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Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity and Openness

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The following speech was given at the 108th Legislative Assembly held on Oahu at the Honpa Hongwanji Betsuin on February 7 & 8, 2020. The speaker was Wayde Toyama, a millennial and a member of the Monshito Project Ad-hoc Task Force, created by Bishop Matsumoto to address the thoughts and needs of the younger

generation. As we move forward to the future, let us remember impermanence and the need to embrace openness, as our slogan says, especially when it comes to generational and cultural differences.

Speech from the Opening Service of the 108th Legislative Assembly

Good Morning! And welcome to the 108th Legislative Assembly, aka Giseikai. While I'm not really much of a public speaker, I couldn't pass up this chance for me to complain...I mean, express my thoughts before we start discussing the resolutions. Maybe bring some new perspective.

So this is my 3rd Giseikai. That means there was 105 years of Giseikai that I was not a part of.

3 weeks ago I turned 35 years old. That probably means I've got 50 years worth of Giseikai's ahead of me. This got me thinking about the Hongwanji and where I see it in the future.

I'm going to digress for a bit. Since it's one of our resolutions so I'm hoping everyone has had a chance to read the full Rules and Regulations for Giseikai? It's interesting. I kinda wish I read this thing sooner. I believe it was last updated in 1961. It contains things like:

- We have to have a translator for the Bishop so he can read the resolutions.
- Giseikai will be held every year in August.
- Delegates shall not slander or insult others. (That's a good one)

We may have outgrown a couple of those.

Just like some of those rules, to someone like me aspects of the Hongwanji seem outdated; and not Hongwanji's fault. Times have changed and not necessarily for the better. The sentiment among my peers is often, if I'm paying membership dues, what am I getting for that? Someone asked me what does the temple do for the community. Honestly, other than fundraisers and funerals, I can't think of much else. While there are benefits to discounted funeral services, not many 35-year-olds are thinking about their funeral just yet.

I believe our 5-year-theme is "Building Healthy Sanga's". Honestly, when I heard that, I thought literally being more healthy to prevent our membership from dying so quickly. But upon further reading of Pieper's email that

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Calendar of Events

MARC	CH 202	<u>:0</u>		<u>APRIL</u>				
Sun	1	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial	Sun	5	9:30 AM	Buddha Day Service (Hanamatsuri) Joint service with the Kauai Buddhist Council	
Sun	8	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service				Location: Garden Isle Mortuary (Lawai)	
Thur	12	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.	Thur	9	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.	
Sun	15	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service	Sun	12	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service	
Thur	19	7:00 PM	Bon Dance Meeting To be held in the LHM				Birthday & Monthly Memorial	
			Conference Room	Sun	19	9:30 AM	Eshinni / Kakushinni Memorial Service	
Sat	21	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	CRASE Workshop (Active Shooter Workshop presented by Kauai Police				KUHBWA Joint Service Speaker: Mrs. Lois Toyama Location: LHM	
			Department) To be held at LHM. See page 10 for complete information.	Sun	26	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service	
Sun	22	9:00 AM	Spring Ohigan Service					
Sun	29	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service	•	Pickleball Every Friday Night from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm.			
		10:30 AM	LHWA Meeting		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 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 11	2:30 PM	Regency at Puakea, Service/Visitation
Wed	March 18	9:30 AM	Mahelona Hospital Ext. Care, Service/Visitation
Tues	March 31	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.

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Openness Article

Openness is the second part of this year's motto, the first was generosity. What do we mean by openness? I guess it could mean openness to new experiences. Here a Lihue Hongwanji Mission we are trying out a new form of Board of Directors after years and years of the previous form we had. We did not have to but it seems to have its benefits in size and efficiency, so we decided to try it.

The old style Board consisted of about 25 people yet they were open enough to try this new form. Of course there are folks who might say "if it aint broke, don't fix it. I have seen that attitude in some pretty surprising places.

Openness can also refer to learning new things. When I was studying Aikido my instructor was very wise about how he introduced it. He knew that many of us new students had practiced other arts, sometimes for years, but he asked us to leave all of that knowledge outside the dojo before we came in. In other words he wanted us to nurture an "open mind", a form of openness to learning this unfamiliar art so as not to create confusion. We later learned just what an important principle an open mind was in the art of Aikido. To be able to accept what comes to us as martial artists or human beings.

My teacher thinks that if the principles that guide the learning of a martial art are not applicable to everyday life, it was not worth studying, a remarkable thought! Openness can also be shown in the adoption of new ideas. There is a committee that is working of possible changes to the service order, that could be interesting.

