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International Peace Day: September 21



Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on September 21. The United Nations General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations to coincide with the opening of the UN General Assembly. In 2002, September 21 became the permanent date for the International Day of Peace, as a period of non-violence and cease-fire, to strengthen the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

To inaugurate the day, the United Nations Peace Bell, originally donated by the UN Association of Japan in June, 1954, is rung at UN Headquarters in New York City. The Peace Bell was cast from coins and medals donated by the representatives of the UN Member States, the Pope, and individuals from over 60 different nations. The bell tower was modeled after a Japanese Hanamido, a small temple decorated with flowers that symbolizes the place where Buddha was born. The inscription on the side of the bell reads, "Long live absolute world peace".

In 2007, Hawaii became the first state to recognize Peace Day. On April 18, 2007, Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu introduced House Bill 345 to the Hawaii legislature. It became a law that established a Peace Day, a non-holiday, to be observed on September 21st of each year in the State of Hawaii "to promote peace programs, improve international relations, and increase educational awareness of peace."

Representative Karamatsu was inspired to introduce this bill after being approached by Hawai'i Federation of Junior Young Buddhist Association (Jr. YBA) members, who presented a similar resolution to the Honpa Legislative Assembly. September 21 was chosen because it was already designated as the International Day of Peace by the United Nations. As told by Jonathan Gates, a senior at Kaimuki High School at the time of the creation of Hawaii's Peace

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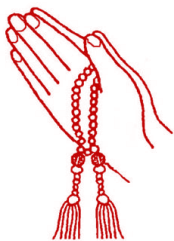
Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2020

Sun	6	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Wed.	9	7:00 PM	Evening Family Dharma Service and Monthly Memorial for September
Thur	10	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg. (via videoconference)
Sun	13	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	20	9:00 AM	Peace Day Service
Mon	21		Peace Day in Hawaii and around the world
		12:00 PM	Moment of Silence
		12:01 PM	Ring of bells across the state
Sun	27	9:00 AM	Fall Ohigan Service

OCTOBER 2020

Sun	4	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Wed	7	7:00 PM	Evening Family Dharma Service and Monthly Memorial for October
Thur	8	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg. (via videoconference)
Sun	11	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	18	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	25	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service



Evening Service

In September and October there will be a Wednesday evening Family Dharma Service / Monthly Memorial Service on September 9 & October 7 beginning at 7:00 pm. The Wednesday evening service will be a repeat of the previous Sunday Service.



Pickleball **Pickleball is back** **on a new night!**

Join us on **Monday** evenings from 7:00-9:00pm. The fun will take place in the social hall. See you there!
Just bring your running / tennis shoes. Equipment (paddles & balls) provided.

Visitation Schedule

**All visitations to care facilities
are cancelled until further notice.**



Change, Patience, Gratitude and Reflection

It is difficult to perceive the changing of the seasons. Those of you who have gardens or were born here and have trained your eyes to see the changes might be aware of the changing of the seasons here in Hawaii.

Back in Denver town, most of the trees, except the cotton woods, are imported. The leaves change their colors in in autumn while the pines up in the mountains hold fast as the cold season starts coming. In the mountains there are also Aspen trees. As fall approaches their leaves change to a bright yellow color and quiver in the fall mountain breezes. They are pretty much the only color up in the mountains and look especially bright in contrast to the evergreens. They remind us of the inevitability of change on our planet.

The passage of time is marked by many things of which change is one. I remember as a child how summer seemed to be endless and all of a sudden it was back to school again.

Things seem to change a lot quicker as an adult, especially the good times while the bad old times seem to move much slower.

Nowadays, COVID 19 seems to be spreading pretty quickly while a vaccine is taking longer. It will come though. We look forward to that change. Dealing with COVID 19 there is one thing that we will all have to have and that is patience. In an era of instant gratification this is not easy. We are so used to having things move at a fast pace that when we have to slow down and wait for such an important change as a vaccine which cannot be hurried and is so important to the health of everyone, it seems almost painfully slowly process.

This painfully slow process of waiting for a vaccine we might use the time to reflect in gratitude for all months and years of good health we have had. Sure, there may have been some sickness or other but nothing like the corona virus. Not since 1918 have we had such a virus, a virus that resulted in a pandemic.

Our nation has lost over 160,000 lives to this virus to date and the number continues to rise. The whole world is working on a vaccine to control this virus, the whole world, yet another thing to be grateful for. Much more has been done to help us get through this than was done for the patients of the last pandemic while strangely, the federal government back then did very much the same thing our present government is doing, ignoring it.

