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What is Social Distancing and Why is it Important?



"Wash your hands and keep your distance."

Those are two of the best tools we have right now to slow the spread of coronavirus around the U.S., according to federal health officials.

The strategy has arisen largely from the coronavirus's long incubation period: the time between exposure to infection and when infection symptoms appear. People start to feel sick five to 12 days after they've been infected, according to a study issued by Johns Hopkins University on March 9. However, it's still not clear when infected people can infect others.

Preliminary research suggests those with the virus can unknowingly infect others before symptoms appear, some as soon as two days after infection. Patients are able to spread the infection until they recover.

What is Social Distancing?

Social distancing is different from being quarantined or isolated. While the latter two contain the spread, social distancing is a tool of intervention and mitigation, a way of reducing the viral impact on society by limited personal contact. The measure is aimed at trying to cut down the amount of virus spreading around, and ultimately protect those most vulnerable, including the elderly and people with weakened immune systems. As some have said, "It's not about you; it's about the people you will infect."

Social distancing is a routine of avoiding crowds, public gatherings, or any place you closely or frequently encounter large groups of people. Social distancing can be done in different ways, depending on how many people in the community are sick. Social distancing methods include:

- closing schools, restaurants, shops, movie theaters, and other places where people gather
- not getting together in person with friends
- not going to stores unless it is necessary
- working from home
- not taking public transportation, including buses, taxis, and rideshares

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Calendar of Events

APRIL 2020 **ALL SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL**
Please see pages 6-7 for complete information

Sun	5	9:30 AM	Buddha Day Service (Hanamatsuri) Joint service with the Kauai Buddhist Council Location: Garden Isle Mortuary (Lawai)
Thur	9	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	12	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Sun	19	9:30 AM	Eshinni / Kakushinni Memorial Service KUHBWA Joint Service Speaker: Mrs. Lois Toyama Location: LHM
Sun	26	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

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Sun	3	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Sun	10	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Mother's Day
Thur	14	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	17	9:00 AM	Gotan-e Service
Sun	24	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	31	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

Pickleball **CANCELLED**

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.

Please remember to check our website for on-going information concerning Coronavirus (COVID-19) updates and schedule updates for LHM schedules.

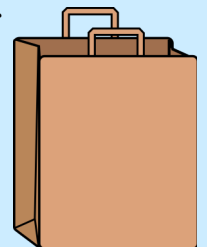
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Visitation Schedule

All visitations to care facilities are cancelled until further notice.

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.

If you need help with shopping or know of a member who is need because of age or health issues, please call the temple office at 245-6262. Leave a message if no one is available. Please be sure to leave your name and a phone number where you can be reached. We will help as we can as soon as possible. Mahalo.



Here and Now

Shaku Sho Ju

I am heartened by the responses of our local government leaders and most of the public during this time of crisis. Bishop Matsumoto has been at the forefront of this situation and has put out three letters concerning preventative measures that can be taken and other information regarding operations.

Our Sangha members and those of other temples are announcing cancellations of our beloved activities such as the Bon Dance Season and our weekly services. This is unavoidable and is being done for the protection of our Sanghas and our communities throughout our beloved home of Hawaii.

It will be necessary to change the way we do things here. It won't be easy, we are a physical culture but we must find new ways of expressing our Aloha to each other, no less sincerely than we have in the past.

I am confident that you have seen and understand and are using the preventative measures that have been publicized. There is also "social distancing" which is encouraged, a 3 to 6 foot distance between each other. I realize that this will be difficult given the nature of our Hawaiian culture of embracing each other, but for now we must adapt to the realities of this crisis.

How long will it be? No one knows just now, but the situation will change, we just do not know when. The whole world is working on a vaccine to combat the effects of this virus but of course, it will take time to develop such a vaccine.

I have heard that the country of England is offering a reward for any young healthy people to come to England, free of charge, to be injected with the virus in order to develop a vaccine. Young healthy persons have a much higher chance of survival.

There is also news that the number of infected in China at the source of the virus has not grown. This is good news.

