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### Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity and Openness

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#### JOYA-E (NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE)

The New Year's Eve Service is called Joya-e and is observed at all temples on New Year's Eve. Adherents assemble before the shrine of Amida Buddha to quietly recollect the happenings of the year and to rejoice in the blessings of Amida.

In the United States, New Year's Eve is commonly associated with merry-making, gaiety, and noise-making. Parties are held late into the night and with the approach of midnight, that is, the ending of the old year and the beginning of the new year, there is a sudden eruption of noises—yelling, singing, tooting of horns, blowing of bugles, popping of firecrackers, etc.

Quite in contrast, New Year's Eve in Buddhist Japan is quiet and peaceful. Family and friends gather together to play karuta or, in modern Japan, to watch late late television programs until the approach of midnight. The lady of the house will serve toshikoshi soba for the late hour snack. As the party enjoys the soba together the sound of temple bells is heard in the distance. The low bellowing resonance renders an atmosphere of nostalgic feeling for the year past and of cheerful-ness at the anticipation of a better year to come.

G-o-n-n-g! g-o-n-n-n-g-g-g! Its deep resonance carries over hill and dale into every village home. G-o-n-n-n-g-g-g! it continues seemingly into eternity. G-o-n-n-n-g-g-g! it finally comes to an end after 108 rings.

In our homes, the family shrine is given a thorough clean-up for the last time of the year and the family gathers around the shrine for the final service of the year. The candle is lit and the incense gives rise to a line of smoke which serves as a reminder to us of the impermanence of all things throughout the universe. True to this symbolic teaching, even the year was but a passing thing.

The New Year's Eve bell is stroked 108 times as a symbol of overcoming of the 108 passions human beings are said to possess, The 108 passions as explained in the "Story of the Juzu" by Bishop Shinsho Hanayama reads, "Six feelings are recognized in Buddhism: feelings arising from sight, sound, smell, taste, touch, and consciousness. Now, each of these six sensations is associated with pleasant, unpleasant, or indifferent feelings, making a total of 18 feelings. Furthermore, each of the pleasant, unpleasant and indifferent feelings has two classifications: those feelings that are attached to pleasure or detached from pleasure. When we multiply the 18 different kinds of feelings with the two classifications, we arrive at the figure 36. These 36 are the

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## Calendar of Events

### JANUARY 2020

Wed	1	10:00 AM	New Year's Day Service <b>Installation of Officers</b>
Sun	5	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Sun	12	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service <b>LHWA Installation of Officers for 2020 Luncheon at JJ's</b> Board of Directors Mtg.
Tues	14	7:30 PM	
Sun	19	9:00 AM	Hoonko Service (Memorial for Shinran Shonin)
Sun	26	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

### FEBRUARY

Sun	2	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Sun	9	10:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
		11:00 AM	LHM New Year's Party / 120th Anniversary Celebration See page 13 for more information
Sun	16	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	23	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sat	29		Asian Blend Bazaar



### **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	January 8	2:30 PM	Regency at Puakea, Service/Visitation
Wed	January 15	9:30 AM	Mahelona Hospital Ext. Care, Service/Visitation
Tues	January 28	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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basic passions of man that are manifested in time—past, present, and future. Thus, 36 multiplied by past, present, and future will give us the total of 108 passions.”

Human beings are extremely self centered and thus man is oblivious of many things that do not concern himself, This nature of man has not changed since the ancient times. With his eyes, he sees things. With his ears, he hears things. With his nose, he smells things. With his tongue, he tastes things. With his epidermis, he feels things. And with every sight, smell, taste, and touch, his heart is either moved towards making it his own or repelling it. Pleasant things he wants to make his own and unpleasant things he wants to reject at all cost. This goes on in an endless cycle of suffering and frustration because his wants are never satisfied. Some of his unsatisfied wants may be light and no visible sign of suffering may be seen but some could be so fierce that it could drive him into disastrous consequences.

