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2018-2019 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 through August 2019 and we request temples to submit their collected donations in September 2019.

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), Family Promise Hawaii, Hawaii People's Fund, A Cup of Cold Water, Hawaii, and various 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 the newsletter and are also available at the temple office. Please make all checks payable to **Lihue Hongwanji Mission**. Our temple treasurer will then make one combined check to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii on a periodic basis.

The suggested donation is the cost of just one meal per person.

Your kokua is greatly appreciated. Please encourage your members to continue supporting the Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive.

Mahalo!

Eric T. Matsumoto
Bishop

Dean Sakamoto
Chair, Committee on Social Concerns

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

Sun	4	9:30AM	Five Wishes Service & Seminar at Kapa'a Hongwanji Speaker: Rev. Satoshi Tomioka No service at LHM
Sat	10	8:00 AM	Lonesome Grave Project Veterans Cemetery Hanapepe Please bring flowers, greenery and water hose if you are able to do so.
Sun	11		Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Tues	13	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	18	9:00 AM	Eitaikyo Service (Perpetual Memorial Service) Speaker: Shaku Arthur Kaufmann
Sun	25	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

DECEMBER

Sun	2	9:30 AM	Bodhi Day Service Kauai Soto Zen Temple
Sun	9	8:00 AM	Temple Clean-up Lunch provided. General Membership meeting to follow lunch
Tue	11	7:30 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	16	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Sun	23		No Service
Sun	30		No Service
Mon	31	9:00 PM	New Year's Eve Service



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.

November	Visitation	Schedule	
Wed	November 7	2:30 PM	Regency at Puakea, Service/Visitation (1st Wed-Nov only)
Wed	November 21	9:30 AM	Mahelona Hospital Ext. Care, Service/Visitation
Tue	November 27	10:00 AM	Wilcox Hospital / Garden Isle Health Care, Service/Visitation
Wed	November 28	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.

Communication

I think there has never been a time in history in which the technology of communicating has been so expansive. The evolution of computer technology has brought us a huge increase in our communications media. We have computers, Facebook, e-mail, cell phones, I pads, satellite phones and computer wrist watches just to name a few methods in which we can communicate. It has gotten to the point where we feel we cannot live without these things although, not so long ago, they did not exist.

The speed of this evolution of technology has been startling. As with all things, there is some good being done with these advances and some not so good also. We are sometimes so bedazzled by these new tools thinking that they are all benevolent but we are coming to realize that this is not the case.

Identities have been stolen causing great problems for innocent people. Credit card information has been stolen on a massive scale. There are people out there who have nothing better to do but develop viruses to confound us as well as important systems. We must become aware of the good and not so good of technology so as not to be fooled into thinking that all is good.

I believe these advances have, for the most part have been beneficial to our society but I am troubled by some of the things I see.

Face book has become internationally popular. The gathering of "friends" seems to be a major undertaking which in most cases is the gathering of "acquaintances". There is no real substance to these so called "friends". In some cases you may not even know the person involved. Some dangerous situations have come about through media like Facebook and others, tragedies even.

We should not use the word "friend" so flippantly. It is a sad truth that, during our lives, we have many, many acquaintances while we can usually count the number of our true friends on one hand.

A real friend is a precious thing. There are people with whom you share your life, face to face. A friend is a person who will encourage or inspire you to do better, who will stand by you through the good times and the bad times. A friend will complement you when you have done good and be caring enough to tell when you have made a mistake. A friend, male or female, will be there when needed.

So, perhaps it is not the quantity of communications that is important but the quality of communication.



Reverend or Shaku? Shaku Arthur Kaufmann

As some of you know I have requested that, if you want to address with a title, that you do so with the word “Shaku.”

I understand why the title, “Reverend” is and was used as a title for Shin ministers, especially after WW II, in an effort to make Jodoshinshu Buddhism appear less foreign to the general population. A practical move in light of the lingering prejudice after the war.

