

# Dharma Wheel

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The Legislative Assembly  
On February 12 and 13, Reverend Takahashi and three lay delegates from Lihue Hongwanji Mission will attend the Legislative Assembly, also known as Giseikai, at the



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH). Each minister is a delegate and each temple is entitled to at least one delegate. The number of additional delegates per temple is set by district and influenced by membership count. Any number of observers are welcome to participate. This year, your lay representatives are Lynne Matsumura, Gail Shibuya, and Carol Valentine, who were selected by the LHM Board of Directors.

The Legislative Assembly is the annual meeting where the Budget of the HHMH is passed and resolutions are considered that determine the policies and programs of the organization. The debate is sometimes rigorous when controversial issues arise. It is an opportunity to hear and give input, keeping the welfare of individual temples, districts, and the entire organization in mind. The final outcome, whether it benefits our temple or not, is accepted and supported.

There are many ways to be involved in the Hongwanji organization. Carol Valentine serves the Kauai district as a member of the HHMH Board of Directors. Wayne Fujioka is an Advisor to the Board. Rev. Kazunori Takahashi begins a two-year term as President of the Kauai Hongwanji Council and Lynne Matsumura is its Treasurer. Several LHM members serve on HHMH Committees – Gladys Fujiuchi-Music; Lynette Mizuo-Social Concerns; Morton Yamasaki-Membership & Proration and Strategic Plan; Lynne Matsumura-Central Planning & Research and Personnel; Carol Valentine – Buddhist Education; Wayne Fujioka – Finance, Board of Inquiry, and Implementation Maintenance; Sets Ushio-Strategic Plan.

If you are interested in getting involved or have questions about the Hongwanji organization, please contact Rev. Takahashi or any of the people mentioned.

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## Calendar of Events

### FEBRUARY

Sun	7	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Tue	9	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Fri-Sat	12-13		Legislative Assembly Honpa Hongwanji Mission
Sun	14	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Sun	21	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	28	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Lay Speaker

### MARCH

Sun	6	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial LHWA Meeting
Tues	8	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	13	9:00 AM	Spring Higan Service Speaker: Rev. Daido Baba of Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin
Sun	20	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	27	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Lay Speaker

## 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.

February	Visitation	Schedule	
Wed	February 10	2:30 PM	Regency at Puakea, Service/Visitation
Wed	February 17	9:30 AM	Mahelona Hospital Ext. Care, Service/Visitation
Tues	February 23	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

**There will be no assignments for flower donation in 2016. Thank you to the ladies of the LHWA for all past years.**

**All flower or monetary donations will be gratefully accepted.**

**Please deliver flowers by THURSDAY evening if you wish to donate.**



### Now or Never

Once I read an interesting article that reminded me of an important thing about Buddhism. The article was about the New Year's Resolution. According to the article, in United States, many people make a New Year's resolution for the New Year, to change some habits. For example, some people want to exercise more, lose weight, stop smoking or drinking, save money and so on. However, the article also said that a third of our resolutions are discarded by the end of January. Four out of five people simply give their resolutions up. In addition, some people make same resolutions every year, because they always give up a few months after the New Year.

One of the biggest reasons why they give up the resolution is that they tend to postpone their good intentions. They think, "Oh, I'm busy this week, so I will start next week." or "I can start next month." Then the year is up before they accomplish their goal.

This article reminded me of the proper attitude for listening to the teaching of Buddhism. Rennyo Shonin said, **"In the Buddhist teachings, there can be no thought of tomorrow. Hurry up! Hurry up! when it comes to the Buddha Dharma."** He also said, **"Hear the Buddha-Dharma well when young. When you grow old, you will find walking difficult and also get sleepy when hearing the Dharma. Therefore, hear the Buddha Dharma well when young."**

He kept telling people that we must listen to the teaching now and it shouldn't be postponed. Some people think that Buddhism is for the future or the time after this life. However that is a misunderstanding. Buddhism teaches us how to live in the present moment.

Regarding this guidance, I would like to share one story that I once heard. This is the episode of a Japanese person who sincerely followed the Nembutsu teaching. He passed away at the age of 68 because of illness. A couple of months before he passed away, he had a chance to get together with his family and relatives. At that time, he spoke as follows. "Thank you for coming today. I'm so happy to see you. As you know, I have a terminal illness. I think I will die soon. I'm not sure how my life ends. I may be suffering. I may not be able to speak. However, please don't worry about me because Amida Buddha always embraces me. I will be born into the Pure Land and become a Buddha. There is nothing to worry about. I will be waiting to see you in the Pure Land. I'm glad to have a chance to express my appreciation today."