When Herbert Hoover was campaigning for the presidency of the United States, he toured the country promising to improve the nation’s economy. He campaigned with his famous speech, “A car in every garage and a chicken in every pot.” This was in the early 1930’s. How are conditions today? Now we have two cars in every garage and a powerboat sitting outside ready to be towed out for a pleasure ride of a fishing trip!

In spite of all the economic improvements and material wealth we enjoy, one wonders whether the people of today are truly happier or not. All evidence points to the existence of more suffering and frustrations today than ever before. Materially they are wealthy, but spiritually, they are in greater confusion.

The 108 passions of the human beings are still at work in the very heart of each individual. As the New Year’s gong is struck 108 times we must be reminded of the human weaknesses and live a life of deep reflection.

Time knows no bounds. Time is eternal. There is only the eternal now that we call the present. Yet, human beings make a division of eternity for his own personal convenience. The Buddhist scripture reads, “Since every- thing in this world is caused by the concur- rence of causes and conditions, there can be no fundamental distinction between things. The apparent distinction exists because of peoples’ deluding thoughts and desires. In the sky there is no distinction of east and west; people create the distinction out of their own minds and then believe it to be true. Mathematical numbers from one to infinity are each complete numbers, but each in itself carries no distinction of quantity; people make the distinction for their own convenience so as to be able to indicate varying amounts.” This is also true of time. In the eternity of time there is no distinction of days, weeks, months, and years. Man makes this distinction for his own convenience.

As long as man has devised a means of dividing eternity of time into days, weeks, months, and years, it gives us an opportunity to look back and at the same time to look ahead. New Year’s Eve being the end of the year, we can look back and reflect over the past year and quietly recollect on the happenings of the year and rejoice in the blessings of Amida Buddha.

Information from the Seattle Betsuin website: <https://seattlebetsuin.com/special-services/joya-e/>



### New Year's Greeting

Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

Last year again, following the year before, Japan, as well as many other countries in the world, was struck with multiple natural disasters. I would like to convey my deepest condolences to those who lost their lives through those disasters and express my sympathy to everyone affected. In addition, we must never forget that armed conflicts and terror attacks as well as severe starvation is making it difficult to live, and lives are being lost every day.

Last September I had an opportunity to make an official visit to the temples of the Buddhist Churches of America as Monshu for the first time. This allowed me to complete the first round of visitations to all of the overseas districts which include Canada, Hawaii, South America, and the US mainland.

Although every temple and district has its own history and background, many of the overseas Jodo Shinshu temples were established and have been cherished by the Japanese immigrants and their descendants. Reflecting on how sincerely our predecessors entrusted themselves to the Buddha Dharma and how importantly they thought of their temples while facing many difficulties such as World War II, I cannot help but feel grateful and even awe for their tremendous efforts as well as many other wondrous circumstances that have allowed the Jodo Shinshu teaching to be handed down to us today.

However, a considerable amount of time has passed since the Japanese emigrated overseas, and the lifestyle of their descendants, as well as the world situation have changed greatly. In accordance with these changes, quite a few people who are not of ethnically Japanese origin have also come to appreciate the teaching clarified by Shinran Shonin, and attend our overseas temples.

What caused this is nothing but the universality of the Jodo Shinshu teaching that transcends time and space. In other words, Amida Buddha's compassion equally reaches and nondiscriminatively embraces everyone in the midst of all sorts of pain and agony.

In this year, let us continue to listen to the Dharma, considering it is directed to each one of us, and keep moving forward to share it with many other people as possible.

January 1, 2020

OHTANI Kojun  
Monshu  
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



## “NAMO AMIDA BUTSU AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!”

At the start of the New Year, let me begin by expressing my deepest appreciation and gratitude to the entire Sangha and Friends of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii who have supported our Organization for over 130 years in Hawaii. It is because of Amida Buddha's Great Wisdom and Compassion, the guidance received from the Revered Masters and Teachers like Shinran Shonin who shared the Teachings and the Sangha that we have been able to come this far. Thank you to one and all!

