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TEACHINGS FROM THE REVEREND

Thoughts on Father’s Day

Reverend Shinkai Murakami

Namo Amida Butsu

Reflecting on our fathers, whether they are present or departed, often conjures cherished memories. Even if our fathers have passed, their legacies endure in the fond recollections of shared moments. The tradition of Father’s Day traces back over a century ago in our nation’s history. Originating from the heartfelt desire of a lady in Spokane, Washington, who, having lost her mother early in life, witnessed her father’s steadfast dedication in raising six children alone. In honor of her father, she petitioned her church minister to commemorate his birthday, marking the genesis of Father’s Day. President Woodrow Wilson’s visit to Spokane in 1916 further catalyzed its national recognition, ultimately leading to its formal establishment by Presidents Johnson and Nixon.

As fathers, our roles extend beyond mere provision; we navigate the spectrum of emotions alongside our children, from joy and laughter to occasional frustration. Witnessing the involvement of fathers and grandfathers in their children’s activities underscores the depth of paternal dedication. Personally empathizing with the fatigue of fatherhood, I recall my own experiences raising children.

Allow me to share a poignant tale recounted by a temple member at Pearl

City Hongwanji. In Northern California, a family tended to over 100 acres of grape vineyards, with two sons and grandparents residing together. The eldest son dutifully prepared to inherit the family business, while the younger harbored dreams of entrepreneurship in Los Angeles. Despite initial reluctance from his father, the younger son’s relentless pursuit led him to the bustling streets of the city, where he embarked on a humble venture, eventually expanding to multiple outlets. However, ambitious aspirations often come at a cost; the son’s attempt to upscale to a restaurant left him in debt and despair. In his darkest hour, the unwavering support of family became his beacon of hope, prompting his return to the farm, where familial warmth enveloped him.

The unconditional love and forgiveness of family transcended his failures, serving as a poignant reminder of the compassionate essence of fatherhood. This narrative embodies the Buddhist virtues of compassion, understanding, and forgiveness. As we honor our fathers, let us reflect on the depth of their sacrifices and the magnitude of their love.

In the reflection of our parents’ unwavering support and boundless love, we discern the embodiment of Amida Buddha’s infinite compassion.

On this auspicious occasion of Father’s Day, let us express heartfelt gratitude to both our earthly fathers and the eternal wisdom of Amida Buddha.

May we continue to illuminate our lives with the beacon of Buddha Dharma, embracing its teachings as we navigate life’s journey. As we cherish the invaluable treasures inherited from our ancestors, let us embody the spirit of “Manabe,” to learn, “Uketsuge,” to accept, and “Tsutaero,” to pass on to future generations.

In the tapestry of existence, we find solace in the embrace of the Nembutsu Ohana, united by the guiding light of Amida’s compassion. Let our hearts resonate with the profound sincerity of “Magokoro,” the faithful essence passed down by our fathers, grandfathers, and temple members.

As we honor our fathers and Amida Buddha, may we find solace in their boundless love and compassion. Happy Father’s Day.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Our Temple Community Today!

Join us at Wailuku Hongwanji and become a cherished member of our temple community! We embrace diversity and welcome individuals and families from all backgrounds with open arms.

Membership: Support our shared spiritual journey by becoming a regular gojikai member through annual dues; your contribution ensures the vitality of our community.

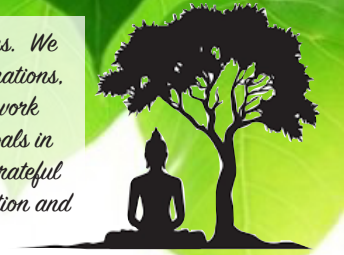
Financial Support: Everyone’s circumstances are unique. If dues present a challenge, reach out to discuss a rate that works for you. Your presence matters most, and we’re happy to accommodate.

Ohana: Joining our ohana enriches your spiritual journey. Attend services, events, or activities to experience our vibrant community firsthand.

Membership Benefits: Enjoy special rates for temple programs, facility rentals, and a voice in decision-making at meetings. Embrace the warmth of community and join us today!



Thank you for your time, effort, and monetary donations. We are so fortunate to have your support! Through your donations, we continue to service multiple temple programs and work towards securing our future by accomplishing many goals in our 2030 Modernization Strategy. We are extremely grateful for any and all donations towards helping our congregation and advancing our community-minded efforts.



Pamela Miyagawa & Sharon Higa

125TH ANNIVERSARY

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| Roy & Gwen Hiraga | Eric & Cathy Ikeuchi | Toni Ogasawara |
| Sandra Hirata | Patrice Matsumoto | Edwin & Thelma Seki |
| Margaret Honda | Glenn & Dawn Mukai | Roy & Flora Tamiya |
| Carolyn Hozaki | Brian Murata | Henry & Betty Yamashiro |

BUILDING

- Roy & Flora Tamiya -
In memory of Masao & Hisako Tamiya

EITAIKYO SERVICE

- Toni Ogasawara

HONOTOMO

- Albert & Shizue Miyasato

YARDSALE

- Ron Hiyakumoto
Calvin & Terri Kaneda
Mike Nishimoto
Glenn Tamura

MATSURI

- James & Takane Hashi

KYODAN

- Betsy Cardoza - *In memory of the Sueda Family*
George & Wendy Choi - *In memory of Katsumi & Fumie Hanada*
George & Alice Fukushima - *Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet*
Roy & Gwen Hiraga - *In memory of Paul Kastner*
Daniel & Gail Kawahara - *In memory of Katsumi & Fumie Hanada*
Thomas & Winona Lau Hee - *In memory of Tetsuo Komatsu*
Gloria Nashiwa - *In memory of Tetsuo Komatsu*
Wesley & Kara Shimizu - *In memory of Edith Omuro*
Alan Watanabe - *In memory of Yukitaka & Shizue Ansai*
Lyle & Charlotte Wilkinson - *In memory of Katsue Shishido*

