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Embrace Change: Harmony (Accept Differences)

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### A Humble Reflection



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Office of the Bishop, would like to express our loving thoughts and condolences to those who are, directly and indirectly, most affected by the tragedy at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania which took 11 precious lives. At this time, let us avail ourselves to All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion for guidance and comfort.

In the Smaller Sukhavativyuha Sutra, it mentions the Chaotic period of the Five Defilements in which tainted views, rejection of moral laws and the Law of cause-conditions-and-effect and an increase in anger, greed and ignorance arise, to name a few. Once again, we are made to painfully acknowledge that we live in a world in which confusion and chaos abounds and immense suffering prevails as we must confront the tragedy which struck on October 27, 2018. As we deal with the shock, loss and grief, may we seek guidance in the Wisdom of Enlightenment so that we may all understand the oneness of all Life and may we seek assurance in Unconditional Compassion so that we are motivated to non-violent ways and inspired by the saying from the Dhammapada "Hatred is not overcome by hatred. Hatred is overcome by love. This is an ancient truth."

On November 1, 2018, a special "Prayers for Pittsburgh" was held at Temple Emanu-El Honolulu to which a very diverse cross section of the community gathered to express sympathy and also show support for the Jewish Community. It was a service to honor those who were killed and also a time to comfort to those most affected according the Rabbi Ken Aronowitz. At the Service, prayers to the Divine were offered, the 11 individuals were dearly remembered and a touching Muslim response was also shared. Amidst the sorrow and sadness, there was also

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## Calendar of Events

### DECEMBER

Sun	2	9:30 AM	Bodhi Day Service Kauai Soto Zen Temple
Sun	9	8:00 AM	Temple Clean-up Lunch provided. General Membership meeting to follow lunch See page 9 for further information.
Tue	13	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sat	15	10:00 AM	Homebound Project Bento Delivery
Sun	16	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Sun	23		No Service
Sun	30		No Service
Mon	31	9:00 PM	New Year's Eve Service

### JANUARY

Tues	1	10:00 AM	New Years Day Service Installation of the new Board of Directors
Sun	6	9:00AM	Family Dharma Service LHWA Installation, luncheon to follow (location TBD)
Tues	8	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	13	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Sun	20	9:00 AM	Hoonko Service Speaker: Shaku Kaufmann
Sun	27	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	27	Time TBA	New Year's Party



## Visitation Schedule

**Homebound Project** is scheduled for December 15, 2018. Members 90 and over, in long-term care or in assisted living facilities, or who are homebound should expect a visit from LHM representative on that day. For any questions or concerns, contact Lynette Mizuo at 822-3974.



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 Shaku Kaufmann at 245-6262 or 245-4543.

December	Visitation	Schedule	
Wed	December 12	2:30 PM	Regency at Puakea, Service/Visitation (1st Wed-Nov only)
	Cancelled		Mahelona Hospital Ext. Care, Service/Visitation
	Cancelled		Wilcox Hospital / Garden Isle Health Care, Service/Visitation
	Cancelled		Hale Kupuna Heritage Home Visitation

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

### What is a Buddhist to do in December?

**It is** probably difficult for folks to remember in the midst of the commercial Christmas hype, the sales, and songs on the radio and the shows on TV some of which began before Thanksgiving, to remember that we Buddhists have a very important Holiday in December. **On December 8<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Bodhi Day**, the day on which Siddhartha Gautama awakened to Enlightenment and became the Sage of the Shakya Clan or the Shakyamuni Buddha.

After lifetimes of preparation and six years of intensive practice as a monk, he achieved his goal of Enlightenment. He was 35 years old.

Siddhartha's accomplishment was not only significant for him but it was also significant for each of us. Through his teaching activity he let us know the ways for us to lessen or even go beyond the sufferings of this world. He spent the rest of his life, 45 years, up until the moment of his death, teaching us ways in which we too can alleviate our suffering in this human existence and live joyously through his Dharma (teachings).

Yes, I said joyously!

We must remember that the Shakyamuni Buddha was not under any obligation to teach. He had reached his goal, he had the answers to his questions. He had moved beyond the world of suffering and sorrow. He now had access to the Infinite Wisdom/Compassion of Enlightenment. This being the case he could have just spent the rest of his physical existence exploring his Enlightenment, however, he also realized that there were those persons that were close to attaining Enlightenment and those who were struggling to alleviate their suffering in both the monastic and lay communities. He could not forget those of us who were still suffering and not even knowing why. The Buddha Dharma (teachings) can afford us the opportunity to understand our own natures and the nature of this life we are living. These understandings, in themselves, can be a source of great hope, joy and gratitude.

