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Embrace Change: Harmony (Accept Differences)

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### Statement Against the Separation of Families

June 20, 2018

**"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free."**

In just a few words, the above, which is found on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty, summarizes for many around the world, past, present and future, what America represents, promises, is and should be. As human beings, as people, we all need hope. As a nation, are we going back on our promise to the world? I hope not.

From a Buddhist perspective, both the process and end result are important. The procedure of how matters are handled is as important as the outcome. While the current policies of our nation do not outright deny individuals and families entry into the United States, the procedure must be more compassionate and should not be tearing families apart. The bond between parent(s) and child(ren) is one of the most, if not the most, precious relationships a person can have especially when young. The policy of Zero Tolerance is too extreme. As Americans, I believe, we have pride in that we are a just and fair nation. We may not be perfect, but in our interactions around the globe, we have tried to uphold this standard which is becoming of a world leader.

Our Jodo Shinshu Buddhist tradition has a long history of valuing human life, seeing the importance of relationships including with the natural environment and emphasizing inclusiveness as evidenced by the Great Vows of Amida (Amitabha-Amitayus) Buddha and writings of Shinran Shonin and Rennyo Shonin, our foremost spiritual leaders.

Although the circumstances may have been a little different, I also draw from the past experiences of a segment of our Buddhist membership who, because of their (Japanese) ethnic and national origins, had to unfairly experience separation from family during the last great world war. There was, and for some still remain, so much pain and trauma from the separation. It is a circumstance that should not be repeated for anyone. Is it not one of our basic understandings in America that the family is the backbone of our nation? We need strong individuals and families being guided by universal values to be a better nation and world.

A quote from the Metta Sutra reads, "May all life be happy. May they be joyous and live in safety. All life, whether weak or strong, in high or middle or low realms of existence, small or great, visible or invisible, near or far, born or to be born. May all life be happy. Let none deceive another nor

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## Calendar of Events

### JULY

Sun	1		No Service
Sun	8		No Service
Tues	10	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	15	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Rev. Kaufmann's first service at LHM
		10:00 AM	Meet our new minister and talk story in the social hall following the service
Sun	22	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Sat	28	1:30- 4:00 PM	BSC Summer Session Satellite Seminar, at LHM Speaker will be Dr. Kenneth Tanaka Registration deadline is July 22
Sun	29	9:30 AM	Kauai District Joint Sunday Service at West Kauai Hongwanji (Hanapepe) Speaker: Dr. Kenneth Tanaka (car pooling is encouraged)

### August

Sun	5	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
		10:30 AM	LHWA Meeting
Sun	12	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Tues	14	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	19	9:30 AM	Dharma School Sunday Service at Poipu Beach Park Main Pavilion Registration deadline is July 19
Sun	26	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

For additional information regarding  
Dr. Tanaka's session, please see page 8.

For additional information regarding the  
Dharma School Sunday Service, please see  
page 9.



## 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. Kaufmann at 245-6262 or 245-4543.

July	Visitation	Schedule	
Service in	July is cancelled		Regency at Puakea, Service/Visitation
Wed	July 18	9:30 AM	Mahelona Hospital Ext. Care, Service/Visitation
Wed	July 25	9:00 AM	Hale Kupuna Heritage Home Visitation
Tue	July 31	10:00 AM	Wilcox Hospital / Garden Isle Health Care, Service/Visitation

Members and friends are welcome to accompany the minister at service and visitation outreach. Please contact Rev. Kaufmann in a timely way.

## **An introduction to our new resident minister, Rev. Arthur J Kaufmann, Shaku Sho Ju**

Arthur James Kaufmann was born and raised in New York City, the third of four children of William and Roseanna Kaufmann.

After graduating from high school at the age of 18, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served eight years as a Supply Technician, serving one tour in Vietnam in 1966. He received his Honorable Discharge from the Air Force in 1969 and returned to New York.



In 1975 Rev. Kaufmann moved to Denver, Colorado. While living and working in Denver Rev. Kaufmann began his study of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism at the Denver Tri-State Buddhist Temple under the guidance of Rev. Yoshitaki Tamai, Rev. Unryu Sugiyama, Rev. Harold Oda and Rev. Kanya Okamoto.

During his time in Denver he also began his study of the art of Aikido at Nippon Kan Aikido Dojo under its head instructor and founder Sensei Gaku Homma of Akita Prefecture, Japan. Rev. Kaufmann has received the fourth grade of the black belt and continues to practice.

In 1993, Rev. Kaufmann moved to Hawaii and married Ms. Judith Holland in 1995. Between them they have 5 children and 10 grandchildren. Ms. Holland achieved her internship in psychology with the VA and later taught at the Hawaii Pacific University, Kaneohe campus. While studying for the Ministry, Rev. Kaufmann also attended Kapiolani Community College where he graduated with an Associate's Degree in Art.

