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### Embrace Change: Transformation (Walk in Peace)

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#### 2019-2020 Social Concerns Fund Drive



We celebrate gratitude in the month of November. The Thanksgiving holiday and the Eitaikyo observance are reminders of the countless blessings in our lives and how we live deeply connected to the world around us. It is in this spirit of gratitude that we begin our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive. The fund drive will be from November, 2019 through August, 2020 and we request temples to submit their collected donations in September 2020.

Through the generous contributions of Sangha members, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is able to support worthy organizations and programs with funding to continue their work in our community. Your support also allows us to provide compassionate action during times of disaster and the ability to respond to social issues affecting our community.

Because of your commitment to promoting the Buddhist values of compassion and loving kindness, we are able to lend our support to such organizations as the Hawaii Community Foundation, Project Dana, Mana Olana Shelter on Kauai, the Hawaii Foodbank-Kauai Branch, Malama Kauai, Family Promise Hawaii, and many charitable organizations and Food Banks on each island.

The Golden Chain Grant program was established to promote compassionate action through innovative community service projects. Your generosity directly helps those in need and promotes a more humane world.

Envelopes have been provided in this newsletter, if you receive it by mail. Checks can also be mailed to LHM, PO Box 1248, Lihue, HI 96766. Please make all checks payable to **Lihue Hongwanji** and note "Social Concerns" on the memo line. Our treasurer will then make one combined check to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. The suggested donation is the cost of just one meal per person. Checks may also be written at other times of the year and will certainly be accepted and passed on to the Social Concerns Fund.

Your kokua is greatly appreciated. Please continue your generous support for the Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive. Mahalo!

Eric T. Matsumoto, Bishop  
Dean Sakamoto, Co-Chair Committee on Social Concerns  
Rev. Blayne Higa, Co-Chair Committee on Social Concerns

## Calendar of Events

### NOVEMBER

Sun	3	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
		10:30 AM	LHWA Meeting
Sun	10	8:00 AM	Lonesome Grave Service, Kauai Veterans Cemetery, Hanapepe Service at the Cemetery will be followed by decorating the graves for Veterans' Day <b>No service at LHM</b>
Tues	12	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	17	9:00 AM	Eitaikyo Service
Sun	24	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

### DECEMBER

Sun	1	9:00 am	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Sun	8	<b>9:30 am</b>	Bodhi Day Service Sponsored by the Kauai Buddhist Council Service will be held at <b>Kapa'a Jodo Mission</b>
Tues	10	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	15	<b>8:00 AM</b>	General Clean-up Stay for lunch and General Membership Meeting <b>No Service.</b>
Sun	22		<b>No Service</b>
Sun	29		<b>No Service</b>



### **Pickleball**

Every Friday Night from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm.  
Come join in the fun in the social hall.  
Just bring your running/tennis shoes.

## 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.

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

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

## Thank you, thank you, and thank you.

Some of the earliest descriptions of the Buddha's sangha say that it consisted of monks only. When Shakamuni was asked why he had initiated the sangha he said it was to acknowledge the monks who had given up everything in ordinary life to concentrate on finding the truth and to learn how to be of service to others.

It is written in the Pali Cannon that the Buddha held the laity in high regard and later included lay men and lay women in the Sangha.

As far as who the teachings were for, the book "What the Buddha Taught" by Wapola Rahula says, "The Buddha's teaching are meant, not only for monks in monasteries, but also ordinary men and women living at home with their families. The Noble Eightfold Path, which is the Buddhist way of life, is meant for all, without distinction of any kind."

In the Sigala Sutra (No. 31 of the Digha-nikaya) detail what great respect Buddha had for the layman's life, family and social relations.

After coming to Hawaii, at every temple I have been at, I noticed that whenever something had to be done at the temple, there always seemed to be people around to do it. There was little or no discussion, no "monku-ing", (complaining) people just responded to the need and got whatever had to be done, done. It could have been a seminar, a luncheon, or dinner or just refreshments after service; it always got done by the members of the Sangha. This was done on a weekly basis.

Over the years I was slowly immersed into the realities of inter-relations and interdependence through the operation of the Sanghas. It was you, the Sangha who taught me that.

There are things that are born of the Sangha also that we may take for granted, but should not. The Board of Directors, who see to the many concerns of temple operations, the Buddhist Women's Association, an important part of any temple whose generous support of the many activities of the temple adds to the life of the temple and the Hosha gang, working to keep our grounds and facilities in good shape.

It is the Sangha that provides the roots of the Hongwanji here in Hawaii. Like any tree though, the roots must be strong in order to support the tree and gather nourishment. The temple provides a warm, friendly atmosphere, a community for both young and old to become a part of and grow in. I think more and more people are looking for just that, a community. Do not be afraid to invite a friend to the temple, they might be waiting for you to do so.

