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HOW TO PLANT YOUR GARDEN

**Adapted by Nancy Shimamoto, Moiliili Hongwanji
State Lay Convention – Sept. 12-13, 2015**

Go to your garden alone while the dew drops are still on the leaves, and take a moment to smell the roses. Next, find an open space to plant your very own "garden of daily living."

First, plant 3 rows of "peas" –

- Peace of mind
- Peace of heart
- Peace of soul



Be sure to plant 4 rows of "squash" –

- Squash greed
- Squash anger
- Squash ignorance
- Squash grumbling

Plant 4 rows of "lettuce" –

- Lettuce be compassionate
- Lettuce be mindful
- Lettuce show gratitude
- Lettuce show aloha



No garden is complete without "turnips" –



- Turnip for meetings
- Turnip for statewide conventions
- Turnip for temple services
- Turnip for events and activities of your Sangha
- Turnip to help and support each other

Finally, to add the finishing touch, we must have "thyme" –

- Time to build positive relationships
- Time to learn and be guided by the 3 Treasures (Buddha, Dharma, Sangha)
- Time to put our hands together in gratitude; namu amida butsu



Be sure to water freely with patience and care, then cultivate with wisdom and compassion. May your "garden of daily living" bloom and grow.

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

Sun	4	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Memorial Sunday
Sun	11	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Tue	13	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	18	9:00 AM	Registration, Kauai United BWA Fall Conference, Kapa'a
		9:15 AM	Hongwanji Service begins at Kapa'a Hongwanji (no service at LHM)
Sun	25	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

NOVEMBER

Sun	1	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Sun	8	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Tues	10	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	15	9:00 AM	Eitaikyo Service Speaker-Rev. Janet Youth
Sun	22	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	29	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.

October	Visitation	Schedule	
Wed	October 14	2:30 PM	Regency at Puakea, Service/Visitation
Wed	October 21	9:30 AM	Mahelona Hospital Ext. Care, Service/Visitation
Tues	October 27	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.

Temple Decorations

Please deliver flower donations by THURSDAY evening.

2015 TEMPLE DECORATION	
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Hanamaulu
November 5, 12, 19, 26	Nawiliwili, Wailua

All flower
donations will
be gratefully
accepted.



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

What Is Your Information Source?

Do you always read a newspaper? You may read "The Garden Island", "Honolulu Star-Advertiser" or other newspapers. We can read various articles and find different news and information in the newspaper. We can get to know what happened or what will take place. If we have a plan to go someplace, we may check the weather forecast. If it says it will be cold, we can go out with a jacket. If it says it will rain, we would go out with an umbrella. If we cannot get this kind of information at all, it would be really inconvenient.

Once I heard that Buddhist scriptures or Sutras can be compared to the newspaper. The newspaper gives us the information about Kauai, United States, and all over the world. Some reporters get such information somewhere. Thanks to that, although we don't see incidents with our own eyes, we can get to know news for our everyday lives unless we doubt the information.

Likewise the Buddhist scriptures give us the information about Buddha and Buddha's world. Long time ago, many people received the guidance from Sakyamuni Buddha. Then some of them strongly wished to share his words with others and to leave them for future generations. Therefore, many Buddhist scriptures or Sutras were compiled.

There were many teachings, but our founder, Shinran Shonin, picked up the Nembutsu teachings because he realized it is the best teaching for him. Thanks to those who have transmitted, we can receive the precious information today although we cannot meet the past masters.

I compared the Buddhist Scriptures with the newspaper, but there are some differences too. The newspaper gives us different news every day. However the teachings of Buddhism have never changed, because it is the eternal truth of this world. No matter where we are, the information is applicable to our daily lives.