NOKOTSUDO

- Cary & Sharon Honda - *In memory of James & Yaeko Honda*
Ronald Kanemitsu - *In memory of Noboru & Haruko Kanemitsu*
Thomas & Winona Lau Hee - *In memory of Eddie Ansai*
F.S. Sodetani - *In memory of Clara Sodetani*
Nancy Tomimoto - *In memory of Tom Tomimoto*
Teri K. Wong - *In memory of Kesajiro Ogawa*
Mae Yorimoto - *In memory of the Yorimoto Family*

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS

- Anonymous – *Altar flowers, Assorted snacks, Plastic straws, Brown paper bags, Assorted wish list items, Wooden chopsticks, Newspaper, Yard and campus maintenance*
Richard & Amy Blue – *Yard maintenance*
Cubs – *Temple yard, campus cleanup*
Dharma Strummers – *Sunday service music*
Jeral & Karlynn Fukuda – *Altar flowers*
Alvin & Martha Fukunaga – *Altar flowers*
Margaret Honda – *Nokotsudo & flower cleaning, office support*
HOSHA Gang – *Temple & Columbarium cleaning*
Cathy Ikeuchi - *Ti leaf lei*
Calvin & Teri Kaneda – *Altar flowers*

- Carol Mae Kurisu - *Altar Flowers*
Machiko Moriyasu – *Altar flower & arrangements, office support*
Minae Murakami – *Sunday service organist*
Mike Nishimoto – *Yard maintenance, bougainvillea hedge trimming*
Celeste Rabang – *Office support*
Nancy Shimoda – *Nokotsudo, flower cleaning, office support*
Dale Sugiki – *Sunday service organist*
Toshiko Sugiki - *Office Support*
Ed & Joan Tamori – *Altar flowers & yard maintenance*
Mary Tokumaru – *Office Support*
Leonard & Pat Tomita - *Antibacterial hand soap*
Linda Ann Unemori – *Office support*

Lahaina Buddhist Temples' Disaster Relief

Luly Unemori

For anyone wishing to make a dana contribution to support the three historic Buddhist temples in Lahaina that were destroyed by the recent Maui wildfires: Lahaina Shingon Mission (established 1902), Lahaina Hongwanji Mission (established 1904), and Lahaina Jodo Mission (established 1912), please see the donation instruction below, or visit the HAIB Maui support webpage at <https://www.hawaiiibuddhists.org/news/support-maui>. Donations will support the Buddhist temples, their resident ministers and families, and temple members.

Lahaina Shingon Mission Hokoji

- Checks to “Koyasan Shingon Mission of Hawaii” memo “Lahaina relief”
Send to: Koyasan Shingon Mission of Hawaii, 457 Manono Street Hilo, HI 96720
- For further information please contact by email hikoybof@gmail.com

Lahaina Jodo Mission

- GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/df1b0cf2>
- Checks to “Jodo Mission” with memo “Maui fire relief fund”
Send to: Jodo Mission of Hawaii, 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814

Lahaina Hongwanji Mission

- GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/ff77a520>
- Checks to “HHMH” with memo “Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief”
Send to: Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813
- Online at www.hongwanjihawaii.com

If you would like to donate to any services or programs, please make checks payable to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission and send to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission at 1828 E Vineyard St. Wailuku, HI 96793.

If you would like to volunteer time on any of the upcoming or ongoing projects, please contact the office at (808) 244-0406, Monday-Friday between 8:00am and 12:00pm.

EDUCATION



WAILUKU HONGWANJI PRESCHOOL

144 Kaniela Street, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793 * Phone: (808) 244-9545
 Email: whpreschool808@gmail.com * Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:30am - 4:30pm

Jody Vinoray

A New Beginning: Preschool Class of 2024 Graduation Celebration!

Today, with joyous hearts, we celebrated the graduation of our little ones. In the spirit of mindfulness and compassion, they embark on new journeys, carrying with them the seeds of wisdom nurtured in our loving community. Congratulations to the graduates of 2024, may your futures be bright with kindness and learning!



PRESCHOOL HIRING: Preschool Teacher

Contact:

Wailuku Hongwanji Preschool at (808) 244-9545 or email whpreschool808@gmail.com.

Working Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 4:30pm

Requirements:

- AS Degree in ECE/CDA
- 6-12 months classroom experience working with children ages 3-5 years old
- Creativity & Flexibility
- Infant/Child CPR & First Aid Certification

REGISTRATION

Regular Session:
August to May

Summer Session:
June to July

Closed during public school holidays and breaks, except teachers' institute day and teachers' end-of-semester day

Contact Information:

Phone: (808) 244-9545

Email: whpreschool808@gmail.com

Site: <https://www.wailukuhongwanji.org/index.php/preschool>

EDUCATION

Celebrating Excellence: Gakuen Graduation & Awards

At the temple on May 17th, we celebrated the graduation and award ceremony of Gakuen. Two remarkable students, Kazumasa and Sam Marie, bid farewell as they move forward. Congratulations to both for their outstanding achievements!



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.



