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Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity and Openness

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WHAT WOULD SHINRAN SAY AT THIS TIME?

Rev. Irene Nakamoto

What would Shinran Shonin, our founder, say about this time of the Coronavirus pandemic? Let's look at the setting during the time that Shinran lived (1173-1263).

At that time, there were fires, typhoons, floods, famine and pestilence. An article written by a Reverend of Higashi Hongwanji mentioned that in the literary classic, "Hojoki" written in 1212, a description of what was happening states that "...pestilence followed and prayers of people were of no effect....they felt like fish when the water dries up; and respectable citizens who ordinarily wore hats and shoes now went barefooted, begging from house to house. And while you looked in wonder at such a sight, they would suddenly fall down and die in the road. And by the walls and in the highways, you could see everywhere, the bodies of those who have died of starvation. And as there was none to take them away, a terrible stench filled the streets, and people went by with their eyes averted. The ordinary roads were bad enough, but in the slums by the riverbed, there was not even room for carts and horses to pass."

This happened during the Kamakura Period (1185-1333) when Buddhist institutions established their power and influence by catering to the aristocrats. Because of the lucrative incomes from the aristocracy, laymen were neglected by the Buddhist institutions. Shinran Shonin, however, saw that society did not and could not fulfill the needs of most people. In those troubled times, he talked to laymen and encouraged them to turn inwards to find stability and integration in their lives. He stressed one's personal search and spiritual awakening, and encouraged dispensing with elaborate rituals and costly ornaments which were required by the older traditional Buddhist schools. In other words, Shinran expounded on the idea that each person search for his/her own spiritual awakening.

In a time when civil rights were virtually unknown, Shinran taught all people equally, calling them "fellow travelers," and did not consider himself above them. He expressed compassion just as Amida Buddha embracing

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Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	1	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Wed.	4	7:00 PM	Evening Family Dharma Service and Monthly Memorial for November
Sun	8	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Tues	10	8:00 AM	Lonesome Grave Project Kauai Veterans Cemetery See page 8 for information.
Thur	12	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg. (via videoconference)
Sun	15	9:00 AM	Eitaikyo Service Speaker: Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani, Moiliili Hongwanji (Rev. Umitani will be speaking virtually due to travel restrictions)
Sun	22	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	29	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

DECEMBER 2020

Sun	6	9:00 AM	Bodhi Day Service To be held at LHM; this will not be an island wide service. (see page 11 for information)
Wed	9	7:00 PM	Evening Family Dharma Service and Monthly Memorial for December
Thur	10	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg. (via videoconference)
Sat	12	3:00— 5:00 PM (via Zoom)	Virtual Nembutsu Seminar Speaker: Dr. Ken Tanaka See page 13 for more information.
Sun	13	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
		10:15 AM	Annual Membership Meeting. (See page 10 for more information)
Sun	20	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	27	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

Pickleball

Join us on **Monday** evenings
from 6:00-9:00pm. 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.**

Evening Service

Through the end of this
calendar year there will be a
Wednesday evening Family
Dharma Service / Monthly
Memorial Service:

November 4 and December 9 beginning at
7:00 pm.



Reflections

Although the Vernal and Autumnal equinoxes are seen as good times for reflection I think any time can be a good time. If you observe your reactions to things or situations, especially emotional reactions, that is a signal that something needs reflecting on.

The news coverage of the pandemic and its effects on its victims has been graphic and powerful at times.

There was a story about when New York City was in crisis mode and the governor put out a plea to health care workers all over the country who were not engaged in COVID19 work to come to NY and help them past the crisis they were involved in. The response was immediate and health care workers from around the country started going to New York City to help. Initially some of the volunteers went for the pay, which was substantial. One couple said that about the pay but then said when they saw the suffering of their patients, all thoughts of money disappeared.

Seeing this story produced a huge swell of gratitude and brought tears to my eyes. New York City is my home town although I have not lived there for many years I was deeply touched. I did not expect that reaction. So I questioned myself as to what brought it on.

As I thought about it I was so touched that folks from around the country would respond to this emergency in my home town, the town that raised me as much as my parents. A town is more than just buildings; it is the people who live there that make its heart and they were in desperate need of health care people to tend to them and give support to the exhausted workers already there.

Sadly, ignorance worked its way into this beautiful story. When some of these volunteers return to their home the people there doubted or did not want to believe what they had done and seen in New York City.

