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LIHUE HONGWANJI PRESENTS ITS ASIAN BLEND BAZAAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019

Lihue Hongwanji Mission
(3-3530 Kuhio Highway, Lihue, HI 96766)

10AM—2PM

Baked Goods, Nishime, Barazushi & Sekihan
Vintage Asian Apparel, Asian Wares, Décor
and More!

Cash & Checks Only, No Credit Cards

For More Information, Contact Morton Yamasaki
Tel: (808) 651-3797

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

Sun	3	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Sun	10	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Intergenerational Activities Join the Fun!
Tue	12	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	17	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
		10:30 AM	Dharma Discussion
Tues	19	7:00 PM	Bon Dance Meeting
Thurs	21	7:00 PM	SBA Meeting
Sat	23	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	LHM Bazaar (see front page)
Sun	24	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

MARCH

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Tues	12	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	17	9:00 AM	Spring Ohigan Service
Sun	24	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	31	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service



A special thank you to Jolene Ogle for creating the Bazaar flyer on page 1.



Save the Date!

Sunday, February 10

CELEBRATION OF LOVE gathering.

Socializing, line-dancing, playing cards and board games, creating cards, eating, and "talking-story".

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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.

February	Visitation	Schedule	
Wed	February 13	2:30 PM	Regency at Puakea, Service/Visitation
Wed	February 20	9:30 AM	Mahelona Hospital Ext. Care, Service/Visitation
Tues	February 26	10:00 AM	Garden Isle Health Care, Service/Visitation
Wed	February 27	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.



New Year's Greeting

At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to you all.

Last year, Japan was hit by frequent natural disasters like torrential rains, typhoons, and earthquakes. Other countries including Indonesia and the U.S. were also visited by devastating earthquakes, tsunamis, and major hurricanes. I would like to convey my deepest condolences to those who lost their lives through the natural disasters and express my sympathy to everyone affected. We must also never forget that armed conflicts and terror attacks as well as severe starvation is making it difficult to live and lives are being lost every day.

In my message entitled, A Way of Living as a Nembutsu Follower which I presented on October 1, 2016, the first day of the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition, I have stated, "by trying to live according to the Buddha Dharma, ...we can live to the best of our ability, aspiring to live up to the Buddha's Wish." In agreement with this proposal, beginning last April, our organization has launched a campaign against poverty under the slogan, "Dana for World Peace— overcoming poverty to nurture our children."

Unable to part from our self-centered mentality, we are simply foolish beings, incapable of attaining supreme enlightenment through our own strength. It is all through the salvific working of Amida Tathagata that we are enabled to realize our selfishness. Furthermore, because of this self-awareness, with the hope of responding to the Buddha's boundless compassion even just a little, we are enabled to aspire for everyone's happiness and make a sincere effort in dealing with the many difficult problems of bitter reality in this world.

In this New Year, as we receive the Dharma and recite the Nembutsu, let us make every effort to acknowledge and cope with the reality we face.

January 1, 2019

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



Aloha Kakou and Happy New Year! "NAMO AMIDA BUTSU"

Our Theme & Slogan for 2019 is Embrace Change: Transformation (Walk in Peace). It is our last year with the theme of "Embrace Change." Have you noticed a change in yourself? Have you noticed a change in our organization (Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii/Hawaii Kyodan)? Have you noticed a change in the world?

Indeed, these are complex and challenging questions to answer. Perhaps an answer we can all agree upon is "Not enough." Yes, how difficult it is to change for the better because my ego continues to get in the way. An important aspect of "Walking in Peace" is to become aware of my limited self, but rest assured that there is hope. A great hope, the encouragement of Namo Amida Butsu, The-Buddha's-Name-That-Calls (Myogo) and The-Buddha's-Name-Which-I-Call (Nembutsu). Amida Buddha fully understands the plight of this spiritually foolish "I" full of imperfections and thus reaches out, unconditionally, vowing never to forsake with the promise of attaining the Perfect Peace of Nirvana with birth in the Pure Land of Enlightenment (at the end of this finite life). However, the journey of "Walking in Peace" begins from the moment when True Entrusting occurs.