Eligibility:

- The applicant must be a student attending or registered for enrollment in an accredited university, college, or a post-high school program in the State of Hawaii.
- The applicant must show interest in Buddhism, and be active in a Hongwanji program, either at the Hawaii Kyodan level or at a branch temple.
- The applicant must be a full-time student and registered for a minimum of 12 college credits per semester.
- The applicant, at the time of the application, must have a required minimum high school, college, or university in Hawaii GPA of 2.5.
(*Those who registered for enrollment and not yet received Hawaii college/university GPA must submit their GPA after the first semester.)
- The applicant must submit the application form with an essay on “Dharma and My Life”.

Application Deadline: July 31 of the year of application

Scholarship Amount: \$2,000.00 each / two recipients



HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813

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EDUCATION

“ESCAPE” from LOCATION to LOCATION!

Joan Tamori

In May, the WHM dharma school hosted an intergenerational “Enlightenment Game” using a very modified escape room idea. The goal was to “escape” from location to location on the temple campus by completing questions. Created to reinforce dharma lessons learned, a way to become acquainted with some lesser-known areas of the temple campus, and being in a “family” with different age members, were impetuses for this activity. With months long planning to fine tune the game, older students (grades four to high school) and teachers, convened to create dharma questions categorized into “easy” and “difficult” questions for the game and to prepare materials and make signs.

On game day, teachers organized five groups (each group assigned a color) comprised of: dharma school students, adult temple members, senior adults 65 years or older, and a mom or dad 25 years or older. Risa, Logan, and Kellen gave out oral directions of the game and quickly joined their groups after. Groups came up with their group name and picked a recorder.

After reading their first clue, groups were off to find their first location, answer questions, and proceed to the next location by reading its clue. No cellphones and internet use were allowed while playing the game. Rev. Murakami moved from place to place in his group, sometimes wanting to help with answers, but asked not to. Comments like “I didn’t know about this place” or “I would have never known about that” were heard from members.

Danny Topp, verifying “time in” and checking answers, announced that the BLUE DOLPHINS, SQUISHY PANDAS, TEAM RED, and TEAM EVA came in with either one or two errors out of ten questions, while the GREEN DRAGONS were the victors with all correct! All group members were awarded with prizes. Thank you to dharma school parent, Krystle Beauchamp, for also donating prizes. Fun, group interaction, and walking the campus made for an exciting and unique learning experience for all!



“Team Eva”- Teacher Sandy, Jeff Tsai, Ed Tamori (hidden), Erik, Eva, Chris Quipotla, and Rev. Murakami tackle the questions, “When was Prince Siddhartha born?” and “Why do we offer flowers and what do they remind us of?”



“Green Dragons” – Mike Munekiyo, Sam, Cara, Tate, and Farron Cabral discuss and answer their questions, “What important event happened under the Bodhi tree?” and “Do a drawing of Amida Buddha.”



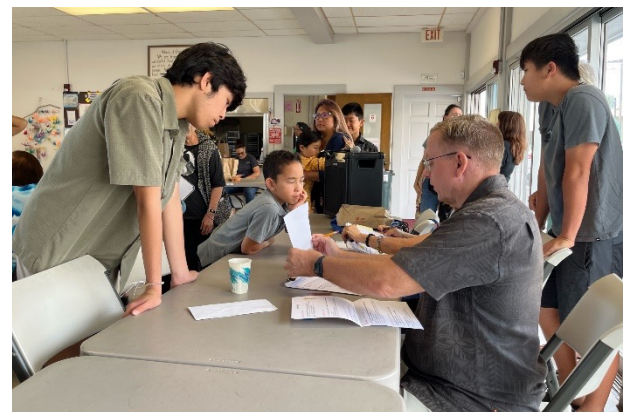
In the chancel escape room location, members were in awe as they looked above to find beautiful flower drawings on the ceiling.



Three groups ended up in the temple to answer their questions, “How did Buddhism start?” and “One member will demonstrate how to oshoko.”



“Escape Room #1” and color coded question and clue envelopes



Verifier Danny Topp, (second from right), checks answers for accuracy as d.s. students Kamauoha, Kaden, teacher Sammy, Kellen, and Logan await results.

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 Do pure & beautiful deeds
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Session 1 - Saturday, June 1
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PLEASE REGISTER BY SATURDAY, MAY 11
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Please contact **Debbie Kubota** (dekub88@gmail.com) if any questions arise.

Sponsored by the Commission on Buddhist Education

ADULT ORGANIZATIONS

Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) News

Gwen Hiraga

BWA members' participation in various activities for the month of May:

1. Gotan-e and Mother's Day on May 12th. Members who attended the service were provided with a long stem rose and a very special lunch. Members enjoyed their lunch during our BWA general membership meeting.
2. Origami demonstration for "Kodomo no tame ni" event with other BWA units on May 18th at Queen Kaahumanu Center.
3. Fujimatsuri on May 19th at Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.
4. Making Ti Leaf lei for Memorial Day.
5. Chow fun preparation on May 24th for Maui Matsuri (May 25th) at UHMC.
6. BWA members continue to prepare and deliver Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches to "A Cup of Cold Water" on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Starting in July, we will increase our donation amount from 80 to 100 sandwiches, twice monthly.

A friendly reminder that membership dues for 2024 can be dropped off at the church office or mailed to Sandy Matsuda at P.O. Box 454, Wailuku, HI 96793. Dues are \$25.00 for members below the age of 85 years old and \$10.00 for members who are 85 years and older.

Happy Birthday to BWA members born in June: Carrie Fukuoka, Sharon Higa, Catherine Ikeuchi, Kyla Manley, Shizuko Mori and Linda Unemori.



As noted by Sandy Hirata in her Facebook post, "What a special brunch! I thought I was back in Kyoto! Thank you to the Boy Scouts Troop 40 & Chef Carl and friends for preparing this Mother's Day brunch at Wailuku Hongwanji Mission! From the miso soup, natto, tamago rolls, salmon, pumpkin & assorted fruits and veggies, it was awesome and so beautifully presented! Thank you also to Maui Specialty Chocolates for the yummy mochi."



