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### Embrace Change: Harmony (Accept Differences)

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In August, we were honored to have Dr. Kenneth Tanaka come to Kauai to share his knowledge, as a part of the BSC Summer Session. Below is an article printed in the BSC newsletter, "Metta."

#### **Jewels: An Introduction to Buddhism for American Youths, Scouts and the Young at Heart , With a bit of Humor**

This is the Introduction to a new book that Rev. Dr. Kenneth Tanaka, this year's Summer Session speaker, is presently working on. He has graciously given Metta the permission to share it with our readers — The Editors.

The title of this book, Jewels, comes from the Buddhist teaching that sees all living beings as the priceless jewels. You and I, along with all beings, are like the jewels that are linked together to illuminate each other. Also, these jewels are within each one of us waiting to shine forth to overcome suffering and realize Awakening, the aim of Buddhism. So, the jewels symbolize the outer and the inner conditions of our lives. Let us first look at the outer jewels.

The outer jewels are talked about in a well-known metaphor called the "Indra's Net of Jewels" in a scripture called the Flower Garland Sutra\*. I have expanded on the original version to make it more meaningful to young readers. An expansive net extends endlessly throughout the whole universe in all four directions. At each "eye" (where the woof and warf cross) of the net hangs a shining jewel. Hence, countless number of jewels is found on the net and together forms a galactic bed of shimmering jewels. It's an amazing sight to behold!

Since each jewel is tied to the net, it is connected to all the other jewels. No jewel is left out or is isolated. Each jewel feels especially connected to those jewels located nearby, for they are easily seen. However, since all the jewels are connected to the same net, a jewel is actually connected even to those unseen jewels located thousands of miles away. No jewel can shine by itself. It needs the light from the other jewels to shine. This relation among the jewels is called "All for one," for all the other jewels are involved in illuminating that one jewel. On the other hand, a jewel does not just receive light but also gives out light to illuminate the other jewels. Each jewel illuminates the nearby jewels with greater intensity but also illuminates those jewels located thousands of miles away no matter how meager the intensity.

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## Calendar of Events

### SEPTEMBER

Sun	2		No Service Joint Conference on Oahu
Sun	9	9:00 AM	Autumn Higan Service Speaker: Rev. Arthur Kaufmann
Tues	11	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	16	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Sun	23	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	30	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

### October

Sun	7	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Tues	9	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	14	9:00 AM (registration) 9:30 AM (Service)	Kauai United BWA Fall Conference Kapa'a Hongwanji Speaker: Nadine Nakamura All are welcome to attend the service at Kapa'a No service at LHM
Sun	21	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	28	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

If you want to live without worry, live one day at a time. Drop yesterday with its mistakes and failures. Shut out tomorrow with its forebodings. Don't waste your time with futile fears and morbid musings. Each day is a little life. Be glad and grateful for its wonder. Live it with confidence and joy.

Please see page 6 for additional information about the October 14 Fall Conference.



## 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.

September	Visitation	Schedule	
Wed	September 5	2:30 PM	Regency at Puakea, Service/Visitation
Wed	September 12	9:30 AM	Mahelona Hospital Ext. Care, Service/Visitation
Tue	September 25	10:00 AM	Wilcox Hospital / Garden Isle Health Care, Service/Visitation
Wed	September 26	9:00 AM	Hale Kupuna Heritage Home Visitation

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

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This relation is called "One for all," for that one jewel is actively involved in illuminating all the other jewels.

Hence, each jewel receives light in the "All for one" relationship and simultaneously sends out light in the "One for all" interaction. The jewels engage each other in a passive as well as in an active manner. They need each other and help each other. So, the jewels are mutually linked, interconnected, and interdependent.

Next important quality of the jewels is that each jewel is unique. Despite the countless number of jewels, no two are exactly the same. Every jewel is unique in its shape, size, color and texture. Some are diamond-shaped, round, rectangular, and the rest are in every conceivable shape imaginable. The same goes for their size, color and texture. Some are small as a dewdrop, others as large as a baseball, and others are in between. The colors are of the primary colors of red, green, and blue, while others are of secondary colors of yellow, magenta and cyan, and others are colors in between. The textures vary from smooth to bumpy to jagged to everything in between and beyond. Even the lights differ in their color, sheen and brightness.

On this net of jewels, each jewel is acknowledged for its unique qualities. Amidst the trillions of jewels, no two are exactly the same. And each jewel is counted and valued for its contribution to the functioning of the entire net of jewels. So, every jewel has the right to exist and thrive but also has an inherent self-worth for its unique qualities and its contribution on this net of jewels!

So, based on this metaphor, each of us is one of those jewels. We are unique, yet dependent on others. We are dependent on others, yet can have influence on others. Such is the nature of our existence and our relationship with others, which includes our family, our friends, our community, the nation, the international community and the natural world.