There is a myriad of information about the virus and preventative measures to be taken against. This will continue as time goes by and more is learned about the virus but please be cautious as to the source of the information as there has been some unreliable and misinformed information going around.

Rev. Kiyohara over on Maui at Makawao Hongwanji Mission has made available a poster he created on the computer. It shows a rainbow wisteria crest with the words below it that say "Stay calm and say Namoamidabutsu". This of course is to help prevent panic. As Shin Buddhists it is very good advice. Living in the now, as we strive to do, the virus is a fact of life for all of us today and we shall do what is necessary to protect from, and prevent, the spread of this virus even if it means making changes to our life styles.

In closing I would like to relate something about social distancing said by a world famous chef in the United States who was named the 2018 Humanitarian of the Year by the James Beard Foundation.. His name is Jose' Andre's. Mr. Andres has a number of restaurants from which he helped many people in difficult situations such as the hurricane victims in Puerto Rico and at other such events. His generosity and compassion is well known. Mr. Andres, given the present situation, has closed his restaurants and is converting them into kitchens in order to be able to feed those in need. He was quoted as saying "In this moment, loving each other means staying away from each other."

Namoamidabutsu.

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If you have to go out, make sure you are at least 6 feet away from other people. Viruses can spread when someone sneezes or coughs out tiny droplets.

Why 6 feet?

Experts believe the virus is mainly spread through droplets that come out of your mouth and nose. When an infected person speaks or exhales or coughs or sneezes, the droplets travel about 3 to 6 feet (1 to 2 meters) before gravity pulls them to the ground.

"They fall pretty quickly," said Dr. Jill Weatherhead, an infectious disease expert at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

It's important to try to block coughs or sneezes with a tissue, your sleeve or in your elbow, so as to not send those droplets flying directly toward someone nearby. It is better practice to sneeze or cough in your elbow instead of your hand so you don't touch anything with your hand after you cough.

Can I leave my house?

It's O.K. to go outdoors. The point is not to remain indoors, but to avoid being in close contact with others. When you do leave your home, wipe down any surfaces you come into contact with, avoid touching your face and frequently wash your hands.

People who are sick, whether with Coronavirus or a cold, should stay home as much as possible, and call ahead to the doctor's office if they're planning to get their illness checked out.

Can I go to the grocery store?

It's necessary to buy food, but try to go to the grocery store at times when it's less crowded, stay 6 feet away from other shoppers as much as you can, and wash your hands thoroughly when you get home. Be aware that any surface inside the store may be contaminated, especially the handle of the cart. Buy as much as you can at a time, without over-buying, to minimize the number of trips you need to take.

Can I exercise?

Exercise is important, but maybe skip games of basketball or other activities that put you in close physical contact with others. If possible, cut back on the gym and go for jogs, walks or bike rides instead, keeping the safe distance in mind, experts said.

Can kids still get together with friends?

For now, people should not go to places like movie theaters or restaurants, or to group events, sports activities, and even playdates.

Being away from friends, extended family, and social activities can be hard on teens and kids. To help them stay connected, you might set up FaceTime or Skype visits or playdates. You also can plan family activities. Taking a walk or a hike or riding bikes are great ways to get out and get active without having physical contact. If you go to parks, keep kids off of communal equipment (stuff that lots of kids use, like jungle gyms). If people do come into your home, make sure that everyone washes their hands when they arrive and leave. Also, clean surfaces that get touched a lot (like doorknobs) before and after visits.

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What about social gatherings?

The CDC has issued a new recommendation that for the next eight weeks. Businesses, churches, restaurants and organizers are asked to put off events that would draw at least 10 people.

You can still be social

The official phrase is "social distancing," but it can help to think of it as "physical distancing" instead. We can still be social, just in different ways. Take advantage of social media and video apps to support each other, laugh together, and take care of each other until the virus is under control.

Physical distancing and social solidarity

Social solidarity is the interdependence between individuals and across groups. Solidarity motivates us to promote public health, not just our own personal security. It keeps us from hoarding medicine, toughing out a cold in the workplace or sending a sick child to school.

Will social distancing work?