Siddhartha's Enlightenment is indeed a reason to celebrate, how you do it though, as an individual or as a family, is up to you. I hope that going to the temple will be part of that celebration.

"But Sensei, what about Christmas"? Well, as you no doubt know, Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth who was the compassionate teacher of the Christian faith. It is celebrated by Christians all over the world. Christmas is also celebrated by folks of other faiths and/or folks who are not particularly religious at all.

I think what attracts people to this holiday is the spirit of the day. It is a family type holiday. Families who follow the Christian faith, and those who do not, seem to make an effort to come together to share this time during which they can acknowledge and express their love and gratitude to the members of their families, friends, co-workers, business clients and the people who serve us day in and day out.

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encouragement on how to transition from the grief and loss. As part of the Service, "When I Die" by Merrit Malloy was read. In part, it reads "When I die give what's left of me away...And when you need me, put your arms around anyone and give them what you need to give me...Love doesn't die, people do. So when all that's left of me is love, Give me away." I was most touched by it. This reading tries to transform the tragic loss of life and its affect into something which helps to positively transform other people's lives.

A constant theme throughout the evening was hope. That, one day, there would be peace, harmony and contentment for all people. Despite the challenges we face living in samsara we must not give up. Just as Great Compassion or Love has not given up on us, we must have hope. The source of our hope is Wisdom and Compassion and our endeavor towards a more peaceful.

Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light.

In gassho,

Eric Matsumoto, Bishop

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In other words it is an opportunity to acknowledge the inter-relationships and inter-dependencies in which we live. Whether this is done with a gift, a card, or just a cheerful greeting, such things can make a person's day a little brighter. So you can wish your fellow Buddhists a Happy Bodhi Day, a Merry Christmas, to our Christian friends and everyone, a Happy Hanukkah to our Jewish friends and a Happy Kwanzaa to our African American friends.

Do not be afraid to share the joy of this season with others. We should not ignore or overlook such an opportunity.

As far as Jesus is concerned, one of my sensei's observations was, "There is nothing wrong with observing the birth of a great religious leader". If you wish to celebrate Christmas, do so respectfully and with aloha.

So, Happy Bodhi Day, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa to all our friends and neighbors and a very Happy New Year to us all.

Namoamidabutsu

Thank you

**2019 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

The 2019 Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) will be held on February 8 & 9, 2019 at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. The Legislative Assembly Aloha Luncheon & Living Treasures of Hawaii Recognition will be held on February 9, 2019 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort. The registration fee for both delegates and observers is \$100.00, and \$75.00 for the luncheon only. The Registration form and other documents that need to be submitted to HQ were already mailed to the temples and organization leaders. Please submit all the documents to HQ by the deadline described in the letter. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

**DONATION TO PROJECT DANA**

A donation of \$2,112 was made to Project Dana for financial assistance to Maria Morales, a University of Hawaii at Manoa graduate student and Project Dana's Caring for the Caregiver Support Group Coordinator, to attend the Health, Wellness, and Society Conference 2018. The conference was held at Imperial College London held on September 20-21, 2018. Dr. Michael Cheang, Associate Professor of University of Hawaii at Manoa, Human Development and Family Studies, and Rose Nakamura, Founding Administrator of Project Dana, also attended the conference and they presented the research and data which was completed with Project Dana's Support Group members. After the conference, Cyndi Osajima, Project Dana Executive Director, and Maria attended the Committee on Social Concerns meeting on November 3rd and Maria provided a report on the conference to the committee members.

**COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS****Western Japan Flood Relief Fund**

Thank you very much for your generous donations to the Western Japan Flood Relief Fund special collection. A total of \$21,628 has been collected and was sent to Honzan to support Hongwanji temples

and members who were impacted by this disaster.

**2018-2019 Social Concerns Fund Drive**

The 2018-2019 Social Concerns Fund Drive have begun and once again we humbly ask for your support on this annual fund drive. A list of the donations that have been distributed in 2018 will be included with the Committee on Social Concerns annual report provided to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Legislative Assembly.

**BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS IN ACTION**

On October 14th, Kauai United members honored their ministers, Rev. Kaufmann, Rev. Hojo, and Rev. Majima, with a surprise appreciation ceremony. They presented the ministers with a lei and a gift card and then serenaded them with a special song, "Thank You," which was adapted by BWA member Gladys Fujiuchi. For Veteran's Day, they will be hard at work on their annual Lonesome Grave Project.

**SHARE PROGRAM IN HAWAII**

Three Honzan (Mother temple in Kyoto) staff, Rev. Noriaki Kitabatake, Rev. Hikaru Nakao and Ms. Sara Izawa, came to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii through the Staff of Hongwanji Advanced Research & Education (SHARE) Program. During the three-month program, they are visiting the Buddhist Churches of America, the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada and the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii including a presentation by the Bishop of the Jodo Shinshu Honpa Hongwanji Buddhist Federation of South America to learn about the Overseas districts. They went through the training program in Hawaii from November 13 to 18.