He received his Tokudo Ordination in 1994 at the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-Ha in Kyoto Japan under the sponsorship of the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Mission of Hawaii.

In 1999 he was assigned as a Ministerial Aide to Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin and served there for three and a half years under Rimban Thomas Okano, Rimban Toshio Murakami and Rimban Tatsuo Muneto.

In February 2003 Rev. Kaufmann left the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin to take the position of Resident Manager at BDK Sudatta Hawaii, the Society for the Promotion of Buddhism. He also worked as the distributor of the book, *The Teaching of Buddha* to hotels in Hawaii and Guam.

On December 13, 2007 Rev. Kaufmann received his Kyoshi Certification. He was assigned as Resident Minister for the Aiea Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii on January 15, 2009. In 2013 Rev. Kaufmann became an Associate Minister at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. He was at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin for almost 5 years working under Rev. Muneto and the present Rimban Toyokazu Hagio.

Rev. Kaufmann will begin his assignment as resident minister of Lihue Hongwanji on July 15, 2018.

despise any life in any state; Let none by anger or hatred wish harm to another.

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Even as a mother at the risk of her life watches over and protects her only child, so with a boundless mind should one cherish all life, suffusing love over the entire world, above, below, and all around without limit; so let us cultivate an infinite goodwill toward the whole world."

As such, with this statement, I express my lament and express my ardent wish that we rescind the Zero Tolerance Policy and its ramifications which result in separating families. May we become a more just, fair and compassionate nation.

*Eric Matsumoto, Bishop*

*Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii*

Bishop Matsumoto's message can be found on the Honpa website: <http://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/2018/06/20/statement-against-separation-of-families/>

Buddhist Churches of America has also released a statement on their website with messages from Rev. Umezu, Bishop of BCA and the BCA President Richard A. Stambul: <http://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/>



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## Social Concerns

The Social Concerns Committee of Honpa Hongwanji gave generously to the island of Kauai in response to the significant damages caused by the devastating rain and subsequent flooding experienced in April. Monies were presented to both Malama Kauai and the Kauai Independent Food Bank to help those organizations in their rebuilding efforts on Kauai. Monies were also presented to the Hanalei Nihonjin Kai Cemetery for damages to the cemetery from the rain and resulting flooding.



The checks were presented to the three organizations

on May 23 at a meeting of the Kauai Hongwanji Council.

On June 13, 2018 a check was presented to Jason Honjiyo, of the Mana 'Olana Homeless Shelter with Kauai Economic Opportunity (KEO) from the Committee on Social Concerns with Honpa Hongwanji. Mana 'Olana serves the needs of the homeless on Kauai with meals, temporary housing and transitional housing. Kauai is fortunate that Mana 'Olana and KEO are available to the residents of our island.





### Aloha Rev. Takahashi

On Sunday, June 10, about 60 members of LHM came to the aloha party to wish a fond farewell to Reverend Kazunori Takahashi and to congratulate him on his new position as Executive Assistant to the Bishop. He will begin his new assignment on July 1, 2018.

Thank you to the following people for making this party possible: Gladys Fujiuchi, Arlene Fujikawa, Karen Hiranaka, Ray Morikawa, Lynette Mizuo, Marian Ogata, Gail Shibuya, Edith Ushio, Carolyn and Morton Yamasaki.



Gail Shibuya, LHM President,  
& Rev. Takahashi



Rev. Takahashi & Karen Nishimoto,  
representing LHWA

Check out page 6 for the Rev. Takahashi Rap,  
written and performed at the Farewell Party by Gladys Fujiuchi

### 2018 KAUAI BUDDHIST COUNCIL BON DANCE SCHEDULE

All Bon Odori will begin at 7:30 pm

- |            |                                       |
|------------|---------------------------------------|
| July 6-7   | Koloa Jodo Mission                    |
| July 13-14 | West Kauai Hongwanji Mission (Waimea) |
| July 20-21 | Kapaa Hongwanji Mission               |
| July 27-28 | Waimea Higashi Hongwanji              |
| August 3-4 | Kauai Soto Zen Temple                 |



### Aloha, Kazunori Takahashi

Kazunori Takahashi is the man of the hour  
Came prepared to preach of Amida's Vow power.  
To peaceful Kapaia that he soon called home  
Where cocks and hens so freely roam.

He observed them carefully in his walks  
They then became subjects for his dharma talks,  
Comparing the hens to Amida Sama  
Whose love for her brood and Amida's for us all.

Crowing at times when he sleepily lay  
"What's on the agenda?" he would ponder for the day.  
Living by himself, he "bached" it as we say  
He cooked, he cleaned, and swept the dust away.

