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The following is the Benediction presented by Bishop Eric Matsumoto at the 2018 Inauguration of the Hawaii Governor and Lieutenant Governor

All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion/Buddha of Infinite Light and Immeasurable Life, at the conclusion of this Inauguration of our Governor, the Honorable David Yutaka Ige, and Lieutenant Governor Josh Green, illumine our hearts and minds with your Light of Wisdom and Compassion.

So, we may realize the interdependent nature of all life, all existence as shared by the metaphor of Indra's Net. The awareness of our interconnectedness and interrelatedness may be the single most important realization needed to bring about peaceful, harmonious and collaborative progress and change. When we are not aware of our shared interdependence, "we tend to think...that our own perspective is the only one that is right and justified. This is what causes conflicts to arise."¹ It is said, from the awareness of interdependence arises a heightened respect and deep appreciation of others with a sense of responsibility for our actions because of the effect it has on others including the 'aina, our natural environment. "The weakness of our relationships with each other is...(our) thinking about ourselves more than others."² More than ever, let us treasure the relationships we have with each other.

Wise words always encourage us to "not be egoistic or self-willed, but... cherish feelings of good-will toward all alike; ...respect those worthy of respect; ...serve those who are worthy of service and treat everyone with uniform kindness."³

Let us keep in mind that "Thousands of people may live in a community, but it is not a true community until all people know each other, trust each other and there is harmony."⁴ In such organizations and such a community, we will find unity and various virtues will abound.

Perhaps more than anywhere, though we may have our variances, the people of Hawai'i, with the Spirit of Aloha, sense of Ohana, and attitude

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Calendar of Events

JANUARY

Tues	1	10:00 AM	New Years Day Service Installation of the new Board of Directors
Sun	6	9:00AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial Installation of LHWA Board
		12:00 PM	LHWA Luncheon Regency at Puakea
Tues	8	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	13	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	20	9:00 AM	Hoonko Service Speaker: Shaku Kaufmann
Sun	27	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	27	10:30 AM - 1:30 PM	New Year's Party LHM

FEBRUARY

Sun	3	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Sun	10	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
		10:30 AM	Dharma Discussion
Tue	12	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	17	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sat	23	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	LHM Bazaar (see page 6)
Sun	24	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

Thank you to Mildred Konishi for always donating flowers for the altar. Another thank you goes out to Suzette Naito for taking care of the ginger plants growing on our back terrace. With her green thumb, the plants are thriving and always in bloom for our altar. Without these two wonderful ladies, our altar would be bare. If you have flowers at home and wish to donate to the church, please bring it down to the church on any Thursday afternoon.



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 Shaku Kaufmann at 245-6262 or 245-4543.

January	Visitation	Schedule	
Wed	January 9	2:30 PM	Regency at Puakea, Service/Visitation (1st Wed-Nov only)
Wed	January 23	9:30 AM	Mahelona Hospital Ext. Care, Service/Visitation
Tues	January 29	10:00 AM	Wilcox Hospital / Garden Isle Health Care, Service/Visitation
Wed	January 30	9:00 AM	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.

of Okagesama de and gratitude (arigatai), exhibit the qualities of a fine community. Under the leadership of the 8th Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Honorable David Ige and his administration, with all of us respectfully working together, may our Hawai'i Nei become a shining example of a more harmonious and peaceful world by "Moving Forward Together." Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion/Namo Amida Butsu.

Footnotes

¹ From Moving Forward Just As You Are by Monshu Kojun Ohtani, Resident Head Priest of Nishi Hongwanji, 2017, page 48

² Ibid, page 42

³ Adapted from The Teaching of Buddha by Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai (Society for the Promotion of Buddhism), 2008, page 402

⁴ Ibid, page 448



New Year's Message from Shaku Kaufmann

Thank you, Thank you.

Dear Sangha members and friends of Lihue,

Although I intend to be here on New Years' Eve, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support you have given me over this past six months.