We can all reflect on appreciation. All through this pandemic situation there have been essential workers and workers manning our food stores, gas stations and many others stores and activities deemed necessary. Some people like the first responders have been risking their lives to provide essential services to COVID-19 patients.

Staff at different medical clinics kept their clinics open to serve us. The many things that we have taken for granted for years must now be appreciated by all of us as we work our way through these times of COVID-19. This includes the wearing of masks and social distancing of the populous, which today, has become a way of life for now. Let's appreciate and share our Aloha with each other for the only way we will get past this situation will be by working together. Be gentle with each other, no one is enjoying this period.

Mahalo nui loa.

Check out Shaku Kaufmann's online message on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06WqXJ_SpRo&list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN4DTm65ALR0loYZc2_OHwwi&index=3

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everyone equally, whether they be rich or poor, of high birth or low birth, educated or uneducated, female or male. No one was preordained by class or wealth to be reborn in a higher realm than any other person. He emphasized shinjin “mind of faith.” Arising from this mind of faith comes acceptance of oneself as a common, passion-ridden mortal. With this mind arises a feeling of brotherhood to all humans, understanding that we all share the same existence.

For Shinran, our actions are best when rooted in a mind of faith that deeply understands and appreciates our interdependence to each other. That deep mind gives us inner peace and security and provides a strong foundation in which to confront the world’s problems. Thus, tumultuous times may upset the world, but our minds will not be upset by the world’s problems. Anchored by this mind of faith, we can see the situation of our lives more clearly and act more responsibly, helping others as if they were family.

When Shinran was exiled to Echigo, land of heavy snow with severe winters, he must have felt the profound misery, powerlessness, and helplessness of human life. However, Shinran proclaimed that “if my master Honen Shonin did not receive the sentence of banishment, I myself would never have gone to a place of exile. If I were not exiled, how could I have spread the nembutsu to people living in remote areas. That I was banished and came to Echigo is all due to my master’s kindness.” Shinran suffered and failed in many things but he lived embracing the Nembutsu. The blood that revived him was the Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu. He, thus, immersed himself in self-exploration, going over deeply into himself, and devoting all of his efforts on the path to enlightenment.

His wife, Eshinni sama, wrote in one of her letters to her daughter, Kakushinni, that one day Shinran was having a severed headache and running a temperature and he said, “It must be truly so.” She asked him, “What is the matter? Did you say something in your delirium?” He replied, “No, it’s not delirium. Two days after I came to bed, I read the *Larger Pure Land Sutra* and when I closed my eyes, I could see each character of the Sutra. I thought it was strange because there should be nothing on my mind but true entrusting of the nembutsu. I thought about it and remembered an incident in the past about 18 years ago when I began reading the *Triple Pure Land Sutras* and realized the mistake that I was making by believing that the teaching was for oneself and then to teach others to believe, which is very difficult. I stopped reading because I realized that it is difficult to get rid of self-generated faith. And that is why I said, “It must be truly so.” My interpretation is that Shinran came to the realization that there is other power that embraces us which is the Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu.

In looking at the life of Shinran Shonin, I think that if he were here today during this Coronavirus Pandemic, Civil unrest, and Geographical disasters, he might say the following:

- Shinran would probably have supported, “Black Lives Matter,” but more than that, he would have said, “All Lives Matter so Black Lives also Matter”. He reached out to lay men

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and spoke to them in the countryside during the time when Buddhist Institutions catered to the aristocrats. They were his “fellow travelers.” He definitely believed in all people and encouraged them during their difficult times.

- Shinran’s message to us would be to emphasize *shinjin*, a mind of faith that is pure and clear when Amida Buddha’s true and steadfast mind reaches us. This mind of faith helps us to see our present situation more clearly and to act responsibly knowing that we are all in this together.
- Along those lines, another message might be to be appreciative of our current situation. Just as Shinran was appreciative and accepting of his exile to Echigo, he would probably say, “Be appreciative of our life as it is today.” This pandemic has caused us to have time to relax and reflect on our life, to learn new skills like Zoom and Chat, to spend time with immediate family members, or to have time to do things we were too busy to do.
- Shinran would have also said that this is a time when we realize the impact of interdependence and the fact that what we do affects all those around us. Our individual actions can impact many people. Our carelessness could cause others to succumb to COVID-19.

As Shinran said, “It must be truly so,” the nembutsu will help us through this time of this pandemic, just as it helped Shinran to weather the difficulties during his time of famine, illness, and physical disasters.

Namu Amida Butsu. Thank you!

We Express our gratitude in Nembutsu. This is a natural manifestation of the joy of Shinjin.

