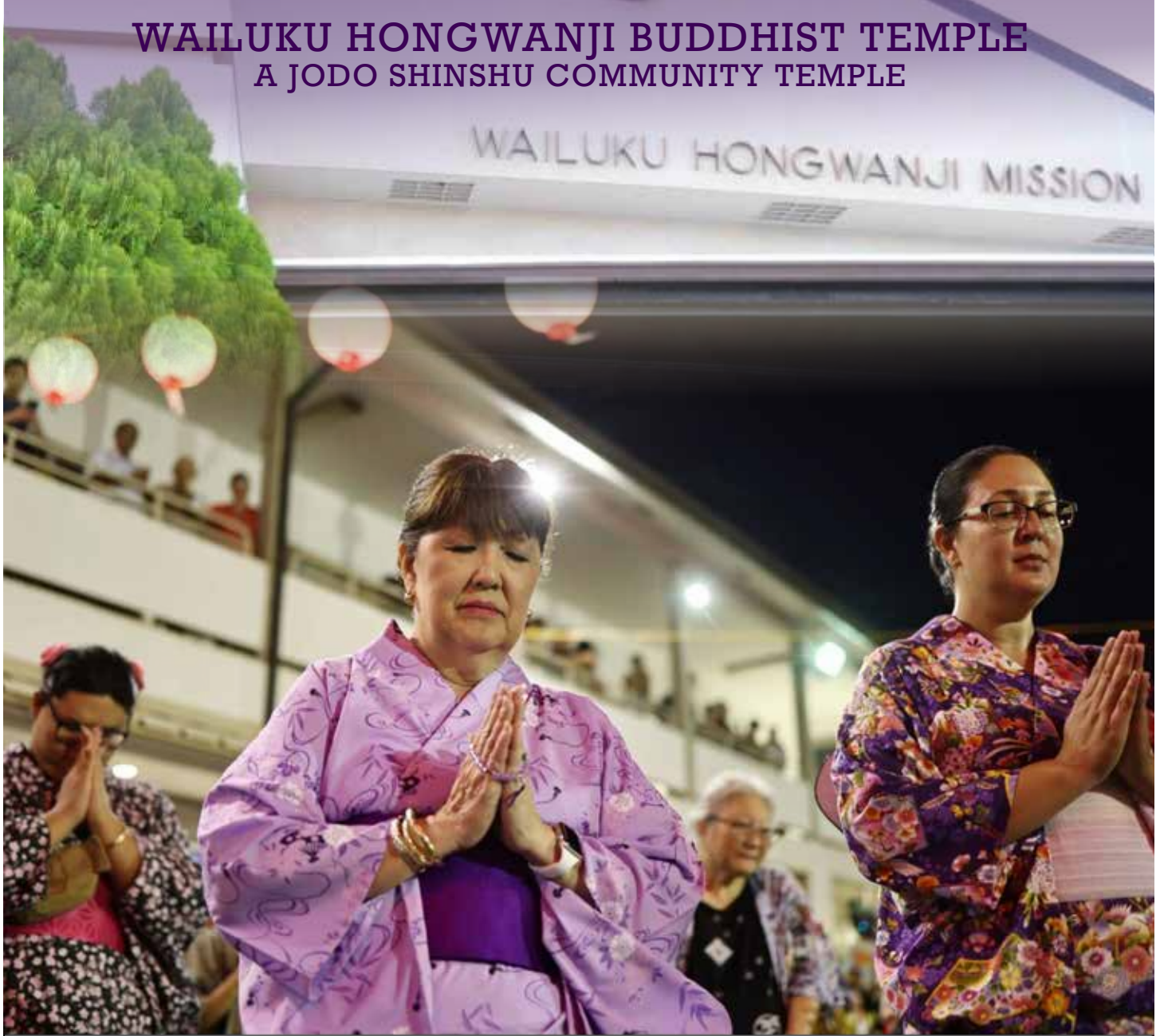




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TEACHINGS FROM REVEREND
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Opportunity *Reverend Shinkai Murakami*

Namo Amida Butsu

As you may know, great athletes captivate us with their remarkable skills and performances. Whether it's the NBA Finals, the World Series, or the NFL Super Bowl, these events are thrilling, and we passionately support our favorite teams with cheers like "Go, Go, Go" and "Defense, Defense." In each winning team, there is often a "Hero," the MVP, who plays a pivotal role in securing victory. Yet, behind every MVP, there are countless individuals working diligently behind the scenes, whose support is crucial to the team's success, even though they may not receive the spotlight or awards.

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is preparing to celebrate a significant milestone with a triple celebration on September 7 and 8 at the Ala Moana Hotel. This momentous event will mark the 135th anniversary of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, the 800th anniversary of the establishment of Hongwanji, and the 850th birthday of Shintani Shonin. We anticipate the participation of ministers from across the state, their families, temple presidents, and our sangha. The celebration will include educational workshops on both days and culminate in a special service with rituals reminiscent of those at our Mother Temple in Kyoto. A dedicated committee of ten ministers will perform a special ritual with the Bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii before the altar, echoing a service held in Kyoto in 2023.

