation because of dry eye. I used an eyedrop, but the problem was not solved. I had my eyeglasses, but I didn't carry it at that time. Therefore, I just gave up wearing the contact lenses. Then I spent an evening without them for a while. However, it was really inconvenient, because I couldn't see my surrounding, such as other people's face, street signs, etc. I went back to the hotel somehow, then I wore my glasses at last. I really felt relieved at that time because I could see around.

After this incident, I remembered some teaching of Buddhism. Just like we have different eyesight, we see things differently. We encounter various events in our daily lives. If everything works out as we wish, it would be nice. However, lots of things don't go as we might have hoped. If we regard them as bad incidents, we would suffer from such things or complain about them. Buddhism teaches us that we tend to have such feelings, because of our self-centered viewpoint or *Gashu*. It is said that we often have a hard time to see things correctly. Once I heard an interesting thing that this viewpoint brings the following troublesome symptoms. If people have a self-centered viewpoint;

1. They think, "I am right. Others are wrong."
2. They hardly notice their own faults, but they see other's faults clearly.
3. They think that favorable people are good people, and unfavorable people are bad people.
4. They forget what they borrow, but they never forget what they lend.
5. They totally agree the above facts, but they hardly reflect on themselves.

Don't you think these symptoms are troublesome? This kind of viewpoint often causes us to suffer. However, fortunately, we have learned how to treat such self-centered viewpoint. We would live our lives relying on not our self-centered viewpoint but Amida Buddha's viewpoint.

Shinran Shonin said: **When the waters -the minds, good and evil, of foolish beings- have entered the vast ocean of Amida's Vow of wisdom, they are immediately transformed into the mind of great compassion.**

(Hymns of the Dharma-Ages: *Collected Works of Shinran*, p.408)

He illustrated that we tend to judge between good and bad, because of our self-centered mind. However, Amida Buddha has different viewpoint from ours. Just as various waters enter the ocean and immediately become seawater, so our self-centered minds would be transformed into the mind of great compassion by Amida Buddha's working.

When we have unfavorable events, we would complain about such things because of our self-centered mind. If we cannot see a surrounding clearly, we would be able to wear glasses to see things correctly. If you are bothered by your self-centered mind, let us wear the glasses of Namo Amida Butsu together and live everyday with deep joy and gratitude. Namo Amida Butsu.

Father's Day-Leaving a Legacy

Carol Valentine

Today is Father's Day. Personally, I think we should celebrate all influential males in our lives, whether it is our husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, brother or a teacher we may have had. We can honor those who have influenced us and thank them for helping us.

My biological father was influential in my life . . . he taught me how not to live my life. He wasn't mean, just unavailable. I have, as I have become older, come to realize that I am thankful to him because without him, I would not be here. He gave me life, along with the genes for curly hair, silver hair and high blood pressure. But most importantly, he did give me life. Growing up, however, the most influential male in my life was my step-father, a kind man who came into my life when I was 6. Along with my mother, he taught me how to treat other people and taught me how to be strong and stand up for myself without hurting others. That is the legacy he left for me, and for that I am forever grateful. Even though my step-father has been gone for 20 years, he is always in my heart, guiding me. He continues to guide our daughter, through what she learned from him and the way he lived his life. Our grandson will never know him, but he still experiences his legacy. The same is true for Wayne's father. Our grandson will never know him except for the memories and legacy shared through our daughter.

Let's face it; impermanence can be a little frightening. Impermanence means at some point, we will be forgotten. Life moves on and the world keeps turning whether we are here or not; or said in another way, "The carousel never stops turning." I think we will all be forgotten within 3-4 generations. My great-grandchildren will probably have no memories of me, outside of photos on the computer. That isn't something to be sad about; life moves on, we make memories and be the best we can be.

In Colorado, I used to be fascinated by old cemeteries that were around ghost towns and old mining towns. The tombstones were all from the 1800's. I used to wonder who those people were, where they came from, how they lived their lives and how they died. Whoever they were, the only part of them left was what they handed down to their families, whether it was something material or the memories, principles and integrity handed down. We are no exception. We will be gone but we will pass on our legacy.