When I was growing up in the Bronx in New York I lived in a neighborhood called High Bridge. It was named after a walking bridge that spanned the Harlem River and connected us to Manhattan. It was a community where people knew one another if only as acquaintances. We went to the same neighborhood stores, their children went to school and played with each other, and if, by chance, you misbehaved, someone might mention it to your mother or father. I am sure it was and is the same in Hawaii, especially in the country.

Nowadays, in some places, usually big cities, it seems people are alienating themselves from each other, some folks do not even know their neighbors, the people next door.

## BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

### A humble reflection in our 130th anniversary year in Hawaii

In the last quarter of our 130th Anniversary year in Hawaii, I cannot help but express my gratitude and appreciation to all our predecessors who started and supported (what would eventually become) the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii from its birth in 1889 and its growth and expansion in the ensuing years. The impact of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii especially through its temples in so many local communities across Hawaii including the contributions by its affiliated organizations like the Buddhist Women's Associations (just to name one) and Hongwanji's schools should not be underestimated. As members of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, let us be proud and also gratefully acknowledge the contributions and dedication of so many countless people, within and without of our organization, who have helped us throughout our history. Truly, we, of the present, are indebted to them and there is no way that we can name and thank each person individually, but they should not be forgotten.

For myself, in preparation for our 130th year in Hawaii, more specifically for the Calendar Committee's creating the Hawaii Kyodan Calendar for 2019, I became more conscious and aware of the tremendous role played by, for example, Saiji Kimura, a successful businessman in Hawaii. If you read our history, you will come to know that he was a staunch dedicated lay supporter who helped Rev. Soryu Kagahi both in Hilo and Honolulu. He stands out among many of our dedicated leaders and supporters. I recently found out that there is a huge monument built in his honor at the Moiliili Community Cemetery in Honolulu. Saiji Kimura, eventually, returned to Japan (d. 1913), but he left an enduring legacy here in Hawaii which continues to make a difference even today.

Another person who has impacted not only, we who live in Hawaii, but also people almost half way around the world, is Mary Elizabeth Mikahala Robinson Foster (1844-1930). In far off, India and Sri Lanka she is fondly remembered to this day with stone monuments praising her and even a hospital and a street named in her honor. Did you know that the lady who loved India mentioned in the song "Beautiful Kahana" is none other than Mary Foster? Some have referred to her as the second Visakha. Visakha was a wealthy lay woman who sincerely took refuge in the Three Treasures and most generously supported the Sangha during Sakyamuni Buddha's time. Back here in Hawaii, Mary Foster of Foster Botanical Garden fame ardently supported Bishop Yemyo Imamura and generously, financially and morally, contributed to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii especially to what would eventually become the 1727 Pali Highway campus. Thus, in appreciation of her support, on December 15, 2019 there will be a special service of remembrance and appreciation in her honor at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin at 10AM. The Remembrance, which is open to the Public and other temples, is being planned by Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Office of the Bishop, Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Buddhist Temple, and the recently formed Maha Bodhi Society of Hawaii.

Truly, it is because of the support of the countless members whose names we cannot all mention and those individuals whose efforts have been recorded that we owe our existence. I am sure each temple has people like Saiji Kimura and Mary Foster and so many others to whom we are indebted. Let us respond in gratitude to Amida Buddha and all those who have helped us! In the remaining months of 2019, especially with Eitaikyo upon us, let us take this time to remember everyone with our deepest gratitude and inspired by our predecessors make efforts to leave both a spiritual gift of sharing our joy and appreciation for the Nembutsu Teachings and

temple with others in the form of a “Legacy Letter” and a financial legacy by creating an endowment or making a Planned Giving gift, so our temples of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii can continue to share the Dharma with others. In the words of Shinran Shonin, “I praise Amida’s wisdom and virtue so that beings with mature conditions throughout the ten quarters may hear. Let those who have realized shinjin constantly respond in gratitude to the Buddha’s benevolence.”

Thank you and Namu Amida Butsu.

### **OUR PLEDGE**

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii announced and shared the Hawaii Version of His Eminence Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani’s “Watashitachi no Chikai’ or “Our Pledge.”

On the first day of the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition, he delivered a message entitled “A Way of Living as a Nembutsu Follower,” expressing how we should live in the real world as one who encounters the great wisdom and compassion of Amida Tathagata. With the hope of presenting it in a more familiar and understandable way, he has summarized the essence of the message into the following four verses of “Our Pledge.” Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii prepared the Hawaii Version as each overseas district is requested to translate “Our Pledge.”