As we prepare for this special service, including a unique ritual with Bishop Umitani and other ministers, we are reminded of the honor and sense of community this event represents. It is a once-in-a-lifetime experience and serves as a poignant reminder of the causes and conditions that have shaped our ministries here in Hawaii. The 135-year history of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii stands as a testament to the strength of our community. We take pride in the work we have done together with our members, sangha, and the wider community, and we have truly become a united Ohana.

As members of Hongwanji, whether minister, temple member, or BWA member, we are all guided by the Nembutsu and have the opportunity to share this profound guidance with our community daily. In the Homages, it is said, "Hard it is to be born into human life; now we are living in it. Difficult it is to hear the Teachings of the Blessed One; now we hear them." This reminds us to appreciate all we have and to find joy in the happiness of others. The Buddha's teachings remind us, "Your happiness is my happiness, and your sadness is my sadness, too."

We are blessed with the "Spiritual Joy of the Nembutsu," and may we all rejoice in the great joy and happiness that our triple celebration brings. We also look forward to celebrating the Wailuku Hongwanji Mission's 125th anniversary on October 20, 2024.

"Okage-samade," I am deeply grateful for your dedication, thoughtfulness, and care for our Hongwanji.

Namo Amida Butsu



KYODAN

KHM Project Dana
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DHARMA SCHOOL

Franklin Hamasaki

125TH ANNIVERSARY

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 Pearl Kaya
 Patrick & Sue Nomura
 Roy & Judy Stillwell-Toba

HASHI ELEVATOR & HONOTOMO

Eleanor Nishida - *In memory of Torio & Yuriko Nishida*

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS

Cubs - *Temple yard & campus cleanup*
 Jeral & Karlynn Fukuda - *Altar flowers*
 Brian Hashiro - *Altar ornaments cleaning*
 Sylvia Ishikawa - *Altar ornament cleaning*
 Calvin & Teri Kaneda - *Altar flowers*
 Celeste Rabang - *Office support*
 Dale Sugiki - *Sunday service organist*
 Linda Ann Unemori - *Office support*
 Anonymous - *Altar flowers, Assorted snacks, Plastic straws, Brown paper bags, Assorted wish list items, Wooden chopsticks, Newspaper, Yard and campus maintenance, Assorted Fruits, Luncheon Plates, Napkins*
 Richard & Amy Blue - *Yard maintenance, AV Blackout curtains*
 Margaret Honda - *Nokotsudo & flower cleaning, office support, altar ornament cleaning*
 Machiko Moriyasu - *Altar flowers, arrangements, & ornament cleaning; office support*
 Minae Murakami - *Sunday service organist*
 Mike Nishimoto - *Yard maintenance & Bougainvillea hedge trimming*
 Nancy Shimoda - *Nokotsudo & flower cleaning, office support*
 Jerry Tamanaha - *Miscellaneous electrical maintenance*
 Ed & Joan Tamori - *Altar flowers & yard maintenance*
 Mary Tokumaru - *Office support, altar ornament cleaning*
 Danny Topp - *Audio Visual Support for Services/Meetings/Events*

NOKOTSUDO

Fred & Ann Araki - *In memory of Yoneko Shimada & Robert Y. Shimada*
 David & Barbara Goto - *In memory of Sadao Goto, Sakai Goto, Mabe Goto, and Susumu Goto*
 Mildred Goya - *In memory of Johei & Seki Nishioka*
 James & Takane Hashi - *In memory of Richard & Alma Hashi, and Chiyo Hashi*
 Margaret Honda
 Wayne & Lena Kaneyama - *In memory of Nobue, Minoru, and Juji Hanada*
 Jane & Irving Koja - *In memory of the Tomokiyo family, and Urata family*
 Reiko Kondo - *In memory of Takeyuki & Ochiyo Yoshizu*
 Wallace Matsuda - *In memory of Takeyuki & Ochiyo Yoshizu*
 Mary Pitkin - *In memory of the Tomokiyo family*
 Sharon & Michael Sueda - *In memory of Masaiki & Jessie Sueda*

OFUSE

Gale Evans - *In memory of Tomiko Yamagata*
 Franklin & Guy Hamasaki - *In memory of Elaine Hamasaki*
 Amy Izutsu - *In memory of Tomiko Yamagata*
 Rodney & Kazumi Tanaka - *In memory of Peggy Tanaka*
 Eleanor Yanagi - *In memory of Richard Makino*
 Elaine Yoneda - *In memory of Harold Yoneda*

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Wayne & Kay Hedani

OHANARYO

Amy Izutsu - *In memory of Tomiko Yamagata*

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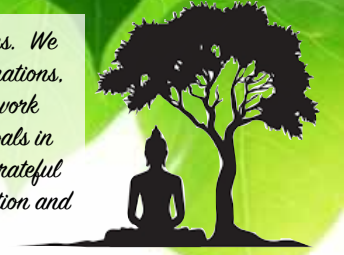
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SPECIAL PROJECTS

Eleanor Nishida - *In memory of Torio & Yuriko Nishida*

THANK YOU

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

OBON

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 Edwin & Thelma Seki - *In memory of Roy & Anna Seki*
 George Shimada - *In memory of Robert Yoneko Shimada*
 Dayni Shimomura - *In memory of Molly Tokunaga and the Ishibashi Ohana*
 Yukimi Shoda - *In memory of George Shoda & Seimu Shoda*
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 Toshiko Sugiki - *In memory of Kazu Sugiki*
 Lynn & Diane Tadakuma - *In memory of Larry & Barbara Tadakuma*
 Colleen Takamura - *In memory of Gilbert Takamura*
 Alan Tamiya - *In memory of Misao & Hisako Tamiya*
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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

Preschool is a wonderful and essential time in a child’s life, providing a special environment where they can begin their journey of exploration, learning, and growth. At this early stage, preschool introduces children to structured learning in a way that feels both nurturing and exciting. It’s a time when they start to develop crucial skills that will help them throughout their lives.