Shinran Shonin said: **If Amida's Primal Vow is true, Sakyamuni's teaching cannot be false. If the Buddha's teaching is true, Shantao's commentaries cannot be false. If Shantao's commentaries are true, how can Honen's words be empty of meaning? If Honen's words are true, what I, Shinran, say cannot be meaningless. In brief, such is the true entrusting of this foolish one. Now, whether you accept the nembutsu, entrusting yourself to it, or reject it, that is your own decision.**

(Tannisho: Taitetsu Unno, *Tannisho*, p.4)

If the newspaper says that today's weather is fine, we don't need to worry about the weather too much. Buddhist Scriptures inform us that Amida Buddha is always working for us and certainly saves us. If we rely on this information and entrusting our heart to Amida Buddha, we would be able to live our daily lives with the firm strength.

We always recite "Namo Amida Butsu." "Namo" means "entrust." "Amida Butsu" means "Amida Buddha." Amida Buddha is always calling us "Entrust your heart to me." When we say "Namo Amida Butsu," it means "I understand. I entrust my heart to you." Let us continue living our everyday lives with the teachings of Nembutsu. Namo Amida Butsu.

Perception

Carol Valentine

Recently, I have been thinking about Perception, how we come to think the way we do, especially when I encounter someone who thinks very differently from me. As I get older, I realize that everyone thinks differently than I do, because we all have different life experiences. Perception can keep us together or perception can tear us apart.

Remember those odd perception pictures we have seen? Initially they look like one picture but when looked at from a different angle, a different perspective, the pictures change. What do we see? What is real? Who is right?

What about words to songs? Sometimes the words we think we hear when we listen to songs are very funny. Remember the Beatle song “She’s got a ticket to ride?” Some people heard “She’s got a chicken to fry.” This is an example of the misunderstanding that can happen to all of us, causing all sorts of difficulties.

Perception is an integral part of our Buddhist teachings. We are taught that there is a difference between reality and perception. Buddha told us that what we see as reality is actually an illusion. That is not an easy concept to wrap our heads around. We know that at the heart of Buddhism is the 8 Fold Path, that perception begins with Right View. Remember, this should not be confused with “MY view is right so YOURS must be wrong!”

One example of reality vs. perception is one of the basic concepts of Buddhism . . . Change. Our perception continues to see the world as “always” and “forever”, “I will always be here, nothing will change.” The reality, as we know of course, is that there will always be change and impermanence. Nothing stays the same, no matter how much we fight or try to ignore the change.

What we see as our “reality” is based on our personal perceptions. That started me thinking about where those perceptions come from. What I concluded is that perception is based on life, and life is based on perception. * Let me explain.

Perception is based on life: Our perceptions come from our life experiences. Experiences such as our birth order, where you were raised (Hawaii, mainland, another country), cultural differences (deep south, German, Canadian), when you were raised (year were you born, generation you are in), what experiences you had growing up (positive memories, negative memories), what your was family like (stay-at-home mother, divorced parents, religion). I was raised in Kansas & Colorado in the 50’s and 60’s, part of the time by a single, divorced working mother, then with a wonderful step-father. Being part of a divorced family was very odd in the 50’s. I grew up listening to music of the 50’s and 60’s and watching The Mickey Mouse Club on TV. Obviously I don’t have the same perceptions as someone who grew up in Hawaii in the 40’s; or someone who grew up in New York City in the 80’s. Even my own brother and I have different perceptions although we were raised in the same house, by the same people. We need to remember these differences when we look to see what the younger generation is looking for, what motivates them. Their lives are nothing like most of our lives. Their lives now are nothing like the lives we adults lived. Their perceptions are different and there is nothing wrong with

their perceptions, they are just different, and that's ok, it is the way life must change. Rather like a glass of water . . . is it half full or half empty? Both ways are correct, but they reflect a different perspective of life.