For me though, today, it is a question of definitions and I speak solely for myself here. Reverend means, one who is to be “revered,” while Shaku, a Sanskrit word, means, “disciple of Buddha”. You might recognize the word from your Buddhist name if you have received one. While my ego would dearly love to be “revered” and be “highly respected”,

I know that I am not worthy of such a title, this is not false modesty, this is fact.

I feel that such a title fosters separation between myself and the rest of the Sangha, as if I were someone special, I am not. I am, as Shinran put it, a dogyo or dobo, a fellow traveler on the Shinshu path. I am travelling with all of you as part of the Sangha.

I am not trying to make a mountain out of a mole hill here. I am not trying to start a movement or anything, nor do I think of myself as a monk, I am a Shin Buddhist priest.

Any respect I am afforded by anyone, I expect to earn, and not receive it just because I wear a black robe and wagesa. As far as any other ministers are concerned, I shall address them in whichever form they are addressed.

I hope this clarifies why I chose, Shaku.

In Gassho, Art Kaufmann



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

www.lihuehongwanjimission.com

Kokua Mau and Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Presents

For You and For Your Family

Let us together think about Care Decisions concerning End of Life

*The 8th Abbot, Renny mentioned in his epistle, "Nothing is
more fragile and fleeting in this world than the life of man."*

It is so true. We don't have any guarantee for tomorrow.

Discussions about care wishes during the end of a life often take place in the hallway of the hospital in the midst of a crisis. Unfortunately, family members may be making their "best guess" about what a loved one would want for end-of-life care, having never discussed their desires in advance. Conversations about our desires for end-of-life care are very uncomfortable for all of us. Frankly, it hurts to think about it. Avoiding the conversation is our way of protecting ourselves from pain. However, avoiding the conversation when we can so easily have it only postpones the issue, and actually makes it harder on us when we are faced with making care decisions and are unable to have a discussion. ©Kokua Mau

It can be another great GIFT that you can give to your loved ones.

~YOU ARE ALL INVITED~

Date: November 4, 2018

Time: 9:30am (Service), 10:30am (Workshop)

Place: Kapaa Hongwanji Mission

Service Speaker: Rev. Satoshi Tomioka

Workshop Speaker: Ms. Hope Young

*Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
Compassionate Care Committee*



LHWA NEWS

LHWA Meetings

All meetings will begin after service

November 11

New Members Welcome

Date change

The annual Kauai United Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association Fall conference was held on Sunday October 14 at Kapa'a Hongwanji. Shaku Arthur Kaufmann was the speaker for the service. State Representative Nadine Nakamura was our Keynote Speaker. She spoke about the Bill entitled "Our Care, Our Choice Act", also called "Death with Dignity" which was passed during the 2018 Hawaii legislative session. The bill was signed into law by Governor David Ige on April 5, 2018 and will take effect on January 1, 2019. This bill allows terminally ill patients to request aid in dying in certain clearly defined situations. Additional information is available on the internet. One source is the following link: <https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/death-with-dignity-hawaii.html>

A delicious luncheon was provided by Kapa'a Hongwanji and enjoyed by all. Following the luncheon we participated in arts and crafts activities planned by Kapa'a Hongwanji.



Shaku Kaufmann, Rep. Nadine Nakamura,
Rev. Majima, Rev. Hojo



Having fun!

Oct. 14 was **Ministers Appreciation Day**, and the BWA's statewide honored our ministers. The Kauai United HBWA presented gift cards to our ministers and serenaded them with a special song "Thank You", adapted by Gladys Fujiuchi



Annual Cleanup Sunday

December 9 at 8:00 AM

Followed by

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

at about 10:30 AM, following lunch

Election of 2019 Officers & Directors

LHM Social Hall

Chairperson for Clean-up is Glenn Shibuya

Everyone,
please come
out and help!



Save the
Date!