Buddhism helps each of us to come to fully realize and appreciate this reality and to contribute to greater happiness and peace for others and for ourselves. Doesn't this offer an encouraging and positive outlook on life? I hope you have been inspired by the metaphor of the Net of Jewels.

Let us now take a look at the inner jewels as told in a parable found in another scripture called the Lotus Sutra. A poor man visited the house of a close, rich friend. The friend wined and dined him with delicious food. The poor man had gotten drunk and fell asleep. The rich friend had to go out on an official business without telling the man, but before leaving the rich friend left a priceless jewel by sewing it in the lining of his friend's clothes. Not noticing anything, the poor man woke up and set out on a journey to other countries.

The poor man did not make himself aim for a better life. So he earned little money and had to be satisfied with very little. It was a struggle to make ends meet. One day by chance, he ran in to his rich friend, who saw how hard life continued to be for his friend. The rich man scolded the poor friend for not realizing the priceless jewel he had left in his friend's clothes. In realizing that he was in possession of a priceless jewel, the man was overjoyed for he was now rich enough to fulfill all of his needs.

How do you like this parable? The priceless jewel symbolizes the potentiality that we all have to become a happier, wiser, and better person like the Buddha, the Awakened One. No one is excluded. Everyone is on board.

I hope that you gained greater confidence and optimism from the metaphor and the story about the outer and inner jewels. It is now up to each of you to open your mind and heart to learn the basic teachings and practices. An "open mind" is like the parachute, for it works best when it's opened! So, let us get started.

I am a little behind the times with this subject but I hope you got to read Bishop Matsumoto's piece of the separation of immigrant children from their parents. I hope you took some time to reflect on it and see how you would feel if it happened to your family. "Oh, but Shaku, such a thing could not happen to us nowadays," you might say. Is that so?

Bishop Matsumoto and the President of the BCA both cited the relocation of their ancestors at the onset of our involvement in the Second World War. The relocation was a product of fear, after you get through all the propaganda, fear usually lies underneath anger and anger is one of the Three Poisons of Greed, Anger and Ignorance.

If we look at any conflict or negative situation, whether it be between Brother and Sister, husband and wife, county and county, state and state, country and country, somewhere you will find one or all of the Three Poisons at work to some degree or other. The Buddha knew this, as did Shinran and Rennyō and all the 7 Patriarchs'. Just because those who lived in the old days spoke of it does not mean that the Poisons no longer exist. They are alive and well and living inside us just waiting for the opportunity to take over. If you reflect on this you will see them.

Once you see and accept them, then you mostly have a choice as to whether you yield to them or not yield to them. In the heat of emotion though it is really easy to give in to them. Our mindfulness in this regard, is essential. That is why, on every statue, in every picture of the Buddha, you will see his eyes are half closed allowing him to see outward and to see inward. This is a reminder to us.

"Shaku, my mommy told me that I was a good little boy or girl all the time, ask her." Yeah, so did mine, and it might have been somewhat true back in kid times, we are no longer children. If we reflect on our lives and times honestly we will see those times when the Poisons took over, and while we can be, and should be remorseful about those occurrences', we cannot see all the causes and conditions that brought that occurrence into being so we cannot really judge ourselves.

To come back to the present day though, we do not really think such a thing as the relocation camps could happen again. I want you to think back to the time when the restrictions on immigration were made for people of certain nationalities and the back lash on the folks from those restricted countries who have been living in this country for years, seeking what every immigrant to this country has sought, a better life.

Do you really think that there was no one in the government or outside the government who was thinking, "Those people should be put in camps."

Greed, Anger(fear) Ignorance.

**MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

Rev. Bruce Nakamura, currently serving at Kona Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister, will be assigned to Honokaa Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister as well as Kamuela Hongwanji Mission, Kohala Hongwanji Mission, and Paauilo Hongwanji Mission as their Overseer Minister as of September 15, 2018.

**HONOLULU BON SERVICE**

Hawaii Buddhist Council (HBC) and Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (JCCH) held the second Honolulu Bon Service at the Honolulu Internment Camp, located near Waipahu on Oahu, on Wednesday, August 15. Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Rev. Kazunori Takahashi represented the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and attended this service.

The Honolulu Internment Camp was constructed to accommodate Japanese Americans also Italians and Germans during World War II. This camp was the only one built for prolonged detention on Oahu. It opened in 1943 and closed in 1946. In February 2017, the drum which was used for the Bon Services was found at the Nichiren Mission of Hawaii. Because of this discovery, HBC started the Bon Service in honor of those who had hardships at this camp. This site was designated as a National Monument in 2015, but it is not open to the public. JCCH is the organization to contact regarding this site.

**2018 PEACE DAY INTERFAITH CELEBRATION**

This year's Peace Day Interfaith Celebration is coming up Friday, September 21, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at Hawaii Betsuin. The theme for this year's event is Cultivating Peace.