A Foremost Scholar of Jodo Shinshu the late Rev. Jitsuen Kakehashi explains "The "turning of the heart" means forsaking the human-centered way of thinking and placing the teaching of the Tathagata at the center of our thought. Being saved means that with the Dharma-centered values, a new view of life is established in ourselves." "In our daily life, we are liable to be dictated by self-centered thoughts, but in the mind of Nembutsu practitioners who are saddened and pained by this reality, there is a recurring transformation in which with the heart and mind of the Tathagata's great wisdom and great compassion, we come to look back at our own thoughts and behaviors." "...we come to reflect on our self-centered thoughts, reject our blind passions and make efforts to see things and live our lives in a way that can be approved by the Tathagata."

As I have often emphasized, the life of a Shin Buddhist is one of responding in gratitude to the unprecedented and unparalleled Wisdom and Compassion of Namo Amida Butsu by reciting the Nembutsu in awareness, joy and gratitude that I am embraced just as I am with all my limitations and we try to live our life guided by the Dharma in grateful response to Unconditional Compassion until our life culminates (at death) with our entering the Pure Land of Perfect Peace and Happiness at which time the ultimate transformation to Perfect Buddhahood occurs. Or, more simply, out of gratitude, as The Golden Chain of Love shares "I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words and to do pure and beautiful deeds knowing that on what I do now depends not only my happiness or unhappiness, but also that of others. May every link in Amida Buddha's Golden of Love be bright and strong and may we all attain Perfect Peace."

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Embrace Change: Transformation (Walk in Peace)

It is my hope that the 2019 theme speaks to all of us personally. At the heart of the theme is the call for us to transform ourselves and from this profound change to walk in peace. The transformation we seek is borne out of awareness. As our awareness allows us to see, hear and feel with clarity, we come to know all that is given to us in our lives. Our appreciation of life itself becomes a real and true experience. And when we become aware of the preciousness of our lives, the ordinary is transformed into a miracle of perfection.

This is the transformation we seek: to see our lives as miracles because of the forces and people known and unknown have created the causes and conditions for us to be alive in this very moment. In these moments of transformation, we can only say, Namo Amida Butsu. And it is in this instant we walk in peace.

The reality is that these moments of transformation are short-lived because our self-centered egos wrench us back to attend to our attachments and our unreasonable desires. But this should not deter us from being open to the next moment of transformation and the next and the next, even though they may be so short-lived, for each is a step in peace.

As 2019 unfolds one day from another, it is my hope that we will all find perfection in ordinary moments and in that perfection a profound appreciation for our lives. In that morning cup of coffee, in the smile of the cashier at the supermarket, in the “shaka” sign of a grateful motorist you allowed to merge into traffic, in the quiet loneliness of an empty house, in the Sunday morning greeting of a fellow temple member, in the laughter of your child, in the glow of the setting sun, I hope you feel the perfection of life, the perfection of your life. I hope in that instant your life is no longer ordinary but is transformed into a miracle. And I hope you walk in peace with the only sound on your lips, “Namo Amida Butsu.” Such is my hope for you in 2019.

Namo Amida Butsu

Pieper J. Toyama, President

Bishop's message from page 4

In 2019, embraced, nurtured and inspired by the Buddha's 12 Lights, may we be encouraged to contribute towards a more peaceful, compassionate and harmonious world until we enter the “Land of Immeasurable Light” and the “Land of All-Knowing Wisdom” only to find “my” enlightened Great Self returning (from Pure Land of Peace) to aid others in their quest for the Perfect Peace of Nirvana. Namo Amida Butsu (Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion).

In Gassho/Anjali,

Eric T. Matsumoto

Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

Why?

As you no doubt know we have six major services each and every year. You may wonder, why. After all, many of you have been attending services for years. Why do we have these six services every year?