He is attentive, polite, well-mannered and such  
Quick to respond with his "thank you very much".

Always dressed neatly in his white shirt and tie  
Ready for most anything even on the fly.  
Born in Japan, the eldest of three  
To a family that followed the ministry.

He came to Hawaii at the age of twenty five  
To serve the temples and to help them thrive.

He loves to sing, to travel, but no wife at his side  
Been to India, Europe and places far and wide.

He learned about customs and words of long ago  
From elders who hoped that he could soon get to know,  
Why we say and do things that are from another era  
Yes, change we are aware of and yes, we do hear ya!

A visit to Regis meant a modern hair style  
Wow, that's hip, we'd respond with a smile.  
He served at Hilo, Kapa'a and Lihue Hongwanji  
With such diligence, surely that one could soon foresee

The call from the bishop would soon be forthcoming  
To serve a greater sangha, not unbecoming  
Of one whose mission was to guide us, to teach us.  
He came, he served, achieving much status.

So now it's time to say farewell, in deep gratitude  
We wish you much happiness in all that you do.  
May you be safe, healthy, happy and at ease  
Filled with loving kindness and peaceful as you please!



# Thank You!

We have once again come together to complete another successful bon dance. The co-chairmen of the bon dance, Tommy Oi and Gail Shibuya, would like to thank all the committee chairmen and members of the Sangha for working so hard to make it successful. Without your participation it would not have been possible. A great big mahalo goes out to the general public for participating in all the bon dances on the island. Once again, from Tommy and Gail, thank you very much.



## LHWA NEWS

### LHWA Meetings

All meetings will begin after service

**August 5**

**November 4**

Please register for the 2018 Joint Conference!  
(includes the BWA State Convention)

***Deadline for Registration is July 20***

Information can be found on the LHM website:

[www.lihuehongwanjimission.com](http://www.lihuehongwanjimission.com)

## New Members Welcome



There is an ongoing collection of small toiletries for the Mana Olana Homeless Shelter on Kauai. This is a project sponsored by the Lihue Hongwanji Women's Association. Items may be dropped off on any Sunday from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.



On May 12 a Ribbon Lei Making workshop was held in the LHM Social Hall. Joy Hiraoka gave generously of her time and talents to help us all learn how to make a beautiful ribbon lei. Thank you to Joy and to the women who came to help Joy: Iwalani, Teri and Galyn.



### Moving Forward Just As You Are

Living in These  
Uncertain Times

Monshu Kojun Ohtani  
Resident Head Priest of Nishi Hongwanji



Lihue Hongwanji now has 5 copies of the book *Moving Forward Just As You Are* by Monshu Kojun Ohtani. It is on sale for \$10.00. If you would like a copy, please contact Amy Yamada or Gail Shibuya. If you pay by check please make the check out to LHM.

**Kauai Hongwanji Council BSC Summer Session Satellite Seminar**

# Everyday Buddhism

July 28      1:30pm – 4:00pm:    Lihue Hongwanji Mission

Registration Fee:    \$10.00

Guest Speaker:    **Dr. Kenneth Kenshin Tanaka**  
(Professor Emeritus, Musashino University, Tokyo)



He grew up and attended Dharma School in California. While being an active member of the Young Buddhist Association (YBA), he aspired to study Buddhism, which he did at Stanford Univ. (B.A.), a temple in Thailand, Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS)(M.A.), Tokyo University (M.A.), and Univ. of California at Berkeley (Ph.D.).

After serving as Associate Professor and Assistant Dean at IBS for 10 years and a resident priest for 3 years in a Jodo Shinshu temple in California, Dr. Tanaka taught as Professor of Buddhist Studies at Musashino University for 20 years. He currently serves as Chairman of the Editorial Committee of the Chinese Buddhist Canon English Translation Project sponsored by the Society for the Promotion of Buddhism (BDK). He was recently appointed Adjunct Researcher at the Hongwanji Comprehensive Research Center.

He is the former President of the Int. Assoc. of Shin Buddhist Studies as well as the Japanese Assoc. for the Study of Buddhism and Psychology.

His publications include *The Dawn of Chinese Pure Land Buddhist Doctrine* (The State Univ. of New York, 1990), *Ocean: An Introduction to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in America* (WisdomOcean Publication, 1997), *Amerika bukkyo* (in Japanese, meaning “American Buddhism”) (Musashino University, 2010), *Buddhism on Air: Kaleidoscope of a Growing Religion* (Buddhist Education Center, 2015) and edited *Chi'e no ushio – Shinran no chi'e, shutaisei and shakaisei* (in Japanese, meaning “The Tide of Wisdom: Shinran's Wisdom, Subjectivity and Social Dimension”) (Musashino University, 2017). His books have been translated into Japanese, Chinese, and Portuguese.