In preschool, children engage in a variety of play-based activities that are not only fun but also incredibly educational. Through these activities, they learn how to communicate their thoughts and feelings, share with others, and solve problems together. These early experiences help them build strong social, emotional, and cognitive skills, laying a solid foundation for their future academic success.

Preschool also fosters a sense of curiosity and creativity. By encouraging children to ask questions and explore their interests, we help them develop a lifelong love for learning. The supportive and playful environment of preschool allows children to thrive and prepares them for the more structured experiences they will encounter in their later school years.

In essence, preschool is a magical place where children’s development is supported in a joyful and nurturing setting. It helps them get ready for the adventures and challenges of school, and most importantly, it helps them build a strong sense of wonder and enthusiasm for the world around them.

We invite you to enroll your child in our preschool for both regular and summer sessions, where they will experience this enriching environment firsthand. If you are passionate about early childhood education and looking for a rewarding career, we are also hiring! Join our dedicated team and help make a difference in the lives of young learners. For more information about registration and employment opportunities, please contact us today. We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our preschool family!



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>

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:

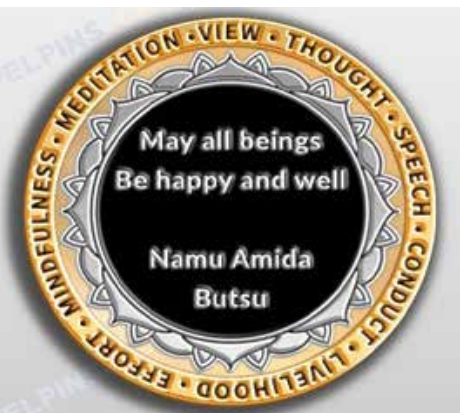
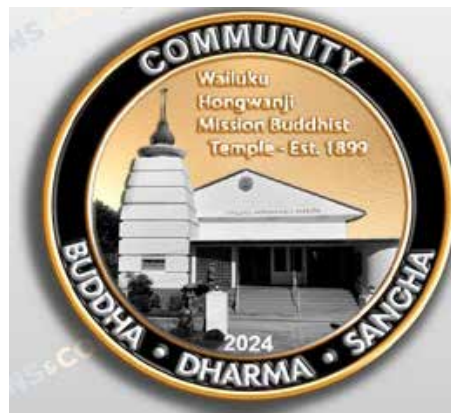
- AS Degree in ECE/CDA
- 6-12 months classroom experience working with children ages 3-5 years old
- Creativity & Flexibility
- Infant/Child CPR & First Aid Certification

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2024 Temple Coin

Danny Topp

Introducing the 2024 temple coin! Celebrating 125 years of WHM temple with a beautiful image on the front and our theme “COMMUNITY” displayed prominently. The back features uplifting messages in brass lettering against a black backdrop. Limited supply available! Contact Danny Topp to get yours today, along with our 2022 Gratitude and 2023 Compassion & Kindness coins.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Obon Games a Success in New Home!

Article by Joan Tamori
Photos by Cathy Ikeuchi

The new location (two classrooms on the second floor of the social hall) for the Dharma School Obon Game activity proved to be a POSITIVE change as both rooms were well attended on both nights! As “word got around” and signs helped to lead the public upstairs, rooms became filled with voices and laughter throughout the evenings. New signs were added the second night for newcomers not aware of the change of rooms. Thank you to Ed Tamori and Mike Higa who were stationed near the stairwell to remind children to WALK up and down the stairs. Thank you to all adult volunteers (Farron Cabral, Shelley and Chris Quipotla, Krystle Beauchamp, Shari Osajima, Laurie Fukushima-Tsai, Emi Orikasa, Cathy Ikeuchi, Elizabeth Tamori and Julie Petro) and student volunteers (Cara, Kamauoha, Erik, Logan, and Wesley and Sierra from Makawao Jr. YBA) for manning the six games (Spin the Wheel, Tic Tac Toe, Three Ball Roll, Golf Putt, Fishpond, and Soda Ring Toss) and the prize redemption table.



Cara manning Soda Ring Toss



Wesley manning Three Ball Roll



Krystle manning Golf Putt



Emi manning Fishpond



Sierra & Kamauoha manning Prize redemption table



Ed & Mike manning stairs traffic

RECREATIONAL GROUP

Buddha Reads: In Cold Blood

Danny Topp



The Buddha Reads book club recently explored Truman Capote’s “In Cold Blood,” a pioneering work in the true crime genre. This non-fiction novel details the chilling 1959 murders of the Clutter family in the small farming town of Holcomb, Kansas, and delves into the lives of the victims, the investigation, and the eventual capture, trial, and execution of the killers, Richard “Dick” Hickock and Perry Smith.