There is quite a bit of difference from working at a Betsuin verses an individual temple. You are making this transition easier for me as I learn the ways of Lihue Hongwanji Mission.

I am aware of the strong tradition that this temple comes out of and it is my hope that I can contribute to it by giving you my best effort. Your guidance and support encourages me each day. I humbly ask your continued support and guidance in the New Year.

As Sangha members we have a very special responsibility to guide and serve the temple into the community in which we live and carry the gift of Nembustu to those in need. Let us be a reflection of the Wisdom/Compassion that embraces each of us and enter this New Year with gratitude and humility.

Again, I thank you all for your guidance and support of myself and each other.

Shaku Arthur J. Kaufmann

Happy New Moments

Time takes on new meanings in the Buddha Dharma. As Shakyamuni Buddha explained it, it sounds so simple, so logical and yet, we human beings want guarantees of our time. When we say “Happy New Year’s” to someone we’re not just saying Happy New Year’s Day, we are including the entire year in that greeting, which is a kindly thought, if unrealistic. We are wishing folks a happy future.

How can we wish happiness for something that does not exist?

The Enlightened One explained it in this way regarding time. Past, no longer exists, the future has not come into being yet so, what is left? If you look at that statement about the past, it is true depending on what kind of hold the past has on us. We can experience something really traumatic or profound things in our lives some of which we carry with us throughout our lives and we give them the power to affect us.

I recently had a visit from a gentleman and his wife who were friends of Rev. Takahashi. Mrs. Yamada explained to them that Rev. Takahashi had transferred to Headquarters and taken a new position. Then she was kind enough to bring them over to the office to introduce me to them. Mrs. Yamada brought the folks over saying “Sensei, I want you to meet these two folks who are visiting. This is our new minister Shaku Art Kaufmann”.

After exchanging greetings I invited them to take a seat so we could talk story. It turned out that the gentleman was a Viet Nam Veteran who had served there the year before I did, 1965. Even though it has been 52 years after the fact, it seemed as if we had to talk about it, at the very least to thank each other for our service and share a hand shake and a hug in gratitude for our mutual survival. We both realized that we did not survive on ourselves; our survival was due to inter-relatedness and inter-dependency of all service members over there. It has been half a century since that war.

Any family, or anyone, is concerned about the future, especially families. We feel that we must prepare for the future, for our children, our careers, vacations or any number of events, without having any idea what is going to happen in our lives. This comes from a deep abiding hopeful anticipation of the future. I guess it is a pretty natural thing for us to do, however, it can be dangerous if we depend too rigidly on those future plans. In truth we have very little control over what will happen in the future because, as the Buddha related, the future does not exist yet. If we do not open ourselves to the reality of change and impermanence in this life, we could really create some hard suffering for ourselves and others.

So, again I ask, if the past does not exist and the future has not yet come into existence, what is left?

All we really have is this present, now!

We must take care how much time we spend in the past or future because if we spend too much time in either time frame, we will miss living our lives in the only time we really have, the present.

So, a sincere Happy New Moments to us all!

44th ANNUAL LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAII RECOGNITION

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will honor the following individuals as the 2019 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.

- John M. Hara, FAIA
- Earl Kawa'a
- Gertrude Yukie Tsutsumi
- James T. Yagi

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019

Place: Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom

Time: 11:00 AM Registration

12:00 PM Lunch and Program

Attire: Aloha

Cost: Early registration - \$75.00 for payments received by January 27, 2019

Late registration - \$90.00 for payments between January 28 – February 2, 2019

Sponsor Tables are available: Gold - \$5,000; Silver - \$3,000; Bronze - \$1,500

Deadline to purchase a Sponsor Table – January 23, 2019

PACIFIC BUDDHIST ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Pacific Buddhist Academy will be holding the Open House on Wednesday, January 30, 2019. It is an opportunity to learn more about PBA, its academic rigorous program, its inclusive and safe learning environment and get a personal tour of the new building.