Ms. BJ Soriano of the Big Island heard the people complaining about the old songs we have been singing for years in the temple and she's been doing something about it by writing new ones and though it takes practice, people are open to learning them.

Many of the sangha are concerned about dwindling members in our temples and express the need for new members. Now this can be a form of openness if it is an inclusive statement, allowing for the entrance of different ethnicities. Some people will say they want new members but what they are really saying is we they want new members like us, (ie Japanese Americans). This attitude can be understood on some level, but if you look at the Buddha's teaching, regardless of what country any particular country they were developed in, you can see that the teaching Shakyamuni Buddha left behind were universal, for all of us. The Buddha's Dharma deals with the suffering of all humankind, not just Indian, or Chinese, or Korean or Japanese suffering, but of all human suffering.

I guess, generally speaking I am talking about openness to change, in all its forms. To do this we all have to step beyond the influence of the Three Poisons of Greed, Anger and Ignorance. Let us all strive to do so so that we may develop openness in our hearts and minds.

Namoamidabutsu

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I figure he's talking about what kind of activities temples are doing to have vibrant and interesting things to keep our members active and involved in the temple. I believe my temple is lacking in these things and I would like to see more of this. Obviously, the Buddhism stuff is important too, but to me the temple should first be a place for the community to come together.

Someone once described the temple as a lantern and Buddhism is the light inside. Are we a kerosene lantern,



propane lantern, or an LED lantern? I think the Hongwanji might still be a kerosene one...and people my age find it too hard to use.

Anyway[~] I think I'm over 5 minutes, so have a good Legislative Assembly!

Thank you! Wayde Toyama





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BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

Four Great Significant Occasions in the Life of a Buddhist

As we observe Nirvana Day in February and Buddha Day (or Hanamatsuri) approaches reflecting on the life of Sakyamuni Buddha, we find 4 momentous occasions in his life. First, there is his birth as Prince Siddhartha Gautama on April 8th. Secondly, there is the attaining of Enlightenment by the former Prince Siddhartha Gautama on December 8th. Third, there is the Parinirvana of the Historic Buddha on February 15th. Traditionally, these occasions are highlighted by what is known as the 3 Great Services which commemorate very significant occasions in the life of the Historic Buddha.

However, I would like to suggest that there is a fourth very significant occasion which is Sakyamuni Buddha's sharing of the Dharma (which traditionally does not have a date in Mahayana Buddhism). For simplicity's sake, I would like to select January 25th as that date based on the information that the enlightened Sakyamuni Buddha is said to have stood up from meditation 49 days after attaining enlightenment. After 49 days of further reflection, the Historic Buddha moved by Great Compassion stood up from meditation with the aspiration to share the Dharma with others. Examining the life of Shinran Shonin, I see a pattern too. He was born as Matsuwakamaro Hino. Though it is not enlightenment, he takes refuge in the Pure Land Teachings. Then, at the age of 90, he attains birth in Amida Buddha's Pure Land and thus attains Enlightenment or Nirvana. Although selecting a precise date might be hard the date traditionally used for the establishment of Jodo Shinshu could be interpreted as Shinran Shonin's sharing of the Great Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha with others. As you may have surmised, I am emphasizing the sharing of the Dharma and/or one's Joy of the Dharma as an important part of the life of all Buddhists. For Jodo Shin Buddhists by virtue of Shinjin or the Mind of True Entrusting that we received from Amida Buddha,

the wish or aspiration to attain Buddhahood and also wishing for others to also attain enlightenment arises within us.

My conclusion is that these 4 occurrences are common to life of all Buddhists. We are all born. We all encounter the Dharma or Teachings. We all wish to share the Dharma and/or the happiness, joy or tranquility which we are experiencing with others wishing to enter into a life of enlightenment together. Then, finally, we all attain the Great Nirvana which in Jodo Shinshu expressed as birth in the Pure Land of Enlightenment at the end of this finite life. For all Buddhists, I would think the thought is that these Teachings are too precious and valuable to keep for only oneself. It should be shared with others so others can experience great peace, happiness and tranquility too. In the case of Shinran Shonin too, his joyous experience of gratefully finding himself embraced and never forsaken by Amida Buddha is something so precious and rare that he wants to share it with others. For we, Jodo Shin Buddhists, we don't become enlightened like Sakyamuni Buddha in this life, but rather at the very end of this life we enter into enlightenment with our birth into the Pure Land and all of it is made possible not by my own effort, but by the Great Unconditional Compassion of Amida Buddha based on the 18th Vow.