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





# LHM BAZAAR

**Saturday, February 23, 2019**

**we want your GOOD STUFF!**

Seeking donations of:

- ◇ Your grandmother's VINTAGE kimonos and obis
- ◇ That Japanese tea set that you've had packed away for 30 years
- ◇ Artwork, ceramics, platters, vases, crystal that's too good to throw out and your children don't want
- ◇ Quality never-used or gently-used items that someone else might love to have and could use (minimum selling price \$5)

Donations will be received between January 8 and February 10.

Please call Morton Yamasaki at 245-3869 to arrange a time for someone to receive your donation. DO NOT drop things off without notice.

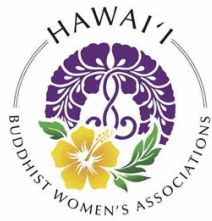
The committee will select items suitable for sale. At your request, your items can be returned to you if unsold. Otherwise, they may be sold at the Bon Dance Country Store.

## **Food & Baked Goods**

Donation requests for ingredients will be in January's Dharma Wheel newsletter

No donations of prepared foods please

Please say YES when one of the committee members calls you to help with this Fundraiser. Join in the fun and offer your help or get more information by calling Morton Yamasaki at 245-3869.



## LHWA NEWS

## New Members Welcome



Fay Tateishi, Jelly Making Instructor

A Jelly Making Session was held on Saturday October 27 at LHM. Fay Tateishi was our instructor as 20 participants came to learn and taste. Fay demonstrated how to make Guava Jelly. Thank you so much Fay! We had a wonderful time!



Photos can be found on our website: [www.lihuchongwanjimission.com](http://www.lihuchongwanjimission.com)

### 5 Wishes Seminar

A special service and workshop was held at Kapa'a Hongwanji on Sunday November 4. The speakers for the service and seminar were Rev. Satoshi Tomioka, of Hawaii Island and Ms. Hope Young, of the Honpa Hongwanji Compassionate Care Committee. It was a wonderful opportunity to think about and discuss "End of Life" thoughts and decisions. Although the subject is often avoided, this workshop gave the participants the opportunity to think and reflect.



## Time for love to shine

From The Garden Island Newspaper

By Bill Buley The Garden Island | Monday, November 5, 2018

Shortly after the slaying of 11 people at a Pittsburgh synagogue, the Rev. Patrick Feren of the Center for Spiritual Living in Kapa'a was asked this question: Are you going to lock your doors now? His answer: Absolutely not. "We are all a part of this tribe," Feren said. "No matter what my background is, we are part of this tribe and I stand for love. And I will never lock my door and I will never lock my heart."

About 100 people attended a candlelight vigil Sunday night at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Lihue, held to commemorate the 11 lives gunned down at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. The goal of the informal gathering organized by the Jewish Community of Kauai was to express unity with Pittsburgh and with the families of those slain.

Feren looked at the 11 candles burning for those who were killed last weekend, and added, "In honor of these wonderful people, I open my door from love, as love."

"This is the time we are needed the most," he said. "This is the time for love to really shine forth, to be able to say I am love. I am love."

The names of the victims were read, one by one, as was a Hebrew prayer. At one point, everyone stood and gathered around the altar, held hands, closed their eyes and listened to prayer. Everyone was invited to speak if they wished. It turned political at times, with one man calling for tougher gun control laws, and another expressing disappointment with how the country receives hate speech. Emotions ranged during the one-hour ceremony. One spoke of rhetoric and violence darkening the country's mood. One Jewish woman spoke of hearing and seeing anti-Semitic actions and words, and it left her angry. "This is not a Christian country," she said.

Steven Backinoff led the group in the song, "Lift Every Voice." "I think hope is what we need," he said. Sally Wilson, one of the organizers, said tragedies make her feel alone and isolated. "So it's great to see you all here," she said. Wilson recounted many of the recent shootings in America and said they affect everyone. "This isn't happening somewhere else and to someone else," she said. Insults shouted at one person, one religion, one faith, are shouted at everyone, she said. "They are denigrating each and every one of us," Wilson said.

The Rev. Arthur Kaufmann of Lihue Hongwanji Mission, Shin Buddhist Temple, talked of the three poisons — greed, hate and ignorance.

"If there is going to be peace in this world, if there is going to be love in this world, we have to face them, and defeat them to the best of our ability," Kaufmann said.

"It's not that we're bad people. We're just human beings," he added.