The narrative opens with a vivid portrayal of the Clutter family: Herb Clutter, a respected farmer; his wife Bonnie; and their teenage children, Nancy and Kenyon. Their serene existence is violently disrupted when Hickock and Smith, recently released from prison, break into their home in search of a rumored safe. Finding nothing of value, the intruders decide to murder the family to eliminate witnesses.

In a recent Zoom meeting, club members Bob, Joan, Gary, and Danny discussed their perspectives on this seminal work. Joan, who had never read the book before, found it deeply engaging. Bob and Danny, having read it previously, appreciated discovering new insights during their second read. Bob questioned Capote’s motives for writing the book, noting that Capote began working on it shortly after the murders, initially as a series for “The New Yorker.” Bob also critiqued the book’s lengthy side stories as somewhat distracting. Gary, a true crime aficionado, sought additional context online and observed that Capote’s portrayal of the murderers was somewhat sympathetic, particularly towards Smith.

Overall, the group found “In Cold Blood” a compelling read and recommended it to others.

Looking ahead, the Buddha Reads book club will discuss Julie Otsuka’s “The Buddha in the Attic,” a short novel, on Sunday, August 25th. Upcoming selections include Hermann Hesse’s “Siddhartha” and David Guterson’s “Snow Falling on Cedars.” All members and interested readers are encouraged to join the discussions and share their thoughts.



Introduction to Basic Buddhism for the West and Beyond

Fireseat Chat Sessions with 20 Guest Lay Persons and Teachers

Description:	This course is designed to provide the basics of Buddhism for those seeking a religious/spiritual foundation through the Dharma.
Dates:	10 sessions on the <i>first</i> Saturday of the month September 7, 2024 – June 7, 2025
Time:	5:00 – 6:30 pm (Pacific Time)
For Detailed Information:	Please see click here
The Topics:	<p>September 7: <i>Three Kinds of Jewels</i></p> <p>October 5: <i>Buddhism in the U.S. and Canada</i></p> <p>November 2: <i>Life of the Buddha</i></p> <p>December 7: <i>How Buddhism Spread Through Asia</i> <i>Brief History of Buddhism in the U.S. and Canada</i></p> <p>January 4: <i>Four Noble Truths: The Big Framework</i></p> <p>February 1: <i>Karma and the Eightfold Noble Path: How to Act</i></p> <p>March 1: <i>Four Marks of Life: How to See Life to Reduce Suffering</i></p> <p>April 5: <i>Popular Passages, Metaphors, and Stories</i></p> <p>May 3: <i>Issues and Problems in Daily Life</i></p> <p>June 7: <i>Questions on Buddhism, Humor as Teaching, Epilogue, and Appendices</i></p>

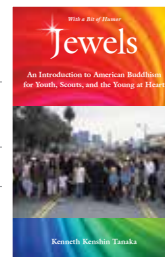
Instructor and Moderator: **Kenneth K. Tanaka**, Professor Emeritus, Musashino University, Tokyo. Former Assoc. Prof. and Assist. Dean, the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley.

Register for the Course: Please apply [here](#)

Donation: Suggested amount \$50 – \$100. (In Japan, ¥6,000)

Textbook: Tanaka, Kenneth. *Jewels: An Introduction to American Buddhism for Youth, Scouts and the Young at Heart*. BDK America, 2020. **Can be downloaded free of charge.** Please click [here](#)

Contact email: shinbuddhismcourse@gmail.com



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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



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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!

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Help Wanted

Frank Hamasaki

Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Temple seeks a volunteer for an hour of dana each week. Responsibilities include taking out 5-10 trash bags (including floral waste) to the bin, ideally on Fridays, though Saturday or Sunday is acceptable. The bags weigh 10-35 lbs, and the waste is collected by the trash company on Mondays.

We are especially looking for a high school student seeking community service for college applications. If interested, please call the office at (808) 244-0406 during business hours: M-F, 8:00am - 12:00pm.

OBON

Wailuku Hongwanji Prepares for Obon 2024



ADULT ORGANIZATIONS

Buddhist Women's Association News

Gwen Hiraga

BWA members gathered for the Aloha Kupuna Luncheon on July 27 at the Grand Wailea Resort.

During Obon on August 2 and 3, 2024, the BWA's food sales table was a great success, with all items selling out on both nights. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the preparation of Nishime and spam musubi, donated baked goods, assisted with sewing happi coats, provided tote bags for sale, and made both purchases and monetary contributions. We also appreciate the volunteers who staffed the sales table.

Following the vibrant Obon festival, BWA members enjoyed a fabulous brunch at the Westin Nanea Resort on August 4.

The BWA held its General Membership meeting on August 11, 2024. During the meeting, members discussed monetary contributions and sign-ups for food items for the Lanai Hongwanji Obon scheduled for August 31, 2024.

Happy Birthday to our BWA members celebrating in September: Elaine Akashi, Irene Arakaki, Geraldine Beppu, and Minae Murakami.