The other part of the story is "Life is based on perception." Once our life experiences give us our perceptions, then our perceptions control how we live our lives, they control our behaviors. We are all ego-based, as Buddha knew, so we all think our own perceptions are the "right" ones. We are all self-centered beings. Rev. Takahashi wrote about it recently in the Dharma Wheel newsletter, in an article call "Amida Buddha's Eyes." He wrote that "Buddhism teaches us that we tend to have [negative] feelings, because of our self-centered viewpoint" and one result is that self-centered individuals " . . . think 'I am right. Others are wrong.'" As we know, this causes difficulties. Earlier this month, Masahiro Sasaki came to Kauai to speak to high school students at Kauai High School and members of the community at our social hall. As he spoke, Masahiro talked about perception and how that colors how we treat others. Some of the thoughts Masahiro shared:

- Respect others
- Come from your heart, your good heart.
- If we have a caring heart, we do not insist on our own way.
- If everyone only thinks of their own opinions, there is conflict.
- Be sensitive; catch other people's feelings; be the next caring generation.
- Peace in the world; create small peace in your community; don't pass on hatred.
- If you have a kind heart, those with a kind heart will gather around you; just as if you have a negative heart those with a negative heart will gather around you.

The question we might want to ask ourselves is "who do you want to gather around you?" Our perceptions dictate who we attract which in turn, can nurture our happiness. One important question is, can our perceptions change? Can we change how we think, how we respond? Absolutely we can. Buddha taught us that over 2,000 years ago and it still true. Our lives are not set in stone; we may not be able to change our physical situation but we can always change our thoughts and everything comes from our thoughts.

Remember the words of The Golden Chain. They are a reminder that everything begins with our perceptions, with our thoughts and create interdependence with everyone around us. "I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words and to do pure and beautiful deeds, knowing that on what I do now depends not only my happiness or unhappiness, but also that of others." Let our Buddhist perceptions guide our lives and allow us to be kind and gentle to all, regardless of who they are.

I will end with a final photo I found on the internet. I thought it was a great example of perceptions and how our perceptions can deceive us unless we are careful. It is a picture of Abe Lincoln, our president at the time of the Civil War, with this quote attributed to him. "Don't believe everything you read on the Internet, just because there's a picture with a quote next to it."think about it.

MESSAGE BY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL**ON THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II IN HOPE FOR PEACE**

With this year marking the 70th anniversary of the end of the Asia-Pacific War, I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to all across the world who perished during the war. The sorrow of those who lost their loved ones in the war can never be alleviated, and thus, deep agony from the war will continue to be felt by generations to come.

Approximately 2,500 years ago, Sakyamuni Buddha expounded, "Putting yourself in others' place, do not kill and do not make them kill others." However, being the innately ego-centered beings that we are, we have a tendency to feel affectionate to those who are convenient to us, while feeling hatred to those who are not. Even though we know in theory that every life is equally precious, we cannot accept others as they are and cannot help but fight with one another. Many lives are lost in any war. There is no act that is more foolish and reckless than humans killing one another.

Peace and renunciation of war is the path that human beings must take.

Monshu Emeritus Ohtani Koshin presented a message following the *Service for Promoting the Core Program and Pursuing a Society of Fellow Nembutsu Practicers* conducted at the Hongwanji in Kyoto, on March 20, 1997. In his message Monshu Emeritus stated, "Today, protection of the dignity of life, or preservation of fundamental human rights, is not an issue only within Japanese society but should be a concern shared by all humankind. Besides, it is the path to follow to actualize world peace." Now is the time for us to be aware that "dignity of life" is a keyword to bring peace and harmony to the world.

His successor, Monshu Ohtani Kojun, during the *Memorial Service Wishing for Peace* conducted at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park on July 3, 2015 also stated, "Although seventy years may have elapsed following the experiences of brutal warfare at an unprecedented global scale, have we really been alleviated from the deep sorrow and pain? As a result, has our aspiration for world peace and awareness really been deepened?"

Currently in Japan, debates are taking place concerning the peace and security of our nation, not only within the national Parliament, but nationwide in general. It is my hope that adequate discussion will result in detailed explanation that will satisfy everyone. As a Buddhist organization, we have been trying to figure out in what way we can contribute to eternal world peace while facing up to the regrettable, historical fact that our religious institute once supported the war campaign promoted by the then militarized regime. As a result of this effort, an interim report, "Summary of the Discussion on Peace" will be publicized shortly. Through the report, if we could deepen our understanding of the issue with various parties and individuals both within and outside of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha organization, it would be more than wonderful.