Reflect and be grateful for the guidance we've been given to help us in stopping the spreading of this plague, our first responders working beyond exhaustion to save lives and our essential workers endangering their lives to maintain some degree of normalcy.

Thank you, each and every one of you for doing your part in all of this.

Change will come, be patient, be grateful and reflect. Remember, this is Obon season.

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Day and member of the Hawai'i Federation of Jr. YBA, "In this tumultuous world today, the idea of peace seems far out of reach. Peace Day

will help to open the doors to facilitate more cooperation in the name of peace education and outreach, which will benefit us all."

2020 Theme: Shaping Peace Together

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on September 21. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

This year, it has been clearer than ever that we are not each other's enemies. Rather, our common enemy is a tireless virus that threatens our health, security and very way of life. COVID-19 has thrown our world into turmoil and forcibly reminded us that what happens in one part of the planet can impact people everywhere.

In March, UN Secretary-General António Guterres called on all warring parties to lay down their weapons and focus on the battle against this unprecedented global pandemic. While the message is intended for armed parties, solidarity and cooperation across borders, sectors and generations are also needed to win this new fight against the worst public health crisis of our time.

For the United Nations, 2020 was already meant to be a year of listening and learning. To mark its 75th anniversary, the UN has invited millions of people worldwide to join UN75, the largest and furthest-reaching global conversation on building the peaceful and prosperous future that we want.

As we struggle to defeat COVID-19, your voice is more important than ever. In these difficult times of physical distancing, this International Day of Peace will be dedicated to fostering dialogue and collecting ideas. The world will be invited to unite and share thoughts on how to weather this storm, heal our planet and change it for the better. Even though we may not be able to stand next to each other, we can still dream together.

The 2020 theme for the International Day of Peace is "Shaping Peace Together." Celebrate the day by spreading compassion, kindness and hope in the face of the pandemic. Stand together with the UN against attempts to use the virus to promote discrimination or hatred. Join us so that we can shape peace together.

The LHM Virtual Candlelight Vigil will go live on September 18 on YouTube and the Lihue Hongwanji Facebook page. Stay tuned and be surprised and

**Please join us for
on Sunday**



**our Peace Service
September 20 at**

BISHOP'S CORNER

“The New Normal”

As we slowly head towards the end of Summer, it will soon be September when we observe the Fall Equinox. At the time of the Autumn Equinox, as with the Spring Equinox, balance and harmony is emphasized and closely associated with harmony is peace. In Hawaii, because of our historical, cultural and geographical circumstances, the months of August and September abound with reflective commemorative remembrances of WW II and Peace Day in Hawaii. This year is no exception and had it not been for the COVID-19 Pandemic we would have been participating in many such remembrances especially in this significant 75th anniversary year of the bombing of Hiroshima & Nagasaki and also the end of WW II.

However, regardless of COVID-19, it is still important to remember and honor those who sacrificed their lives and also reflect and aspire for world peace and harmony. Thus, on August 6th, the dedication of a Pohaku Stone Monument was co-sponsored by the City and County of Honolulu and the Honolulu Hiroshima Kenjinkai Association. Due to restrictions brought on by the Coronavirus Pandemic, the dedication consisted of only a small number of representatives such as Managing Director Roy Amemiya representing Mayor Kirk Caldwell of the City and County of Honolulu, the Honorable Consul General of Japan in Honolulu Koichi Ito, and other important community leaders including President Wayne Miyao of the Honolulu Hiroshima Kenjinkai Association who was Master of Ceremonies, to name a few. It was my honor to share a dedication-aspiration after acknowledging

the presence of Amida Buddha with an opening chant.

We have all become familiar with the expression “The New Normal.” My emphasis for the dedication was our need for a new normal to guide and inspire us as we endeavor for world peace and harmony. As part of my dedication-aspiration, I shared,

“Today, similar to COVID-19’s bringing a “new normal” to our world, more than ever, we need to be guided and inspired by an All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion which gently transforms our way of thinking and encourages us to act and live differently. Let us realize that we are not as independent and exclusive as we think we are, but are instead deeply interrelated and interconnected by our relationships with each other. Let us recognize and respect those relationships and know how we affect and are being affected by one another other.

As a prominent religious leader (His Eminence Kojun Ohtani from his book “Moving Forward Just As You Are”) shares, “anywhere in the world we may go, we must never forget about the tragedy of war that cost the lives of so many people.” “The weakness of our relationships with each other is the result of us thinking about ourselves more than others.” Also, let us remember the wisdom of the words “Human beings tend to move in the direction of their thoughts.” (from “The Teaching of Buddha” by BDK).