Mandarin Orange Pie Courtesy of Judy Toba-Stillwell

Crust: **This crust recipe will make enough for two 9x13 inch pans**

One 14oz box of graham crackers - pulse the whole box in the food processor to crumbs.
8-12oz melted unsalted butter (Amount varies) 3oz sugar 2oz AP flour (unsifted)

Combine dry ingredients in a large bowl. Add enough melted butter to create a "wet sand" crumbly mix; test mixture by squeezing a handful of crumb, if the mixture holds its shape when you open your hand then you have used enough butter and you are ready to go. If the mixture crumbles or cracks apart then add a little more butter. Press half of the mix into the bottom of a 9X13 inch pan. Press the mix firmly, should not be loose.

Bake crust @ 350 degrees for 12-15 minutes (until edges are toasty and the middle is golden brown). Over baking will make the crust hard and bitter



Filling:

2 small cans mandarin oranges, drained, saving 3/4 c. of juice
1Tbsp sugar 18 oz sour cream
Two 3.4 oz boxes of instant vanilla pudding

Topping:

1 large Cool Whip

Whisk together mandarin orange juice, sugar, sour cream, and pudding. Fold in mandarin oranges. Pour on cooled crust. Spread whipped cream over the entire surface. Refrigerate.



For the first time since the pandemic, our yagura was adorned with the beloved yagura skirt. This beautiful skirt was originally crafted in July 2018 by three dedicated BWA members: Yoshiko Fujiwara, Janet Inamasu, and the late Lillian Satoshige. Their ambitious work involved sewing together yards of fabric to create this special piece. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the skirt was not used until this year's Obon. We deeply appreciate their dedication to our temple, and this yagura skirt will be cherished for many years to come.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tri-Temple Obon

On Saturday, August 10, a heartfelt Tri-Temple Obon service was held at the Lahaina Cannery Mall to honor the Lahaina Buddhist Temples that were tragically lost in the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. This significant event brought together members of the community to remember and celebrate the temples' enduring legacy.

The ceremony featured Wailuku Hongwanji Temple's yagura (music tower) skirt, which played a central role in the observance, symbolizing the spiritual and cultural continuity of the Buddhist community despite the recent losses. Buses were arranged to transport attendees from all over Maui, ensuring that many could participate in this important occasion.

The gathering served not only as a memorial for the lost temples but also as a testament to the strength and unity of the Maui Buddhist community in the face of adversity. The shared remembrance and solidarity demonstrated the profound connection and resilience within the community during this challenging time.



Lahaina Hongwanji Mission members, including Claire Fujii (top), Machiko Moriyasu, Toshiko Sugiki, and Margaret Honda (center left), Jeanne Smythe (center right), and Rev. Murakami (bottom), participated in the special memorial service for Maui wildfires on August 8 at Wailuku Hongwanji Mission. Their presence and gassho honored the event's significance.



Learning special song being dedicated to Lahaina community: Lahaina Ondo.

Lahaina Buddhist Temples' Disaster Relief

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.

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

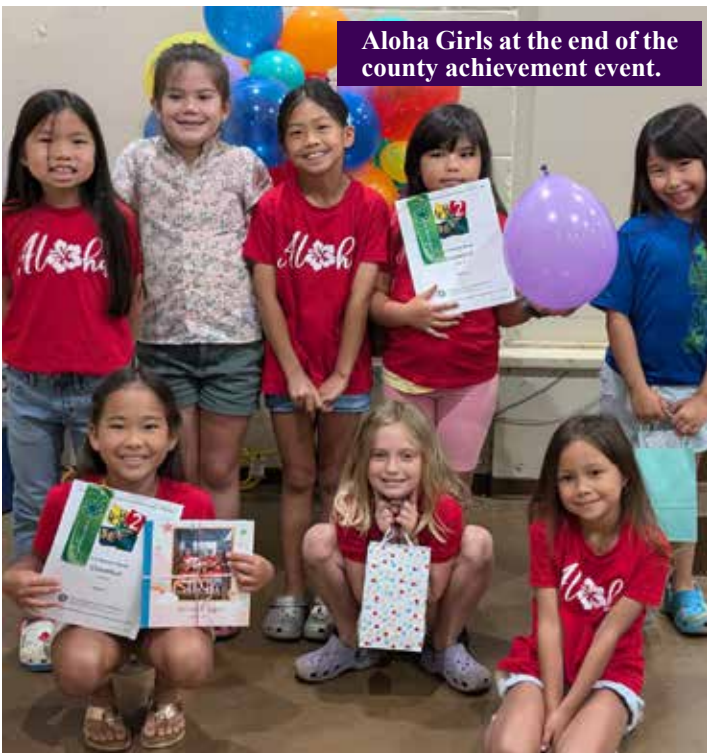
Sakura 4-H Highlights: Fun, Achievement, & Obon

Farron Cabral



Sakura 4-H girls and cub scout boys having fun summer social!

In late June, the Sakura 4-H clubs hosted a summer social inviting the cub scouts, scouts, and prospective 4-H members. The social included a shave ice station, cotton candy, shake your own ice cream, and face painting. The kids enjoyed mingling and having a great time!



Aloha Girls at the end of the county achievement event.

At the end of June, the Sakura 4-H clubs attended the Maui County 4-H achievement event at the UH-Maui campus. At this event, the clubs did year-end presentations of all their accomplishments, were inducted in their officer roles for the upcoming 4-H year, and received feedback on their yearly record book.



Representative Jill Tokuda supporting our Sakura 4-H girls at Obon.