BWA members helping with the Second Chance Sale.



Member's rode the bus for Fujimatsuri



Maui Matsuri at Queen Ka'ahu-manu Shopping Center



Creamy Grape Salad Courtesy of Sandy Hirata



Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. Seedless Green Grapes
- 2 lbs. Seedless Red Grapes
- 1 package 8 oz. Cream Cheese (softened)
- 1 cup Sour Cream,
- 1/3 cup Sugar
- 2 tsp. Vanilla Extract
- 3 tbsp. chopped Pecans or Walnuts

Directions:

In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, sour cream, sugar and vanilla until smooth and blended. Add grapes and toss to coat. Transfer to a serving bowl. Cover and refrigerate until serving. Sprinkle with chopped nuts.

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Sakura 4-H Clubs ~ The Clover Report

Sammy Takamura

Did you spot our 4-H girls at Del's Farm Supply in April? All Sakura clubs participated in the National Paper Clover campaign and the Aloha Girls started it off for everyone taking the lead for other clubs to follow. Thank you to Del for your support of the 4-H program!



Aloha Girls at Del's for Paper Clover Campaign.

Aloha Girls: Our Aloha girls truly showed aloha by spending time on the weekend to raise funds for the Maui 4-H organization. The girls used their voices to educate the community and patrons of Del's about all the exciting things they have done in 4-H for the year. The girls were able to raise around \$400 from generous patrons for the Maui 4-H clubs. Great job girls!



Lōkahi Girls Nahe and Sophie, making No-bake treats for Mother's Day.

Lōkahi Girls: After spending time with the community at Del's earlier this month, they moved on to their next community activity by making Sweet Treat boxes for the Mother's Day Scout Brunch at the Mission. President Emma led the others with a No-Bake Energy Ball recipe they learned from the County Teach-In



Lōkahi Girls adorn smiles after making Sweet Treat boxes for Moms.

last month. The recipe was demonstrated by fellow 4-H and Wailuku Hongwanji Dharma student Sam. The girls packaged them in dessert boxes, with decorated tags to show their appreciation of Mothers and Women. They would like to thank Troop 40 for allowing them to join in this annual celebration of Motherhood.



Lōkahi Girls President Emma giving a treat box to Laurie Fukushima at the Mother's Day Brunch.

Mālama Dolphins: At the end of April, the Mālama Dolphins Club members went on an outdoor adventure at Twin Falls in Hā'iku. They went on a guided tour, hiked, swam, and had a picnic lunch.

They learned about native and invasive plant species and the history of the Twin Falls farmland. At their last club meeting for this 2023-2024 4-H club year, they elected new club officers for the next 4-H year. As an end-of-the-year activity to commemorate their project theme this year, "Outdoor Adventures", they will be going on a tour at the Maui Alpaca Farm.



Malama Dolphins hiking at Twin Falls.

The Clover Corner:

Aloha Girls: Grades 1-2
Leader: Farron Cabral

Lōkahi Girls: Grades 3-4
Leaders: Sammy Takamura & Farron Cabral

Malama Dolphins: Grade 5
Leaders: Emi Orikasa & Jill Maki`i

Interested in learning more about 4H?
email: WHMSakura4H@gmail.com

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Troop 40 Goes “All Out” for Mother’s Day Brunch!

Celeste Rabang



Mother’s Day brunch



The troop boys getting ready to serve the Mothers their special menu for Mother’s day



The troop had a busy month for May. They helped the Cub Scouts with their blue and gold ceremony as well as prepared the yearly Mother's Day brunch for all of the church members. They will also be busy helping prepare for the Maui Matsuri and summer camp.

PACK & TROOP CHILD REGISTRATION

Registration Requirements:

- Pack Reg: Boys & Girls ages 6-10
- Troop Reg: Boys & Girls starting at age 11
- Registration fee, Uniform,
- Handbook: About \$108 upon joining
- Annual dues \$15 (due in January)

Contact Information:

- Pack Registration:
(808) 280-1299 or cubpack40@gmail.com
- Troop Registration:
(808) 250-1891 or msdel7@hotmail.com



Assistant Scoutmaster and chef, Carl and his wife Tammy helped create a delicious dinner for the blue and gold celebration



Troop 40 emceed the Cub Scouts Blue and Gold ceremony with 8 Cub Scouts graduating



13 Cub Scouts conquer the Metta award program! Final applications to San Francisco are en route, with an award presentation coming soon.



YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Pack 40's Blue & Gold Banquet and Rain Gutter Regatta

Laurie Fukushima

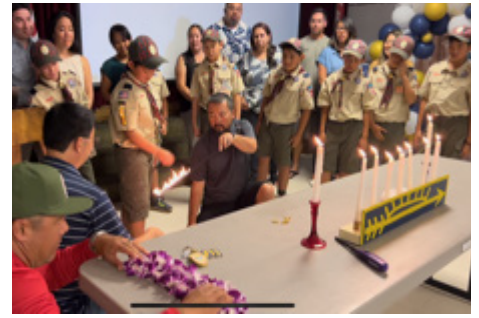


WAILUKU HONGWANJI PACK 40

BLUE & GOLD BANQUET



Pack 40 held their Blue and Gold Banquet in April. We enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Carl Yeh. Nine Cub Scouts will be moving up to Troop 40 next year. Cubmaster Gary Miyagawa and Den Leader Kyle Shimizu presented them with the arrow light badge.