In 2007, Hawaii passed a law declaring September 21st of each year as Peace Day to promote peace programs, improve international relations, and increase educational awareness of peace. Advocacy by Pacific Buddhist Academy students and Jr. YBA members played an important role in final approval of the bill.

Since then, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and co-sponsors have held annual celebration of peace on or near Peace Day, featuring speakers from diverse faith traditions as well as a variety of musical and dance performances. Pacific Buddhist Academy continues to play an important role in presenting the event. All are invited to this uplifting celebration of peace on September 21!

**EMERGENCY DISASTER RELATED ACTIONS****Western Japan Flood**

Members of at least 275 Jodo Shinshu temples were affected, with nearly 60 dead or missing.

Hawaii Kyodan responded with an initial donation of \$5,000 to Honzan from the Social Welfare Fund to support Hongwanji-related temples and those who are affected from this disaster. In addition, "Western Japan Flood Relief Fund" was created, and it run through August 31, 2018. After this special collection, the collected contributions will be sent to Honzan.

**Osaka Earthquake**

Members of more than 58 Jodo Shinshu temples were affected. Hawaii Kyodan decided to send a donation of \$5,000 to Honzan from the Social Welfare Fund.

**URASENKE GANNENMONO KENCHASHIKI**

Dr. Genshitsu Sen, the 15th Grand Master of the Urasenke tea school, performed a ceremonial tea offering (kenchu) at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin on July 19, 2018. The temple was filled by a number of people from Hawaii and Japan. Dr. Sen offered two cups of tea: one was offered to Amida Buddha, the other was offered in honor of Gannenmono, the first Japanese immigrants who arrived in Hawaii 150 years ago. It was Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's honor to be able to receive Dr. Sen for this historical Kenchashiki.

Please check the LHM website for additional information and photos: [www.lihuehongwanjijmission.com](http://www.lihuehongwanjijmission.com)



# LHWA NEWS

## New Members Welcome

### LHWA Meetings

All meetings will begin after service

**November 4**

### Kauai United Fall Conference Save The Date! October 14, 2018

Kapa'a Hongwanji

9:00 AM Registration

9:30 AM Service

Refreshments following service

#### Keynote Speaker:

Nadine Nakamura

"Death with Dignity"

Workshop: Surprise!

Registration Fee: \$10



Please join Rev. Kaufmann as he visits the care homes on Kauai. See the schedule on page 2 for dates, times and locations. For more information, please call the church at 245-6262.

LHWA is sponsoring a Hands-on session to learn how to make jelly.



The date is Saturday, October 27, 9:00 am - noon. All LHM members are welcome to attend.



Kauai United BWA members hosted the Exchange Students, from Japan, Fuuka Sasaki & Miwa Kakoi, at JJ's on August 10.



Joint Dharma School Service & Picnic was held at Poipu Beach on August 19.

A good time was had by all! Thank you all for attending!

**Moving Forward  
Just As You Are**

Living in These  
Uncertain Times

Monshu Kojun Ohtani

Author: Honpa Hongwanji Mission



Honpa Hongwanji has 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.

Monshu Kojun Ohtani wrote, "In this book I will talk about my thoughts on how to live "moving forward just as we are," so that we are not led astray by our wavering hearts or the chaotic world we live in. We do not have to feel like we always need to be in control of our lives. In fact, our worries and concerns in life are the stepping stones to finding the true source of strength. I sincerely hope that this easy to understand reading can in some way lead to great joy for anyone who may be bearing on one's shoulders the many fears and anxieties of life."

## SEEKING DELEGATES

### *STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO JAPAN*

*JULY-AUGUST 2019*

Two Hawaii women, ages 17–23 years old

Applications must be received no later than ***October 31, 2018***.

If you have any questions, call the LHM office, 245-6262 or contact a BWA member.

For complete information and application form, please check out the LHM website at [www.lihuehongwanjimission.com](http://www.lihuehongwanjimission.com)

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### **SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER**

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of September and October. 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 NONE

#### **3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2016**

2016 NONE

#### **7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2012**

2012 September 5 Tadao Suemori

2012 September 8 Masaichi Shibuya

2012 October 22 Misao Ringor

2012 October 22 Elsie Toyofuku

#### **13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2006**

2006 September 4 Roy Sakai

2006 October 20 Shinichi Hamamoto

#### **17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2002**

2002 September 22 Bessie Sasaki

2002 October 3 Geraldine Fujiwara

#### **25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1994**

1994 September 9 Clifford Ichimasa

1994 October 22 Tama Sasaki

#### **33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1986**

1986 September 21 Shigeo Miyoshi

#### **50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1969**

1969 NONE

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

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**Autumn Higan Service**  
 Sunday September 9, 9:00 AM  
 Speaker: Rev. Arthur Kaufmann

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**Kauai United BWA Fall Conference**

To be held at Kapa'a Hongwanji  
 Sunday October 14, 2018  
 (See page 6 for complete details.)