The sharing of the Nembutsu Teachings is a natural process or outcome of encountering Great Wisdom and Compassion or attaining Shinjin or Mind of True Entrusting. It is not contrived, but a natural sharing of the Joy and Peace of the Buddha-Dharma. To me, a Jodo Shin Buddhist inspired by the Great Compassion of Amida Buddha and out of gratitude humbly reaches out to others as did Shinran Shonin, fully knowing or realizing how incapable I am of exhibiting anything close to Sakyamuni Buddha's achievements and accomplishments, but there is a sincere aspiration which aspires/hopes/wishes that others too can experience these wonderful Nembutsu Teachings. Again, I would express or explain that Shinran Shonin was "Responding in Gratitude" to Amida Buddha's

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immense compassion. He wanted to share his awareness, his joy, his gratitude of Namo Amida Butsu with others and we should too!

As a closing reflection, I would like to share a quote of Shinran Shonin. "I praise Amida's wisdom and virtue, So that beings with mature conditions throughout the ten quarters (of the Universe) may hear. Let those who have already realized shinjin, Constantly respond in gratitude to the Buddha's benevolence."

Namo Amida Butsu, Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion.

HHMH 108TH GISEIKAI LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The 108th Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii was held on February 7-8, 2020 at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. Delegates from the Hongwanji temples throughout Hawaii discussed and passed the following resolutions:

- 1. HHMH 2020 Budget
- 2. Proposed Rules and Regulations of the Legislative Assembly
- 3. Orientation of Hawaii Kyodan Bishop
- 4. Resolution of Condolence and Appreciation Barry Taniguchi, Richard Fujii, Tatsuo Yoshida, Stanley Mitsuo Kunitomo, Roseline Yano, Yoshikatsu "Clifford" Takishita, Norman Hirohata Goto and Richard S. Sasaki.

LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAII RECOGNITION

The 45th Annual Living Treasures of Hawaii Recognition Luncheon was held on February 8, 2020 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village and the following individuals were recognized as the Living Treasures of Hawaii for the year 2020.

Robert Uluwehi Cazimero Larry L. Kimura, Ph. D Carolee Mei-Jen Kapuamae'ole Nishi Sachie Saigusa More information about the honorees are in the following page: https://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/2020/01/20/2020-living-treasures/

CONDOLENCE

Mr. Takeshi Yamamoto, a member of Kapaa Hongwanji Mission, passed away on December 16, 2019. Mr.

Yamamoto served as the President of Kapaa Hongwanji Mission in 1975 and from 1980 to 1987. The Kapaa Hongwanji Kyodan Funeral Service was held at Kapaa Hongwanji Mission on January 25, 2020 under the officiation of Bishop Eric Matsumoto. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of SHOU-GO-IN 照護院 which means "One whose illuminating presence enduringly protects" in recognition of his life of nembutsu was conferred.

WEDDING

Reverend Kazunori Takahashi, the Executive Assistant to the Bishop, got married to Noriko Matsuzuki on February 2, 2020. The wedding ceremony was held at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin officiated by Bishop Eric Matsumoto.

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS

On Thursday, January 9, Dean Sakamoto, Committee on Social Concerns, presented a donation check from the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii to Magi Dabis, Donor Services Coordinator from the Hawaii Foodbank, Inc.

PBA TAIKO FESTIVAL

The nation's premier high school taiko program will take the stage with a showcase of student, faculty and guest talent on Sunday, March 15, 2020, at 4 p.m. at the Pearl City Cultural Center. The theme of Pacific Buddhist Academy's 14th Annual Taiko Festival is Aspirations. Tickets for the festival are \$30 for general admission and \$25 for senior citizens and students.

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

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LHM Asian Blend Bazaar

The LHM Asian Blend Bazaar was held on Saturday February 29, 2020. Many thanks to all who contributed in many ways . . . with baking, cooking, donations, set-up and general support. This is a fund-raiser for our temple and help from everyone is appreciated. Mahalo for all of the hard work.





Please help us welcome our new members:

Anne Coyle and Jennifer Jones-Patulli

When you see them, welcome them to LHM.

Reminder!
Please return
your 2020 Pledge
Form with your
first dues
payment.









Many thanks to all who helped with the New Year's Party / 120th Anniversary Celebration. The games, prizes, and entertainment were all wonderful. The food was delicious!

Thank you to Colleen Nonaka and Blaine Sasaki for organizing this event.