Sakura 4-H sold LED light-up hair pins and clips, handmade flower pens, and design your own uchiwa fans. The girls had so much fun and many participated in the bon dance when their shift was done. Thank you, temple members and friends, for all your support!

The Clover Corner:

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

Aloha Girls: Grades 2-3
 Leaders: Farron Cabral & Krystle Beauchamp

Lōkahi Girls: Grades 4-5
 Leaders: Sammy Takamura & Farron Cabral

Malama Dolphins: Grade 6
 Leaders: Emi Orikasa & Jill Maki'i

What is 4-H? 4-H is a nationally recognized program aimed at providing life skills and community engagement amongst our youth that also promotes leadership skills and provides opportunities for lifelong learning and friendships. Through hands-on learning, our members gain confidence in public speaking and build positive relationships. 4-H stands for: Head, Heart, Hands, and Health and are the cornerstones of the program.

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Cub Scouts: Cleanup & Fundraising Fun

Farron Cabral

The Cub Scouts recently took part in a community cleanup effort, contributing to a cleaner and more welcoming environment. In addition to their hard work, the Scouts also set up a fundraiser, selling shave ice, popcorn, drinks, and an impressive 30 pounds of li hing gummy bears. Their enthusiasm and dedication not only helped with the cleanup but also added a sweet touch to the community event.



YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Troop 40 Sells Out at Obon Both Nights!

Celeste Rabang



YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Jr. YBA Convention

Wesley Kosaka



The 2024 Jr. Young Buddhist Association Convention was held this year from June 21-23 on the beautiful island of Maui, Hawaii, and was a memorable event that brought together young Buddhists from throughout the state. Hosted at Wailuku Hongwanji, this year's convention embraced the theme "Reach for the Stars," encouraging participants to strive for excellence and growth in their spiritual and personal lives.

The convention began on Friday afternoon with attendees arriving and gathering at Wailuku Hongwanji for an opening service. This was followed by a trip to Ultimate Air, a trampoline park, where participants enjoyed an evening of energetic fun and camaraderie. The night ended with free time at the hotel, where the Jr. YBA of the Year Contest began, highlighting some of our exceptional members.

Saturday's activities began early, with the first General Assembly, featuring discussions on the Jr. YBA's mission and future initiatives. This was followed by a convention photoshoot by the beach, which was in turn followed by an inspiring keynote address from Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura. Her speech emphasized the importance of youth leadership and community involvement, resonating deeply with the audience.

The second General Assembly in the afternoon continued with the items of interest begun in the first assembly, along with other business, such as a choice of organization to support for HBV month. The day culminated with a trip to Haleakala, where attendees witnessed an incredible sunset from the summit. This experience was both awe-inspiring and reflective, perfectly capturing the convention's aspirational theme.

Sunday began with an early checkout from the hotel and a final gathering at Wailuku Hongwanji. The day's events included a moving Sunday Service, featuring an oratorical contest where members shared personal stories and insights on Buddhist teachings, and how they related, in turn, to the theme of reaching for the stars. Following the service, a Model United Contest took place, and the convention concluded with a closing service and the installation of new officers, ensuring the continuity of leadership within the Jr. YBA.

The 2024 Junior YBA Convention strengthened the bonds among young Buddhists and inspired them to pursue their dreams with determination and compassion. The experiences and friendships gained from this event will be valuable tools for future endeavors. Congratulations to the following contest winners from the 67th Jr. YBA State Convention:

- Jr. YBA of the Year, Riho Umitani
- Jr. YBA of the Year Runner Up, Emma Fujikawa
- Essay Contest Winner, Chihiro Okawa with essay titled "Reaching for the Stars: A Journey in Astrophysics and Self-Discovery"
- Art Contest Winner, Emma Fujikawa
- Oratorical Contest Winner, Yuma Kamuro



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Triple Celebration: Registration Closed

Registration is closed due to high demand. New registrants from July 15 will be waitlisted. If you didn't receive your registration confirmation email sent on July 19, please contact us at triple.celebration@honpahi.org or call (808) 522-9200.

Hotel reservations at the Ala Moana Hotel are still available. We have 85 rooms reserved for each of Friday and Saturday nights at \$194 (Kona Tower) and \$224 (Waikiki Tower). Please book by August 5, 2024, using this link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50708991>. The hotel offers waived resort fees and free internet.

If you need airport transportation on September 7, email your flight numbers to triple.celebration@honpahi.org.

Neighbor island subsidies will be mailed after the non-refundable date.

For more information and updates, visit: <https://hongwanjihawaii.com/triple-celebration>. For questions, contact us at triple.celebration@honpahi.org or call HQ. We look forward to seeing you on September 7 & 8, 2024.

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Honpa Hongwanji Launches its "Living Gratitude" Program *Michael Munekiyo*

In August 2024, through a joint statement from Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani and Hawaii Kyodan President Dr. Warren Tamamoto, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii launched its new Living Gratitude Program. This fundraising effort provides funding for Dharma educational programs for members and the broader community. Technology-based innovation will serve as tools to expand Honpa Hongwanji's reach, while other projects to sustain and strengthen Hawaii Kyodan's operations will be developed.

While our founding members built our temple and Dharma-centered infrastructure and facilities, the Living Gratitude Program serves a parallel mission to provide lasting benefits to future generations through program development and implementation. Monies raised will ensure that our Shin Buddhist values continue to touch each one of us in daily living.