Legacy . . . sometimes it is the "stuff" that is passed on. Sometimes it is the memories and the words that are passed down. What do you think of when you hear the word "legacy?" For me, legacy speaks to the idea of impermanence, one of the cornerstone concepts of Buddhism, of the ever present change in our lives. Legacy is what is left behind when we pass on, whether it is a legacy at our job when we retire or the legacy we leave our families. What will your legacy be? Since we are not the Dalai Lama or Martin Luther King, our legacy will not go down in history, to be studied in school. Our legacy is our story. Our legacy is in Buddhism . . . how we treat other people, how we practice the basic concepts of Buddhism. Do we show gratitude not just for the big things but for all of the everyday things that happen? Do we show compassion for all beings or only those people we know? Do we actually practice the Golden Chain, thinking and saying good words and doing good deeds? Remember, practicing the Golden Chain is as simple as saying "hi", even if you saw someone 10 minutes ago, or holding a door open for someone else.

What will your legacy be? Will it be something others want to follow and emulate or will people look at your legacy and think "that's definitely not the way I want to live." We are in charge of our legacy, guided by our Buddhist concepts of kindness, compassion and gratitude. What will your legacy be? Choose well. Be kind and gentle to everyone you meet. Live the Dharma every day.

Please put your hands together in reverence for the words of the Buddha.

"When words are both true and kind, they can change the world."

(for the complete Dharma message, please go to www.lihuehongwanjimission.com)

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii-Highlights

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

DENTO HOKOKU HOYO

Honzan recently announced that the Dento Hokoku Hoyo (伝灯奉告法要 Commemoration Services of Transmission) of the 25th Sennyō Monshū will be held on the following dates (total of 80 services in 80 days in 10 periods);

2016

1st period: From Saturday, October 1 through Saturday, October 8

2nd period: From Thursday, October 20 through Thursday, October 27

3rd period: From Friday, November 4 through Friday, November 11

4th period: From Friday, November 18 through Friday, November 25

2017

5th period: From Tuesday, March 7 through Tuesday, March 14

6th period: From Tuesday, March 28 through Tuesday, April 4

7th period: From Tuesday, April 11 through Tuesday, April 18

8th period: From Tuesday, April 25 through Tuesday, May 2

9th period: From Tuesday, May 9 through Tuesday, May 16

10th period: From Wednesday, May 24 through Wednesday, May 31

The Commemoration Services will be held in the afternoon at Honzan (Kyoto, Japan) except one service on April 18, 2017 at Ohtani Honbyō. **The office of the Bishop is planning to coordinate a pilgrimage tour for this special observance. Please wait for a more detailed information.**

ALOHA FOR NEPAL - Update

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii has initially donated \$10,000 to Kathmandu Hongwanji and \$5,000 to the disaster relief organization, Mercy Corps, in order to lend our immediate support for the tremendous devastation in Nepal which occurred on April 25, 2015. We have also established the "Aloha for Nepal Fund" to help all those affected by this earthquake. Your gift will directly aid relief efforts by Kathmandu Hongwanji and Mercy Corps. The deadline of sending your donation to HQ was June 1, however due to the concern shared by many people, we have extended the deadline until June 30, 2015. To date, we have received an additional \$28,109.02 and contributions are still welcomed. Please make checks payable to Your Temple and

designate Aloha for Nepal in the memo section. All donations will be forwarded to Hawaii Kyodan Headquarters. You can also donate online through the HHMH website; visit www.hongwanjihawaii.com and make a secure credit or debit card donation via Paypal.

PEACE ON YOUR WINGS

"Peace On Your Wings" makes an exciting Hawaii Theatre debut. In observance of the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, encore performances will be held from August 6-9, 2015. Sadako Sasaki's brother Masahiro Sasaki and his son Yuji Sasaki will join in the event in Hawaii.

"Peace On Your Wings" will make its North American premiere in partnership with the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center (JACCC) at the Aratani Theater in Los Angeles as part of the JACCC's annual Remembering Sadako event that promotes international peace through arts and culture. Three performances will take place on September 18th & 19th, 2015.

For more information: peaceonyourwings.com

STATE MINISTERS ASSOCIATION SEMINAR

The 57th State Ministers Association Seminar was held on June 9-11, 2015. The seminar of this year was hosted by the Oahu District Ministers Association (Seminar Chair Rev. Mariko Nishiyama), and the Honzan dispatched Professor Kenneth Tanaka of Musashino University as its keynote lecturer. Professor Tanaka gave a lecture on the theme of "Embrace Change: Awareness (Seek Opportunities): Within a Changing World and Needs". Professor Carrie Tanaka (Mrs. Kenneth Tanaka) provided a class of English Pronunciation for the ministers who came from Japan. From our sister organization, Buddhist Churches of America, Rev. William Briones (Rinban of Los Angeles Betsuin) and Rev. Patricia Usuki (Resident Minister of San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple) joined the seminar. Thank you very much Oahu District Ministers Association for hosting the wonderful seminar, and also members of HHMH for your support.