It will be tricky to prove these measures made a difference. Testing for the coronavirus was delayed in the U.S., but it is now starting to become more widely available. That means a lot of new cases may be diagnosed in the coming days, as labs finally find infections that happened weeks ago.

"We're going to see increasing (case) numbers, and that's going to be frustrating to people who are doing social distancing. But that doesn't mean social distancing isn't working,"

How long will we need to practice social distancing?

This is a big unknown, experts have said. A lot will depend on how well the social distancing measures in place work and how much we can slow the pandemic down. Be prepared to continue social distancing for at least a month and possibly much longer.

Be mindful and safe:
instead of a handshake, a gassho
(palms together)!



The sacred in me
acknowledges the sacred
in you.

From articles in the New York Times and Associated Press (subject to change/verification)

CHORALFEST 2020

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's Choralfest 2020 will be held this year on September 26 and 27 at Hawaii Betsuin. This is the eighth such event since 2005. If you wish to participate as one of upwards of 150 singers in the festival choir, please register with your temple office by April 30. For a small fee of \$30, you will receive in May a booklet of choral gathas, a practice CD with which to learn your vocal parts over the summer, all meals at the two-day event, and the chance to sing with friends under the guidance of one of Hawaii's top choral directors, Nola Nahulu, who is also the esteemed conductor of the Hawaii Opera Chorus.

For more information call Gladys Fujiuchi at 651-2108

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



Suspension of Services and Activities at Lihue Hongwanji

Aloha

With an abundance of caution and in thoughtful consideration of the health and well-being of our members, visitors, and the greater community of Kauai, Lihue Hongwanji Mission is suspending all Sunday services and activities at our temple through March and April.

This includes:

- April 5 Buddha Day/Hanamatsuri (Kauai Buddhist Council) Service at Garden Island Mortuary Chapel
- April 19 Eshinni & Kakushinni Service at Lihue Hongwanji with guest speaker Mrs. Lois Toyama

The following affiliated organizations will suspend use of Temple facilities:

- Lihue Kendo Club
- Lihue Aiki-Kai
- Scouts
- Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko practice
- Pickleball
- LHWA meetings

The LHM Preschool will follow Hawaii Department of Education guidelines; closed through March 27 for now. Please note: ***There has been an extension by DOE and the LHM Preschool, with school resuming on April 7.***

The following will remain in place as possible.

- The Columbarium will remain open daily as normal. Hand sanitizer will be available in the minister's office and visitors are strongly encouraged to practice social distancing (remain six feet apart).
- The temple doors will remain closed but can be opened by Shaku Kaufmann on request. Please use available hand sanitizer in the minister's office and practice social distancing.
- Bedside, end-of-life visitations, as allowed by the facility
- Memorial services previously scheduled
- Funeral services, as needed
- Ministerial counseling as needed

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shaku Kaufmann at the temple office (808) 245-6262, the parsonage (808) 245-4543, emergency cell number (808) 384-7521 or via email at hawaiisensei@yahoo.com

Please help each other and stay in touch, especially with those who may not have email or internet or have family on-island. We also add a caution to maintain “social distancing” as the new norm in any situation. If you know of anyone, especially our Kupuna, in need of help with shopping or getting to an appointment, please do not hesitate to contact the LHM office.

Please continue to check on the LHM website for updated information as it becomes available: www.lihuehongwanjimission.com

Beginning on Sunday March 22, 2020, as a State Ministers Association endeavor, with the assistance of Hawaii Betsuin, each Sunday there will be a live stream of a Sunday Service with a Dharma Message which will later be posted as a YouTube video. We will let you know specifics as we know them.

We hope everyone stays safe and healthy during this difficult and chaotic time. Please keep the Nembutsu close to heart and mind as nothing can affect the wisdom and compassion of Amida or the working of his vow. Namo Amida Butsu

Thank you all for your patience. This is truly an example of impermanence and interdependence in real life.

Carol Valentine
President
Shaku Arthur Kaufmann
Resident Minister

Please note that all information is subject to change, based on updated information.

