

# **Dharma Wheel**

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Embrace Change: Transformation (Walk in Peace)

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### 2019 LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAII 44<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PROGRAM

"The Living Treasures of Hawaii is a program which was created by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii in 1976 by Bishop Yoshiaki Fujitani to recognize and honor individuals for their sustained contributions toward enriching our society. The Living Treasures program is designed to "Preserve and perpetuate the islands' cultural and artistic heritage."

### **Recognition:**

There are three necessary criteria for selection: "First, the designee must demonstrate continuous growth in his or her field; second, the potential Living Treasure must have made significant contributions toward a more humane and fraternal society (and this perhaps is the most important criteria); and finally, he or she must have shown an on-going striving for excellence and a high level of accomplishment."

### Compassion:

There is no requirement that any honoree belong to the Buddhist faith. However, the fundamental principle of Buddhist ethics is simple and clear in the selections-that all people should develop an attitude of compassion. An extension of this attitude is the concept of service to others.

The following individuals were chosen as the 2019 Living Treasurers of Hawaii:

### John M. Hara, FAIA

### Premiere architect and pioneer of environmental design

John Hara interconnects structural harmony and pragmatic creativity through architectural concepts. For more than four decades, he has been promoting and redefining Hawaiian architecture by balancing traditional motifs with contemporary designs. He is a consummate professional and perennial mentor of art and thought.

Birthplace: Honolulu, Hawaiʻi

(No Service at LHM)

## **Calendar of Events**

MARCH	<u>+</u>			<u>APRIL</u>			
Sun	3	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial	Sun	7	9:30 AM	Kauai Buddhist Council Buddha Day Service (Hanamatsuri) To be held at LHM
Sun	10	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service	_	-		
		10:30 AM	Dharma Discussion	Tues	9	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Tues	12	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.	Sun	14	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly
Sun	17	9:00 AM	Spring Ohigan Service				Memorial
			Speaker: Shaku Art Kaufmann	Sun	21	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	24	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service			10:30 AM	Dharma Discussion
Sun	31	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service	Sun	28	9:30 AM	Kauai United BWA, Eshinni-Kakushinni Joint Service to be held at
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## **Visitation Schedule**

Privacy and confidentiality rights of individuals limit the clergy from visiting persons in medical, residential and carehome 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.

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

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### Earl Kawa'a

### Social conciliator and perpetuator of Hawaiian culture

Earl Kawa'a extends his cultural stewardship through focusing on shared experiences. He is an advocate for solving social issues by garnering truth and compassion. A deep commitment to helping others is a driving force in his quest to build relationships and strengthen families.

Birthplace: Halawa Valley, Moloka'i, Hawai'i

### Gertrude Yukie Tsutsumi

### Master teacher of Japanese classical dance

Gertrude Tsutsumi pursues cultural preservation and the continued perpetuation of Nihon Buyo – a traditional dance form dating back to the early 17th century that is inextricably linked to kabuki and noh. With over 50 years of study, practice, and teaching, she continues to uphold this art form to build camaraderie and develop shared experiences. She has dedicated her life to the learning and practicing of education and fine arts. *Birthplace: Honolulu, Hawai'i* 

### James T. Yagi

### Basketball mentor and integrity coach

James Yagi is a basketball coach who teaches respect and discipline both on and off the court. In the spirit of true sportsmanship, he always provides the fundamentals of practice, dedication, and commitment at the forefront of everything he aspires. He believes it is a coach's duty to help all players develop regardless of their talent and he continues to leave a positive impact on countless individuals who come from all walks of life. *Birthplace: Hilo, Hawai'i* 

For a more complete write-up and photos, please go to: <u>https://hongwanjihawaii.com/living-treasures/</u>

Please read Bishop Matsumoto's opening remarks and President Pieper Toyama's opening remarks for the 107th Legislative Assembly in our website at:

https://www.lihuehongwanjimission.com/honpa-hongwanji-information/

### Sangha

Over these past few months I have been witness to the dedication of the Lihue Hongwanji Mission's Sangha. They, themselves, would not make so much of what I have seen so I am going to toot my horn for them.

This past year the Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Eric Matsumoto Sensei, has been encouraging the Ministers to stress the importance of the Sangha, or the community of Buddhists that are at each of our temples. I initially did and do this by reminding them, that we, the Sangha are an important part reflected in the three Treasure of Buddha Dharma and Sangha.

In the beginning, some 2600 years ago, the Sangha consisted of the Monks, and later Nuns who were direct disciples of the Shakyamuni Buddha in India. The Buddha, himself, later broadened the definition of Sangha to include the many devout lay followers, who lived a nonmonastic life, but who strived to follow Buddha's teachings to the best of their abilities.

Thus, in our True Pureland or Hongwanji school of Buddhism, the Sangha refers to both lay and clerical members of a temple; at least it does for me.

Nothing gets done in any temple setting without the participation of the Sangha. Weather it is done by an affiliate organization or just some folks setting up some tables and chairs.