Deeply reflecting, I have noticed that we speak a lot about the Buddha and the Dharma, but we seldom speak about the Sangha. However, the Sangha is also essential. Thus, out of this awareness, our next 5 Year Theme and Slogans will focus on the Sangha. Of course, the Sangha (which is you and I) which tries to live the Dharma as shared by the Buddha. There is no doubt that the thoughts, words and actions of every individual is very important and makes a difference.

Let us receive guidance from “The Teaching of Buddha” in which it shares about clergy that *“Those who wish to teach the Buddha's teachings acceptably must be concerned about four things: first, they must be concerned about their own behavior; second, they must be concerned about their choice of words when they approach and teach people; third, they must be concerned about their motive for teaching and the end they wish to accomplish; and fourth, they must be concerned about great compassion.”* Further it shares *“Lay followers should not only believe in the Three Treasures...by themselves, but also they should, as far as they are able, help others...to awaken in them an unshakable faith in the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha, so that they, too, may share in Buddha's compassion.”* Let us, the Sangha, clergy and lay, jointly together share our awareness, joy and gratitude for Buddha-Dharma.

In Jodo Shinshu Teachings, Shinran Shonin shared that when we (regardless of whether we are clergy or lay) realize true mind (shinjin), we unfailing gain ten benefits in the present life. I would like to mention three of the ten: the benefit having great joy in our hearts, the benefit of being aware of Amida's benevolence and of responding in gratitude to his virtue, and the benefit of constantly practicing great compassion.” In regards to “practicing great compassion,” Shinran Shonin quotes a sutra *“What is “great compassion?” Those who continue solely in the nembutsu without any interruption will thereby be born without fail in the land of happiness at the end of life. If these people encourage each other and bring others to say the Name, they are all called “people who practice great compassion.”*

Further, let us keep in mind the thoughts of our 3<sup>rd</sup> Spiritual Leader Kakunyo Shonin who said, *“(Our) Prosperity is dependent on the quality and depth of the Shinjin of our Followers.”* Rennyo Shonin, our 8<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Leader, further shared, *“...be careful not to let the mind run its course unbridled...be sure to control it. It is wrong to allow the mind to take its course unchecked. We are enabled to control the (our) mind due to the Other-Power.”* Finally, our 25<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Leader, His Eminence Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani shares *“By listening to the Primal Vow and how it was established by Amida Tathagata, we are enabled to become conscious of our own ignorance and self-oriented inclinations, and through such awareness, we naturally become gentle in word and deed in our efforts of minimizing our egoistic way of thinking.” “Even though our efforts may pale in comparison to the Buddha's Compassion, we are at least guided in the proper direction by the Buddha Dharma.”*

As I have been emphasizing the life of Shin Buddhist is one of responding in gratitude to the Wisdom and Compassion of Namu Amida Butsu by reciting the Nembutsu and we try to live our life guided by the Dharma in grateful response until our life culminates (at death) with our entering the Pure Land of Perfect Peace and Happiness to attain Perfect Peace of Enlightenment. May the New Year be truly prosperous in the truest sense of the word. Happy New Year!

In Gassho/Anjali,

Eric Matsumoto, Bishop





### Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity and Openness

Note: This message appears as part of the introduction to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's 2020 calendar. When you receive your calendar, please reflect on the three suggested actions below.