Hoshakai needs you!

Have you noticed that the church grounds are always beautiful, tidy, and trimmed? Have you wondered who keeps the temple sparkling clean and the flowers fresh and arranged? It's all thanks to a dedicated group of men and women called the Hoshakai group. They gather at the temple every Friday at 7:00 AM and volunteer two or three hours of their time. Like all of us, they have busy lives and have other things to do too. Many of them are elderly, and find it increasingly difficult to manage the work.

You don't have to commit to every week. You don't need to be skilled. You don't need to bring any tools

Lawai International Center Pilgrimage of Compassion

Twenty years ago, Boy Scout Troop 83, alongside parents, did the initial hand-clearing of the Lawai hillside with the 88 shrines. To this day, the Boy Scouts continue to clear the grounds with caring hands. Every year they lead the Pilgrimage of Compassion and will be leading the walk again on Sunday, July 26. The multicultural activities are from 1:00pm to 4:30pm with the program at 2:30pm.



Summer Session

This year's Summer Session will be held from Monday July 20-Friday July 24 from 6:30-9p.m at the Buddhist Study Center. This year's theme is: "What is Jodo Shinshu to You?" The week long session will be a discussion among ministers and lay members to try to explain Shin Buddhism in a relevant and accessible way. The Session will be dedicated to the people of Nepal and a fundraiser for Kathmandu Hongwanji. Suggested donation for this event is \$50.00

More information will be coming soon.

Young Adult Retreat

This year's Young Adult Retreat 7 will be held from August 7-10 at Kailua Hongwanji. The theme for this year is: Ichigo Ichie (Once in a lifetime chance). For those familiar with YESS Camp there will be a similar format, goals, and general experience. In addition to dharma talks, this year we will be going to a beach in Kailua, hopefully to attend a showing of Peace on Your Wings musical and participate in the Sunday morning service with Kailua Hongwanji.

Lihue Hongwanji Mission Bon Dance August 7 & 8



Bon Graveside Services

7/28 4:30 PM Lihue Cemetery

7/29 4:30 PM Kauai Memorial Garden

** Kalapaki, Halehaka, Puhi, and Hanamaulu
Cemeteries only on request. Please call
245-6262 to schedule with Rev. Takahashi.

Bon Services

8/02 9:00 AM Bon/Hatsubon Service

8/07 6:30 PM Columbarium Service

8/08 6:30 PM Columbarium Service



Lihue Hongwanji Mission thanks the Florence Iwamoto Kaua'i Fund of the Hawai'i Community Foundation for their recent \$5,000 gift, received for the third consecutive year.

Bon Dance Work Schedule

We would really appreciate help
for the following:



July 25 (Sat.) @ 8:00 am: assembly of the yagura,
dance ring, and lights

July 25 (Sat.) @ 8:00 am: Omigaki –polishing of altar
ornaments

Aug. 1 (Sat.) @ 8:00 am: assembly of the food booth,
dining tent, etc.

Aug. 6 (Thur.) @ 7:00 pm: skewering for yakitori &
BBQ beef in social hall

2015 KAUAI BUDDHIST COUNCIL BON DANCE SCHEDULE

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



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

NISHIME, SUSHI, & JELLO-DONATION REQUEST

- 18 24 oz bottles of Japanese Vinegar
- 4 Cartons of Salt (NOT iodized)
- 1 Box of Cornstarch
- 1 Half-gallon of Mirin
- 8 Cans of Tuna (66.5 oz.)
- Carrots
- Nishime konbu
- Uzumaki
- Gobo
- Takenoko

By July 15 please call Lynette Mizuo (822-3974) to let her know what you are offering to donate.
Thank you.

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!



THANK YOU FOR THE DONATIONS FOR BAKED GOODS INGREDIENTS!

Happy Father's Day



The men in church on Father's Day enjoyed a small treat to show our appreciation of all they do. Thank you!
L-R: Wayne, Dennis, Morton, Jimmy, Ted, Blaine

GAME PRIZES DONATION REQUEST

"Gently" used stuffed animals



Please call the church office at 245-6262 to arrange a time to drop-off the stuffed animals. Thank you.

The deadline for submissions is September 9, 2015. If you have questions, please leave a message for Yumi Suzuki at the Hongwanji Headquarters Office at 522-9205 or email to hqs@honpahi.org.

Bon dance Country Store donations of (non-perishable) items: gently used clothing, household goods, books and crafts will be accepted until Friday July 31. Please deliver during office hours 9:00 AM to 12 noon, Monday-Friday or call Amy Yamada at 245-6262 to arrange another time. Plants may be delivered on Wednesday August 5 or Thursday August 6.