When I heard this episode, I was really impressed. He had a sickness. He realized he will die soon. However, even in such a situation, he lived his life with full of gratitude. He truly accepted the reality of this world and entrusted his life to Amida Buddha's working. If he didn't listen to the teaching of Nembutsu, he wouldn't have had this kind of peaceful mind. Rennyo Shonin said, "Hurry up, hurry up", because it brings us the firm strength to our transient life. Shinran Shonin said: **Of those who encounter the power of the Primal Vow, not one passes by in vain, they are filled with the treasure of ocean of virtues; The defiled waters of their blind passions not separated from it.**

(*"Hymns of the Pure Land, Collected Works of Shinran, p.364"*)

We would have the habit of postponing important things somehow. However, if we keep postponing, we never put them into action. The article about New Year's resolution made me remember the important thing. Fortunately we have already encountered the teaching of Nembutsu. Let us keep remembering the words of our masters, listen to the teaching of Nembutsu and live each day to the fullest.

**Namo Amida Butsu.**

## Chinese Zodiac - Year of the Monkey

In Hawaii we are surrounded by so many diverse cultures. We try to draw upon and learn from all cultures as we go through our lives. Buddhism has taught us to be open minded about other people and other philosophies. This article is an example of the range of diversity in Hawaii.

According to the Chinese zodiac, 2016 will be the Year of the Monkey and will begin on Feb. 8, 2016 and last to January 27, 2017. For reference, other Chinese Zodiac Years of the Monkey are 1920, 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016, 2028.

During a much earlier period in China, the dignified Chinese official title of nobleman was pronounced 'Hou', which is the same as the pronunciation of "monkey" in Chinese. The animal was thereby bestowed with an auspicious meaning. So if you were born in the Year of the Monkey, be happy with this auspicious animal.

### Personality of people born in the Year of the Monkey

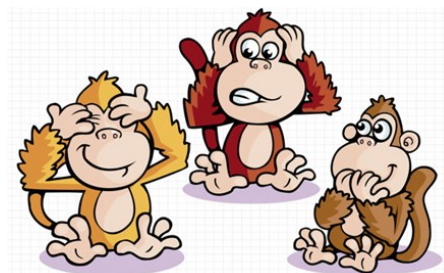
The people born in the Year of the Monkey are cheerful and energetic by nature and usually represent flexibility. People born under the sign of the Monkey are also wise, intelligent, confident, charismatic, loyal, inventive, and skillful and make good leaders. People born under the sign of the Monkey also like a challenge and therefore should seek out exciting, speculative and challenging jobs. In their families, they are usually considerate and thoughtful.

### Three Wise Monkeys 🐵 🐵 🐵

While we are still thinking about monkeys, there is a story about the Three Wise Monkeys we are probably all aware of - the story of the monkeys who "Hear no evil, See no evil and Speak no evil." There are many versions of the Three Wise Monkeys, from brass & wooden statues to cartoon characters to emojis in text messages. In Japan, there is a carved wooden version of the Three Wise Monkeys in a Shinto shrine at Nikko. Even Mahatma Gandhi had a small statue of the three monkeys.

In our modern times there has been a new addition to the Three Wise Monkeys. In addition to "See no evil, Hear no evil, Speak no evil", the thought of "Post no evil" has been added as a reminder to be kind and gentle in the words we use online.

Just as there are many versions of the Three Wise Monkeys, there are differing explanations of the meaning of "See no evil, Hear no evil, Speak no evil, Post no evil." It does not mean to hide from the world but to recognize what is happening in the world. In our Buddhist tradition, the words of the proverb reflect the idea of not dwelling on evil thoughts or words, which relates to Right Thoughts, Right Speech and Right Actions.



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### THE ACCESSION CEREMONY (DENTO HOKOKU HOYO)

The Accession Ceremony (The Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition; Dento Hokoku Hoyo 伝灯奉告法要) will be held from October 2016 through May 2017 at Honzan in Kyoto, Japan.