Every year, over many weeks, five individuals gather to discuss, ponder, select, write, and review. And the result of their efforts is the Hawaii Kyodan Calendar that will be distributed soon. Alan Kubota, Stephan Doi, Yumi Suzuki, Rev. Kazunori Takahashi, and Bishop Eric Matsumoto toiled mightily to bring us this calendar out of a personal commitment to inspire us. This year they committed their best efforts, using the theme ***Building Healthy Sanghas*** and the slogan, ***Embracing Generosity and Openness***, to carefully select photographs and words that move us to action. But in works such as this, the challenge is to transform inspiring photographs and lofty words into real and everyday actions that touch others. If we fail to take on this challenge, the theme and slogan and the hard work of these five individuals easily vanish from our hearts and minds even as we turn the pages of the calendar. Then the commitment of these five good people who gave us this calendar will hold no power. Let us not allow this to happen. I suggest that we all consider the following as each month unfolds.

When we turn each page to a new month, let us take the time to really look at the picture, every object, every person. Let us see the act of generosity or the act of acceptance and openness embedded in the picture. Let us see the reflected warmth and joy of the sangha in the photograph.

Then in the days that follow, let us use the picture of the month to inspire us to be generous and open and joyful with others. Let us transform opportunities in the fleeting moments of our lives into action. And here I think of simple actions as a hearty, "Good morning," a smile full of warmth, and a gentle touch of reassurance.

And in the moments when we have transformed the lofty phrases of our theme and slogan into tiny, real and true actions, let the sound of Namu Amida Butsu flow through us.

If we take the time and commit ourselves to perform these three acts, the pages of the calendar will breathe Namu Amida Butsu into our lives. Our sanghas will grow healthy because threads of generosity and openness will begin to bind one member to another. And we will have made the commitment of Alan Kubota, Stephan Doi, Yumi Suzuki, Rev. Kazunori Takahashi, and Bishop Eric Matsumoto real and true.

Namu Amida Butsu

Pieper J. Toyama, President

**Ondogyo, Ondobo Akemashite Omedeto Gosaimasu!**

Friends and fellow travelers on the Nembutsu Path, my wife and I along with our family would like to wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Your efforts and dedication to the Lihue Hongwanji Mission over the past year have demonstrated the strength and dedication of our Sangha. The maintenance and improvements made to our temple and its facilities by the Hosha Gang and friends of the temple have, and will, benefit the Lihue Temple as well as the community in which we live. The gifts and support of our BWA, the staff and parents of the Lihue Pre-School have helped to bring the reality of the Buddha's teachings of interrelations, interdependence into this life we are living for all to see. The further support of our activities of the Ki Aikido Club and the Kendo School are gratefully acknowledged by our Temples' Membership.

As we enter the year 2020 I have the privilege of being in the second year of being your Resident Minister here at Lihue. I continue to learn and grow in the process of becoming a Minister and, as promised, I have made mistakes but not without learning from them. I hope I have also contributed positively to ways to the life of this Temple.

This New Year will bring both challenges and celebrations to our Sangha as temple facilities are improved and we also acknowledge the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lihue Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. I humbly ask for your continued guidance and support as we work together to fulfill our goals for this coming year of 2020.

As we live this life of change, let us do so joyously and with Thanksgiving for the gifts of Infinite Wisdom and Boundless Compassion of Amida Buddha and the gift of the Pureland Teachings which support our spiritual lives.

Thank you, Happy New Year and Namuamidabutsu.  
Humbly in Gassho,

"How Joyful! I plant my mind in Buddha's earth of boundless compassion; I let my contriving thoughts flow into the incomprehensible Dharma sea. I become profoundly aware of the Tathagata's compassion and venerate the warm benevolence of the teachings of the Masters.

My joy increases; my feelings of indebtedness grows more profound."

Shinran Shonin

**NY Message From LHM President Carol Valentine**

Welcome to 2020! One more year gone by and another one ahead of us.

Time goes so quickly. Remember 1999 when the world feared that everything would come crashing down as the computers switched from 1999 to 2000? Remember what happened? Nothing, absolutely nothing. But I do remember the dire predictions of those who thought the world would end as the clock struck midnight.

