



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

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JINJI – MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS

- **REV. BRUCE NAKAMURA**, currently serving at Kona Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister, will be assigned to Honokaa Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister as well as Kamuela Hongwanji Mission, Kohala Hongwanji Mission, and Paauilo Hongwanji Mission as their Overseer Minister as of September 15, 2018.

URASENKE GANNENMONO KENCHASHIKI

Dr. Genshitsu Sen, the 15th Grand Master of the Urasenke tea school, performed a ceremonial tea offering (kencha) at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin on July 19, 2018. The temple was filled by a number of people from Hawaii and Japan. Dr. Sen offered two cups of tea: one was offered to Amida Buddha, the other was offered in honor of Gannenmono, the first Japanese immigrants who arrived in Hawaii 150 years ago. It was Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's honor to be able to receive Dr. Sen for this historical Kenchashiki. *(Photo by Wayne Muromoto)*



BWA EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations hosted two exchange students from Japan, Fuuka Sasaki (third from left) and Miwa Kakoi (fourth from left), from August 9 through 16. They visited Kauai, Hawaii Island and Honolulu United BWA. Through this program, they visited various Hongwanji temples, Hongwanji HQ, Pacific Buddhist Academy and Hongwanji Mission School, and also met BWA members, ministers and members. They also visited different sightseeing spots and had various other experiences in Hawaii.



HMMH Federation of BWA host two female delegates from Japan every other year. Next year, we will send two delegates to Japan. For further information and application, please visit the HMMH Federation of BWA Website: <http://hawaiiibwa.org/programs/student-exchange>

HONOULIULI BON SERVICE

Hawaii Buddhist Council (HBC) and Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (JCCH) held the second Honouliuli Bon Service at the Honouliuli Internment Camp, located near Waipahu on Oahu, on Wednesday, August 15. Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Rev. Kazunori Takahashi represented the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and attended this service.



The Honouliuli Internment Camp was constructed to accommodate Japanese Americans also Italians and Germans during World War II. This camp was the only one built for prolonged detention on Oahu. It opened in 1943 and closed in 1946. In February 2017, the drum which was used for the Bon Services was found at the Nichiren Mission of Hawaii. Because of this discovery, HBC started the Bon Service in honor of those who had hardships at this camp. This site was designated as a National Monument in 2015, but it is not open to the public. JCCH is the organization to contact regarding this site.

2018 PEACE DAY INTERFAITH CELEBRATION

This year's Peace Day Interfaith Celebration is coming up **Friday, September 21, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at Hawaii Betsuin**. The theme for this year's event is *Cultivating Peace*.

In 2007, Hawaii passed a law declaring September 21st of each year as Peace Day to promote peace programs, improve international relations, and increase educational awareness of peace. Advocacy by Pacific Buddhist Academy students and Jr. YBA members played an important role in final approval of the bill.

Since then, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and co-sponsors have held annual celebration of peace on or near Peace Day, featuring speakers from diverse faith traditions as well as a variety of musical and dance performances. Pacific Buddhist Academy continues to play an important role in presenting the event. All are invited to this uplifting celebration of peace on September 21!

(David Atcheson)

RYUKOKU UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL HAWAII SEMINAR

11 graduate school students with Professor Eisho Nasu and Associate Professor Bunei Takada of Ryukoku University Shin Buddhist Studies will have a Hawaii Seminar at various temples on the Big Island and Oahu from August 28 to September 5. This will be the seventh time for Ryukoku University to bring their students to Hawaii to hold this seminar. They will have lectures from Hawaii Kyodan ministers, participate in different activities and study the significance of Jodo Shinshu propagation through learning how Jodo Shinshu Buddhism have been propagated in Hawaii. They will also participate in a part of the HHMH Joint Conference.

EMERGENCY DISASTER RELATED ACTIONS

1. Western Japan Flood

Summer 2018 flooding throughout western Japan has killed over 220 people and dislocated many thousands. The information on damages caused by the heavy rain is being updated. As of August 16th, at least 125 Jodo Shinshu temples were damaged. Members of at least 275 Jodo Shinshu temples were affected, with nearly 60 dead or missing.

Hawaii Kyodan responded with an initial donation of \$5,000 to Honzan from the Social Welfare Fund to support Hongwanji-related temples and those who are affected from this disaster. In addition, “Western Japan Flood Relief Fund” was created, and it run through August 31, 2018. After this special collection, the collected contributions will be sent to Honzan.

2. Osaka Earthquake

On June 18, 2018, the 6.1 magnitude earthquake occurred in northern Osaka and affected a wide area of western Japan. As of August 3, Hongwanji in Kyoto, Ohtani Mausoleum, Dendoin (the Buddhist Institute for the Propagation of Buddhism) and at least 226 Jodo Shinshu temples were damaged. Members of more than 58 Jodo Shinshu temples were affected. Hawaii Kyodan decided to send a donation of \$5,000 to Honzan from the Social Welfare Fund.

HAWAII KYODAN EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

August 28 - September 5	Ryukoku University Graduate School Hawaii Seminar
September 1-3	Joint Conference @ Ala Moana Hotel & Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin
September 7	Sanmu Meeting & Sanmu Kanji Meeting @ HQ
September 8	HHMH Board of Directors Meeting @Hawaii Betsuin at 9:00pm
September 21	Peace Day Interfaith Celebration @Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin at 6:30pm
September 29-30	Choralfest @Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin