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Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity and Openness

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Lessons from Coronavirus



At this point in Spring, we are usually busy with taking care of gardens, planting more flowers and vegetables, doing some spring cleaning and looking forward to the summer Bon Dance season with friends, food and fun.

Unfortunately, this year is very different from past years and certainly different than any I can recall in my lifetime. We all are very aware of the COVID-19 pandemic which has taken over "life as we know it" since mid-March. Initially many of us thought about it but might not have been as concerned as we are now. It has gone from a small number of infections, rising exponentially to a very real and very large number of cases in some areas of the United States. This has been a real-life lesson in impermanence, significantly more than we ever wanted to experience.

On March 15, Mayor Derek Kawakami closed Kauai parks and other county facilities and cancelled gathering of more than 10 people. Hawaii Governor David Ige issued a "stay at home, work from home" order which went into effect Wednesday March 26. On April 13 Mayor Kawakami issued an order for face masks to be required for all going in public. Since then many of us have learned to live our lives in a very different way. We are staying home, working from home if possible, cooking more, baking more (eating more) and watching more television. Social distancing has become the new normal and there's no telling when it will end. Between Social Distancing and wearing masks I think we are all missing the very real and emotionally reinforcing spirit of Aloha. Social Distancing requires that we stay 6 feet apart, even with friends. No hugs, no high fives, no fist bumps or elbow bumps allowed either since we would have to be closer than 6 feet.

We are also missing the smiles on the faces of the people around us, the ones we see in the grocery store or in Long's. We

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Calendar of Events

MAY 2020 **ALL SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES**
HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR THE MONTH OF
MAY

Please see pages 6-7 for updated information

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

JUNE 2020 **PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK BACK FOR**
UPDATES ON SERVICES SCHEDULE, AS INFORMATION
MAY CHANGE.

Sun	7	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Thur	11	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg.
Sun	14	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	21	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	28	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

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

www.lihuehongwanjmission.com

Pickleball CANCELLED

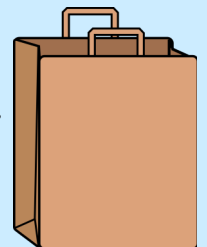
Every Friday Night from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm.
 Come join in the fun in the social hall.
 Just bring your running/tennis shoes.

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 of assistance due to 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.



Patience and Strength

We are now in the fifth or sixth week of the shut-down which was necessitated by the Coronavirus and your efforts in dealing with it, the social distancing; staying at home etc. here in Kauai has been, and continues to be, effective in containing this virus and protecting each other.

Now comes the time for patience. While I see other parts of the country opening up I fear an even worse outbreak of this virus. Like little children, I see people longing for their candies and other activities in the face of this pandemic which is not over yet. This would result in a wider spreading of the virus. I, being in the most vulnerable group as many of us are, would not like to see that. After having made so much progress against it, Greed is reasserting itself in our society. The Three Poisons of Greed, Anger and Ignorance are always waiting for an opportunity to emerge and take advantage.

As I said though, this is the time for patience, what kind of patience? Look to your religious teachers. Look at Shinran who dared to continue his teaching activity while in exile. His life situation drastically changed and yet he was patient enough to see it through and continue spreading the Nembutsu teachings. Like Shinran's exile, our present situation will end or modify so we can return to some sense of normalcy, whatever that will be. Like Shinran's exile, it did not end after a few weeks' time, neither will this pandemic. Shinran had to adapt to a whole new set of circumstance, a whole new life style, a whole new survival and with patience and strength, he did so to end of his exile.

Look at Rennyo-sama our esteemed 8th Abbot and his life. Wow, he had to lose his mother due to the difference of status between himself and her. He paid a terrible price over the years for his dedication to the Nembutsu dharma, yet he never gave up despite the formidable opposition and oppression he faced from other schools. Rennyo's patience and strength brought him success and accomplishment that resulted in him being remembered and venerated to this day.

Siddhartha Gautama, who after having left his royal existence to find out why we suffer so, gave six years of his life to finding the answer and when he did find the answer, spent the remainder of his life trying to teach the unteachable dharma he had entered into. Through his abilities as a Buddha he found various ways to teach us to alleviate our sufferings and find Enlightenment. What kind of patience and strength did that take?

Patience and strength is what we need now as the fight against this virus continues. Our healthcare professionals in the forefront of this battle while under-equipped and yet they are asked to risk their lives for us. The very least we can do is be patient and strong until they get the upper hand in this pandemic. Let us employ the same patience and strength shown by our religious heroes. After all, what's really important, \$\$ or our lives? Time for a reality check!
Namoamidabutsu

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smile at the clerk or at the person stocking the shelves or cleaning the carts, but they don't see our smile. Sometimes we can see eyes smiling but the smiles are missing because of the masks we wear to keep us and everyone around us healthy and safe.

Nostalgia. When we see tv programs or movies and watch groups of people at dinner or working together we remember how life used to be. Was it only 2 months ago when we were still hanging out with each other and enjoying each other's company? As I read recently, "sudden and unexpected life changes can bring on pangs of nostalgia, because one of the primary functions of the emotion is to help us create coherent mental narratives of our lives—even when the world around us is changing rapidly and in ways we can't control. You were once the person who visited your grandmother and hosted dinner parties, and you're still that person, even though you can't do those things right now." I have also read, "But the good news is that nostalgia also reinvigorates belief that life has meaning by reminding you of a time when it tangibly did. It can help you remember that there are people in your life who care about you, that you have felt better than you do now, and that you will be able to feel good again in the future."

As we go through this pandemic and the accompanying Social Distancing, wearing masks, washing our hands endlessly and attending virtual services, think on the concepts Buddhism brings to us to help us survive. Interdependence: We are all in this together. We have seen this repeated on every news program and everyone giving us information and hope from the heart. Impermanence: This time of isolation will not last forever, although it often feels that way. When we are on the other side of this pandemic life will not go back to what we were used to. There will be a "new normal" and that will become comfortable. Gratitude: How lucky we are to live in Hawaii where the infection numbers are low, our weather is good and the aloha spirit is alive and well. Patience: This is a time of reflection on our hurried lives. As we slow down, let us remember to practice patience for others around us, on the roads or in the stores. We are all together.

Stay safe. Wash your hands. Wear your mask. Join us when we reopen for services again, hopefully, in June.

Namo Amida Butsu

Carol Valentine

LHM, President

Suspension of Services and Activities at Lihue Hongwanji Update for May 2020

As we move through April and come to the month of May, our community is still in a state of flux, with Stay at Home/Work at Home orders from our state and local governments in place as of the writing of this newsletter.

At this time, with caution and caring for all, services will be suspended through the month of May. We hope to reopen for services in June with new guidelines for interactions. Because life continues to be a work in progress for us all, we will continue a constant rethinking of all guidelines and orders. Thank you everyone for your patience as we navigate through uncharted territory.

We recommend the following affiliated organizations continue their suspension of activities which use 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 and will remain closed through the remainder of the school year.

The following will remain in place:.

- The Columbarium will remain closed through May. If there is need to enter the Columbarium, please contact Shaku Kaufmann at the temple (245-6262) to arrange a time.
- The temple doors will remain closed but can be opened by Shaku Kaufmann on request.
- Hand sanitizer is available in the minister's office and visitors are strongly encouraged to practice social distancing (remain six feet apart) if they need to be at the temple.
- Bedside, end-of-life visitations, as allowed by the facility or virtually as needed.
- It is requested that memorial services be scheduled for June or later.
- Funeral services will be scheduled, as needed, following the Social Distancing guidelines.
- Ministerial counseling as needed, preferably via phone or computer technology.

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 may not 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 and messages as it becomes available: www.lihuehongwanjimission.com

The State Ministers Association, with the assistance of Hawaii Betsuin, will continue to have a live streaming of Sunday Service with a Dharma Message which will later be posted as a YouTube video. Currently, the on-line services will continue through May 10. Please continue to check for updates to the schedule. Specifics are included on page 8.

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



Shaku Kaufmann is chanting Shinran Shonin's Shoshinge each morning in the temple. If anyone would like him to dedicate the chanting in memory of a deceased loved one, please let him know by calling the temple at 245-6262. Please leave a message if there is no answer. He can also be reached by email at hawaiisensei@yahoo.com. Please stay healthy and let us all do our part to help prevent the spread of this virus. Shaku Kaufmann has also dedicated a chanting to those who have lost their lives in this crisis and will continue to do a chanting for our healthcare professionals who are on the front lines of this event. Please keep them in your thoughts.

LIVE STREAMING SERVICES

FROM HAWAII HONPA HONGWANJI MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION

The State Ministers' Association is continuing to seek new ways to keep sharing the Dharma. As a result, they continue the 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 for May is as follows:

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 note other Hongwanji temples/organizations providing virtual services:

On Facebook:

Makawao Hongwanji @MakawaoHongwanji

Hawaii District Ministers Association Online Dharma Message @HiloBetsuin

Blog by Rev. Blayne Higa ("Hearing the Light, Thoughts on Dharma and Life")

<https://www.blaynehiga.com/>

BISHOP'S CORNER

First, let me express my hope that you are safe and well. More than ever, in these challenging times of the COVID-19 Pandemic we are in need of both Wisdom and Compassion.

Right now, many of us, are feeling isolated, separated and alone. I believe the Buddha's Teaching has something to offer us which could change the way we feel by changing the way we look at things. There is a beautiful and meaningful metaphor known as Indra's Net found in the Garland Sutra which expresses the profound truth of the interconnectedness and interrelatedness of all life, all existence. Every phenomenon, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant, has an effect on all existence in the universe and conversely that the totality of everyone and everything in the universe including the universe is dependent on the individual parts which comprise it. I am able to exist because of all others and all others are connected to me. This awareness or understanding, then, leads us to appreciate all others for without them I would not exist. From this awareness or understanding arises a profound gratitude and an aspiration to also help or be of benefit to others.

Applying this Wisdom to our circumstances with COVID-19, let us see that our individual actions and behaviors such as staying indoors/at home as much as possible, quarantine when needed or applicable, wearing masks, but leaving PPE equipment for health care providers and those who critically need them, not hoarding, practicing good hygiene and physical distancing with social solidarity and the like which are being recommended by our local government contribute to the total picture of all of our well-being. Let this perspective or view of interdependence guide us. Another unexpected outcome of this gratitude

which comes from this understanding of interdependence is the sense/feeling/thought of knowing that we are never alone or completely cut off from others. Granted, as human beings social interaction and human relationships are important. However, our relationship with others is not limited to only fellow human beings. In Buddhism, we often speak of "Gratitude to all sentient beings." I do not and cannot live all by myself. My life and living, day to day, even moment to moment is made possible by the contributions and sacrifices of so many others including the natural environment including the food I eat each day. It is because of the gift of life of the plants and animals that I am able to live. This realization results in a deep sense of humility, indebtedness and gratitude to the natural world and animal and plant life. This perspective or understanding destroys my arrogance, sense of superiority, nurtures a feeling of mottainai and arigatai or "How undeserving and yet I am preciously receiving all that is necessary for me to live." Surprisingly, it also addresses, believe it or not, isolation, loneliness and separation. Even, right here in Hawaii, I have heard of individuals who are so grateful for the food they eat that it changes the way they feel. They feel so supported and connected to the food they consume each day that it changes the way they look at their own life and living. They do not feel isolated and alone, but see the support they are receiving even if no human person is around them.

The Dharma shares with us that all life is precious. For Shin Buddhist, there is a deep lament that one is the cause of suffering for other forms of life.

The ultimate goal is to eventually attain an enlightened state of being so as not to be a cause of others' suffering with birth in the Pure Land. However, even in the midst of samsaric life,

imperfect as I am, there is an aspiration to try to be of some service to society.

In Japanese Buddhism, the equality and preciousness of all life came to include even the inanimate world. The presence of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light is always ever present and includes all. There is no time or place in which Amida Buddha is not present. Of course, we are human and so we do long for human companionship and thus I am not saying we have no need for human love and relationships, but there is another force or presence which also makes a difference in our life and that is the presence of Wisdom and Compassion which never leaves our side and is always with us and makes us aware that we live because of others!

To finally conclude, as we honor Shinran Shonin in May with the observance of Shinran Shonin's Birthday Celebration or Gotan-E, let us reflect on his words,

"A verse of the Garland Sutra states, 'On seeing a bodhisattva, Perform various practices, Some give rise to a good mind and others a mind of evil, But the bodhisattva embraces them all.' "

"Although I too am in Amida's embrace, Passions obstruct my eyes and I cannot see the Buddha's Light; Nevertheless, Great Compassion is untiring and illumines me always."

"This Buddha pervades the countless worlds; it fills the hearts and minds of...(all) beings. Thus, plants, trees, and (even the) land all attain Buddhahood."

Namo Amida Butsu

In gassho, Eric Matsumoto, Bishop

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii believes that food security is an essential and basic need in our community. Recently, the Committee on Social Concerns (CSC) made donations, totaling \$5,000,

to food banks which are providing food in their communities as part of its regular effort to help our communities across the State.

In addition, due to the significant increase in families seeking food assistance, many now experiencing financial difficulties because of COVID-19, the CSC has sent subsequent donations to food banks and other programs to help replenish food inventory. In collaboration with the Office of the Bishop and State President, donations have been sent to:

- A \$2,000 donation to the Hawaii Food Bank (Oahu)
- A \$1,000 donation to the Food Basket (Big Island)
- A \$1,000 donation to the Maui Food Bank
- A \$500 donation to the Hawaii Food Bank, Kauai Branch
- A \$500 donation to the Kauai Independent Food Bank
- A \$1,000 donation to Honokaa Hongwanji's "Feed the Keiki and Kupuna" program

Funding for community giving is made possible through the Social Welfare Fund administered by the Hawaii Kyodan Committee on Social Concerns. This is the power of your Dana (Selfless Giving) at work. Mahalo for your support of the Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive!

KAHUKU HONGWANJI SCHOLARSHIP

The Kahuku Hongwanji Mission closed its doors in February 2013 after serving its membership for 111 years. To maintain the legacy of the Kahuku Hongwanji Mission and to develop the future generations of the Hongwanji, Kahuku Hongwanji Mission established a scholarship to support students at the college level.

For more information please contact the HHMH Headquarters at (808) 522-9200 or email at hqs@honpahi.org

COVID-19 Memo #5**Directives & Recommendations from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Headquarters (April 24, 2020)**

No in-person services & activities until further notice. HQ will work with Districts to decide on when it is safe for them to reopen. We need to follow Federal, State & County mandates and recommendations or guidelines to determine when it will be safe to resume in-person services and activities at the temple. Please be advised that opening of temples could vary from county to county. Please keep in mind that higher risk individuals (older people 65+, those with compromised immune systems or other underlying medical conditions, etc.) are urged to stay home to the greatest extent possible.

Following services are permitted:

- o Bedside / Makuragyo services
- o Other End of life related services
- o Funeral services
- o Temple Hondo / Main Sanctuary can be used only for the above services.
- o The above services must be conducted with less than 10 people, physical distancing, and other precautions as dictated by the Federal, State and County mandates. Please keep abreast of local county ordinances (which could vary from county to county) too.

Online Services are permitted.

- o Any type of services including Sunday services can be held online, however this must be done from the minister's home.
 - o Virtual marriage ceremonies are not permitted by State law.
 - o Recommendations and suggestions for safety and security for websites and when using social media will be distributed.
- All air travel except for emergencies is suspended until further notice.
 - HQ staff including BSC continues working remotely from home until further notice.
 - All temples are also asked to comply with minimum basic operations until further notice including following good hygiene, physical distancing, wearing of face masks, etc.

The situation with COVID-19 is still fluid that matters could change anytime and very quickly. Currently, in addition to State-wide requirements, counties also have practices in place. Please keep yourselves informed about local requirements too. Ministers and temple leaders, please use your best judgement. Further memos will be issued as needed.

Let us be safe, patient with each other and not let fear overrun us. Let us go to the Buddha-Dharma for guidance.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

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

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

Just for Fun:

How Smart is Your Right Foot?

Try this.

WITHOUT anyone watching you and while sitting where you are at your desk in front of your computer, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.

While doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction.

Keep trying over and over again to see if you can outsmart your foot. It's not going to happen.



The members of the LHWA are keeping in touch with each other through email and would like to expand our support. If you have an email address but are not receiving anything from LHWA, please send your email address to Lynette Mizuo at lymizuo@gmail.com. Join in the fun, laughter, sharing, and caring for each other.

If you need assistance or are in need of a cloth face mask, please contact Lynette either at lymizuo@gmail.com or by phone at 651-9319.

In this time of social distancing, we all need to continue to be superheroes. Gratefully, the curve is flattening and our members are well. See you soon.



LOVING-KINDNESS MEDITATION

May all beings be happy and well
May no harm or difficulty come to them.
May all beings live in peace and harmony.

May I be happy and well
May no harm or difficulty come to me.
May I live in peace and harmony.

May my family be happy and well
May no harm or difficulty come to them.
May my family live in peace and harmony.

May my teachers be happy and well
May no harm or difficulty come to them.
May my family live in peace and harmony.

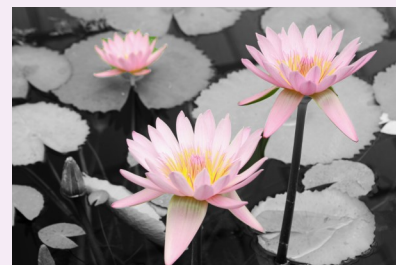
May my friends be happy and well
May no harm or difficulty come to them.
May my friends live in peace and harmony.

May strangers be happy and well
May no harm or difficulty come to them.
May strangers live in peace and harmony.

May my enemies be happy and well
May no harm or difficulty come to them.
May my enemies live in peace and harmony.