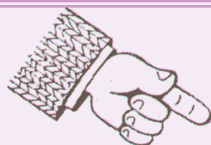
When I think of those doomsday predictions I am reminded of the story of Chicken Little who ran around saying "The sky is falling, the sky is falling" simply because he had an acorn fall from a tree onto his head. Here it would have been a macadamia nut but it still would have been nothing to panic about.

You may have noticed today that there were only 9 people who were sworn in to the new board for 2020, instead of the usual 25. You may even be asking "What is happening?"

The truth is, as we know from Buddhism, impermanence in action. A new idea is being tried for 2020 and 2021, a reorganization of Board structure and Committees. There are fewer people on the board but more power and authority is being given to all of the committees which really are responsible for the running of the temple, from the services to the maintenance and repairs. The committees will have the ability to make decisions, always with the thought of being good stewards of our members' money, for all of the needed expenditures required for maintaining or renovating our temple. We all want our temple to be here long after we are gone, for many more generations to enjoy and benefit from the Dharma.

We want to insure the growth of our temple, with a connection to our past and a look to our future. For this, we will need to be focused on present day. As Buddha said, we need to be in the present.

As we walk into this New Year, remember that change does not equal bad, it is only different. The sky is not falling. Walk with us as we change and make our temple even better and more accessible. Thank you in advance, from me, the Board and all of the Committees. Please think of helping with the committees in any way you can. Small deeds do truly make a big difference.

**LHM Board of Directors for 2020**

President	Carol Valentine
Immediate Past President	Gail Shibuya
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V.P. Facilities	Roy Tanaka
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Secretary	Jimmy Yamamoto
Assistant Secretary	Lori Koga
Minister/Adviser	Shaku Kaufmann



## BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

As I mentioned last month, as Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, we will for the next five years focus on the Sangha. A Sangha that is nurtured by the Buddha-Dharma.

Today, let me share wise and insightful guidance that we receive from our Teachings which explains to us how the Sangha can grow. In the book, "The Teaching of Buddha," it emphasizes the importance of sincerity of thoughts, words and actions and harmony in/of the Sangha.

Further it shares "There are two sets of seven rules to be followed if the Sangha is to be a success. The first is, as a group: (1) they should gather together frequently to listen to the teachings and to discuss them; (2) they should mingle freely and respect one another; (3) they should revere the teachings and respect the rules and not change them; (4) elder and younger members are to treat each other with courtesy; (5) they should let sincerity and reverence mark their bearing; (6) they should purify their minds in a quiet place which they should, nevertheless, offer to others before taking it for themselves; (7) they should love all people, treat visitors cordially, and console the sick with kindness. A Sangha that follows these rules will never decline.

The second is, individually each should: (1) maintain a pure spirit and not ask for too many things; (2) maintain integrity and remove all greed; (3) be patient and not argue; (4) keep silent and not talk idly; (5) submit to the regulations and not be overbearing; (6) maintain an even mind and not follow different teachings; and (7) be thrifty and frugal in daily living. If its members follow these rules, the Sangha will endure and never decline."

Another important Teaching is, in the words of His Eminence Koshin Ohtani, Monshu (Spiritual Leader) Emeritus found in his book "The Buddha's Wish for the World," what is referred to as "the seven gifts that require no possessions." The seven gifts are:

- 1-The gift of gentle eyes, looking at others kindly.
- 2-The gift of a smile and kind expressions.
- 3-The gift of words, speaking kindly to others.
- 4-The gift of the physical body. Acting properly yourself, and treating others with respect.
- 5-The gift of heart, touching others with a heart full of love.
- 6-The gift of a resting place, offering a place to sit and rest.
- 7-The gift of shelter and lodging, providing others with a room or a warm place to stay."

As the Sangha at our temples and in our individual lives as Buddhists, let us see how we might try to do or make manifest some of what is mentioned above in our lives and at temple including programs and projects. As His Eminence continues to say that as a bonbu or "foolish being, "Of course, we cannot live the way the Buddha did. However, we can emulate the Buddha. When we do so, we can better appreciate what a truly wonderful heart the Buddha must have had in order to accomplish what he did."

In Shin Buddhism, we aspire in grateful response to Amida Buddha's Great Unconditional Compassion which embraces this imperfect me just as I am, fully acknowledging my limitations including the fact that I am, many times, directly or indirectly and totally or partially, a cause and/or condition of others' and/or my own suffering. In all of Buddhism, the goal is not to be a cause, condition and/or result of ignorance and suffering and realize true liberation or freedom which is Nirvana or as we would say in Jodo Shinshu attain birth in the Pure Land of Enlightenment.

As the Old Year draws to a close, let us deeply reflect so that we start the New Year with new aspirations. I encourage everyone and ask that you to encourage those closes to you to visit your Hongwanji Temple for New Year's Eve Service and/or New Year's Day Service. Have a peaceful and meaningful New Year!

Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing

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Compassion (Amida Buddha, the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light).

#### **45th ANNUAL LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAII RECOGNITION**

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will honor the following individuals as the 2020 Living Treasures of Hawai'i™ in recognition of their personal and professional achievements and their contributions to the community. We welcome you to celebrate this honor with them. Registration form is attached.

- Robert Uluwehi Cazimero
- Larry L. Kimura, Ph. D
- Carolee Mei-Jen Kapuamae'ole Nishi
- Sachie Saigusa

Date: Saturday, February 8, 2020

Place: Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom

Time: 11:00 AM Registration, 12:00 PM Lunch and Program

Attire: Aloha

Cost: Early registration - \$85.00 for payments received by January 24, 2020

Late registration - \$100.00 for payments between January 25 – January 31, 2020

(Reservations will NOT be accepted after January 31, 2020 or if maximum capacity is reached)

#### **HAWAII BETSUIN HOSTS MARY FOSTER REMEMBRANCE AND APPRECIATION SERVICE**

On Sunday, December 15, Hawaii Betsuin and Maha Bodhi Hawaii presented a service at Hawaii Betsuin to remember and appreciate the contributions of Mary Elizabeth Mikahala Robinson Foster to Buddhism in Hawaii, Sri Lanka and India.

The service opened with a welcome and introductory remarks by emcee Dexter Mar, president of the Hawaii Betsuin Board of Directors. Following an oli offered by kumu hula Lehua Matsuoka, a Bodhi tree sapling was unveiled on the temple altar. The tree was a gift of the Venerable Dhammamuni Mahathero of Wat

Dhammavihara of Waianae, who offered a chant in Pali. Pacific Buddhist Academy Head of School, Josh Hernandez Morse, and two PBA students led the sangha in the Vandana and Ti-Sarana. Bishop Eric Matsumoto and the Venerable Ayya M. Vimala each offered remarks from the podium. The Bishop's message emphasized the many ways Mary Foster provided support and assistance to Buddhists and Honpa Hongwanji in Hawaii, beginning as early as 1899. Ayya M. Vimala, founder of Maha Bodhi Hawaii, spoke about Mary Foster's friendship with Anagarika Dharmapala and support for his projects. Ayya Vimala also described her own efforts to make known Mary Foster's contributions to Buddhism. The service closed with the singing of "The Bodhi Tree" gatha and the Nembutsu.

Mary Foster died in 1930. Bishop Matsumoto noted that sources indicate Mary Foster requested a Buddhist funeral before she died, which, had it occurred, would likely have been conducted by the Rev. Ernest Hunt at Hawaii Betsuin. Such a funeral did not occur as Mary Foster did not put her request into writing. Bishop said, It is, now, today, 90 memorial years later, that... Mary Elizabeth Mikahala Robinson Foster's wish has come true as we hold this Remembrance Service to honor and express our gratitude to her. Today is long overdue, but it is finally here! Thank you to all of you, for being here today.