Pack 40 also held their annual rain gutter regatta. Winners were awarded with French Fry floaties. First place (Mason), Second place (Robert), Third place (Kaden), Fourth place (Kuhao).



PACK 40
WAILUKU HONGWANJI

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CUB SCOUTS

PACK 40



We have a variety of fun-filled activities for scouts to learn skills, earn badges, build comraderie, and help the community - all while having fun!

OUR ACTIVITIES

- Pinewood Derby
- Holiday Events
- Raingutter Regatta
- Overnight Camping

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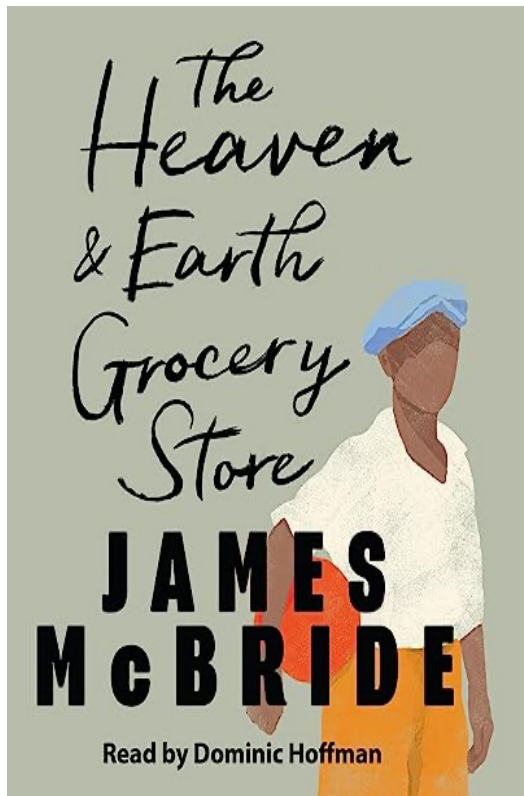
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RECREATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Buddha Reads: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride *Danny Topp*



depicted characters to the subtle foreshadowing, McBride crafts a narrative rich in depth and complexity. Secondary characters like Malachi, Paper, and Miggy add layers to the story, revealing unexpected depths and moral complexity. Fatty emerges as a standout, a character whose moral ambiguity adds depth to the narrative.

During the discussion, opinions on the book were mixed, with Joan expressing admiration for Chona’s character, while Danny and Gary found varying levels of enjoyment in the story. Conversely, Bob found the book less appealing, despite high expectations due to its popularity.

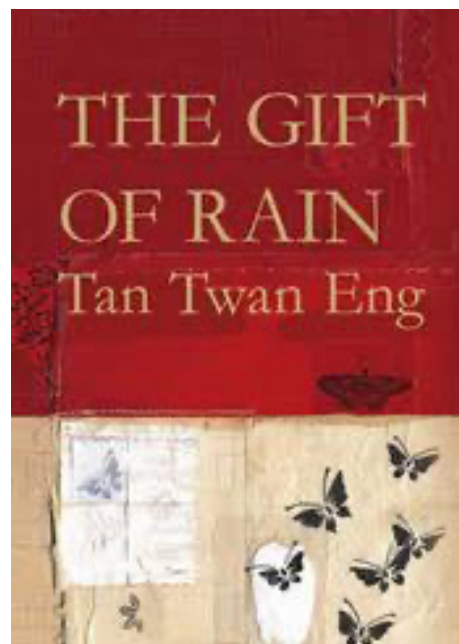
Moving forward, the book club has selected our next reads through a democratic process. The top three choices, “The Gift of Rain” by Tan Twan Eng, “In Cold Blood” by Truman Capote, and “The Buddha in the Attic” by Julie Otsuka, will be our primary focus, with “Siddhartha” by Hermann Hesse and “Snow Falling on Cedars” by David Guterson added to the list due

The Buddha Reads Book Club engaged in a lively discussion of “The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store” by James McBride on May 5th, Sunday evening via Zoom. Bob, Joan, and Danny participated actively, while Gary, unable to attend, graciously shared a comprehensive review, which integrated into this recap. Set in 1920s and ‘30s Pottstown, Pennsylvania, the novel intricately unveils the lives of residents in the diverse Chicken Hill neighborhood, blending the experiences of Black and Jewish communities. At its core, the narrative revolves around Moshe and Chona Ludlow, proprietors of the local theater and the Heaven & Earth Grocery Store, who find themselves entangled in a poignant tale of humanity when asked to harbor a deaf Black boy named Dodo from authorities intent on institutionalizing him. As tensions rise, the townsfolk, despite their own internal divisions, rally together to aid the vulnerable youth.

Gary’s insights offer a nuanced perspective on the narrative landscape, commending McBride’s skill in character portrayal and the vivid tapestry of life in Depression-era Western Pennsylvania. He highlights the intricacies within each community, illustrating the nuanced social hierarchies and prejudices that shape interactions. From the vividly

to their close ranking. We’ve also considered adjusting the reading schedule based on audiobook lengths to ensure a comfortable pace for all members, and remain open to further discussion on this matter.

The forthcoming meeting, scheduled for June 9th, will delve into the first half of “The Gift of Rain” by Tan Twan Eng.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Wanted

Frank Hamasaki

Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Temple needs a volunteer to provide an hour of dana each week. Duties include:

- Taking trash bags (including floral waste) to the trash bin. Bags are about 10-35 lbs and the office generates about 5-10 bags a week.
- Since the trash company picks up the waste on Monday, we would like the waste removed on Friday. The bags could be taken out on Saturday or even Sunday, but the office prefers Friday because someone will be available in the office to ensure the doors are open.