For more information, please visit the website at www.pacificbuddhistacademy.org or call (808) 532-2649.

LIVES REMEMBERED: A TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN OF PEARL HARBOR

Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Reverend Kazunori Takahashi attended a Memorial Ceremony "Lives Remembered: A Tribute to the Fallen of Pearl Harbor" which was held on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at the Banyan Tree on Ford Island. This ceremony was co-hosted by the Consulate General of Japan in Honolulu and Navy Region Hawaii to recognize both the American and Japanese lives lost during the Pearl Harbor attack of 1941, and as a symbol of reconciliation and friendship between Japan and the United States. The Ceremony began with the National Anthems of both countries, remarks by Mr. Koichi Ito (The Consul General of Japan in Honolulu) and Rear Admiral Matthew Carter (Deputy Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet), and a keynote speaker Ms. Jacqueline Ashwell (Superintendent, World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument).

Please check the LHM website for additional information and photos from Honpa:

www.lihuehongwanjimission.com



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Saturday, February 23, 2019

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

we want your GOOD STUFF!

IT'S A GREAT TIME FOR NEW YEAR HOUSE ORGANIZATION!

Seeking donations of:

- ◇ ◇ Quality never-used or gently-used items that someone else might truly treasure or find very useful (minimum selling price \$5)

Donations will be received between January 14 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 by LHWA

For more information as to how you can assist with the LHWA fundraising effort, please call Lynette Mizuo at 822-3974.

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

January 6, 2019

Installation of LHWA Board for 2019 at
the Sunday Service

Luncheon will follow at Regency at
Puakea at 12:00 noon.

New Members Welcome



**Lihue Hongwanji presentation
to KEO Homeless Shelter
12-12-2018**

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Andrew Denny, Dept. Director, KEO; Marian Ogata;
Jason Honjiyo, Shelter Director; Sally Chidester, Homeless
& Housing Director; Shaku Art Kaufmann; Gail Shibuya;
Lynette Mizuo; Brian Alston, Housing Specialist; Karen
Nishimoto; Carolyn Yamasaki.

HAWAII FEDERATION OF BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS

You see the Buddhist Women's Association members in action in your temples and in your community. What you might not see is the impact and involvement of the BWA on a national and international level.

This year, the BWA Federation has supported two significant initiatives to share the Dharma. BWA members took the lead in fundraising for Hawaii's contribution to the establishment of an Eshin-ni – Kakushin-ni Endowed Chair at the Institute for Buddhist Studies in Berkeley. Interest from the endowment will support a faculty position which will be used to train new ministers and to offer continuing education.

We're happy to announce that Hawaii will meet their fundraising goal of \$11,000 towards the endowment by our deadline of December 31st! Mahalo to all of the temples, individuals and organizations for your generous support of this exciting effort. If you haven't had a chance to contribute but would like to, please send a check made out to HHMHFBWA to Karen Kikukawa, FBWA Treasurer at HQ.

Our second initiative was to contribute, at the Asoka level, to the publication of the book, "Leaves of My Heart", a translation of Lady Takeko Kujo's words which is being published by the American Buddhist Study Center in New York City and should be available in 2019.. It is a collection of Lady Kujo's essays which were published in a Tokyo newspaper as well as a selection of her poems. Lady Kujo was a devout Buddhist who helped found the Buddhist Women's Association and was an activist to help the poor, providing soup kitchens and free medical aid.

A quote from one of her poems:

"Why the sad tears? Look up! There's a wonderful world of love awaiting you in the twinkling of a star!"

To learn more about the book or Lady Kujo, see the American Buddhist Study Center's webpage: <https://www.ambuddhist.org/leaves-of-my-heart>.