Bishop Matsumoto's message is available on the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii website:

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/message/mary-foster-remembrance-service-121519/>

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

### Bodhi Day

Bodhi Day was observed at the Kapa'a Jodo Mission on December 8.

The message was presented by Lama Tashi Dundrop of the Kauai Dharma Center (center in the photo)

It was a beautiful service followed by a luncheon in the Kapa'a Jodo Mission Social Hall.



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

[www.lihuehongwanjimission.com](http://www.lihuehongwanjimission.com)

## Choral Fest 2020

September 26-27, 2020

Hawaii Betsuin

1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu

Conductor: Nola Nahulu



Deadline to Register is April 30, 2020

Registration Fee is \$30

For more information call Gladys Fujiuchi at 651-2108

or go to <https://www.lihuehongwanjimission.com/honpa-hongwanji-information/choral-fest/>

# LHM Asian Blend 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. Once again we are using our Asian theme so we would hope to receive items like Hapi coats, children's Kimono, Obi, Kimono, oriental dishes that can be sold separately, etc.

**Please Note:** Due to lack of table space, donation of large items such as child car seats, TV's, portable cribs, etc. is discouraged.



Please contact Morton Yamasaki at 651-3797 from Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> till Bazaar day to schedule a time to meet at the church or to pick up the items. Please, **DO NOT** drop things off without notice.



## THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the men and women who meet every Friday morning to clean the temple and the temple grounds. These are the people who give of their time and effort every week to be sure we have the beautiful temple we have. We are all most grateful.

Hoshakai could also use more hands to help with light cleaning of the temple and temple grounds.

Coming in the mail soon! Your 2020 pledge form!

Please return the 2020 Pledge Form with your first dues payment.



# New Year's Party

# 120th LHM Anniversary

## Join Us for a Celebration

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



Come help us celebrate on  
Sunday February 9, 2020  
The fun begins at 11:00 am.



Please **RSVP** by January 31 by calling the LHM office  
at 245-6262.

If you prefer email, please send your RSVP to  
[lhnews@yahoo.com](mailto:lhnews@yahoo.com)

**Need Transportation?**  
**Call 245-6262**

### Cost:

Adults (members) - Free  
Guests of members—\$17

Donations of prizes is greatly appreciated.





## LHWA NEWS

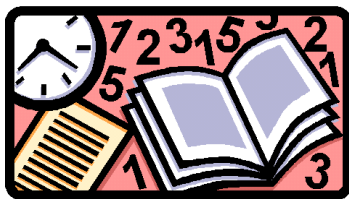
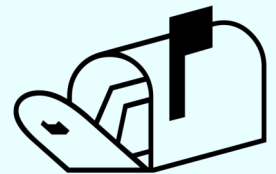
### New Members Welcome

**LHWA**  
**Installation of Officers 2020**  
 Sunday January 12

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!



Be on the lookout. Your 2020 calendars will be arriving soon.



To all Lihu'e Hongwanji members:

If you would like a copy of your ledger of 2019 donations, please contact the office clerk, Amy Yamada (245-6262), on week days during office hours, between 9 am - noon, to request that it be mailed to you. You may also pick it up during those hours. If you plan to pick it up, please call in advance to be sure it is ready.

**Deadline for request is January 31, 2020.**

## **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 – 11:00 AM

**BE AWARE**  
**BE PREPARED**

*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.

Dear LHM Members and Affiliates.



I would like to thank all the affiliate organizations, non-members and members of LHM for helping with the annual general cleanup on Sunday December 15, 2019. Because of your hard work in the cleanup of the temple, buildings and grounds we can now welcome in the New Year.

Lihue Hongwanji Mission appreciates all the help given.