LHM BAZAAR

Saturday, February 23, 2019

Choralfest 2018

Six members from Kauai participated in the 2018 Choralfest which took place on Oahu in September. From Lihue, the participants were Gail Shibuya, Marian Ogata, Diana Fukuyama and Gladys Fujiuchi. Joining voices with singers from the other islands, led by Ms. Nola Nahulu, brought us so much joy and exhilaration, which we hope we can infuse into our temple's singing.

Check out the following for photos and videos:

<https://hawaiibetsuin.org/gallery/>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=43uAkAG52yg&list=PLsLIJYEgKCQMdEh2LuQH2RjvA0xU6eBgb&index=4&t=0s)

[v=43uAkAG52yg&list=PLsLIJYEgKCQMdEh2LuQH2RjvA0xU6eBgb&index=4&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=43uAkAG52yg&list=PLsLIJYEgKCQMdEh2LuQH2RjvA0xU6eBgb&index=4&t=0s)



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 Miyoshi Fujimoto
The Miyoshi Fujimoto Family

7TH DAY SERVICE DONATION:

In memory of Miyoshi Fujimoto
The Miyoshi Fujimoto Family

INURNMENT & SERVICE DONATION:

In memory of Miyoshi Fujimoto
The Miyoshi Fujimoto Family
In memory of Walter Yamamoto
The Yamamoto Family

MEMORIAL SERVICE DONATION:

In memory of Masaichi Shibuya (7 Yrs.)
Glenn & Gail Shibuya
In memory of Tetsuro Inouye
Alice Inouye
In memory of Mamoru Yamada
Warren & Colleen Nonaka
Blaine Sasaki
In memory of Noboru Sasaki
Blaine Sasaki
In memory of Teiichi & Tatsu Fujii
Sue S. Fujii
In memory of Tomoyoshi Fujii
Sue S. Fujii
In memory of Tonaichi Fujii
Sue S. Fujii
In memory of Shigemi & Gordon Kashima, Hazel
Kashima Kurasaki & Ellen Miyasato
Paul & Alice Kudo
Karen Hiranaka (**October Memorial**)

COLUMBARIUM DONATION:

In memory of Elsie Toyofuku (7 Yrs.)
Amy Yamada
In memory of Charles Sasaki
Misao Sasaki
Alan & Dale Masumura & Family
In memory of Mamoru Yamada
Amy Yamada

SPECIAL DONATION:

Eric & Debra Stewart
Gladys Fujiuchi (Birthday)
Amy Yamada (Birthday)

MAJOR PROJECTS DONATION:

Miyoshi Fujimoto
Tom & Eleanor Fujiwara

SOCIAL CONCERN DONATION:

Alice Inouye
Tom & Eleanor Kajiwarara

AUTUMN HIGAN DONATION:

Robert Yotsuda
Janet Fujii
Tom Kajiwarara
Michiko Yamamoto

**EITAIKYO SERVICE
DONATION:**

Michiko Yamamoto
Tom Kajiwarara

*Thank
you*

A true community of Sangha has faith and wisdom that illuminates it.

It is a place where the people know and trust one another and where there is social harmony. Harmony is the life and real meaning of a true Sangha.

From "The Teachings of Buddha"





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—2017

2017 December 5 James Kurihara

3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2016

2016 December 5 Shirgeru Kurashige

2016 December 10 Momoyo Matsumura

7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2012

2012 NONE

13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2006

2006 NONE

17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2002

2002 November 5 Saburo Morinaka

2002 December 14 Tsuyoshi Sasaki

2002 December 30 Boyd Higashi

25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1994

1994 December 25 Kunie Arinaga

33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1986

1986 NONE

50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1969

1969 NONE



There is an ongoing collection of small toiletries for the Mana Olana Homeless Shelter on Kauai. This is a project sponsored by the Lihue Hongwanji Women's Association. Items may be dropped off on any Sunday from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.



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**Five Wishes Service & Seminar**

November 4, 2018

at Kapaa Hongwanji Mission
(see page 5 for details)

Eitaikyo Service

(Perpetual Memorial Service)

November 18 at 9:00 AM

Speaker: Shaku Arthur Kaufmann