The office prefers a high school student seeking a community-service project that they can use on their college applications.

If you are available and willing to help, please call the office at (808) 244-0406 during business hours: M-F, 8:00am - 12:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Temple Wish List

We kindly request your support in contributing to our temple’s wish list, which includes essential items to enhance our space and activities. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

- Aluminum Foil
- 12 Cups and larger coffee filters
- Forever postage stamps
- 33 Gal. Trash Bags (No Flex Tech)
- 18 Gal. Kitchen Trash bag w/ draw string (No Flex Tech)
- Paper Towels
- Hashi (chop sticks)
- 7” Dessert Plates
- 12oz Bowls
- Napkins
- Coffee: Folgers or Yuban
- Clear Carton Packing Tapes
- General Use Masking Tapes (1”)
- Ziploc bags (sandwich, quart, gallon)
- Duct Tape
- 15# Bag rice
- 9” Lunch plates
- Blue Painters tape
- Antibacterial hand soap
- 9 oz. Cold cups
- 9 oz. Hot cups





Mō'ili'ili Hongwanji
A Jodo Shinshu Buddhist temple



**PROJECT
DANA**

Invite you to
this Seminar

Where: Wailuku Hongwanji Mission
When: Saturday, June 8, 2024 from 9am - 10:30am

Please call the temple office at (808) 244-0406 if interested in attending, or sign up at the temple office. Headcount is needed by Thursday, June 6, 2024. Thank you.

TALKING ABOUT **COMMUNITY TRAUMA** AND PATHWAYS TO HEALING

KEVIN Y. KAWAMOTO, MSW, PH.D.

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA CENTER ON AGING

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024

9 TO 10:30 A.M.

MO'ILI'ILI HONGWANJI MISSION

902 UNIVERSITY AVENUE



We live in a world where bad news travels fast. Throughout the day and for weeks if not months on end, we often hear stories about traumatic events such as natural disasters, acts of violence that cause death and suffering, and human conflicts that turn residential communities into war zones. How does repeated exposure to bad news affect our emotional health as individuals and as a community? Let's talk about community trauma and pathways to healing at this free community event open to the public.

For more information please contact Mō'ili'ili Hongwanji at (808)949-1659 or Email mhm@mouililihongwanji.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS***Obon Mairi Begins June 03, 2024*** Sharon Higa

Reverend Shinkai Murakami will begin “Obon Mairi” (Obon house visitation) for Wailuku Hongwanji Kyodan members beginning on Monday, June 3. Kyodan members need to contact Reverend Murakami at 808-214-3067 or contact the office at 808-244-0406 to make arrangements for the date and time when he may visit their home.

Annually, Reverend Murakami visits temple members’ homes to conduct an Obon service as part of the custom of honoring the spirits of one’s ancestors. This Buddhist custom has evolved into a family reunion when the spirits of ancestors are supposed to revisit the household altar. The family honors their ancestors and acknowledges their gratitude for the contribution they made to their lives. They celebrate life and the sacred connection of all living beings. Members are reminded to clean their butsudan (family altar) and place fresh flowers for the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS***Hatsubon (First Obon) Service Will Be Held On August 02 and August 03***

The Wailuku Hongwanji Mission’s “Hatsubon” service will take place on Friday, August 2, and Saturday, August 3, starting at 6:45 p.m. The list of the departed has been categorized into two groups, as detailed below. Families have the option to adjust the date of their service and are encouraged to contact the temple office at 808-244-0406 promptly.

“Hatsubon” signifies the first Obon, marking the first anniversary since the last Obon. It serves as a time for families and friends to gather and contemplate how the essence of their loved ones continues to resonate through their thoughts, words, and actions. For those observing Hatsubon, and indeed for all of us, as death touches each of our lives, it prompts a recognition of the impermanence of the physical form, leading to a deeper understanding that the influence of our loved ones persists and shapes our lives. Amidst the ache of loss, we acknowledge the importance of cherishing each moment, recognizing that tomorrow or the next instant is uncertain. While the sorrow of absence lingers, so too do the cherished memories and joyful times shared with our loved ones, eternally intertwined with our being.

As we partake in the Obon festivities, let us also contemplate the Truth of our existence—the truth that our departed loved ones continue to exert influence upon our present lives. Obon becomes a time for expressing gratitude for the conditions that allow us to experience this life. In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, we refer to Obon as Kangi-e, or the Gathering of Joy, for it embodies the act of Namu Amida Butsu, acknowledging the boundless compassion of the Buddha.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2024

Katsue Shishido - July 12, 2023
Todd Eiji Yamafuji - August 14, 2023
Mildred Miyamoto - August 23, 2023
Yeiko “Tony” Arakaki - August 31, 2023
Gladys Asako Watanabe - September 10, 2023
Anita Toshiko Yamafuji - September 18, 2023

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024

Ralph Takao Marushige - January 11, 2024
Shiori Yamashiro - January 20, 2024
Eleanor Yonamine - February 17, 2024
Stephen Tsuzaki - February 26, 2024
Sharon Takie Kawachi - March, 24, 2024
Yukie Ng - April 8, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS***Triple Celebration: Sept. 7-8, 2024***

Join us for the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii’s Triple Celebration on September 7 & 8, 2024, at Ala Moana Hotel. Registration is open until July 31, 2024. Early registration costs \$250. Late registration after July 31, 2024, is \$300. Youth (25 yrs or younger) registration is \$150 until July 31, 2024. Registration includes meals, services, workshops, and a \$200 subsidy for neighbor island participants. Submit forms to your temple office. For inquiries, contact triple.celebration@honpahi.org or H.Q.