In this 75th Anniversary year of the bombing of Hiroshima and also the end of WW II, let us recall and be inspired by the compassionate gesture of Sri Lanka/Ceylon at the San Francisco Peace Talks at which Ceylon

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renounced all war reparations “based on the noble and ancient saying ‘hatred ceases not by hatred, but by love.’ ”

As we get closer to the Equinox, it will soon be Peace Day in Hawaii. It was 19 years ago that with the cooperation of many including certain political representatives, but especially the youth of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, the Hawaii Federation of Jr. Young Buddhist Associations and students of Pacific Buddhist Academy that Peace Day become a reality in Hawaii.

This year, the HHMH Peace Day Committee chaired by Rene Mansho is planning several endeavors throughout the State and even reaching out to the world to increase the awareness of the importance of Peace Day. One project that we can all participate in will be the Minute of Silence in honor of all those who have endeavored for peace around the world at 12N and a bell ringing at 12:01PM on Monday, September 21, 2020. Everyone is invited to participate by ringing a bell even from home. The plan is to reach out to the Hawaii Buddhist Council and the Interfaith Community in Hawaii for a state-wide bell ringing and also invite the world to join us.

In this 75th anniversary year, let us take a moment to deeply consider an alternative, a new normal, to bring about peace and harmony. Not the external forces of laws and sanctions imposed, but rather an internally motivated force or power which comes from deep within each of us guided and inspired by the virtues of Great Wisdom and Compassion.

Thank you and Namu Amida Butsu.

PEACE DAY BELL RINGING

In the spirit of promoting Peace Day in Hawaii and throughout the world, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii invites the world to join in ringing bells for Peace Day on September 21, 2020!

At 12:00 noon on Monday, September 21, Bishop Eric Matsumoto will lead a minute of silence, honoring all those who have sacrificed for the achievement of peace. At 12:01 p.m., young people will ring bells from their local temples, churches, schools, and community organizations. Plans include streaming the event live on the Internet as well as a post-event video that may be enjoyed on-demand.

HHMH YOUTUBE CHANNEL PROGRAM

HHMH continues to provide online programs as listed below. Videos will premiere on HHMH YouTube channel and become available on-demand. Please share this information with your family and friends and subscribe to it to continue receiving updates.

<https://www.youtube.com/honpahongwanjimissionofhawaii/>

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



LHWA NEWS

New Members Welcome

Theme for 2020
Expand the Sangha

LHWA Meetings

All meetings will begin after service

~~Sept-6~~ **Cancelled**

November 29

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!

LHWA News

** The **Lonesome Grave Project** is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 8:00 a.m. at the Hanapepe Veteran's Cemetery. WKHM is willing to do an abbreviated version of the project and welcomes our assistance.

** The **BWA State Convention** will be held on Maui from April 23 – 24, 2022. We are asked for workshop ideas or requests.

** The Scarf is on order with the cost still not set. LHWA members, thank you for your response.



LHWA donation of masks at Wilcox Elementary School.

L-R: Lynette Mizuo, Carolyn Yamasaki, Cory Nakamura (principal), Marian Ogata, Hiroko Kurashige and Yoko Takabayashi.

NEW MESSAGE BOARD

Our new message board has arrived and was installed by Roy Tanaka and Morton Yamasaki.

The message board was funded by the Senior Buddhist Association.

Look for the message board in the same location as the previous one, next to the entrance to the temple.

Mahalo to Roy, Morton and the SBA.



Please help us welcome our new member:

Elaine Kondo

When you see her, please welcome her to LHM.

Monday Night Pickleball

Complete with mask, physical distancing and hand sanitizer

Join Us!



LHM Preschool

Our new school year has begun! We're very excited and happy to welcome everyone to be a part of our Lihue Hongwanji Ohana. We have 43 three-, four-, and soon to be five-year old children enrolled in the LHM Preschool. They are adjusting to school life and making friends.



Our school underwent major renovations and we have a beautiful new space to be in. Thank you Lihue Hongwanji Mission for making it all possible. We would like to thank the following people : Roy Tanaka and his family, Carol Ozaki, Carol Valentine and Wayne Fujioka, Dennis Muffley, Kyle and Darryl Matsumura for their help during the process.

Thank you to Marian Ogata for making masks for all of our Keiki. Thank you to Carol Ozaki for making masks for the teachers. Thank you to Amy Yamada for always donating snacks for the children. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness.

Sandie Fujimoto, Director



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.

In memory of Kimiko Sugibayashi (1 Yr.)

Donald, Alan, & Paul Sugibayashi

In memory of Scot Tsuchiyama (1 Yr.)