In the Shinjin of other-power, the Nembutsu of gratitude follows.

Conventional gratitude is experienced daily, such as for a fight, a personal favor or an expression of love. Often these expressions of gratitude are shallow and deeper meanings are missed.

Buddhist gratitude is deeper. Inter-relationship is felt with such gratitude and we can say “okagesama” in thankful response to all the seen and unseen things which make life possible.

In Jodo Shinshu, we are awakened to the compassion of Amida.

We realize our predicament of receiving assurance that we are not forsaken.

Gratitude produces profound joy which is expressed by the calling of Amida’s name.

Namo Amida Butsu

BISHOP'S CORNER

Encouragement as Election Day Nears

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

Are you confused? In doubt? Feeling uncertain?

If you are, do not despair. You are not alone.

Have you heard of the Kalama Sutta (translation from Pali by the Venerable Soma Thera)?

In Ancient India, during the time of Sakyamuni Buddha, there was a people known as the Kalamas. One day, they approached Sakyamuni Buddha and confessed they did not know what to do. They explained that they had listened to many teachers and sages, but confessed that they were uncertain about how to determine what is true and what they should embrace.

The Buddha responded "It is proper for you, Kalamas, to doubt, to be uncertain; uncertainty has arisen in you about what is doubtful. Come, Kalamas. Do not go upon what has been acquired by repeated hearing; nor upon tradition; nor upon rumor; nor upon what is in a scripture; nor upon surmise; nor upon an axiom; nor upon specious reasoning; nor upon a bias towards a notion that has been pondered over; nor upon another's seeming ability; nor upon the consideration, 'The monk is our teacher.'

Kalamas, when you yourselves know: 'These things are bad; these things are blamable; these things are censured by the wise; undertaken and observed, these things lead to harm and ill,' abandon them."

The Buddha is saying we should not simply decide on matters based on: what you are told by others, has been said from the past, hearsay, on something just because it is cited in a text, mere logic, mere inference, it is "common sense," preconceived notions, because a speaker seems trustworthy, and "This is what our teacher says."

The depth and profundity of the Enlightened One's advice is that he includes himself and the Buddhist teachings to this scrutiny or inquiry too! The Buddha saw the potential in people that people skillfully guided could understand higher truths and make positive wholesome decisions which benefit self and others. He encourages everyone to become critical thinkers or think for yourself. It is important to base matters on fact and that which can be confirmed by our experience(s). Buddha noted that anything that is based on greed, anger and ignorance will not be positive and will not lead to wholesome outcomes. The Buddha says if whatever you are contemplating leads "to harm and ill, abandon them."

On the other hand, matters which are not connected to greed, anger and ignorance will lead to positive and wholesome outcomes should be embraced, but the Buddha emphasizes it should be based on sound reasoning and confirmed by experience and that "these things (should) lead to benefit and happiness" as he says "Come, Kalamas. Do not go upon what has been acquired by repeated hearing; nor upon tradition; nor upon rumor; nor upon what is in a scripture; nor upon surmise; nor upon an axiom; nor upon specious reasoning; nor upon a bias towards a notion that has been pondered over; nor upon another's seeming ability; nor upon the consideration, 'The monk is our teacher.'

Kalamas, when you yourselves know: 'These things are good; these things are not blamable; these things are praised by the wise; undertaken and observed, these things lead to benefit and happiness,' enter on and abide in them."

Also, mentioned in this Sutta is the importance of loving-kindness,

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compassion, empathetic joy and equanimity known as the “Four Immeasurables.” Loving-Kindness aspires for the happiness of others, Compassion aspires for all others to be free from suffering, Empathetic Joy rejoices at others’ happiness and successes, and Equanimity emphasizes equality for one and all! Here in America, we, average citizens, have the privilege to elect our government leaders. In many parts of the world, people still do not have the option or opportunity. We should not take voting for granted. Thus, I would encourage everyone to vote! Some of you may have already voted, thank you. If you have not registered, there is still time to register and vote with same day registration and in-person voting at Voter Service Centers until November 3rd. As you decide on who to vote for, please keep in mind, the wise words of Sakyamuni Buddha to the Kalamas. “Kalamas, when you yourselves know: 'These things are bad; these things are blamable; these things are censured by the wise; undertaken and observed, these things lead to harm and ill,' abandon them.” and Kalamas, when you yourselves know: 'These things are good; these things are not blamable; these things are praised by the wise; undertaken and observed, these things lead to benefit and happiness,' enter on and abide in them.” May the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha guidance us. Thank you.