Update: Early registration flyer and form attached. Share in your digital newsletter and Sunday services. Special hotel rates at Ala Moana Hotel until August 6, 2024: Kona Tower: \$194, Waikiki Tower: \$224. No resort fees. Reserve online: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50708991>. Phone reservations: (800) 367-6025 or (808) 955-4811. Mention Honpa Hongwanji Triple Celebration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS***Jr. YBA Sunday on June 9, 2024***

Sharon Higa

Members of the Jr. YBA (Young Buddhist Association) would like to invite everyone to their annual Jr. YBA Sunday Service, which will be held on Sunday, June 10, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The purpose of this service is to recognize members and leaders who have contributed to the success of this organization. Jr. YBA is an organization in which young people learn the teachings of the Buddha, develop leadership skills and organizational techniques; social skills and have fun. Parents, grandparents, and friends are encouraged to attend this special service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS***2024 YBICSE***

Sharon Higa

We’re excited to announce the return of the YBICSE this summer. The Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange program is coordinated by Honzan, our mother temple in Kyoto, Japan. Through this program, young students from BCA, Canada, South America, and Hawaii Kyodans assemble in Kyoto, Japan, to participate in various exciting and educational programs to experience the joy of being Jodo Shinshu Buddhists today. Honzan’s YBICSE program will be held on July 4-9, 2024. More detailed information about the program, application, and itinerary, including the Hawaii Kyodan’s original program, will be distributed to the temples later. We encourage our youth to consider attending this meaningful program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS***Calling All Keirokai Members***

Join us on October 20, 2024, for our 125th Anniversary luncheon! Keirokai members aged 80 or older in 2024, share your details with the church office at (808) 244-0406 to be part of this unforgettable celebration!

Young Buddhist International Cultural Study Exchange (YBICSE)

JULY 2 - 12, 2024



WHAT IS YBICSE?

- Hongwanji-sponsored educational trip to Japan
- Meet new friends from the US Mainland, Canada, South America, and Japan
- Learn & experience Japanese culture
- Special opportunity to experience Nembutsu Moments

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Current 9th graders through age 25
- Interested in and appreciation for Jodo Shinshu Buddhism
- In good health
- Passport needed by May 31
- 7 delegates will be selected
- Minister advisor Rev. Joshin Kamuro

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

- \$2,400 (includes intl airfare)
- Some meals and other personal expenses are not included
- Inter-island travel is not included



**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS
DUE MAY 7, 2024**

<https://forms.gle/aZ6N7gAnKGJGxiMP9>

2024 OBON SCHEDULE

FRI	SAT	TEMPLE	SERVICE	DANCE
	JUN 01	Lahaina Shingon Mission** mail@lahainashingon.org	6:30pm	7:30pm
	JUN 08	Puunene Nichiren Mission	6:00am	7:30pm
JUN 14		Wailuku Jodo Mission	6:00am	7:00pm
	JUN 15	Wailuku Shingon Mission sorapapa@yahoo.com	6:30pm	7:30pm
	JUN 22	Kahului Jodo Mission	6:30pm	7:30pm
	JUL 06	Lahaina Jodo Mission lahainajodominion@gmail.com	6:30pm	8:00pm
	JUL 13	Mantokuji Mission of Paia info@paiamantokuji.org	6:00am	7:30pm
JUL 19	JUL 20	Kahului Hongwanji Mission kahului-hongwanji@hawaii.rr.com	6:00am	7:30pm
JUL 26	JUL 27	Makawao Hongwanji Mission makawaohongwanji@gmail.com	6:00am	7:00pm
AUG 02	AUG 03	Wailuku Hongwanji Mission whm@wailukuhongwanji.org	6:30pm	7:45pm
	AUG 10	Lahaina Hongwanji Mission** lhmkyodan@yahoo.com	6:00am	7:30pm
AUG 16	AUG 17	Paia Rinzai Mission	6:00am	7:00pm
	AUG 24	Kula Shofukuji Mission mail@lahainashingon.org	6:30pm	7:30pm
WED, JUL 03		Obon Cemetery Services: 3:00pm at Makawao Veterans' Cemetery 5:00pm at Maui Memorial Park and Lahaina Japanese Cemetery		

**NOTE: Lahaina Temples' dates and locations are pending

REMINDER: Obon dance practices are held the second Wednesday of the month at Wailuku Hongwanji Mission from 5:30pm - 6:30pm until the start of Obon season.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

June Hoji Memorial Services



1st YEAR MEMORIAL - 2023

DAY NAME

- 02 Desiree Yoshino Miyamoto (SHI SHIN)
- 20 Elaine Etsuko Hamasaki (JO RAKU)

3rd YEAR MEMORIAL - 2022

DAY NAME

- 06 Tetsuo Matsui (GAN NEN)
- 29 Tom Tomeo Hiranaga (KYO SHIN)

7th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2018

DAY NAME

- 22 Masako Sakotani (SHO SHIN)

13th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2012

DAY NAME

- 26 Masao Sato (SOKU SHO)

17th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2008

DAY NAME

- 10 Isoyo Taguchi (JUN KO)
- 17 Tadato Fujimura
- 21 Nobuko Harada (MYO SHIN)

25th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2000

DAY NAME

- 13 Tagako Yokouchi (MYO GA)

50th YEAR MEMORIAL - 1975

DAY NAME

- 13 Nobu Yamashita (KEI TAI)
- 28 Tsune Sano (MYO JO)

To schedule your family member's memorial service, please contact the main office at (808) 244-0406, Monday-Friday between 8:00am and 12:00pm.