Continue to check in with family & friends and the LHM website: www.lihuehongwanjimission.com

IRS TAX EXTENSIONS

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin announced that IRS tax day will be **delayed from April 15 to July 15**. All taxpayers and businesses will have this additional time to file and make payments without interest or penalties. What remains unchanged after Friday's announcement is that **taxpayers who expect a refund can file right now and get their payments once the return is processed.**

No information on Hawaii tax extension currently.

Hawaii tax deadline currently remains April 20.

LIVE STREAMING INVITATION LETTER

FROM HAWAII HONPA HONGWANJI MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION

From Rev. Yuika Hasebe, Chair of State Ministers Association

Dear Family and Friends of the Hongwanji Sangha,

The State Ministers' Association endeavors to find new ways to keep sharing the Dharma. As a result, we would like to introduce Live Streaming of Sunday Services through the Hongwanji YouTube channel and HHMH website. (Videos will be available live as well as later on).

Please access the links below:

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii YouTube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDuOZdicW9mWq_DNlf19Pyg

Or the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii website

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/>

The schedule of speakers is as follows:

3/22	10AM	Bishop Eric Matsumoto (HQ)
3/29	10AM	Rev. Kazunori Takahashi (HQ)
4/5	10AM	Rev. Jeffrey Soga (Waipahu Hongwanji & Waianae Hongwanji)
4/12	10AM	Rev. David Fujimoto (Mililani Hongwanji & Ewa Hongwanji)
4/19	10AM	Rev. Shawn Yagi (Aiea Hongwanji)
4/26	10AM	Rev. Kojun Hashimoto (Wahiawa Hongwanji & Waialua Hongwanji)
5/3	10AM	Rev. Sol Kalu (Hawaii Betsuin)
5/10	10AM	Rimban Toyokazu Hagio (Hawaii Betsuin)

(Speakers are subject to change)

Please visit our YouTube channel and subscribe to it to continue receiving updates and notifications of new videos!

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDuOZdicW9mWq_DNlf19Pyg

Please see pages 9 and 10 for the words to Gassho to Amida and the Golden Chain of Love

1. Leader:

Namo Amida Butsu

Everyone:

I recite Amida's Name.

With deep joy and gratitude,

I gassho to Amida.

2. Trees and grasses and flowers

All grow in Great Compassion.

This Light shines throughout the world.

I gassho to Amida.

3. Flowers bloom and flowers fall;

From the seeds sprout new flowers;

This is the Truth unchanging.

I gassho to Amida.

4. Springtime brings the happy birds,

Their songs all praise Amida;

I join them in Nembutsu.

I gassho to Amida.

5. When I call Amida's Name

It's Amida calling me;

Buddha's voice, my voice are one.

I gassho to Amida.

6. When I'm lonely I recite

Namo Amida Butsu,

Then I feel Great Compassion.

I gassho to Amida.

7. Nembutsu in work and play,

Every day with Amida,

Every moment filled with Light.

I gassho to Amida.

8. Remember the Golden Chain,

"Kindness to all living things."

I will follow this teaching.

I gassho to Amida.

9. In the clear bright morning sun,

In the fading light of day,

In the darkness of the night,

I gassho to Amida.

10. Namu Amida Butsu

I live in Great Compassion.

This great power guides my life.

I gassho to Amida.

Nembutsu**Leader:**

NA MAN DA BU

Everyone:

NA MAN DA BU

NA MAN DA BU

NA MAN DA BU

NA MAN DA BU

NA MAN DA BU

Ekōku**Leader:**

The virtue of Amida's Vow

Everyone:

Is shared equally by all;

Together attaining Awakened Mind,

We are born in the Land of Peace.

**Golden Chain of Love
and Reflections by Dr. Benjamin Bruch**

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DHARMA WHEEL

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I am a link
in Amida Buddha's Golden Chain of Love
that stretches around the world.

I must keep my link bright
and strong.

I will try to be kind and gentle to every
living thing

and protect all who are weaker than
myself.

I will try to think pure and beautiful
thoughts,

to say pure and beautiful words,

and to do pure and beautiful deeds,

knowing that on what I do now
depends not only my happiness or
unhappiness
but also that of others.

May every link in Amida's Golden Chain
of Love
be bright and strong
and may we all attain
perfect peace.