He is the 2017 recipient of the 27th Nakamura Hajime Eastern Study Prize, awarded to scholars who distinguish themselves in the field of Indian and Buddhist studies. He was the object of a one-hour NHK Educational Television documentary series entitled “The Age of Kokoro (heart/mind)” on April 8, 2018.

*For further information please contact:*

*Kapaa Hongwanji at 822-4667, West Kauai Hongwanji at 335-3195 or Lihue Hongwanji at 245-6262.*

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Temple: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please fill in this form and turn in to your temple by July 22. (Check payable to: Kauai Hongwanji Council) Registrations will be accepted at the door, but your timely submission is greatly appreciated.



# ***DHARMA SCHOOL SUNDAY SERVICE***

Sunday, August 19 at 9:30 am

## **Poipu Beach Park (Main Pavilion)**

**9:30 am Sunday Service**

**9:50 am Activities**

**Ice breaker**

- **Preschool – Elementary School**
- **Middle School – High School**
- **Adult**

**10:50 am Refreshment and Lunch**

**11:30 am Finish**

**Please bring your friends!**

**Registration Deadline is July 19.**



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.

**49th DAY SERVICE:**

In memory of Hisao Mizumura  
Yayoi Mizumura

**MEMORIAL SERVICE DONATION:**

In memory of Ted Inouye (1 Yr.)  
Alice Inouye  
John & Asako Iwamoto  
Amy Yamada  
Natsuko Daida  
Winston & Marian Ogata  
Lauretta Hadama  
In memory of Lily Nakamoto (3 Yrs.)  
Sam & Elsie Takata  
In memory of Isao Yoshishige (17 Yrs.)  
Yoshishige Family  
In memory of Takeshi Ota (25 Yrs.)  
David & Beryl Ayabe  
In memory of Yoichi Watada (25 Yrs.)  
Hazel Yanagida  
In memory of Chidori Toda (33 Yrs.)  
Herbert & Ethel Toda  
In memory of Asakichi Nakamoto (50 Yrs.)  
Sam & Elsie Takata  
In memory of Tammy Kakutani  
Pauline Shinshiro  
In memory of Tomie Inouye  
Diane Fukuyama  
In memory of Akiko Higuchi  
Warren & Colleen Nonaka  
In memory of Hisao Mizumura  
John & Asako Iwamoto

**COLUMBARIUM DONATION:**

In memory of Itsuji & Shizuko Suzuki  
Karen Takenouchi & Christine Murata  
In memory of George & Elsie Toyofuku  
Guy & Lori Toyofuku  
Henry & Grace Ishida

**GOTAN-E SERVICE DONATION:**

Helen Tomita  
Diane Fukuyama  
Gladys Fujiuchi  
Janet Niitani  
Sam Takata  
Natsuko Daida

**MAJOR PROJECT DONATION:**

In memory of Ted Inouye (1 Yr.)  
Alice Inouye

**BIRTHDAY DONATION:**

Jimmy Obatake  
Marlene Morton  
Akira Obatake  
Hollis Obatake  
Dayne Obatake  
Elsie Takata

**SOCIAL CONCERNS DONATION:**

Sam & Elsie Takata

**BON MEMORIAL DONATION:**

In memory of Nogami Family & Arita Family  
Elaine Fukushima

**BON SUPPLIES DONATION:**

Elaine Fukushima



Please note that the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Headquarters Update is not included in this month's newsletter. When it is received, it will be posted on our website: [www.lihuehongwanjimission.com](http://www.lihuehongwanjimission.com)

*With Deepest Sympathy*

Lihue Hongwanji extends its deepest sympathy to the family and relatives of:  
The late Richard Risuke Uchiyama who died on May 25, 2018 at the age of 91 years.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE (NENKI HOYO)****JULY-AUGUST**

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

**1st YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2017**

2017 August 11 Chiyeno Matsumoto

**17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2002**

2002 August 27 Chizuko Shinseki

**3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2016**

2016 July 17 Anne Watase

**25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1994**

1994 July 22 Masaji Kusaka

1994 August 21 Ralph Uohara

**7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2012**

2012 July 12 James Karimoto

2012 July 24 Lynn Kawaguchi

2012 August 4 Barbara Miyoshi

**33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1986**

1986 August 15 Hitoshi Takiguchi

1986 August 19 Yuichi Kiikuni

1986 August 31 Seiichi Nakashige

**13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2006**

2006 August 8 Tomoyoshi Fujii

2006 August 13 Tokiyo Arita

**50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1969**

1969 August 26 Katsuyo Takata

Remember to check out our website for more information and photos!

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**Welcome**

**Welcome Rev. Arthur Kaufmann**

*July 15, 2018*

*Refreshments and talk story following  
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