Our Deepest Sympathies



Sharon Takie Kawachi (E-KO – Buddha's Great Light of Wisdom), age 75, of Kahului, passed away on March 24, 2024.
Yukie Ng (KO-SEN – Vow of the Peace and Serenity), age 89, of Kahului, passed away on April 8, 2024.

Namo Amida Butsu

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Ofuse: Thank You for Your Compassion

- Grace & Teri Hamasaki - In memory of Doris Nishizawa
- Brian Hashiro - In memory of Rose Hashiro
- Ronald & Amy Kamakaiwi - In memory of Eleanor Yonamine
- Kay Kawachi - In memory of Sharon Kawachi
- Keith & Susan Kunitake, Jane & James Tanaka, Raymond Funisaki & Christine Tomei - In memory of Edwin Kunitake
- Gail Kushiyama - In memory of Melvin Kushiyama
- Alan Miyazaki - In memory of Masato Miyazaki
- Vince Ng & Malone Mark - In memory of Yukie Ng
- Caroline Oishi - In memory of Hiroshi Oishi
- Millie Yokouchi - In memory of Edwin Ken Yokouchi



Donations in memory of our ancestors and the recent passing of our family and friends may be made payable to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission and sent to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission at 1828 E Vineyard St. Wailuku, HI 96793. Please feel welcome to also note on the check to whose memory you are sending your donation.



Triple Celebration Deadline Extended to April 30, 2024!

The early registration fee and
youth fee is still available !

\$250 per person for registrations received by April 30, 2024

\$300 per person for registrations received by July 31, 2024

\$150 per youth registration (25 years old or younger)



Registration Link:

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/triple-celebration/>

Refunds will be issued in full for refund requests received on or before August 6, 2024.

After August 6, 2024, no refunds will be issued. Regarding the Hotel reservation, please see more detailed information at the website.

REFERENCES

Organization & Project Sign-Up Info

Interested in joining an affiliate organization, club, association, or looking to volunteer or donate to a project? Below is a list of sponsored organizations and ongoing or upcoming projects at Wailuku Hongwanji and their contact information. We look forward to seeing you and your family, and thank you in advance, for any monetary donations you make to support our efforts!

Altar Flower Donations	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com
Buddhist Womans Association (BWA)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com
Building Fund Donation	Payable to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission Send to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission at 1828 E Vineyard St. Wailuku, HI 96793
Boy Scouts	Call (808) 250-1891 or email msdell17@hotmail.com
Buddha Reads Book Club	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com
Choir	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com
Cub Scouts	Call (808) 280-1299 or cubpack40@gmail.com
Dharma School	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com
Dharma Strummers	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com
4-H	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email WHMSakura4H@gmail.com
Gakuen (Japanese Language School)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com
Hosha Day Clean-up (First Thursday of Month)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com
Junior Young Buddhist Association (Jr. YBA)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com
Judo Club	Call (808) 244-9094 or email rhiyakumoto@hawaii.rr.com
Karate	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com
Kendo	Call (808) 244-2650 or email michael.sone@gmail.com
Office Support	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com
Preschool	Call the Preschool at (808) 244-9545 or email whpreschool808@gmail.com
Social Concerns Fund Drive	Payable to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission Send to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission at 1828 E Vineyard St. Wailuku, HI 96793
Website & Facebook	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com
Yard & Facility Maintenance	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June / July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
8am Sunday Service	Obon Mairi Begins 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	65th State Ministers Assn Seminar (Online/Maui)			BWA Hoshu Day 7pm Troop mtg	Puunene Nichiren Mission Obon 6pm Service 7:30pm Dance
8am Jr. YBA Sunday Service 9:15am BWA Meeting	5:30pm Dharma Strummers	King Kamehameha State Holiday (Office Open)	5:30pm Obon Practice	7pm Troop mtg	Wailuku Jodo Mission Obon 6pm Service 7:30pm Dance	10am Choir Practice Wailuku Shingon Mission Obon 6:30pm Service 7:30pm Dance
8am Father's Day Sunday (Dharma School Hosting Breakfast)	5:30pm Dharma Strummers	6:30pm Cubs	Juneteenth (Office Closed) BWA ACCW 5pm Kyodan Board Meeting	7pm Troop mtg	65th State Jr. YBA Conv. WHM	
8am Sunday Service 65th State Jr. YBA Conv. WHM	5:30pm Dharma Strummers			7pm Troop mtg		Conference Room Rental Social Hall & Kitchen Rental
8am Family Service	5:30pm Dharma Strummers		3pm Obon Cemetery Service at Makawao Veteran's Cemetery 5pm Obon Cemetery Service at Maui Memorial Park & Lahaina Japanese Cemetery	Independence Day Holiday (Office Closed) 7pm Troop mtg	Young Buddhist ICSE	
8am Sunday Service 9:15am BWA Meeting	5:30pm Dharma Strummers		5:30pm Obon Practice	BWA Hoshu Day 7pm Troop mtg		Paia Mantokuji Obon pm Service pm Dance
8am Sunday Service	5:30pm Dharma Strummers	6:30pm Cubs	BWA ACCW 5pm Kyodan Board Meeting	7pm Troop mtg	Kahului Hongwanji Obon 6pm Service 7:30pm Dance	Kahului Hongwanji Obon 6pm Service 7:30pm Dance
8am General Clean Up & Yagura Construction (Dharma School Hosting Brunch)	Omigaki Project 5:30pm Dharma Strummers			7pm Troop mtg	Makawao Hongwanji Obon 6pm Service 7pm Dance	Kupuna Aloha Luncheon Makawao Hongwanji Obon 6pm Service 7pm Dance
8am Family Service	5:30pm Dharma Strummers					