May all beings be happy and well
May no harm or difficulty come to them.
May all beings live in peace and harmony.

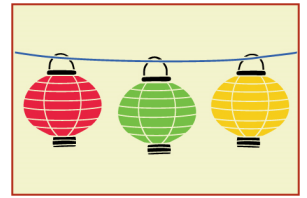
Namo Amida Butsu





Bon Dance Season 2020

As a reminder, there will be no Bon Dance Season on Kauai this summer as there continue to be concerns about COVID-19 and large gatherings.



Mahalo to the following people for giving of their time and their sewing expertise to sew cloth masks: Shirley Hashimoto, Karen Hiranaka, Ann Ogata, Marian Ogata, Carol Ozaki, Yoko Takabayashi, and Rina Takabayashi. This group of dedicated sewing masters made a total of 223 masks. WOW! 102 were distributed to the Kauai north shore community and the remaining 121 masks were taken to Wilcox Hospital and given to Tomoko Ouchi, Volunteer Program Coordinator.

Fabric was donated by Machinemachine Clothing Boutique in Koloa (<https://machinemachineapparel.com/>) and distributed through Vicky's Fabrics in Kapa'a (<https://www.vickysfabrics.com/>). Thank you to Caroline Abrams for helping to bring the mask-making kits to LHM and for picking up the completed masks for the north shore distribution.



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.

Note: Singers considering participating in Choralfest 2020 will have until June 15, 2020 (previously April 30) to send in their registration forms. Thank you for your understanding and interest.



Because of the current Stay Home/Work from Home orders from the State of Hawaiï and the County of Kauai, the office staff has been limited to only the essential bill-paying functions. Please know that any donations received during this time period will be acknowledged in a later newsletter. Thank you for your understanding.



Lockdown, A Poem

Yes there is fear.
 Yes there is isolation.
 Yes there is panic buying.
 Yes there is sickness.
 Yes there is even death.
 But,
 They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
 You can hear the birds again.
 They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
 The sky is no longer thick with fumes
 But blue and grey and clear.
 They say that in the streets of Assisi
 People are singing to each other
 across the empty squares,
 keeping their windows open
 so that those who are alone
 may hear the sounds of family around them.
 They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
 Is offering free meals and delivery to the
 housebound.
 Today a young woman I know
 is busy spreading fliers with her number
 through the neighbourhood
 So that the elders may have someone to call on.
 Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples
 are preparing to welcome
 and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary
 All over the world people are slowing down and
 reflecting
 All over the world people are looking at their
 neighbours in a new way
 All over the world people are waking up to a new
 reality

To how big we really are.
 To how little control we really have.
 To what really matters.
 To Love.
 So we pray and we remember that
 Yes there is fear.
 But there does not have to be hate.
 Yes there is isolation.
 But there does not have to be loneliness.
 Yes there is panic buying.
 But there does not have to be meanness.
 Yes there is sickness.
 But there does not have to be disease of the soul
 Yes there is even death.
 But there can always be a rebirth of love.
 Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.
 Today, breathe.
 Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
 The birds are singing again
 The sky is clearing,
 Spring is coming,
 And we are always encompassed by Love.
 Open the windows of your soul
 And though you may not be able
 to touch across the empty square,
 Sing.

Written by Brother Richard
 Hendrick, a Capuchin Franciscan
 living in Ireland



With Deepest Sympathy

Because of the Stay-at-Home orders from the state of Hawaii, no funerals were held in the past month. Please keep all medical professionals, health care providers, police, firefighters, EMTs and essential workers in your thoughts for those who have lost their lives as they worked and for those who continue to work at this difficult time.

MEMORIAL SERVICE (NENKI HOYO)

MAY-JUNE

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of May and June. 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. NOTE: We ask that memorial services be held when the Hawaii Stay-at-Home order is lifted. Thank you for your understanding.

1st YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2019

2019	May 11	Laura Hirokawa
2019	May 11	Shigeno Kuboyama

3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2018

2018	May 25	Richard Uchiyama
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7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2014

2014	June 1	Eiji Kreighton Kondo
2014	June 24	Tuichi "Harold" Tanaka

13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2008

2008	May 10	Annette Matsuko Kakutani
2008	June 11	Roy Kenji Miyake
2008	June 17	Kiyoko Imizo

17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2004

2004	May 18	Masami Kuwamura
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25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1996

1996	May 11	Harutoshi Hironaka
1996	June 11	Ross Mitsuo Tada

33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1988

1988	NONE	
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50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1971

1971	May 8	Ten Kuraoka
1971	May 9	Katsu Suemori
1971	June 21	Hideo Uyesono

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