When we look at our modern lives it may sometimes seem as like a kaleidoscope. I am referring to a toy I had as a child. It was a cardboard tube, gaily colored with a viewing hole on one end and inside the other end were mirrors and pieces of paper, I assume, and as the tube was rotated the design would constantly change and be reflected in the mirrors. It is, more or less, a perfect metaphor for our lives. That being the case, we have to pay attention and deal with what is happening.

In the Canadian rock song, "American Woman", there is a line that goes, "flashing lights can hypnotize, dazzle someone else's eye". This refers to the constant flow of information, most of which is not needed.

While there are many things that we must deal with in our lives, there are also many distractions trying to catch our eyes and minds such as are found in an almost constant flow of advertising in the many forms of media we have.

Even on the computer nowadays you cannot go to a site without part of the screen being taken over with advertising, not to mention our e-mail. It is said that the strongest form of influence is visual for most folks. That is why the TV can seem to hypnotize us as we watch. So with all these distractions how long can we remember what is taught by our senseis in our temples on Sundays? Last I heard our attention span was getting shorter and shorter, maybe a half an hour or less. Has anyone heard what our attention span is now?

How important are the teachings of the Buddha to you? Remember what is being offered in them.

As human beings, we have to be reminded, to help us to focus on what is truly important for our lives. We have to be reminded about what has been done for us. We have to be reminded what our goal is in our True Pure Land School, Shinjin, the mind of complete confidence in which there is no doubt as to our future.

This week I heard a rendition of an African American spiritual of whose chorus goes, "Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on." We Buddhists can use that encouragement, that reminder, on our path to the Buddha's Pure Land.

Namoamidabutsu



LHWA NEWS

Theme for 2019:
Let's Have Fun!

LHWA Meetings

All meetings will begin after service.

April 14

July (TBA)

November (TBA)

LHWA Fundraiser

In association with the LHM
Bazaar on Saturday February 23.

Foods to be sold:

- ♦ Manju
- ♦ Mochi
- ♦ Cookies
- ♦ Dorayaki
- ♦ Barazushi
- ♦ Sekihan
- ♦ Pickled vegetables

For more information please call
Lynette Mizuo at 822-3974.



New Members Welcome

Please welcome
our newest
member, Carol
Ozaki (R)
shown with
president
Lynette Mizuo.



LHWA Installation,
January 6, 2019



LHWA Luncheon held at Regency at Puakea on
January 6, 2019



Join in the Fun!



In anticipation for Valentine's Day, the LHWA is sponsoring a CELEBRATION OF LOVE gathering. You are invited to bring your loved ones, grandchildren, family, friends, or something that you love to LHM on **Sunday, February 10**. Service begins at 9:00 and will be followed by refreshments and fun activities. Socialize while line-dancing (even if sitting), playing cards and board games, creating cards, eating, and "talking-story". Celebrate and express gratitude for the Love you have for one another.



Save the date and come party! Open to everyone!

LHM 2019 Board of Directors Installation



January 1, 2019

To all Lihu'e Hongwanji members:

If you would like a copy of your ledger of 2018 donations, please contact the office clerk, Amy Yamada (245-6262), on week days 9 am - noon, to request that it be mailed to you. You may also pick it up during those hours. If you plan to pick it up, please call in advance to be sure it is ready.

Food Drive



In honor of love and gratitude in the month of February, LHM will hold a canned food drive. Bring your non-perishable donations to Sunday Services in February or leave your donations in the Food Drive box that will be located in the Minister's office. In this time of difficulty for many of our fellow Kauai residents and for the people affected by the Federal Government shutdown, please donate what you can.

With Gratitude



**Relay For Life
Of Kauai**

**April 13-14, 2019
6PM-6AM**

HANAPEPE SOCCER FIELD
4431 PUOLO ROAD
HANAPEPE, HI

RELAY FOR LIFE
American Cancer Society

www.relayforlife.org/kauaihi
Relay For Life of Kauai Hanapepe
3343 Kanakolu Street, Lihue, HI 96766
Phone: (808) 246-0695

Your pledge
form has
arrived!