The Accession Ceremony is conducted before Amida Tathagata and Shinran Shonin to formally announce that the newly-inducted Head Priest shall take on the responsibilities as Monshu, following in the footsteps of his predecessors to spread the Dharma to new generations and embracing the opportunity to spread the Nembutsu teaching to a greater number of people. It is also a festive occasion welcoming everyone to celebrate the inauguration of the new Monshu.

Please see the website for more information; <http://hqs963.wix.com/hhmhdhhtour>

Travel Agency	HHMH Spiritual Enrichment and Fellowship Tour	Accession Ceremony portion only
October 2016 Kintetsu International Hawaii	October 14-23, 2016 (10 days) Visit Rennyo Shonin related sites (Limited to 50 people) Chaperones: Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani &	October 20-22, 2016 (Only when there is a vacancy in the HHMH tour registration)
March-April 2017 JTB USA	March 29-April 7, 2017 (10 days) Visit Shinran Shonin related sites (Limited to 60 people) Chaperones: Bishop Eric Matsumoto &	March 30-April 1, 2017 (Only when there is a vacancy in the HHMH tour registration)

### Legislative Assembly Aloha Luncheon and Living Treasures of Hawai'i™ Recognition

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will honor the following individuals as the 2016 Living Treasures of Hawai'i™ in recognition of their personal and professional achievements and their contributions to the community. We welcome you to celebrate this honor with them.

Paul Leland Breese

Sooriya Kumar

Dr. Puakea M. Nogelmeier

Dennis Masaaki Ogawa, Ph.D

Lillian Noda Yajima

Date: Saturday, February 13, 2016

Place: Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom

Time: 11:00 AM - Registration, 12:00 PM - Lunch and Program

Cost: Early registration - \$70.00 for payments received by January 31, 2016

## 12 Million Pounds of Food Distributed

Did you know that 1 out of 5 people, annually, need help in getting food? Yes, according to the Fact Book of the Hawaii Food Bank 287,000 people, of all ages, receive help in getting food each year in Hawaii. Recently, on December 28, 2015, Rev. Blayne Higa, Chair of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Committee on Social Concerns and Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Bishop of the Jodo Shin Buddhist Mission, visited Polly Kauahi, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Hawaii Food Bank to present this year's donation. Photo courtesy of Hawaii Food Bank. The Committee also made donations to Neighbor Island agencies such as Maui Food Bank, The Food Basket (Hawaii Island) and Kauai Independent Food Bank & Hawaii Food Bank Kauai Branch as part of a State-wide effort to eliminate hunger. In total, \$6,000.00 was donated for the year, 2015. According to Hawaii Food Bank, a \$10 donation distributes food for 25 meals. This contribution is in addition to other efforts, directly or indirectly, connected with the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii such as the Oahu United Jr. YBA and Hawaii Buddhist Council Food Drives. The HHMH would like to express their gratitude to the Members and Friends of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for your generosity which allows the Mission to help those in need in our communities. It is anticipated that with the impact of the related concern of Homelessness/Houselessness across our State the need for food will also increase in the coming years. Once again, thank you for your dana!



## YESS CAMP

YESS (Young Enthusiastic Shinshu Seekers) Camp is a camp held every Spring for youth ages 13-23 who are interested in Buddhism and growing deeper in the Dharma. This year we will be going to **Camp Timberline on the island of Oahu from March 19-21, 2016. This year's theme is Through the Mirror and the guest speaker will be Hawaii Kyodan President Mr. Pieper Toyama.** The early deadline for registration is February 19 and the late deadline is March 4. Please call Rev. Takahashi for a registration form. If you have any questions regarding YESS Camp please contact Jamie at 973-6555.



### A Message from the 2016 LHM President Gail Shibuya



Happy New Year everyone. As we say goodbye to 2015 and welcome the new year 2016, let's not dwell on the happenings of 2015 whether it be good or bad but look forward to 2016 as a year for changes. Changes might come in subtle ways. One day you'll say, "What happened to the old termite pews that used to be on the church lanai?", or "When did we start saying Words of Thanksgiving after service?"

As your new president, I cannot say what kind of changes will come about; but with your support and guidance to all the LHM 2016 officers and directors, let us look toward a brighter future. I welcome any suggestions that you may have. Have a healthy and prosperous new year.