#### **Our Pledge**

Reaching out to others,  
I will share a smile and gentle words.  
Just like the Buddha, who always calls out with Aloha.  
Breaking away from my greed, anger and ignorance,  
I will try to live in peace and harmony.  
Just like the Buddha, who shares tranquility and kindness with all.  
Moving forward from self-centeredness,

I will share a life of joy and sorrow with others.  
Just like the Buddha, whose caring heart always embraces us.  
Realizing that I live because of others,  
I will strive to live life to the fullest with an attitude of gratitude.  
Just like the Buddha, who promises to embrace us all.

### **MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

Reverend Joshin Kamuro, an associate minister of Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, will be assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin as its Associate Minister as of November 16, 2019.

Rev. Shingo Furusawa, currently serving as the Headquarters as the Office of Buddhist Education Assistant half-time and the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as its Associate Minister half-time, will be relieved from the current duties and assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as its full-time Associate Minister as of November 16, 2019.

### **PBA LIGHTING OUR WAY BANQUET**

Pacific Buddhist Academy’s 14th Annual Lighting Our Way Awards Banquet will be held on Friday, November 15, 2019, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Waialae Country Club.

We have a wonderful group of honorees for 2019, including Leslie Wilcox, President and CEO at PBS Hawaii; Louise K.Y. Ing, co-founder of the law firm Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing and recipient of many awards for her civic engagement; Warren and Claire Tamamoto, volunteer leaders with the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and numerous other community organizations; and the Hawaiian Airlines Team Kokua Program, home to the company’s philanthropic and community service activities.

To read the full edition of the Headquarters Update, including photos, please visit the website: <https://www.lihuhongwanjimission.com/honpa-hongwanji-information/>

# Annual Cleanup Sunday



Please come out  
and help!

December 15 at 8:00 AM

Followed by

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING**

at about 10:30 AM, following lunch

Election of 2020 Officers

LHM Social Hall

Chairperson for Clean-up is Glenn Shibuya



# LHM Bazaar



The LHM Asian Blend Bazaar will be held  
on Saturday February 29, 2020.

Mark your calendars. Gather your items. Volunteer to help when asked.  
Please hold onto your items until the committee is ready to accept them.



**Help  
Wanted!**

## Lihue Bon Dance Committee

⇒ Looking for Chair-person or Co-Chairs for Flying Saucer  
and for BBQ Meat/Chicken for Bon Dance 2020

⇒ Looking for a Kitchen Manager to manage the cooking/lunch/snacks  
for the workers for the 2020 Bon Dance.

If you can help, please call Tommy Oi at 647-3105.





## Save the Date

Annual LHM New Year Party, including a special 120th LHM anniversary celebration.

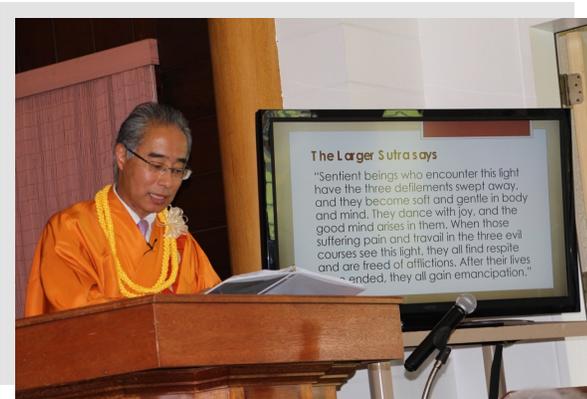
Come help us celebrate on  
Sunday February 9, 2020.  
Stay tuned for more details.



## 130th Honpa Anniversary Celebration

Held on Sunday October 6 in Hanapepe

The celebration included a service, luncheon and a Peace Panel discussion



Dharma message delivered  
by Bishop Eric Matsumoto

For more pictures from the Celebration, please  
check out our website:

<https://www.lihuehongwanjimission.com/peace-day/>



Peace Panel (L-R):

Rev. Mieko Majima (Moderator)

Kahu Sherman Thompson  
(Kamehameha Schools)

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa (Jodo Mission),  
Bishop Eric Matsumoto, (Honpa  
Hongwanji)



## LHWA NEWS

# New Members Welcome



Please see the Membership Drive information and application form below.  
If you are not now a member, please join with us.



### LHWA Meetings

All meetings will begin after service

November 3

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

## Lihue Hongwanji Women's Association Membership Drive

The Women's Association, often called the "backbone" of the church, is having its Annual Membership Drive from October to December 31, 2019. Join this wonderful organization and learn new skills while ensuring LHM thrives.

Although we are called the Women's Association, men are welcome to join. The annual dues of \$25 will be collected in the new year and participation in activities is according to your schedule and not mandatory.

