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Historical Conference

Over Labor Day weekend, September 1-3, history was made on Oahu at the Ala Moana Hotel with the first ever Hongwanji Joint Conference. If you were there, you know how amazing it was. If you missed it, you missed out on a very important point in Hongwanji history.

The Joint Conference brought together five organizations which normally hold their individual conferences separately. The organizations included BWA (Buddhist Women's Association), Lay Conference, Dharma Educators, Ministers' Spouses' Association and Jr. YBA. Not only were all groups able to have their meetings but everyone had a chance to talk story with members of other groups throughout the weekend over meals and some free time.

The Keynote Speaker was Doug Chin, the current Lieutenant Governor and, as Attorney General, led the legal battle against the travel ban targeting Muslim-majority countries. Notable thoughts from his keynote message were: speak up, stand up for what is right; be a counter-voice for negative rhetoric; fear is a motivator which speaks to the worst in us; inspiring people is more difficult.

As the President of Honpa Hongwanji, Pieper Toyama also gave an address to the gathered groups. A portion of his message dealt with dealing with discord, echoing the thoughts of Doug Chin: don't be silent; being silent is not Buddhist when it comes to discord (the health & welfare of the sangha is more important than any one person). Pieper went on to list 4 Actions to create a Buddhist Sangha: 1. Greet each other & everyone with a smile. 2. Promote social interactions & laughter. 3. Know & acknowledge important events in members' lives (birthdays, anniversaries, children/grandchildren, etc.). 4. Express Gratitude in a variety of ways; thank you notes should be specific to what they did & how you felt.

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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

Sun	7	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Tues	9	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	14	9:00 AM (registration) 9:30 AM (Service)	Kauai United BWA Fall Conference Kapa'a Hongwanji Speaker: Representative Nadine Nakamura All are welcome to attend the service at Kapa'a No service at LHM
Thurs	18	7:30 PM	Senior Buddhist Association (SBA) meeting
Sun	21	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	28	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

NOVEMBER

Sun	4	9:30AM	Five Wishes Service & Seminar at Kapaa Hongwanji Speaker: Rev. Satoshi Tomioka No service at LHM
Sun	11		Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Tues	13	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	18	9:00 AM	Eitaikyo Service Speaker: Rev. Arthur Kaufmann
Sun	25	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service



Please see page 6 for additional information about the October 14 Fall Conference, and page 4 for additional information about the November 4 Five Wishes Service & Seminar.



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 Rev. Kaufmann at 245-6262 or 245-4543.

October	Visitation	Schedule	
Wed	October 3	2:30 PM	Regency at Puakea, Service/Visitation
Wed	October 10	9:30 AM	Mahelona Hospital Ext. Care, Service/Visitation
Wed	October 24	9:00 AM	Hale Kupuna Heritage Home Visitation
Tue	October 30	10:00 AM	Wilcox Hospital / Garden Isle Health Care, Service/Visitation

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

While I was going to the Tri-State Buddhist Temple in Denver Colorado I learned that one of my good teachers there, Shaku Kanya Okamoto, was a Black belt in the art of Judo. He assisted teaching at the Judo School when his schedule would permit. During this period, I started my study of Aikido under Manabu Honma Sensei from Akita, Japan.

It was only after a couple of years of dealing with lower back pain that I came to realize just how important the Martial Arts had been in my life.

When I returned to the world (a phrase we used to describe our homes in the United States) from Viet Nam in 1967 I was stationed down on the Gulf Coast of Florida at Hurlbut Field which was an auxiliary field of Egland AFB near the town of Ft. Walton Beach. Ft. Walton Beach was a town of about 22,000 folks and it was there that I first entered into the Martial Arts at a Karate school run by Sensei Todd Mason. Sensei called his system the "Kuro Neko" or "Black Cat" system. It consisted of both soft and hard techniques, the soft from Chinese tradition and the hard from the Japanese. Its emphasis was on self-defense.

My training in Kuro Neko Karate helped me to deal with being back in the world which for a long time, did not feel real. As I progressed through the ranks into the higher belt rankings, Sensei began teaching us about the devastating effects our techniques would have on the human body, thereby instilling in us, the responsibility of having become proficient in using the techniques we had been taught. We were not to use what we had learned unless it was absolutely and completely unavoidable.

This training kept me physically and mentally in pique condition. I rose to the belt before black, which in that system, was purple. This was in 1967 until I had to leave Florida. During my training there I remember something that Mason Sensei told us. That was, if in the future, we had an opportunity to learn the art of Aikido, we should do so, as he thought that Aikido was the most well rounded Martial Art. I never forgot that.

So, fast forward to 1979, after some years of not practicing any art and after the lower back trouble, I found Honma Sensei's Aikido school, which he called "Nippon Kan". I reentered the Martial Arts remembering all I had benefitted from my previous study.

As Karate or "Empty Hand" became more and more popular in America a certain mystique developed about the "Black Belt". You might remember how they were almost thought of a supermen. I always wondered about that.