Getting back to the Lihue Sangha, as I said; over these past few months the Sangha had been preparing for the Bazaar we had on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, which I hope you got to attend. Initially a committee was formed consisting of various Sangha members representing some of the affiliate organizations such as the Lihue Hongwanji Women's Association (LHWA), the Hosha or volunteer set up and cleaning crews and maintenance crew, kitchen volunteers etc.

First, the nature of the bazaar was discussed. What would be offered? Would it be like any other bazaar offering inexpensive articles or perhaps higher end items? Would there be food offered and if so, which foods and how much and who would prepare them? Food preparation and preservation was discussed with an eye to food handling certification requirements. Design of the floor plan, entrances, table arrangements, cashiers, exit(s). Customer flow and direction were discussed. Advertising, what kind of advertising, when where and how? Permits, banners, parking, week after week, meeting after meeting, these topics and questions, were discussed by the committee.

The closer they came to the date, the more the bazaar took shape and form. Committee members, other Sangha members and their families and friends of the temple came to donate items or contributed time and effort towards the final product which was entitled the "Asian Blend Bazaar" which is happening as I write this article. Although the Sangha has had other bazaars, they were not afraid to change the format as necessary and adapt to those changes, to try new things and to rely on its own experience. This "Asian Blend Bazaar" is a product of the dedication, strength and effort of the Sangha and friends of the Lihue Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

Aloha and Mahalo.

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### **BISHOP ERIC MATSUMOTO**

Eric Matsumoto, 16th Bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, was confirmed for a third term. The Bishop Selection Committee, after requesting for a waiver to the two term (8 year) limit, submitted its selection of Bishop Eric Matsumoto for the position of Bishop for his third term. Whereupon, the delegates of the 107th Legislative Assembly unanimously confirmed Bishop Eric Matsumoto as the Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for another 4 years.

Bishop Eric Matsumoto took office as the Bishop in March 2011 and served two terms (March 2011 – February 2015 and March 2015 – February 2019). His third term will be from March 2019 to February 2023.

### MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS

**Reverend Blayne Higa**, Hawaii Kyodan Scholarship Student, completed his studies at the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, completed the Kyoshi Session in Kyoto in November, 2018, returned to Hawaii and started orientation at the Headquarters and the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin from February 1, 2019. Upon completion of his orientation, Rev. Higa will be assigned to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Headquarters as of March 1, 2019. As of May 1, 2019, he will be assigned to Kona Hongwanji Mission as its resident minister.

**Reverend David Fujimoto,** the resident minister of Mililani Hongwanji Mission, is relieved from his responsibilities with the Kapolei Buddhist Sangha as of January 15, 2019. He started with the Kapolei Buddhist Sangha on April 1, 2016.

**Reverend Bert Sumikawa,** a Retired Minister of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, was appointed to be in charge of the Kapolei Buddhist Sangha as of January 16, 2019. Reverend Sumikawa is also assigned as Chaplain to Pacific Buddhist Academy.

### **PROPAGATION PROGRAM GRANT**

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii "Propagation Program Grant Committee" would like announce to all of you that "Propagation Program Grant" is available to all of you for "New and wonderful ideas for propagating Nembutsu teachings into our community."

Application form is available at your temple office or at Hongwanji HQs. Project must be completed within a year once your endeavor is selected by the committee. Would you like to share your wonderful and creative Dharma projects with all our community? If so, take action right away! We all are looking forward to seeing your innovative ideas!

Committee reviews all grants applications, which meet the following criteria:

1. Emphasis on new, innovative, creative ideas or activities focusing on Buddhist Education and the propagation of the Dharma.

2. Each project may be founded only once within a 5 year period.

3. The maximum amount of the grant must be not exceed \$10,000.00

4. The project has statewide implications/potential. For more information or application regarding this program, please check with your resident minister or HQs.

In Gassho,

Rev. Shinkai Murakami

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Propagation Program Grant Committee

To read the full edition of the Headquarters Update, complete with photos and additional stories, please visit the website: <u>https://</u> <u>www.lihuehongwanjimission.com/honpahongwanji-information/</u>

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# New Members Welcome

Theme for 2019: Let's Have Fun!

**LHWA Meetings** All meetings will begin after service.

April 14 July (TBA) November (TBA)

On Sunday, February 10, LHWA hosted a Celebration of Love gathering in the Social Hall of LHM. Besides delicious snacks



& heart-shaped sandwiches, there was socializing, line-dancing, playing cards, board games, creating cards, and "talkingstory". Everyone had a good time and there were smiles everywhere.





Many thanks to all who helped make the LHWA bake sale/fundraiser a success.

Donations of ingredients and help with the making/baking, chopping, cooking, packing & labeling were so appreciated.

Mahalo for all of your time and efforts!





More photos are available on our website at: <u>https://</u> <u>www.lihuehongwanjimission.com/organizations-</u> <u>activities/lihu-e-hongwanji-women-s-association/</u> Check it out!