We encourage members of Wailuku Hongwanji to make a donation to the Living Gratitude Program using the form provided in this newsletter.



Living Gratitude Program

Living Gratitude:
Building the future of Buddhism in Hawaii

The Living Gratitude Program will support Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's efforts to EDUCATE members, youth, and the public about Jodo Shinshu, INNOVATE through the use of technology and targeted outreach, and SUSTAIN Hawaii Kyodan into the future.



EDUCATE

We EDUCATE our members and the general public about Shin Buddhism.

- Dharma centered programs for members, youth and the public.
- Ministerial education and lay assistant programs
- Technology based tools for education



INNOVATE

We INNOVATE by utilizing technology to expand our Dharma outreach.

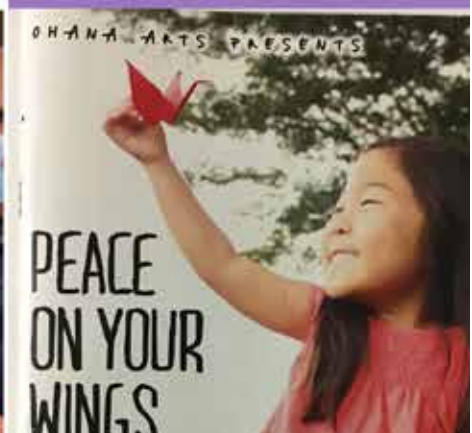
- Digital ministry program
- Video production studio at the Buddhist Study Center
- Facilitate distance learning and online dharma
- Marketing and outreach team



SUSTAIN

We SUSTAIN the essence and maintain the heart of Shin Buddhism in Hawaii.

- Headquarters support with maintenance and upgrades
- Kyodan operations and ability to provide spiritual guidance throughout Hawaii





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Dear Dharma Friends,

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (Hawaii Kyodan) needs your support as we strive to preserve our rich history and transition into the future. Our Living Gratitude Program is destined to build a promising future for Buddhism in Hawaii. Your contribution will support Honpa Hongwanji’s efforts to **EDUCATE** our members, youth, ministers, and the public about Jodo Shinshu; **INNOVATE** using technology and outreach; and **SUSTAIN** our Hawaii Kyodan into the future as we provide guidance to communities throughout Hawaii.

Please consider a gift today or a recurring gift to the Living Gratitude Program. This generous gift is your commitment that ensures the future of Shin Buddhism in Hawaii.

In Gassho.

Bishop Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani

President Dr. Warren Tamamoto

RETURN FORM & CHECK TO:
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 LIVING GRATITUDE PROGRAM
 1727 Pali Highway
 Honolulu, HI 96813

TO MAKE A GIFT ONLINE,
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I would like to learn more about making a planned giving gift through my will or trust or another type of gift to HHMH.

We gratefully accept matching gifts from your employer or direct payment through your bank to HHMH Living Gratitude Program

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Call for Submissions



2025 HONGWANJI CALENDAR

The new Five-Year Theme for 2025-2029 is:
NURTURING NEMBUTSU.

2025 Slogan: CULTIVATING AWARENESS

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH) Calendar Committee invites members, Dharma friends, and affiliates to provide photos for the 2025 Hongwanji Calendar that capture our Theme and Slogan: “NURTURING NEMBUTSU: CULTIVATING AWARENESS.”

*****If you will be attending the Triple Celebration, we encourage you to look for photo opportunities (candid and posed) showing the participants “Sharing the Joy of Nembutsu Together;” while “Nurturing Nembutsu: Cultivating Awareness.”*****

- You may submit several photos for consideration by the Calendar Committee for the 2025 Hongwanji Calendar.
- We do welcome cell phone photos. Photos will need to be able to be clearly enlarged.
- Preferably, please submit pictures in landscape format (horizontal), like this flyer.
- For EACH photo, please include a brief caption expressing the 2025 slogan and your name/template for photo credit.
- If you have questions, please leave a message for Yumi Suzuki at the Hongwanji Headquarters Office % Rev. Baba at (808)522-9200 or email: hqs@honpahi.org.
- For photo submissions, please submit directly to Alan Kubota at lenscapeshawaii@gmail.com. He will respond directly to any technical questions. Thank you.

Deadline for submissions is: Monday, September 16, 2024.

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Recognizing our Keirokai for the 125th Temple Anniversary

Danny Topp

As part of our Temple’s 125th Anniversary we are going to honor our senior members who have contributed to our temple over many years. To ensure that we have the names of all of our Keirokai members, the 125th Planning Committee Chairman, Danny Topp, asks that our readers look over the list and if any Keirokai (members 80 and older in 2024) are not listed please let us know, by calling the office at 808-244-0406 and we will add them to the list. We do not want to miss anyone for this milestone honor. Mr. Topp also thanks Pat Tomita, Sharon Higa and Frank Hamasaki for their hard work in reviewing and updating our membership list to identify our keirokai members.