So, when I achieved my "Shodan" or 1st degree of the black belt I went to see Shaku Okamoto to ask him what the significance of the "Black Belt". Sensei very calmly looked at me and said, "The black belt is a sign that you have mastered the basics, now, you can start learning".

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Along with the meetings, a variety of Buddhist-themed workshops were offered on Saturday and Sunday for participants to engage in, from “Buddhism Meets Music”, “Ukulele” and “Taiko” to “Chanting”, “Photography” and “Intergenerational Activities.” So many thoughtfully presented, entertaining workshops that appealed to a wide variety of participants made the workshops successful.

Sunday evening was a special treat for everyone. The dinner buffet was plentiful and delicious, followed by entertainment by very talented Jr. YBA members and live music and dancing for those brave enough to hit the dance floor. The Jr. YBA students led the dancing and taught us all how to enjoy life and the present moment.

Most people agreed that this was a wonderful experience that should be continued in the future.



FIVE WISHES SERVICE & SEMINAR

November 4, 2018, 9:30 AM

Kapaa Hongwanji Mission

Service Speaker: Rev. Satoshi Tomioka

Seminar by: Five Wishes Organization

“The Five Wishes document walks you through the five most important things to talk about when it comes to advance care planning.”

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I think Shaku’s description can apply to anything that we truly love to do as well as our study of Buddhism and Jodoshinshu Buddhism.

When Shakamuni Buddha was asked by a prominent scholar, “What is it that you teach?” The Master answered simply, “suffering and the alleviation of suffering.”

The basic teachings of the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path are to be reflected on until we see their reality in each of ourselves. Only then can we begin to gain understanding of the Wisdom/Compassion that is extended to us as Shin Buddhists.

So if a dharma talk is about the present times or in ancient Japan or 2600 years ago, they all deal with the one constant in the human condition birth, sickness, old age and death and the alleviation of the sufferings which is inherent in them.

Namoamidabutsu

HMH MINISTER'S LAY ASSISTANT RETREAT

Buddhist Study Center, October 12-14, 2018

Anyone who is interested and recommended by their Hawaii Kyodan minister mentor is welcome to apply.

Note: Anyone who is a member of a temple must be recommended by their resident minister.

Purpose: To review and enrich the knowledge of the participants in the rituals and traditions of the Nishi Hongwanji, General Buddhism and Shin Buddhism. All the knowledge and skills and more, that is associated with functioning as a Minister's Lay Assistant will be covered during the retreat. The retreat is an opportunity to learn and/or refresh one's skills and knowledge that is associated with the role of a Minister's Lay Assistant, but completion does not result in certification. Conditions of certification is presented in the document: Shin Buddhist Ministry in Hawaii. This retreat can be taken as many times as it remains meaningful and helpful to the participant. And completion does not imply an obligation to become a minister's assistant.

For more information and registration, please contact Buddhist Study Center at 808- 973-6555.

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

The following temples are observing their anniversaries!

- KAILUA HONGWANJI MISSION – 50th Anniversary on Sunday, September 9, 2018.
- WAHIAWA HONGWANJI MISSION – 110th Anniversary on Saturday, October 21, 2018.
- JIKOEN HONGWANJI MISSION – 80th Anniversary on Sunday, November 18, 2018.

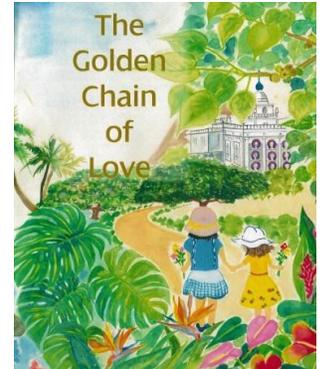
NEW BOOK "THE GOLDEN CHAIN OF LOVE"

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii published a new picture book, *The Golden Chain of Love*, in September 2018.

Bishop Eric Matsumoto wrote: "May "The Golden Chain of Love" continue to serve as a guide for many Buddhists throughout the world, perhaps even non-Buddhists who understand the principles found in it. For (Jodo) Shin Buddhists, may we in grateful response to All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion (Amida Buddha)

hold dear "The Golden Chain of Love" and continue to be guided by it."

The books were distributed to the temples of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. The books are also available at the HHMH Bookstore at HQ Office at a price of \$8.00.

**ESHIN-NI – KAKUSHIN-NI ENDOWED CHAIR**

The Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations is continuing its fundraising for the Eshin-ni – Kakushin-ni Endowed Chair at the Institute for Buddhist Studies (IBS) in Berkeley. The fundraising campaign seeks to raise \$3 million from Hongwanji Temples throughout the world by having each temple contribute \$300. Hawaii's share is \$11,000. As of this writing, we have raised about \$8,000. This endowment will create a faculty position at IBS which will be used to educate our future ministers.

The fundraising effort received a boost recently when Kylie Urasaki, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Alan Urasaki of Jikoen Hongwanji, presented a gift of \$300 towards the BWA effort. Kylie, a 2018 graduate of Aiea High School, wanted to give back to Jikoen temple with this generous gift. When asked what motivated her to do this, she said that her father graduated from the Institute of Buddhist Studies. She visited IBS last year when her family was in Berkeley, and she values the work that they do.