Everyone is interconnected.

Everyone is equally deserving of love and care,
and our compassion must reach out to embrace all
life, everywhere.

I will reach for courage and resilience when times
are dark.

I will do what I can to protect my own health, to stay
safe, and to provide for those who depend on me.

I will be considerate of others' needs, take only my
fair share, and be a good steward of resources and
of the environment.

I will follow precautions like social distancing so that
I can protect those in my community who are most
at risk. I will make sure that our society respects
and provides for those who are less privileged than
I am.

I will encourage my mind to focus on finding practi-
cal solutions, even on a small scale, and release
anxiety about events outside my control.

I will look for ways to support and encourage others
in challenging times. I will share helpful and accu-
rate information with my community, and offer com-
fort and compassion to myself and to all who feel
anger, frustration, or fear.

I will seek ways to take actions that benefit others,
even if that means staying home.

I will make these choices because everything I
choose to do today
will affect my future journey through this life,
and will also affect the health and well-being of my
family, my community, humanity, and the Earth.

Let us work together to help all beings
be comforted, calm, safe, and well,
so that we can build a world
governed by peace, compassion, and respect for
all.

The reflection, by Dr. Benjamin Bruch, is written as a parallel text for the "Golden Chain of Love." He has graciously shared it with the Hongwanji community, crediting his colleague Trelawney Grenfell-Muir for her invaluable input. Mahalo to Dr. Ben for sharing his deep reflection. May it enhance our appreciation of the "Golden Chain of Love" and the strength and guidance we can draw from this beloved gatha in challenging times.

BISHOP'S CORNER

Do not be overwhelmed by fear and isolation!
Go to the Buddha-Dharma for Guidance and Assurance!

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

As we, as individuals, our families, our local communities, our Nation, and the World grapple with COVID-19, let us, affirmatively and positively, do what we can to help curb its spread and the suffering caused by it. Please keep yourselves updated on the recommendations and advisories that are being issued by governmental and health care agencies which are trying their very best in battling the Coronavirus, but they need our help too.

In this respect, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii has directed all its temples and affiliated organizations connected with HHMH to, for the time being as much as possible, curtail temple services and activities which require people to gather, out of consideration for the health and well-being of one and all, but especially our elderly who comprise a large portion of our membership for the greater cause of stopping the spread of the Coronavirus. May we avail ourselves to the Wisdom of the Dharma and keep in mind the interconnectedness and interrelatedness of all people and all things. What we each do matters for all of us!

However, the battle being fought is not only external. There is also an internal battle or struggle that we should be aware of that is also taking place. This battle/struggle is also

complex. For any living being, self-preservation is a basic instinct, but being a human being, we also have the ability to live not only by instinct, but also by reason and learned and/or nurtured behaviors. As we think of our own health, let us also consider the well-being of others. Though it may be challenging for me as a (bonbu) "spiritually, foolish being" let us think of how we might be able to mutually benefit and help each other especially in these difficult times. Let us be motivated by our gratitude for the Unconditional Compassion of Amida Buddha. Please remember that Amida Buddha, the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light, no matter where we are is always with us! Thus, it is said that, this is why this Buddha's name is "Amida," who "embraces never to forsake." So, please do not feel and think you are all alone. The Buddha, as Namo Amida Butsu [The-Buddha's-Name-Which-Calls-Us (to entrust)], is always with us at every moment!

As I offer my well-wishes to you and offer my condolences to those who have lost dear family members and friends, may I finally share that Wisdom guides Compassion and Compassion fulfills Wisdom. In these challenging times, may we go to the Wisdom and Compassion of Enlightenment for guidance and assurance. Namo Amida Buddha/ Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion [The-Buddha's-Name-Which-I-Call (in gratitude.)]

In gassho,

Eric Matsumoto, Bishop

DIRECTIVES & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII HEADQUARTERS

The Centers for Disease Control on March 15, 2020 has revised their guidelines for community and faith-based organizations.

<https://www.cdc.gov>

If there is minimal or moderate spread in your community:

- Alert! Starting 3/15 and for 8 weeks, CDC recommends all events of 50+ people be cancelled or held virtually.
- For organizations that serve people who are at higher risk of serious COVID-19 illness, cancel events for groups of 10 people or more.