## Save the Date! LHM Bon Dance June 21 & 22, 2019

Check out Bon Dance Videos on the LHM website: https://www.lihuehongwanjimission.com/organizationsactivities/bon-dance-instruction-videos/

## Bon Dance Practice Mark Your Calendars!

Dates: May 3, May 10, May 17 & May 24 starting at 7:30 p.m. Location: LHM Social Hall

## Bon Dance Practices-Island Wide

Beginners Only: West Kauai Hanapepe

Kapa'a Hongwanji

Kapa'a Jodo

Lihue Hongwanji

Koloa Jodo

Thursdays at 6:00 PM, February 14 through April 25

Mondays at 7:00 pm from March 4

Join practice at Kapa'a Hongwanji

Fridays at 7:30 pm from May 3

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm from May 7



## 2019 KAUAI BUDDHIST COUNCIL BON DANCE SCHEDULE All Bon Odori will begin at 7:30 pm



May 31-June 1	Kauai Soto Zen
June 7-8	Koloa Jodo
June 14-15	West Kauai, Hanapepe
June 21-22	Lihue Hongwanji
June 28-29	Waimea Shingon
July 5-6	No Bon Dance
July 12-13	Kapa'a Jodo
July 19-20	Waimea Higashi
July 26-27	Kapa'a Hongwanji







Thank you to all who donated nonperishables for the Hawaii Food Bank-Kauai Branch during the month of February. Everyone was so generous that we exceeded expectations!





Thank you to all who donated to the LHM Bazaar that was held on February 23rd. So many donations of beautiful and precious items.

We are most grateful for your generosity!

A special Mahalo to Morton & Carolyn Yamasaki for leadership and set-up for this special event!

# DHARMA SCHOOL SUNDAY SERVICE

## Sunday, May 5 at 9:30 am

## Salt Pond 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!** 

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 DONATION:**

In memory of Hisao Mizumura (1 Yr.) Wayne Fujioka & Carol Valentine Shizue Fujioka Mitsue Hirata In memory of H.D. & Ethel Inagaki Laraine Moriguchi In memory of Matsu Ito & Isao Inouye Alice Inouve In memory of Kiyoshi Inouye Diane Fukuyama In memory of Mitsuru Sasaki Blaine Sasaki In memory of Sueko Yamasaki Morton & Carolyn Yamasaki In memory of Sally Higuchi Amy Yamada

### **COLUMBARIUM DONATION:**

In memory of Ten Kuraoka (50 Yrs.) Frances Fujioka In memory of Mitsuharu Sukehira Michael & Lee Ann Sukehira In memory of The Nagano Family Hazel Nagano Takemoto In memory of George & Elsie Toyofuku Guy & Lori Toyofuku In memory of Seichi Higuchi Amy Yamada In memory of Mamoru Yamada Amy Yamada Anonymous

### **NEW YEAR'S DONATION:**

Amy Yamada Robert & Karen Nishimoto Paul & Carol Shinseki Lillian Amimoto Yoshie Ogata Judy Segawa Janet Fujii Lauretta Hadama

### **NEW YEAR'S SERVICE DONATION:**

Elaine Fukushima Harriet Junttonen

#### SOCIAL CONCERN DONATION:

Lawton & Naomi Sugihara James Yamamoto Paul & Helen Yamaguchi

#### **SPECIAL DONATION:**

Roy & Carol Fujioka Donald & Kunie Quon

### **HOONKO SERVICE DONATION:**

Helen Tomita Robert Yotsuda Amy Yamada Alice Inouve Janet Niitani Glenn Shibuya Sam Takata Hideko Uemura Setsuo Ushio Rowena Yamada Wayne Fujioka & Carol Valentine Gladys Fujiuchi Elaine Fukushima Diane Fukuyama Akiyo Matsuyama Michiko Yamamoto Violet Tsuchiyama Tom Kajiwara Hiroko Kurashige



### **MEMORIALS**



## MEMORIAL SERVICE (NENKI HOYO)

### MARCH-APRIL

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of March and April. 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
2018	April 1	Julia Kunikiyo

### 3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE-2017

2017 NONE

### 7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE-2013

2013	March 16	Satoyo (Betty) Kurihara
2013	April 9	Fumiko (Florence) Kato
2013	April 14	Yoichi Arita

### 13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE-2007

2007	March 7	Shizuko Nakai
2007	April 7	Haruko Abe
2007	April 19	Masakazu Sasaki

### 17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE-2003

2003	March 10	Kinuyo Mizutani
2003	March 19	Hisae Minatoya
2003	April 9	Isamu Kawaguchi
2003	April 12	Ichiro Kato

### 25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1995

1995 March 22 Takashi Shinseki

### 33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE-1987

1987	March 2	Thelma Yamaguchi
1987	March 11	Masayo Ishii
1987	April 26	Shinobu Taketa
1987	April 27	Makoto Nishioka
1987	April 27	Shoichi Kurashige

### 50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE-1970

1970 None



Please help us welcome our new members:

Jean Kurosaki

Joan Kurosaki

When you see them, welcome them to LHM.

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

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