2020-2021 SOCIAL CONCERNS FUND DRIVE

We celebrate gratitude in the month of November. The Thanksgiving holiday and the Eitaikyo observance are reminders of the countless blessings in our lives and how we live deeply connected to the world around us. It is in

this spirit of gratitude that we begin our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive. The fund drive will be from November 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

Because of your commitment to promoting the Buddhist values of compassion and loving kindness, we are able to lend our support to organizations such as the Food Banks on Kauai.

Please make all checks payable to LIHUE HONGWANJI. There will be one combined check to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.



ONLINE DHARMA MESSAGE

Please check out online Dharma messages from a variety of ministers.

Shaku Kaufmann was the speaker for October 11. His message, “New Normal” can be found on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5p2UQ0W-gN4DTm65ALR0loYZc2_OHwwi

To read the full edition of the Headquarters Update, including photos, please visit our 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

~~November 29 CANCELLED~~

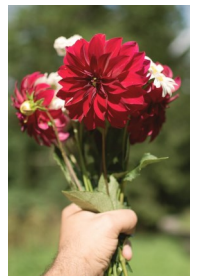
Photos & information are available for LHWA on our website at: <https://www.lihuehongwanjimission.com/organizations-activities/lihu-e-hongwanji-women-s-association/>
Check it out!

LHWA News

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



Lonesome Grave



The Kauai United Hongwanji BWA **Lonesome Grave Project** is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 8:00 a.m. at the Kauai Veteran's Cemetery. Masks and physical distancing rules will be followed.

If you are unable to attend but have flowers suitable to put on the graves for Veterans Day please call Carolyn Yamasaki to arrange a pick-up on November 9th . You may reach Carolyn at 651-3014; text or leave a message.



Rice Roundup!

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we're rounding up bags of rice to donate to the **Kauai Independent Food Bank** to help our neighbors who are experiencing hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

All Lihue Hongwanji Mission members, if you are able to, are asked to donate at least one 15 pound bag of rice.

When: Saturday, November 14

Drop-off Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where: Lihue Hongwanji Mission

Contactless: Drive through the main entrance with rice in your trunk, pop it open, and it will be unloaded for you. Then drive on through the carport and exit.

Please wear a mask and observe social distancing.

If you are not able to carry and deliver rice, monetary donations of any amount will be accepted for the purchase of rice. Please make checks payable to Lihue Hongwanji Mission; note "rice donation"; mail to 3-3556 Kuhio Hwy, Lihue, HI 96766; Attn: C. Ozaki. Checks must be received by Nov. 11.

For more information: email: lihuehongwanjimission@gmail.com

or call L. Mizuo at 822-3974 and leave a message.



Please donate to this worthy project. Be safe and healthy!
Thank you for helping to support our community!

IMPORTANT

Important Meeting!
Your Attendance is Crucial.
December 13, 10:15 am
Annual Membership Meeting



Please all attend and have a voice in the future of **your** temple! The Annual Membership meeting will be held in the temple to allow for appropriate physical distancing. All safety precautions will be followed, including face mask and temperature taking.

The meeting will follow the Birthday/Monthly Memorial service. At the required Annual Membership meeting there will be a discussion of proposed Bylaws changes which include Membership, Board of Directors structure and changes that will allow electronic meetings and voting.

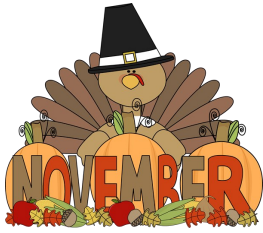


General Cleanup

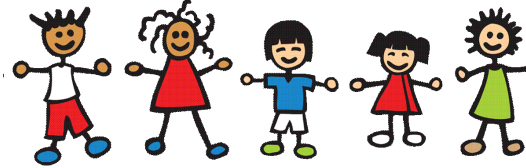


Due to the pandemic and the current gathering restrictions, there will be no temple-wide General Cleanup this year. All group leaders have been informed of the changes in this year's cleanup event changes. Each group leader will be forming their own list of participants, with no more than 10 participants indoors, & inform them of their selected date & time. Members will be contacted by the group leader for cleaning. The pending group schedules are: social hall window cleaning, kitchen cleaning, Aiki Kai Dojo, and roof & concrete power washing. We are expecting a completion target deadline of the end of the 1st quarter of 2021. Please help when you are called for a part of the cleanup of our temple.