"People are brought up certain ways", Kaufmann said. "Greed is taught to us. Anger is taught to us." He called on the crowd to look for the three poisons within, not to judge themselves, but to acknowledge they exist. Then, he called on them to do something about it. "Your choice," he said.

Kauai's Jim Jung said people should focus on good deeds, thoughts and expressions. "If we all do that, we can have perfect peace," he said. Jung said a way to deal with those who would harm us is to treat them as friends, care for them, be kind. "Show them," he said.

Russ Josephson spoke, too, of facing anti-Semitism growing up and a lesson he learned. "When it came down to it, Jews stand alone," he said. They can't count on others to rally around them. "I want to thank all of you folks who are not Jewish for coming," Josephson said. He said a lesson to be learned today is, people have to speak up and confront bigotry and racism. Take a stand, he said. The spree of recent shootings, the acts of violence, the hate expressed by some, is not acceptable, Josephson said. It's not normal. "And we can't act as if it is," he said.



# Annual Cleanup Sunday

December 9 at 8:00 AM

Followed by

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING**

at about 10:30 AM, following lunch

Election of 2019 Officers & Directors

LHM Social Hall

Chairperson for Clean-up is Glenn Shibuya

Everyone,  
please come  
out and  
help!



**Save the Date!**

New Year Party

Sunday January 27

Stay tuned for more details!



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.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:**

In memory of Roy Sakai (13 Yrs.)  
 Patsy Sakai  
 In memory of Wataru Shinseki  
 Howard Shinseki  
 In memory of Ted Inouye  
 Laura Hirokawa  
 In memory of Sadako Inouye  
 Alice Inouye  
 In memory of Gary Nakagawa  
 Akiyo Matsuyama  
 Susan Nakagawa  
 In memory of Sunao & Chisuka Iwamoto  
 Irene Kawabata  
 Marsha & Alan Haugum & Family

**COLUMBARIUM DONATION:**

In memory of Elsie Toyofuku (7 Yrs.)  
 Amy Toyofuku  
 Guy & Lori Toyofuku & Family  
 Lisa Taketa & Family  
 Dean & Geri Toyofuku & Family  
 In memory of Tama Sasaki (25 Yrs.)  
 Caroline & Milton Ozaki  
 Lynne Matsumura  
 Pauline & Alex Nakamura  
 Arleen Marugame  
 Anonymous (2)

**MAJOR PROJECT DONATION:**

Roy & Carol Fujioka

**SPECIAL DONATION:**

Karene Kunimura  
 Susan McLaughlin  
 Richard Kuga  
 Roy & Carol Fujioka

**SOCIAL CONCERN DONATION:**

Calvin & Lenora Okubo  
 Arlene Fujikawa  
 Lynne Matsumura  
 Glenn & Gail Shibuya  
 Loretta Yamaguchi  
 Michiko Yamamoto  
 Gladys Fujiuchi

**EITAIKYO SERVICE DONATION:**

Gladys Fujiuchi

*Thank  
you*

**Lonesome Grave**

Lonesome Grave was held this year on Saturday, November 10 at the Kaua'i Veterans Cemetery in Hanapepe. So many volunteers showed up to help decorate. We appreciate everyone's help.

Check on our website for more photos of the Lonesome Grave Project.





## **MEMORIAL SERVICE (NENKI HOYO)**

### **DECEMBER-JANUARY**

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of December and January. 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—2017/2018**

2017	December 5	James Kurihara
2018	January 19	Yoshiko Tamura

#### **3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2016/2017**

2016	December 5	Shirgeru Kurashige
2016	December 10	Momoyo Matsumura
2017	January 11	Dorothy Matsuda

#### **7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2012/2013**

2013	January 29	Masao Tamura
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#### **13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2006/2007**

2007	January 8	Kei Kumakura
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#### **17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2002/2003**

2002	December 14	Tsuyoshi Sasaki
2002	December 30	Boyd Higashi

#### **25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1994/1995**

1994	December 25	Kunie Arinaga
1995	January 8	Chiyozo (Joe) Shiramizu

#### **33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1986/1987**

1987	January 15	Tadashi Ogata
1987	January 31	Arthur Shoji Zaima

#### **50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1969/1970**

1970	January 4	Kiichi Saito
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Thank you to Dennis Muffly for lubricating the temple doors and to Jimmy Yamamoto for spraying the weeds.

With much gratitude from Shaku Kaufmann



Thank you to all of the men and women who meet every Friday morning to clean the temple and the temple grounds. These are the people who give of their time and effort every week to be sure we have the beautiful temple we have. We are all most grateful.



**Lihue Hongwanji Mission, a Shin Buddhist Temple**

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**Save the Date!**

New Year Party

Sunday January 27

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