Please return
the 2019
Pledge Form

with your first dues payment.



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.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE DONATION:

Diane Fukuyama
Winston & Marian Ogata

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Diane Fukuyama
Winston & Marian Ogata
Glenn & Gail Shibuya
Roy & Arleen Tanaka

NEW YEAR'S DONATION:

Alice Inouye
Setsuo & Edith Ushio
Morton & Carolyn Yamasaki
Daniel Yotsuda
Tommy Oi

FUNERAL SERVICE:

In memory of Yukitoshi Inouye
Barbara Ichimasa

7 DAY SERVICE:

In memory of Yukitoshi Inouye
Barbara Ichimasa

INURNMENT SERVICE:

In memory of Yukitoshi Inouye
Barbara Ichimasa

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

In memory of Chiyoza "Joe" Shiramizu (25 Yrs.)
Gordon & Anne Higuchi
In memory of Seichi Higuchi
Warren & Colleen Nonaka
Blaine Sasaki
In memory of Sally Higuchi
Warren & Colleen Nonaka
Blaine Sasaki
In memory of Tetsu Sasaki
Blaine Sasaki
In memory of Harry Sasaki
Paul & Helen Yamaguchi

COLUMBARIUM DONATION:

In memory of Chiyoza "Joe" Shiramizu (25 Yrs.)
Gordon & Anne Higuchi
In memory of Chohei & Shigeyo Watanabe
Dr. Donald & Joann Kawane

In memory of Itsuji & Shizuko Suzuki
Glen & Karen Takenouchi
In memory of George & Elsie Toyofuku
Guy & Lori Toyofuku
In memory of Norio Mamura
Joel, Deb, Eric & Andrew Belter
In memory of Hisako Kashima Kurasaki
Charles & Lorraine Inouye
In memory of Kiyoshi & Chiyo Kato
Norman Kato

Henry & Grace Ishida
Yoshie Ogata

SPECIAL DONATION:

Roy & Carol Fujioka (3)
Lihue Aikido Club

BLDGS. & GROUNDS DONATION:

Roy & Arleen Tanaka

FUNERAL COMMITTEE DONATION:

Barbara Ichimasa

HOONKO SERVICE DONATION:

Malcolm & Marsha Ikeda

SPRING HIGAN DONATION:

Malcolm & Marsha Ikeda

GOTANE SERVICE DONATION:

Malcolm & Marsha Ikeda

SOCIAL CONCERN DONATION:

Kenneth & Lynette Mizuo

NEW YEAR PARTY DONATION (PRIZES):

Kenneth & Lynette Mizuo





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—2018

2018	March 4	Fujiko Mamura
2018	March 6	Hisao Mizumura

3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2017

2017 NONE

7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2013

2013 March 169 Satoyo (Betty) Kurihara

13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2007

2007	February 23	Beverly Harris
2007	March 7	Shizuko Nakai

17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2003

2003	February 28	Itsuji (Larry) Suzuki
2003	March 10	Kinuyo Mizutani
2003	March 19	Hisae Minatoya

25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1995

1995 March 22 Takashi Shinseki

33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1987

1987	February 13	Haruyuki Ota
1987	February 14	Hanayo Hiraoka
1987	March 2	Thelma Yamaguchi
1987	March 11	Masayo Ishii

50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1970

1970	February 11	Hana Kuraoka
1970	February 22	Teye Fujimura

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

HMMH INSTAGRAM

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

Instagram: [@honpahongwanjihawaii_official](https://www.instagram.com/honpahongwanjihawaii_official)

URL:

www.instagram.com/honpahongwanjihawaii_official

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LHM BAZAAR

Saturday, February 23, 2019



Spring Ohigan Service
Sunday March 17, 2019