On the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II, let us be guided by the Buddha's wisdom and strive for realizing a society in which all life is respected and everyone is able to live a life of spiritual fulfillment.

August 10, 2015

Iwagami Chiko

Governor General

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

HQ Bookstore



HQ Bookstore recently started to sell new Items! **Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii original Grocery Tote Bag (\$3.00)** and **Insulated Tote Bag (\$8.00)** are now available for purchase. Both Bags are big and very useful for your grocery shopping. If you would like to buy these bags, please stop by HQ Bookstore or contact Yoshiko at (808) 522- 9202 or send e-mail to hqbooks@honpahi.org.

We also sell a cute **Life is Wabi-Sabi, Dharma Cat Tote Bag (\$5.00)**.



KAUAI UNITED HONGWANJI BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION



FALL CONFERENCE

KAPAA HONGWANJI MISSION

Sunday, October 18, 2015

THEME: Sharing the Joy of the Nembutsu

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Mr. James Jung

WORKSHOP: The Joy of Singing, presented by Gladys Fujiuchi

Everyone is invited to attend the service at 9:15 AM. There will be no service at Lihue Hongwanji Mission.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Blaine Sasaki, Gladys Fujiuchi, Akiyo Matsuyama, and Rev. Kazunori Takahashi.

Donation envelopes will be included with the November issue of the Dharma Wheel. Please give generously.

ANNUAL SOCIAL CONCERNS FUND DRIVE

Through the generous contributions of Sangha members, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is able to support worthy organizations and programs with funding to continue their work in our community. Your support also allows us to provide compassionate action during times of disaster and the ability to respond to social issues affecting our community.

Because of your commitment to promoting the Buddhist values of compassion and loving-kindness, we are able to lend our support to such organizations as Project Dana, The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii, Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii, Family Promise of Hawaii and the various food banks on each island. We were also able to raise over \$38,000 to help support relief efforts in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake in Nepal last April.

We also established the Golden Chain Grant program to promote compassionate action through innovative community service projects. Your generosity directly helps those in need and promotes a more humane world.

KAUAI UNITED HONGWANJI BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION LONESOME GRAVE PROJECT



Kauai Veterans Cemetery

Tuesday, November 10

Beginning at 2:00 PM

Everyone's help is needed. Please come and join us if you can.

Donations of flowers and greenery will be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to the temple by 12 Noon if you are unable to come to the cemetery.





With Deepest Sympathy

Lihue Hongwanji extends its deepest sympathy to the family and relatives of:
 The late Takeshi Nanbu who died on July 17 2015 at the age of 94.
 The late Arata Oda who died on August 13, 2015 at the age of 92.
 The late Kikuyo Shimomura Ota who died on August 28, 2015 at the age of 95.

MEMORIAL SERVICE (NENKI HOYO)

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of October & November. 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 November 13 Tokiko Tada

3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2013

2013 October 27 Misao Shimamoto

2013 November 27 Fumiko Shigeta

7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2009

2009 October 8 Noboru Miyakado

2009 November 30 Paul Miyamoto

13 YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2003

2003 October 18 Toshio Matsuyama

2003 November 5 Kiyoku Tachikawa

17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1999

1999 October 6 Edith Hamamoto

1999 November 7 Matsue Kondo

25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1991

None

33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1983

1983 October 11 Jack Moriwaki

1983 October 26 Kimiharu Matsuyoshi

1983 November 12 Masayo Takiguchi

1983 November 24 Shigeru Naito

50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1966

1966 October 11 Kaichi Kubota



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 James Amimoto
Lillian Amimoto
In Memory of Whitey Kurasaki
Kurasaki Family

1ST 7 DAY SERVICE:

In Memory of James Amimoto
Lillian Amimoto
In Memory of Whitey Kurasaki
Kurasaki Family