### LHWA Installation, January 10, 2016



L-R: Lynette Mizuo, Auditor; Carol Valentine, 1st VP; Charlotte Yasumoto, Corresponding Secretary; Janet Niitani, Corresponding Secretary; Yoko Takabayashi, Treasurer; Lynne Matsumura, President; Edith Ushio, 2nd VP; Gladys Fujiuchi, Recording Secretary; Joann Naganuma, Auditor; Rev. Kazunori Takahashi, Advisor. Missing: Karen Nishimoto, Assistant Treasurer.



### **Mahalo to the 2015 Homebound Project Volunteers**

On December 12, 2015, thirty-three bentos were prepared and delivered to members who are 90 years and older, residing in an Assisted Living facility or who are Homebound. Potted orchids were delivered to 7 members in Long Term Care Facilities and cards were sent to the five senior members living off-island.

Mahalo to volunteers: Arlene Fujikawa, Janet Fujii, Wayne Fujioka, Sumako Ichimasa, Ted Inouye, Kenneth Mizuo, Lynette Mizuo, Marian Ogata, Betsy Sakoda, Reverend Takahashi, Edith Ushio, James Yamamoto, Charlotte Yasumoto, and Walter Yasumoto.

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii presents...

## **Choralfest 2016**

**September 24-25, 2016**

**Hawaii Betsuin**

**Conductor: Nola Nahulu**

**Deadline to Register: April 30, 2016**

Call Gladys Fujiuchi for Information

245-2532



### **West Kauai Hongwanji Bon Dance for Beginners Only**

**What:** Beginning bon dance lessons

**For Whom:** Men and women with little or no experience

**Where:** WKHM Hanapepe Temple social hall

**When:** Every Thursday at 6 p.m.

**Starting Feb. 4, 2016**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Nakaya

**WE ARE ASKING SEASONED DANCERS TO REFRAIN FROM JOINING THE PRACTICE IN FEBRUARY.**

Seasoned dancers refresher classes will be held starting in April. However, if you have a spouse or friends who are beginners and who may be reluctant to participate unless you accompany them, please join us.

Please encourage your friends, relatives, and spouses (especially men!) to join us.

If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please call Alton Miyamoto at 338-1494 or e-mail him at [ahmiyamoto@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:ahmiyamoto@hawaii.rr.com).



### **Attention Golfers!**

#### **Save This Date!**

The LHM Golf Club will play at Poipu Bay Golf Course on **Saturday, February 20** and is open to everyone. Please contact tournament chairman Ray Morikawa at home 431-4664 or cell 652-3185 for more information.

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 SERVICES**

In Memory of Donald Konishi

Mildred Konishi

In Memory of Charles Niitani

Janet Niitani

In Memory of Yoshie Okubo

Calvin Okubo

### **1ST 7 DAY SERVICE**

In Memory of Donald Konishi

Mildred Konishi

In Memory of Charles Niitani

Janet Niitani

In Memory of Yoshie Okubo

Calvin Okubo

### **INURNMENT & SERVICE DONATION:**

In Memory of Donald Konishi

Mildred Konishi

In Memory of Yoshie Okubo

Calvin Okubo

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE DONATION:**

In Memory of Yoshie Okubo

Kelli Tranilla

Friends of Yoshie Okubo

In Memory of Haruo Nakamoto (1 Yr.)

Lily Nakamoto

In Memory of Van Nakamoto (1 Yr.)

Lily Nakamoto

In Memory of Asako Tomita (17 Yrs.)

Helen Tomita

Patsy & Larry Ginoza

Jane & Ronald Ozaki

In Memory of the Yoshishige Family & Ichimasa Family

Clifford Ichimasa, Jr.