Based on these recommendations Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Headquarters has decided on the following matters effective immediately:

- Cancel or postpone the following until after May 15, 2020:
 - Sunday Services
 - Memorial Services
 - Cultural activities
 - Community organizational gatherings/meetings
 - Religious education classes (except online classes)
 - Nursing home group visits, including monthly services
 - HHMH affiliated organizations such as JYBA, BWA, etc., meetings/gatherings (on-line meetings are permissible)

Continue the following:

- Bedside / Makuragyo services
- Small (less than 10) end of life services

Funeral services

- Contact family if they can postpone until after May 15, 2020
- If the funeral service can't be postponed, Headquarters recommends to minimize social contact and maintain social distance to prevent the spread of COVID-19
- Japanese Language Schools, Preschools, Hongwanji Mission School, Pacific Buddhist Academy and other schools which may be renting or borrowing temple facilities should follow DOE guidelines.
- Elder Adult Care Programs at Temples will have to decide their course of action at the temple level.
- All Hawaii Kyodan Committees and Task Forces are to have online meetings using GoTo Meetings for the remainder of the year. Primary is the safety of committee members, but there are also other factors influencing this decision. If there is an important need for a face-to-face meeting by your group, please contact HQ and especially Derrick Inouye, way in advance, to discuss the matter.
- Except for emergency or urgent situations, HQ will suspend all air travel. All affiliated organizations of HHMH, state committees

and task forces are requested to do the same. For example, please find speakers and human resources in your own respective districts so individuals including ministers do not have to travel interisland. Please consider using audio-visual technology or pre-recorded messages.

- After the March 20th Webinar on Employment Law regarding COVID-19, we will summarize procedures and policies and inform all Active Ministers and Temple Presidents on what happens if a minister or lay employee becomes ill or needs to be quarantined and thus cannot work. For temples which also have lay employees it is recommended that someone participate, first hand, in the webinar to get information. Information has been sent out regarding the webinar.

Ministers especially, but to all Dharma Educators, please provide guidance to temple members and possibly even your larger community by sharing Dharma insights during this time of heightened crisis and fear being experienced. To aid in this effort, starting Sunday, March 22, 2020, as a State Ministers Association endeavor, with the assistance of Hawaii Betsuin, each Sunday there will be a live stream of a Sunday Service with a Dharma Message which will later be posted on a YouTube Video too. **Please see page 8 in the LHM newsletter for the scheduled Dharma Messages.**

Best practices for everyone, including clergy:

- Stay home if you're sick
- Clean your hands often
- Avoid close contact
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Wear facemask if you are sick
- Clean and disinfect
- Social Distancing and good air circulation

The situation with COVID-19 is so fluid that matters could change anytime and very rapidly. Ministers and temple leaders, please use your best judgement.

Let us be safe, but not full of fear. Let us go to the Buddha-Dharma for guidance.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop and Dr. Warren Tamamoto, President

March 16, 2020



Helpful tip: Reciting the "Golden Chain of Love" takes about 20 seconds, the CDC-recommended minimum time for washing your hands. Hands together!

—Wonderful idea from David Atcheson, Hawaii Betsuin board member and web volunteer

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



LHWA NEWS

New Members Welcome

Theme for 2020
Expand the Sangha

LHWA Meetings

All meetings will begin after service

Please continue to check back for information as the meeting dates may change.

June 7

Sept. 6

November 29

The Eshinni-Kakushinni Memorial Service scheduled for April 17 at LHM has been cancelled. Thank you for your understanding.

3 Sites for 'Grab-and-Go' Lunches

By [Dennis Fujimoto The Garden Island](#) | Sunday, March 22, 2020, 12:05 a.m.

LIHU'E — There will be three sites on Kaua'i where the Grab-and-Go Meals will be available, starting Monday March 23, according to a state Department of Education release. Waimea High School, Chiefess Kamakahalei Middle School and Kapa'a High School are among the 38 Hawai'i public schools providing breakfast and lunch to children who are 18 years or younger.