INURNMENT SERVICE:

In Memory of Whitey Kurasaki
Kurasaki Family

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

In Memory of Noboru Yamaguchi (3 Yrs.)
Loretta Yamaguchi
Russell Yamaguchi & Family
Nelson Yamaguchi & Family
In Memory of Masaharu Arita (1 Yr.)
Alvin & Song Arita
Akiyo Matsuyama
In Memory of Percy Bailey (1 Yr.)
Teresa Bailey
In Memory of Chieko Oda (1 Yr.)
Arata Oda
Suzette Naito
Mino & Flo Shimokawa
Akiyo Matsuyama
In Memory of Tamaye Fujii (13 Yrs.)
Sue Fujii
M/M Claude Hebaru
Randall Matsuda
Janet Fujii
Michael & Gail Oride
In Memory of Rev. Tadao Kouchi (33 Yrs.)
Claude & Judy Kouchi
Sumako Ichimasa
In Memory of Kenneth Higuchi
Warren & Colleen Nonaka
Blaine Sasaki

MEMORIAL SERVICE CON'T.

In Memory of James Amimoto
Hideko Uemura
In Memory of Whitey Kurasaki
Hideko Uemura
Gilbert Miyasato
In Memory of Mitsue Nogami
Paul & Carol Shinseki
In Memory of Kanichi Sonoo
Diane Fukuyama
In Memory of Estrella Yadao
M/M Richard Higashi
In Memory of Riyoji Hirokawa
Glenn & Gail Shibuya
In Memory of Midori Omori
Barbara Omori
In Memory of Masaichi Morimoto
Shizuko Shiramizu

COLUMBARIUM DONATION:

In Memory of John & Haruko Abe
Michael Inoshita & Patty Okimura
In Memory of Saikichi & Sawayo Hashimoto
Asayo Sakahara
In Memory of Masato & Yoshiko Hashimoto
Asayo Sakahara
In Memory of Yoshiake Hiramoto
Dr. & Mrs. Clay Hiramoto
In Memory of George & Elsie Toyofuku
Guy & Lori Toyofuku
In Memory of Matsuo Kuraoka
Emiko Kuraoka
In Memory of Ejiu Konishi & Senzo Mayemura
Matsumi Hamada
In Memory of Norio Mamura
Joel & Debra Belter
In Memory of Isamu & Michie Miyoshi
Dennis & Geri Miyoshi
In Memory of Minoru Nakai
Wayne & Aileen Nakai
In Memory of Kenneth Higuchi
Mamo & Amy Yamada

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Gladys Fujiuchi
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SUBSCRIPTION TO NEWSLETTER:

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James Yamamoto, Tom & Eleanor Kajiware
Ted & Alice Inouye

SPECIAL DONATION:

Kauai Ondo Drummers
William Burson

BON SERVICE MEMORIAL:

In Memory of Shigezo & Shizuko Tanaka
Roy & Arleen Tanaka

**Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Highlights continued from pg. 6****JINJI (MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS)**

Rev. Tatsuo Muneto, currently serving as the Rimban (Chief Minister) of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, will retire from the active ministry of HHMH as of December 15, 2015.

Rev. Toyokazu Hagio, currently serving as the Fuku-Rimban (Assistant Chief Minister) of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, will be assigned as the Rimban of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as of December 16, 2015.

Rev. Joshin Kamuro, a new minister of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, will arrive in Hawaii on October 1, 2015. He will receive orientation from October 1, 2015 to December 15, 2015 under the supervision of the Executive Assistant to the Bishop and will be assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as its Associate Minister as of December 16, 2015.

Ministers of Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin are asked to continue to oversee Puna, Naalehu, and Pahala Hongwanji Mission during the absence of the Resident Minister.

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**Kauai United BWA Fall Conference**

October 18, 2015

Kapa'a Hongwanji Mission

Service begins at 9:15 AM

(no service at LHM)

Plant your "Garden of Daily Living"