Lihue Hongwanji Mission Officers and Directors for 2019

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Message from the LHM President, Gail Shibuya

Dear LHM Members,

Happy New Year! As we begin the New Year, let me express my most sincere gratitude to everyone for your commitment for the past year.

Special thanks also go to the Hosha-kai for cleaning the church and the grounds every Friday. The Hosha-kai not only cleaned but while socializing over coffee after cleaning, helped to solved problems and disseminate useful information.

Last year, we said thank you and farewell to Rev. Kazunori Takahashi as he went on to his new post as Executive Assistant to Bishop Eric Matsumoto at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. We also welcomed our new resident minister Shaku Arthur Kaufmann from Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin where he was an Associate Minister.

Most of all, thank you to all of you for continuing to be loyal Hongwanji members. Have a safe, happy and healthy new year.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Gail Shibuya, President

A great big MAHALO to all the clubs, organizations and individuals who helped with the annual general cleanup on Sunday, December 9 in the cleanup of the temple, grounds, hall, dojos and preschool building. Lihue Hongwanji appreciates the help given us.

Thank you very much.

Glenn Shibuya, Cleanup Chairman

Please see our website for pictures. www.lihuehongwanjimission.com



Homebound Project

Mahalo to the following members who volunteered to extend cheer and compassion to their fellow elderly and homebound members this Holiday Season:



Janet Fujii, Arlene Fujikawa, Wayne Fujioka, Diane Fukuyama, Lynne Matsumura, Kenneth Mizuo, Lynette Mizuo, Karen Nishimoto, Marian Ogata, Gail Shibuya, Carol Valentine, Charlotte Yasumoto, and Walter Yasumoto.

Their generosity of time and effort is greatly appreciated.



Save the Date!
New Year's Party
Sunday January 27
10:30 AM -1:30 PM



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 Helen Sasaki
Henry Sasaki

7 DAY SERVICE:

In memory of Helen Sasaki
Henry Sasaki

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In memory of Helen Sasaki
Henry Sasaki

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

In memory of Momoyo Matsumura (3 Yrs.)
Wayne & Michele Tanaka
In memory of Shigeru Kurashige (3 Yrs.)
Hiroko Kurashige
Winston & Marian Ogata
In memory of Elsie Toyofuku (7 Yrs.)
Amy Toyofuku
In memory of Tsuyoshi Sasaki (17 Yrs.)
Akiyo Matsuyama
In memory of Kunie Arinaga (25 Yrs.)
Family of Kunie Arinaga
In memory of Warren Wada
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In memory of Charles Niitani
Janet Niitani
In memory of Sadao Tanabe & Helen Harada
Morton & Carolyn Yamasaki

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In memory of Shigeru K Kurashige (3 Yrs.)
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Judy Yoshida
Tom & Eleanor Kajiware





MEMORIAL SERVICE (NENKI HOYO)

JANUARY - FEBRUARY

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of January and February. 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—2018

2018 January 19 Yoshiko Tamura

3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2017

2017 January 11 Dorothy Matsuda

7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2013

2013 January 29 Masao Tamura

13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2007

2007 January 8 Kei Kumakura

2007 February 23 Beverly Harris

17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2003

2003 February 28 Itsuji (Larry) Suzuki

25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1995

1995 January 8 Chiyoza (Joe) Shiramizu

33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1987

1987 January 15 Tadashi Ogata

1987 January 31 Arthur Shoji Zaima

1987 February 13 Haruyuki Ota

1987 February 14 Hanayo Hiraoka

50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1970

1970 January 4 Kiichi Saito

1970 February 11 Hana Kuraoka

1970 February 22 Teye Fujimura

Coming in the mail soon! Your 2019 pledge form!

Please return the 2019 Pledge Form with your first dues payment.



HMMH INSTAGRAM

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Social Media Team recently created the Instagram Account. Please follow it!

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Save the Date!

New Year Party

Sunday January 27

10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

LHM BAZAAR

Saturday, February 23, 2019

See page 6 for more information.