Violet Tsuchiyama & Family

Amy Yamada

Natsuko Daida

In memory of Masa Arita (7 Yrs.)

Alice Inouye

In memory of Betty Masuda (13 Yrs.)

Alice Inouye

In memory of Kenneth Higuchi

Warren & Colleen Nonaka

Blaine Sasaki

In memory of Leslie Miller

Blaine Sasaki

In memory of Fumiko Sasaki

Lynne Matsumura

In memory of Mabel Kiikuni & Chester Kiikuni

Winston & Marian Ogata

In memory of Barbara Miyoshi

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In memory of Shigemi, Gordon, & Hazel Kashima

Gilbert Miyasato

In memory of Yoshie Isokane

Sam & Elsie Takata

COLUMBARIUM DONATION:

In memory of Yoshiake Hiramoto

Dr. & Mrs. Clay Hiramoto

In memory of Norio Mamura

Joel, Debra, Eric, & Andrew Belter

In memory of George & Elsie Toyofuku

Guy & Lori Toyofuku

In memory of Kenneth Higuchi

Amy Yamada

In memory of The Suetaro Fujimoto Families

Gilbert & Helen Fujimoto

In memory of Seichi Ogata

Yoshie Ogata

In memory of James Onishi

Natsue Onishi

O-BON COLUMBARIUM DONATION:

In memory of Harry, Eleanor, & Robert Sasaki

Kerry & Mona Lee

In memory of Sanji & Kimiko Fujii

Sarah Date

O-BON MEMORIAL DONATION:

In memory of Sadaji & Shie Inouye

Sarah Date

In memory of Buster & Momoyo Matsumura

Wayne & Michele Tanaka

In memory of Yoshinobu & Chidori Toda

Wayne & Michele Tanaka

In memory of Iso & Toyo Matsumura

Wayne & Michele Tanaka

In memory of Legs & Edith Ibe

Wayne & Michele Tanaka

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DONATION:

Hidemi Matsumoto

Sarah Date

Betsy Sakoda

Alma Shinno

Sam & Elsie Takata

Natsue Onishi

Yoshie Ogata

Joyce Sasaki

Michiko Yamamoto

Malcolm & Marsha Ikeda

HATSU BON DONATION:

In memory of Minoru Shimokawa & Irene Shimokawa

Wesley & Marcia Shimokawa

HOONKO SERVICE DONATION:

Natsue Onishi

Malcolm Ikeda

SPRING HIGAN DONATION:

Natsue Onishi

Malcolm Ikeda

GOTAN-E SERVICE DONATION:

Natsue Onishi

Malcolm Ikeda

AUTUMN HIGAN SERVICE DONATION:

Alice Inouye

Malcolm Ikeda

Natsue Onishi

EITAI-KYO SERVICE DONATION:

Natsue Onishi

Malcolm Ikeda



With Deepest Sympathy

Because of orders from the state of Hawaii limiting the gathering of large numbers of people, no funerals were held in the past month.

Please keep all medical professionals, health care providers, police, firefighters, EMT's 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)

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of September and October. 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 October 5 Minoru Shimokawa

3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2018

2018 September 9 Miyoshi Fujimoto

2018 October 11 Helen Sasaki

7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2014

2014 September 10 Misayo Nakae Morimoto

2014 September 15 Kiyoshi Nakae

2014 September 20 Yoshiko Moriwaki Kono

13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2008

2008 September 20 George Hiroshi Toyofuku

2008 October 4 Namiko Naganuma

17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2004

2004 September 13 Haruko Yoshishige

2004 September 13 Henry Takeo Naganuma

2004 September 28 Matsuo Maeda

2004 October 31 Makoto Morita

25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1996

1996 October 14 Shizuo Hamamoto

33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1988

1988 September 7 Ae Ishimoto

1988 September 7 Bach Koichi Yamamoto

1988 September 25 Hideyo Saiki

1988 September 25 Patsy Masako Fukunaga

1998 October 4 Kenichi Miyoshi

50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1971

1971 September 16 Tokiji Kurosaki

1971 October 8 Kame Moriwaki

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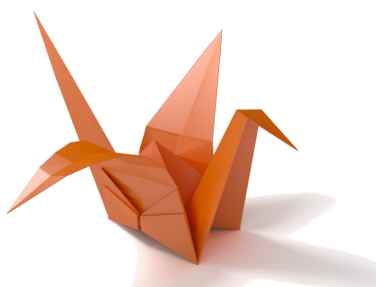


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Peace Day Service
Sunday September 20
9:00 AM

Fall Ohigan
Sunday September 27
9:00 AM