Please complete the form below and mail to LHWA, Lihue Hongwanji Mission, P.O. Box 1248, Lihue HI 96766.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Yes, I want to Join the Lihue Women's Association

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you text?  yes  no Cellular Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sunday October 13 was Minister Appreciation Day at LHM.

Minister Appreciation Day is set aside on the 2nd Sunday of October to thank our ministers for the contributions they make to our lives, often with no fanfare or recognition.



From LHM, Shaku Kaufmann was presented with a lei, a gift card and an orchid plant in appreciation of his work with LHM.



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How sad, how lonely it must be to live without any roots.

I know for a fact that some of our newer members were drawn to this temple by the sense of community which we have here at Lihue Hongwanji.

So the sangha, you and me, can offer a great deal to people who live here. There are people out there looking for a community to which they can belong and feel comfortable.

It is experiences like these that have shown me where I may find the Dharma. The realities of the Dharma though are revealed in everyday life, in each moment we live. All we have to do to see this is to open our eyes, ears, minds and hearts.

The sangha is so important that it is included in the Three Treasures, Buddha, Dharma and Sangha. These three elements make up a perfect tripod, which is a very strong supportive structure, as long as all three pieces are in place.

The value and importance of being a member of the Sangha is never to be underestimated. Through your actions and support we insure the continuance of the Three Treasures and Buddha's Dharma so that others, like ourselves, can find wisdom and compassion so desperately needed in this world.

I am reminded once again of the words of the Buddha, "Nothing comes about of itself; all things come about as the result of the maturing of causes and conditions"

We realize that today's modern families have many, many activities competing for its time so, no matter how great or how small your contribution may be, it is appreciated. I speak for myself and I think for the leaders of the temple when I say "Thank you, thank you, thank you very much." "Mahalo, Mahalo, Mahalo nui loa."

Namoamidabutsu

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.

**49TH DAY SERVICE DONATION:**

In memory of Kimiko Sugibayashi  
Paul Sugibayashi

**MEMORIAL SERVICE DONATION:**

In memory of Yoshio "Oscar" Matsuyoshi (13 Yrs.)  
Mildred Matsuyoshi

In memory of Toshio Matsuyama (17 Yrs.)  
Akiyo Matsuyama & Family  
Suzette Naito

In memory of Muraichi Torii (50 Yrs.)  
Donald & Amy Morita  
Mildred Matsuyoshi

In memory of Laura Hirokawa  
Setsuo & Edith Ushio

In memory of Dean Inouye  
Alice Inouye

In memory of Wilfred Nogami  
Harriet Junittonen

In memory of Mamoru Yamada  
Warren & Colleen Nonaka  
Blaine Sasaki

In memory of Shigemi Kashima, Hazel Kurasaki  
Kashima, Gordon Kashima & Ellen Miyasato  
Paul & Alice Kudo

**COLUMBARIUM DONATION:**

In memory of M/M Isamu Miyoshi  
Dennis Miyoshi  
In memory of George & Elsie Toyofuku  
Guy & Lori Toyofuku  
In memory of Mamoru Yamada  
Amy Yamada & Family  
Anonymous

**AUTUMN HIGAN DONATION:**

Robert Yotsuda  
Michiko Yamamoto  
Sam Takata

**SPECIAL DONATION:**

Dr. Donald & Joann Kawane  
Amy Yamada – Birthday

**BON DONATION:**

Alma Shinno

*Thank  
You*

**Bodhi Day Service**

Sunday December 8

9:30 am at Kapa'a Jodo Mission

Buddha's Wisdom is broad as the ocean and  
His Spirit is full of great compassion.

Buddha has no form but manifests himself in  
exquisiteness and leads us with His whole  
heart of Compassion.



Nembutsu is the light of wisdom that illumines the darkness of my karmic existence and at the same time it brings the joy of eradicating the darkness into my heart.

Rev. Kodo Umezu



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

#### **NOVEMBER-DECEMBER**

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of November and December. 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 December 2 Yukitoshi Inouye

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

2017 December 5 James Kurihara

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

2013 NONE

#### **13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2007**

2007 November 2 Yoshio (Oscar) Matsuyoshi

2007 November 4 Ronald (Ron) Hashimoto

2007 December 29 Shizuko Yoshioka

#### **17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2003**

2003 NONE

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

1995 November 21 Norma Morioka

1995 December 3 Douglas Amimoto

1995 December 16 Shigeru Kono

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

1987 NONE

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

1970 November 12 Yozo Shibuya

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**Eitaikyo Service**  
(Perpetual Memorial Service)  
November 17 at 9:00 AM

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***Bodhi Day Service***  
*Sunday December 8*  
*9:30 am at Kapa'a Jodo Mission*