In Memory of Masao & Mine Tamura

Isao & Hazel Sugibayashi

In Memory of Hazel Kashima Kurasaki

Charles & Lorraine Inouye

In Memory of Shigemi & Gordon Kashima, Hazel

Kashima Kurasaki & Ellen Miyasato

Paul & Alice Kudo

### **COLUMBARIUM DONATION:**

Henry & Grace Ishida, Anonymous

### **COLUMBARIUM MEMORIAL:**

In Memory of Tamotsu Murao

Dr. Grace & Bruce Inouye

In Memory of John & Haruko Abe

Michael Inoshita & Patti Okumura

In Memory of Sanji & Kimiko Fujii

David & Karen Fujii

In Memory of Mitsuharu Sukehira

Michael Sukehira

In Memory of Michael Nii

Carolyn Nii

In Memory of Iwao Sasaki

Misao Sasaki

### **SOCIAL CONCERN DONATION:**

Janet Fujii, Ray & Joyce Morikawa

### **HOONKO SERVICE DONATION:**

Isao Sugibayashi, Misao Sasaki, Raymond

Morikawa, Gladys Fujiuchi

### **SPRING HIGAN, GOTANE, BON SERVICE, AUTUMN**

### **HIGAN & EITAIKYO DONATION:**

Misao Sasaki

### **BUILDING & GROUNDS DONATION:**

Laura Ishii

### **SPECIAL DONATION:**

Kathleen Sasaki

### **NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION:**

Elaine & Larry Kashiwabara

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**NEW YEARS DONATIONS:**

Harriett Junttonen, Setsuo & Edith Ushio, Daniel Yotsuda, Ted & Alice Inouye, Thoma Oi, Glenn & Gail Shibuya, Morton & Carolyn Yamasaki, Arlene Fujikawa, Amy Yamada, Janet Fujii, Gladys Fujiuchi, Diane Fukuyama, Lynne Matsumura, Winston & Marian Ogata, Yoshie Ogata, Roy & Arlene Tanaka, Jane Arita, Robert & Karen Nishimoto

**NEW YEAR'S SERVICE:**

Shirley Hashimoto

**NEW YEAR'S MEMORIAL DONATION:**

In Memory of Misayo Morimoto  
Allan & Jean Morimoto

**(CORRECTION FROM JANUARY  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS)**

In Memory of Mamoru Yamada  
Larry & Donna Bankus



**Relay for Life 2016**  
**April 23-24**

Join the Lihue Hongwanji Team

**What happened to the wooden  
pews?**

Where did they go? Was it the Menehune???

Stay tuned and find out in next month's issue of Dharma Wheel. Story and pictures will be included!

*Thank You* Appreciation Party  
Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped create a wonderful and fun time on January 30th at the Appreciation Party. Thank you to all for your generous donations for prizes. I am so grateful for all of the support.

To the committee members, thank you for your time, energy and ideas: Ted Inouye, Marian Ogata, Gail Oride, Gail Shibuya, Amy Yamada, Morton Yamasaki, Rev. Kazunori Takahashi.

A special thank you to Eleanor Sasaki for creating the many beautiful crochet leis that have been used over the past years.

Carol Valentine, chairperson

*With Deepest Sympathy*

Lihue Hongwanji extends its deepest sympathy to the family and relatives of:  
 The late Donald M. Konishi who died on December 8, 2015 at the age of 85.  
 The late Charles Susumu Niitani who died on December 10, 2015 at the age of 79.  
 The late Wallace Satoru Nakamoto who died on December 22, 2015 at the age of 84.  
 The late Yoshie Okubo who died on January 3, 2016 at the age of 96.



**MEMORIAL SERVICE (NENKI HOYO)**

**FEBRUARY-MARCH**

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—2015**

2015	February 1	Florence Tomita
2015	February 6	Dennis Dodo
2015	February 27	Leslie Yaka
2015	February 28	Masao Yotsuda
2015	March 14	Mitsue Nogami

**3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2014**

2014	February 3	Teruo Oshiro
2014	February 6	Pansy Miyao
2014	March 2	Sueko Kimura

**7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2010**

2010	February 3	Adoree Isobe
2010	February 26	Michiko Higashi

**13 YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2004**

None

**17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2000**

2000	March 5	Masami Shinseki
2000	March 7	Florence Iwamoto
2000	March 9	Alice Uohara

**25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1992**

None

**33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1984**

1984	February 6	Yasu Morikawa
1984	February 9	Yukie Naito
1984	February 22	Yeso Dobashi
1984	March 17	Tatsuo Koga

**50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1967**

1967	February 12	Shoichi Iwata
1967	March 15	Tsuyu Shinseki
1967	March 31	Matao Morita

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*Happy Valentine's Day!*  
*February 14*



*Spring Higan Service*  
*March 13, 2016, 9:00 a.m.*  
*Speaker will be Rev. Daido Baba,*  
*Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin*