Thank you to Jimmy Yamamoto for the photos.

Mahalo to the following people for donating gift cards and prizes for the party: Kenneth & Lynette Mizuo, Lynne Matsumura, Colleen Nonaka, Blaine Sasaki, Jean & Joan Kurosaki, Derek Inouye, Gladys Fujiuchi, Johnny & Asako Iwamoto, Office Max (Hopaco).

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For more information call Gladys Fujiuchi at 651-2108

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LHWA NEWS

New Members Welcome

Theme for 2020 Expand the Sangha

LHWA Meetings

All meetings will begin after service

March 29

June 7

Sept. 6

November 29

More photos & information are available for LHWA on our website at: https://www.lihuehongwanjimission.com/
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Good fun with an opening and engaging activity on January 12 at the LHWA meeting before the installation luncheon. Lots of laughs and entertainment.



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CRASE – Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event

Presented by: Sgt. Lance Okasaki, Kaua'i Police Department

Date: March 21, 2020, Saturday

Site: Lihu'e Hongwanji Mission

Time: 9:00 - 10:30 AM

For Whom: Sangha and Friends of Kaua'i Hongwanji Temples

Sponsor: The Kaua'i Hongwanji Council

Rationale: From what has been happening in recent years, our society has come under attack by individuals and groups who have carried out their thoughts through violent means. We need to know what to do in case something happens here in our daily lives. Sgt. Okasaki will explain what the best approach is to an active shooter in our midst. YOU need to be prepared. We all need to be prepared. There will be Question/Answer time.

Please RSVP to Jimmy Yamamoto by phone at 822-3219 (leave a message) or by email at jyamamoto13@twc.com.

It is important to RSVP so there will be enough handouts printed for everyone. Thank you for responding.



It's that time of year again.

Time for planning Bon Dance 2020.

Lihue Bon Dance will be held on July 17—18, 2020.

The 2nd Bon Dance meeting will be held on Thursday

March 19, 2020

at 7:00 P.M. in the LHM Conference Room.



BE AWARE

BE PREPARED

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.

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In memory of Chimako Miyoshi

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In memory of Judy Segawa

Jane & Roy Iwane

In memory of Allen Michioka

Cheryl Michioka

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In memory of Chimako Miyoshi

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Alison Koga

In memory of Judy Segawa

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In memory of Allen Michioka

Cheryl Michioka

MEMORIAL SERVICE DONATION:

In memory of Hisao Mizumura (3 Yrs.)

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Mitsue Hirata

In memory of Haruo Iwamoto (25 Yrs.)

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In memory of Kimie Yoshinaka (50 Yrs.)

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Sarah Date

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NEW YEAR'S PARTY PRIZE DONATION:

Garden Isle Refrigeration (Derek Inouye) (also see page 7 for further listings)

NEW YEAR'S PARTY DONATION:

John & Asako Iwamoto

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Glenn & Gail Shibuya

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Thank You

Lynne Matsumura

Morton & Carolyn Yamasaki

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

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With Deepest Sympathy

Lihue Hongwanji extends its deepest sympathy to the family and relatives of::

The late Judy Segawa who passed away on December 18, 2019 at the age of 92 years. The Late Chimako Miyoshi who passed away on January 12, 2020 at the age of 94 years. The late Allen Michioka who passed away on January 23, 2020 at the age of 93 years. The late Matsuyo Seki who passed away on February 2, 2020 at the age of 95 years.



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 MEMORIA	17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2004			
2019 April 16	Janet Fujii	2004	April 7	Sadayo Nakai
2019 April 21	Lilian Miyake	2004	April 17	David Kanji Sasaki
3rd YEAR MEMORIA 2018 March 4	<u>AL SERVICE—2018</u> Fujiko Mamura			AL SERVICE—1996
2018 March 6	Hisao Mizumura	1996	March 11	Teruko Uyesono
2018 April 1	Julia Kunikiyo	1996	April 3	Kaoru Watada
·	,			
7th YEAR MEMORIA 2014 NONE	L SERVICE—2014	33rd Y 1988 1988	'EAR MEMORI March 12 March 26	AL SERVICE—1988 Shigeo Muramoto Shigematsu Uemura
		1988	March 12	Shigeo Muramoto
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Spring Higan
Sunday March 22
9:00 am at LHM





Buddha Day Service (Hanamatsuri)

Joint service with the Kauai Buddhist Council April 5, 2020 at 9:30 am To be held at Garden Isle Mortuary