Thank you for your understanding and your patience!



LHM Preschool

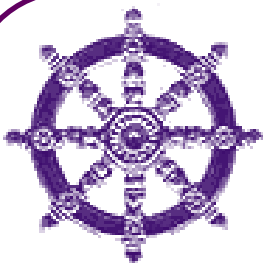


In the month of October the children studied ways to be safe including Fire and Traffic Safety, Water and Sun Safety and Stranger Danger. We learned about germs and Covid-19. We had a fire drill and designated our safe meeting spot as the big gate.

Our themes for November include Nutrition, Families and the Meaning of Thanksgiving.

We are planning on sending cards to the residents and staff of The Life Care Center in Hilo to say we are thinking of them and we wish them well. If any of you would like to send a card with your good wishes we would be happy to include it in our box...just bring it to the preschool in the next couple of weeks.

Starting in the month of November we will be selling **Sudz Car Wash tickets** to raise money for our preschool. We are replacing many of our shelves, benches, and equipment and fixing the benches in the playground. Our playground covering is also in need of sprucing up. If you are so inclined to help us tickets are \$15.00 each for "Da Works" car wash. \$5.00 of each ticket sold will remain with us at the LHM Preschool. Thank you in advance for your support.



Bodhi Day

Bodhi Day this year will be on **Sunday December 6**. Normally we have an island-wide celebration involving all of the Kauai Buddhist temples.

Because of the pandemic this year, there will be no island-wide gathering.

Instead, the Kauai Buddhist Council is creating a virtual

Bodhi Day Service, with the cooperation of all of the temples.

At LHM, we will show this video at our 9:00 am service on December 6 in honor of Bodhi Day. The video will also be uploaded to YouTube. More information will be posted as available.





The pair of artists from Bent Tree Anomaly, Seth Womble and Trysen Kaneshige, started work on the first of three planned murals on mental health presented as a partnership between Bent Tree Anomaly, Kaua'i Planning and Action Alliance, and the Kaua'i Resilience Project, and funded through the County of Kaua'i's Kupaa Kaua'i Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security grant to help reduce the stigma of mental health and prevent suicide.

"The mural would not be possible without the generosity of the building owner, **Roy Tanaka** and his daughter **Lori Koga**," said Nannie Ann Apalla, the Keiki to Career Program Manager for the Kaua'i Planning & Action Alliance. "The mural is tied to the theme of mental health, and it visually demonstrates that Kaua'i is an island community that cares for, and supports our 'ohana, neighbors and friends who may be struggling or feeling stressed, overwhelmed, or even suicidal." "We are honored to host this beautiful mural on the Tanaka Building," Lori said. "It is a privilege to help reduce the stigma of mental health, and to show that our community cares about all of our people and the struggles they may be going through."

"The message is that there is hope, and there is help," said Alice Luck, the president and CEO of Kaua'i Planning & Action Alliance in a press release. "Everyone is experiencing more stress than usual right now, and this mural will send the message that we are not alone. There are people available to help us — to listen to us, 24/7, without judgment. Those themes are woven throughout the mural."

September was observed as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. If anyone needs help, call 1-800-273-8256 (TALK), or simply text "ALOHA" to 741741.

Dennis Fujimoto, staff writer and photographer, The Garden Island

Kauai Hongwanji Council Nembutsu Seminar

An Introduction to the Essence and Practice of Shin Buddhism

A Path for Peace and Happiness for Oneself and Other

December 12 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm (HST): **Via Zoom**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kenneth Kenshin Tanaka
(Professor Emeritus, Musashino University, Tokyo)



His publications include “The Dawn of Chinese Pure Land Buddhist Doctrine” (The State Univ. of New York, 1990), “Ocean: An Introduction to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in America” (WisdomOcean Publication, 1997), “The Faces of Buddhism in America” (co-editor) (Univ. of California Press, 1998), “Amerika bukkyo” (in Japanese, meaning “American Buddhism”) (Musashino University, 2010), “Buddhism on Air: Kaleidoscope of a Growing Religion” (Buddhist Education Center, 2015) and edited “Chi’e no ushio – Shinran no chi’e, shutaisei and shakaisei” (in Japanese, meaning “The Tide of Wisdom: Shinran’s Wisdom, Subjectivity and Social Dimension”) (Musashino University, 2017). His books have been translated into Japanese, Chinese, and Portuguese.