DONOR'S NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

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With Deepest Sympathy

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

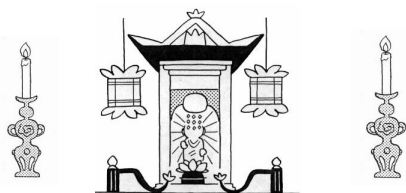
The late Stanley Seiso Segawa who died on May 22, 2015 at the age of 94.

MEMORIAL SERVICE (NENKI HOYO)

JULY-AUGUST

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of July & August. 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.



13 YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2003

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| 2003 | July 21 | Tamae Fujii |
| 2003 | August 8 | Shigeru Amihara |

1st Year Memorial Service—2014

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| 2014 | July 1 | Masaharu Arita |
| 2014 | July 11 | Chieko Oda |
| 2014 | August 12 | Percival Bailey |

3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2013

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|------|-----------|------------------|
| 2013 | July 15 | Takiko Takiguchi |
| 2013 | August 17 | Noboru Yamaguchi |

7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2009

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| 2009 | July 16 | Edith Inagaki |
| 2009 | August 5 | Mildred Fujimoto |
| 2009 | August 19 | Gary Tada |
| 2009 | August 22 | James Ishii |
| 2009 | August 30 | Masayo Hamamoto |

17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1999

none

25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1991

none

33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1983

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| 1983 | July 26 | Tadao Kouchi |
| 1983 | August 23 | Tadaichi Tomita |

50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1966

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| 1966 | July 6 | Iso Umemoto |
| 1966 | July 10 | Shutaro Nishioka |

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

FUNERAL SERVICE:

In Memory of Stanley Segawa
Judy Segawa

7-DAY SERVICE SERVICE:

In Memory of Stanley Segawa
Judy Segawa

MEMORIAL SERVICE DONATION:

In Memory of Eiji Kondo (1 Yr.)
Emery Kondo
In Memory of Tomoko Watanabe (3 Yr.)
Shirley Hashimoto
In Memory of Stanley Segawa
Charles & Betty Armstrong
Hideko Uemura
In Memory of Shigemi & Gordon Kashima &
Hazel Kashima Kurasaki & Ellen Miyasato
Paul & Alice Kubo
In Memory of Shigemi & Gordon Kashima &
Hazel Kashima Kurasaki
Gilbert Miyasato
In Memory of George & Elsie Toyofuku
Guy & Lori Toyofuku
In Memory of Mitsue Nogami
Harriet Junttonen
In Memory of Fujimoto & Oshita Families
Gilbert & Helen Fujimoto
In Memory of Tomie Inouye
Diane Fukuyama
In Memory of Dennis Hirota
Vera Hirota
Sumako Ichimasa
In Memory of Chotaro Taniguchi
Ted & Alice Inouye
In Memory of Shinkichi Ito
Ted & Alice Inouye

COLUMBARIUM DONATION:

In Memory of Eiji Kondo (1 Yr.)
Emery Kondo
In Memory of Masa Arita
Arleen Edgar

In Memory of Tokutaro & Owari Mamura, Misuku
Mamura and Owen Mamura
Fujiko Mamura & Family
Henry & Grace Ishida
Gilbert & Helen Fujimoto
Anonymous

SPECIAL DONATION:

Aki Matsumura & Seiko Onouye (Wedding)
Melvin Matsumura (Wedding)
Melvin Matsumura (Wedding Rehearsal)
Marian Ogata (Birthday)
In Memory of Jinkuro Ota (Father's Day)
Hideko Uemura
Waipahu Hongwanji Dharma School

MAJOR PROJECT DONATION:

Howard Shinseki

GOTAN-E SERVICE DONATION:

Miyoshi Fujimoto, Ray & Joyce Morikawa, Violet
Tsuchiyama, Hideko Uemura, Tom & Eleanor
Kajiware

BON SERVICE DONATION:

Helen Tomita, Arleen Edgar, Tom & Eleanor
Kajiware

ALOHA FOR NEPAL:

LHM Women's Association, Ted & Alice Inouye,
Morton & Carolyn Yamasaki, Harriet Junttonen,
Jolene & John Ogle, Mamoru & Amy Yamada, Lynne
Matsumura, Anonymous cash donors, Dennis &
Karen Hiranaka, Akiyo Matsuyama, Charles & Janet
Niitani, Arlene Fujikawa



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(Seek Opportunities)



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Lihue Hongwanji Bon Dance will be on August 7 & 8.
Please come help!



*Have a safe and
happy 4th of July!*