The youngsters will be able to stop by any of the designated schools to pick up a meal — either breakfast served from 7:30 to 8 a.m. or lunch served from 11:30 a.m. to noon. Adults who come to pick up a meal must be accompanied by their child.

“We realize that the extension of spring break for our keiki will cause disruption to our meal services,” said state Department of Education Kaua'i Complex Area Superintendent William “Bill” Arakaki. “Three of our Kaua'i Complex Area schools have been designated to provide free grab-and-go breakfast and lunch for children 18 or younger from public, charter, private and home schools.”

There will be no meals served on Thursday, March 26, Prince Kuhio Day.

For food safety, the breakfast meal must be consumed by 10 a.m., and the lunch meal must be consumed by 2 p.m.

There will be no personal interaction between DOE employees and the community. All meals will be placed in containers and located outside of the cafeteria. There will be no access to the cafeteria.

The DOE is implementing the seamless summer option program a few months earlier than scheduled, as approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Hawai'i Child Nutrition Programs.



Bon Dance Season 2020



A difficult decision was reached by the Kauai Buddhist Council after significant deliberation. Out of a compassion for our island and its people, the 2020 Bon

Dance season has been cancelled. This was not an easy decision and I know that many of us are both disappointed and relieved because it has been a concern. The Coronavirus is making many changes in our lives and this is one of them.

Although it was very difficult to come to this decision, this action shows we care for each other and give our full support for the containment of COVID-19 on Kauai. Feel free to share this information with others.

May you all stay healthy, safe and secure as we continue to overcome this virus.

Take care of yourselves and each other.



Be Aware-Coronavirus Scam



Scammers may use COVID-19 as an opportunity to prey on fears surrounding Coronavirus. They are taking advantage of emotions and urgency, so you'll send money, or share personal information. They are looking to steal your identity and commit fraud. These scams may use phone calls, emails, texts or social media posts. Some may even knock on your door. They might tell you they'll send you a Coronavirus test, masks, or other items in exchange for your Medicare number or personal information. Be wary of unsolicited requests for any personal information.

- Only open emails from a sender you know and trust. This goes for opening attachments and following links, too.
- Watch for emails claiming to be from government agencies saying they have information about the virus. For the most up-to-date information about the coronavirus, visit the websites of the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and [World Health Organization](#). And remember, government agencies, Medicare and health organizations will not ask you to wire money or share personal information over the phone or through email.
- Ignore incoming calls and texts from numbers you do not recognize. If you do answer, and it sounds like a scam, hang up immediately. Don't try to outsmart the bad guy by giving out wrong information. Just hang up.
- Don't share personal information, like passwords, credit card numbers, or bank account information over the phone, in an email or in a text. And do not send money to someone you do not really know.



As always, please check on information received and distributed to be sure it is reliable.

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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Thank you to Rev. Kerry Kiyohara,
Makawao Hongwanji, for this
thoughtful picture.



With Deepest Sympathy

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

The late Yoshiko Hayashi who passed away on February 6, 2020 at the age of 100 years.

MEMORIAL SERVICE (NENKI HOYO)

APRIL— MAY

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of April and May. 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	April 16	Janet Fujii
2019	April 21	Lilian Miyake
2019	May 11	Laura Hirokawa
2019	May 11	Shigeno Kuboyama

3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2018

2018	April 1	Julia Kunikiyo
2018	May 25	Richard Uchiyama

7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2014

2014 NONE

13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2008

2008	May 10	Annette Matsuko Kakutani
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17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2004

2004	April 7	Sadayo Nakai
2004	April 17	David Kanji Sasaki
2004	May 18	Masami Kuwamura

25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1996

1996	April 3	Kaoru Watada
1996	May 11	Harutoshi Hironaka

33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1988

1988 NONE

50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1971

1971	May 8	Ten Kuraoka
1971	May 9	Katsu Suemori

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cancelled through the month of April.**

**Services and activities will resume as soon as
safety and health allows.**

**Please follow on our website:
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Relay for Life

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April 25-26, 2020 at Hanapepe Stadium

There will continue to be on-going fundraising through the end of April.