Registration Fee: Free, but registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

Donations can be made to the Kauai Hongwanji Council. Please make checks payable to: Kauai Hongwanji Council and send it to: West Kauai Hongwanji Mission P.O. 529 Hanapepe, HI 96716.

Maximum capacity is 100 people, first come first serve.

We will e-mail you a zoom link three days prior to the seminar.

Click below to register!

“Registration Deadline Sunday, December 6”

<https://forms.gle/kKX1sVSeHumPd8KP7>

For further information, please contact:

Kapaa Hongwanji at 822-4667, West Kauai Hongwanji at 335-3195 or Lihue Hongwanji at 245-6262.

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 DONATION:

In memory of Nobuhiro Matsuyoshi
Michael & Irene Johnston

7 DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE DONATION:

In memory of Nobuhiro Matsuyoshi
Michael & Irene Johnston

MEMORIAL SERVICE DONATION:

In memory of Kenichi Miyoshi (33 Yrs.)
Family of Kenichi Miyoshi
In memory of Harue Ishii
Laura M. Ishii
In memory of Minoru Shimokawa
Wesley Shimokawa
Paul & Helen Yamaguchi
In memory of Thomas Teragawa
Carol Teragawa
In memory of Frank Ling-Fukushima
Elaine Fukushima
In memory of Dean Inouye
Alice Inouye
In memory of Mamoru Yamada
Blaine Sasaki
Warren & Colleen Nonaka

COLUMBARIUM DONATION:

In memory of George & Elsie Toyofuku
Guy & Lori Toyofuku
Yoshie Ogata

AUTUMN HIGAN SERVICE:

Helen Tomita
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Elsie & Samuel Takata
Setsuo & Edith Ushio
Tom & Eleanor Kajiwarra

EITAIKYO SERVICE DONATION:

Tom & Eleanor Kajiwarra

SOCIAL CONCERNS**DONATION:**

Michiko Yamamoto
Daniel Yotsuda

BON DANCE**DONATION:**

Itsue Okada



Please know that our office clerk is currently not in the office. We apologize if we have missed any donations that may have come in over the past month. If there are errors or you have questions, please email us through the LHM office email: lihuehongwanjmission@gmail.com. Thank you for your understanding.



As we near the end of 2020, we want to remind our members to be sure they are up-to-date with their dues payments for this year. There has been so much happening that this may have been overlooked.

Thank you!





With Deepest Sympathy

Lihue Hongwanji extends its deepest sympathy to the family and relatives of:
The late Nobuhiro Matsuyoshi who passed away on September 21 at the age of 74 years.

MEMORIAL SERVICE (NENKI HOYO)

NOVEMBER–DECEMBER

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of November and December. In Jodo Shin Buddhism, memorial services are observed to remind the family members of the compassion of Amida Buddha in memory of the deceased.

Lihue Hongwanji Mission recommends that the families and relatives of the deceased members listed below contact the temple office at 245-6262 for an appointment.

1st YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2019

2019	November 9	Ronald Uyesono
2019	November 11	Irene Shimokawa
2019	November 24	Carolyn Nii
2019	December 18	Judy Segawa

3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2018

2018	December 2	Yukitoshi Inouye
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7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2014

2014	November 13	Tokiko Tada
2014	December 8	Haruo Nakamoto

13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2008

2008	November 11	Gary Sadao Nakagawa
2008	November 24	Noriyuki Kurosaki

17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2004

2004	November 1	Harue Ishii
2004	November 11	Kaoru “Kablo” Kurashige
2004	November 26	Kimiko Fujii
2004	November 28	Takeo Stanford Tsuchiyama
2004	December 8	Mine Tamura
2004	December 18	Momoyo Kuraoka Miyaji
2004	December 27	Harold Toshio Yamada
2004	December 31	Masaichi “Mac” Morinaka

25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1996

1996	December 16	Yoshito Fujiwara
1996	December 16	Ruth Chiyoe Oyeda

33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1988

1998	November 3	Teiji Shibuya
1998	November 7	Masae Ishii
1998	December 10	Norman Toyoichi Urakawa

50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1971

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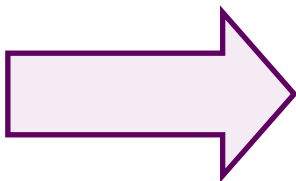


Eitaikyo Service

(Sangha Memorial Service)

Sunday November 15 at 9:00 am

Speaker: Rev. Umitani, Moiliili Hongwanji
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General Membership Meeting

December 13, 10:15 AM

Following the Birthday & Monthly Memorial
(See page 10 for information)