To all who donated, we thank you for your generous support! Fundraising will continue through December 31, 2018. If you would still like to donate, see your BWA president for information.

2017-2018 Social Concerns Fund Drive

Temples that have donations collected for the 2017-2018 Social Concerns Fund Drive, please submit one check (to Headquarters) payable to "Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii" with "2017-2018 Social Concerns Fund Drive" noted on the check. Thank you very much for your generosity and support of this annual collection.



LHWA NEWS

New Members Welcome

LHWA Meetings

All meetings will begin after service

November 11

Date change

Please join Rev. Kaufmann as he visits the care homes on Kauai. See the schedule on page 2 for dates, times and locations. For more information, please call the church at 245-6262.



Jelly-Making Session

Saturday, October 27, 2018
9:00 AM to 12 Noon
Lihue Hongwanji Social Hall

ALL LHM MEMBERS ARE WELCOME
RSVP to Lynette Mizuo at 823-3974

Fay Tateishi will show how to make jelly in a hands-on session.

Guavas are needed—please let Lynette Mizuo know if you have some. If not enough guavas, we'll make PINEAPPLE jelly.



Kauai United Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association

FALL CONFERENCE

ACCEPTING CHANGES

October 14 9:30 am Kapaa Hongwanji Mission

Registration Fee: \$10 (Lunch & Refreshments are included)

Keynote Speaker: **Mrs. Nadine Nakamura**
(Hawaii House of Representative)

Topic: **“Death with Dignity”**



Ms. Nadine K. Nakamura was elected to the State of Hawaii, House of Representative, District 14 in 2016. She formerly served as Managing Director of the County of Kaua'i. She was elected in 2010 and 2012 to serve on the Kaua'i County Council. Prior to serving in elected office, Ms. Nakamura, owned and operated NKN Project Planning for over twenty-five years. Her planning experience spans public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Ms. Nakamura's professional experience includes land use and policy analysis, affordable housing development, transportation planning, neighborhood planning, economic development planning, community participation, organizational development, and strategic planning.

As the Vice Chair of the Housing Committee, she spent a lot of time on affordable housing issues and her first bill passed for the funding of research and control of the rose-ringed parakeet on Kaua'i. She is also on the Finance and Transportation Committees, and supports to improve our educational system. She will continue to work hard for all of the people of Hawaii. We will be hearing her view of death with dignity.

Featuring : Service, General Membership Meeting & Workshop

*For further information please contact:
Kapaa Hongwanji at 822-4667, mail@kapaahongwanji.org.*

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Address: _____ Temple: _____

*Please fill in this form and turn in to your temple by October 10. (Check payable to: Kapaa Hongwanji Women's Association)
Registrations will be accepted at the door, but your timely submission is greatly appreciated.

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.

FUNERAL SERVICE:

In memory of Richard Uchiyama
Karen Uchiyama
In memory of Erin Hideko Tokunaga
Cynthia Yamada

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Karen Uchiyama
In memory of Erin Hideko Tokunaga
Cynthia Yamada

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In memory of Chiyeno Matsumoto (1 Yr.)
Violet Tsuchiyama
In memory of Tomoyoshi Fujii (13 Yrs.)
Janet Fujii
In memory of Bessie Sasaki (17 Yrs.)
Blaine Sasaki
Warren & Colleen Nonaka
Akiyo Matsuyama
In Memory of Yuichi Kiikuni (33 Yrs.)
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Winston & Marian Ogata
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Akiyo Matsuyama
In memory of Ito Tamura
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In memory of Hamae Ijima
Diane Fukuyama
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Winston & Marian Ogata
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Kenneth & Lynette Mizuo
In memory of Lawrence Harada
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In memory of Bessie Sasaki (17 Yrs.)
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Hideko Uemura
James Yamamoto
Morton & Carolyn Yamasaki

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS***



MEMORIAL SERVICE (NENKI HOYO)

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of October and November. 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.

With Deepest Sympathy



Lihue Hongwanji extends its deepest sympathy to the family and relatives of:
The late Erin Hideko Tokunaga who died on August 5, 2018 at the age of 90 years.
The late Miyoshi Fujimoto who died on September 9, 2018 at the age of 96 years.

1st YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2017

2017 NONE

3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2016

2016 NONE

7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2012

2012 October 22 Misao Ringor
2012 October 22 Elsie Toyofuku

13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2006

2006 October 20 Shinichi Hamamoto

17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2002

2002 October 3 Geraldine Fujiwara
2002 November 5 Saburo Morinaka

25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1994

1994 October 22 Tama Sasaki

33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1986

1986 NONE

50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1969

1969 NONE

MORE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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Helen Tomita
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Kauai United BWA Fall Conference

To be held at Kapa'a Hongwanji
Sunday October 14, 2018
(see page 6 for details)

Five Wishes Service & Seminar
November 4, 2018 at Kapaa Hongwanji Mission
(see page 4 for details)