Thank you,  
Glenn Shibuya, Cleanup Chairman

For photos of Clean-up Sunday, please go to <https://www.lihuehongwanjimission.com/activities-organizations/annual-church-cleanup/>

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 Ronald Uyesono  
Francine Uyesono  
In memory of Irene Shimokawa  
Wesley & Marcia Shimokawa

**7 DAY SERVICE DONATION:**

In memory of Ronald Uyesono  
Francine Uyesono  
In memory of Irene Shimokawa  
Wesley & Marcia Shimokawa

**INURNMENT & SERVICE DONATION:**

In memory of Ronald Uyesono  
Francine Uyesono  
In memory of Irene Shimokawa  
Wesley & Marcia Shimokawa

**MEMORIAL SERVICE DONATION:**

In memory of Yukotoshi Inouye (1 Yr.)  
Barbara Ichimasa & Family  
In memory of Charles Niitani  
Janet Niitani & Family  
In memory of Irene Shimokawa  
Dennis & Carlina Muffly

**COLUMBARIUM DONATION:**

In memory of Sanji & Kimiko Fujii  
David & Karen Fujii  
In memory of George & Elsie Toyofuku  
Guy & Lori Toyofuku (2)  
In memory of Irene Shimokawa  
Steven & Susan Okikawa  
In memory of Mamoru Yamada  
Amy Yamada & Family  
In memory of Seichi, Mitsuko & Akiko Higuchi  
Amy Yamada  
In memory of Kenneth Higuchi  
Amy Yamada  
In memory of Bessie Sasaki  
Amy Yamada  
In memory of Shigeru Kurashige  
Hiroko Kurashige  
Anonymous

**SOCIAL CONCERN DONATION:**

Gladys Fujiuchi  
Amy Yamada  
Kenneth & Lynette Mizuo  
Robert & Karen Nishimoto  
Glenn & Gail Shibuya  
Michiko Yamamoto

**SPECIAL DONATION:**

Roy & Carol Fujioka (2)  
Gladys Fujiuchi (30 Seattle Gatha Books)

**EITAIKYO SERVICE DONATION:**

Helen Tomita  
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Setsuo Ushio  
Glenn Shibuya  
Rowena Yamada  
Morton Yamasaki  
Akiyo Matsuyama  
Winston Ogata  
Michiko Yamamoto  
Violet Tsuchiyama  
Tom Kajiware  
Janet Niitani

*Thank  
You*

**AUTUMN HIGAN DONATION:**

Tom Kajiware





### *With Deepest Sympathy*

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

The late Ronald Uyesono who passed away on November 9 at the age of 72 years.

The late Irene Shimokawa who passed away on November 11 at the age of 62 years.

The late Carolyn Nii who passed away on November 24 at the age of 71 years.



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

### **JANUARY–FEBRUARY**

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of January and February. 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—2019**

2019 NONE

#### **3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2018**

2018 January 19 Yoshiko Tamura

#### **7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2014**

2014 NONE

#### **13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2008**

2008 January 17 Kimie Matsuyoshi

2008 January 18 Chieko Takeuchi

2008 January 22 Legs Hideo Ibe

#### **17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2004**

2004 January 12 Alvin Masaru Yoshida

2004 January 19 Satoru Tada

#### **25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1996**

1996 January 11 Yoshinobu Toda

1996 February 26 Haruo Iwamoto

#### **33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1988**

1988 January 5 Yoshino Ota

1988 January 20 Kiyochi Hirota

1988 February 3 Taketo Yokota

1988 February 16 Kazue Tokunaga

#### **50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1971**

1971 January 27 Kimie Yoshinaka

1971 January 31 Shigemi Kashima

1971 January 31 Wanda Harumi Higuchi

1971 February 1 Haruji Soma

1971 February 11 Sakujiro Sora

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**Hoonko Service**  
Memorial for Shinran Shonin  
Sunday January 19 at 9:00 am



**Join Us for a Celebration**  
Annual LHM New Year Party  
plus a special 120th LHM anniversary celebration.  
Sunday February 9, 2020  
The fun begins at 11:00 am.  
See page 13 for more information.