LNAME	FNAME	LNAME	FNAME	LNAME	FNAME
Akashi	Elaine	Kaya	Pearl	Shimoda	Nancy
Arakaki	Irene	Kimura	Tsuzuki	Shinoda	Jane
Arakaki	Miyoko	Kogasaka	Alice	Shishido	Lawrence
Araki	Ann	Kogasaka	Herbert	Shoda	Yukimi
Araki	Fred	Koyanagi	Kazuo	Sugiki	Shigemi
Araki	Irene	Kuwae	Stella	Sugiki	Toshiko
Cardoza	Betsy	Masuda	Koki	Tagami	Bert
Fujii	Ethel	Masuda	Rene	Tagami	Etsuko
Fujiwara	Yoshiko	Matsui	Ellen	Taguchi	Hifumi
Fukunaga	Alvin	Miyamoto	Mitsuo	Tanaka	Doris
Fukunaga	Martha	Miyashiro	Patricia	Tanaka	Florence
Goshi	Emiko	Mori	Elaine Shizuko	Tanaka	Robert
Hamasaki	Franklin	Mori	Minako	Tengan	Edward
Hamasaki	Grace	Morisaki	Robert	Tengan	Misao
Hanada	Itsue	Moriyasu	Machiko	Teshima	Frances
Hayase	Betty	Nakahashi	Franklin	Tokumaru	Mary
Hayase	Charlotte	Nakahashi	Nariko	Toyama	Betty
Hayase	Jack	Nakamura	Alvin	Toyama	Raymond
Hirata	Edward	Nakamura	Charlotte	Unemori	Aileen
Honda	Margaret	Nishihara	Anna	Wong	Marie
Hozaki	Carolyn	Ohigashi	Helen	Wong	Wesley
Igarashi	Ann	Oishi	Caroline	Yamagata	James
Inamasu	Harold	Oki	Toshiko	Yamashiro	Betty
Inamasu	Janet	Ota	Elaine	Yamashiro	Henry
Ishikawa	Ron	Ota	Frances	Yanagi	Eleanor
Ishikawa	Sylvia	Ouchi	Richard	Yoda	Joseph
Iwaishi	Isamu	Rodrigues	Barbara	Yogi	Shinyei
Kanemitsu	Tetsuo	Saito	Janet	Yokoyama	Elaine
Kato	Ritsuko	Sakumoto	Akie	Yoshizawa	Kenji
Kawahara	Hideo	Sato	Jane		
Kawahara	Joyce	Shibano	Grace		

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Minister’s Lay Assistant Retreat

The HHMH Ministerial Training Committee will host the Annual Minister’s Lay Assistant Retreat at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin on October 12-13, 2024. This event is for Minister’s Lay Assistants and Certified MLAs working with their minister mentors. The retreat will focus on enhancing MLA knowledge and skills and will feature instructors including Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson, Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani, Rev. Blayne Higa, Rev. Jeffrey Soga, Rev. Kojun Hashimoto, Rev. Daido Baba, and Dr. Dexter Mar. Registration details will be shared with temple ministers and leaders soon. Neighbor island attendees may qualify for a travel subsidy. Interested individuals not yet designated as MLAs should consult their temple minister for the process. We look forward to your participation in this valuable event.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

September Hoji Memorial Services



1st YEAR MEMORIAL - 2023

- DAY NAME**
- 10 Gladys Asako Watanabe (DO AN)
 - 18 Anita Toshiko Yamafuji (HO ETSU)

13th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2012

- DAY NAME**
- 30 Shizue Komatsu (JO NEN)

17th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2008

- DAY NAME**
- 03 Ikkwan Katayama (GYO DO)

25th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2000

- DAY NAME**
- 03 Hanako Sugiki

33rd YEAR MEMORIAL - 1992

- DAY NAME**
- 19 Kazuto Toyama (KAKU ZEN)

50th YEAR MEMORIAL - 1975

- DAY NAME**
- 29 Matsu Matsumura (MYO EI)

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.



HAWAII STATE FEDERATION OF HONPA HONGWANJI LAY ASSOCIATIONS
61ST ANNUAL LAY CONVENTION

BULLETIN – June 17, 2024

TO: Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani, President Warren Tamamoto, HHMH District Vice Presidents, HHMH District Council Presidents, Federation of Lay Associations Vice Presidents, and Temple Presidents

FROM: Alan Goto, President, Hawaii State Federation of Lay Associations and Chair, 61st Convention Planning Committee

SUBJECT: **61st Annual Lay Convention of the Federation of Lay Associations**

You are cordially invited to participate in the 61st convention of the Hawaii State Federation of Lay Associations at Hawaii Betsuin immediately following the Triple Celebration. Please extend this invitation to your temple leaders and members. We are making every effort to keep convention costs as reasonable as possible.

**61ST Annual Lay Convention will be held on
Sunday, September 8, 2024 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Social Hall
Attend in person or by Zoom**

Theme: A Future with Aloha — Engagement, Diversity and Relationships

In the continuing search by Japanese Buddhist temples for ways to address declining and aging membership, our panel of speakers will explore strengthening engagement, diversity, and relationships, including through the intersection of indigenous spirituality and values of Aloha.

See next page for special guest speakers.

The convention agenda includes actions pertaining to the transition from the **Federation** to the new **Hawaii State Lay Association**. At the 60th annual convention, bylaws of the new Lay Association were adopted and the Federation changed its name. The new State Lay Association's STANDING RULES & OPERATIONS GUIDELINES will be presented at this year's convention. The new Lay Association will plan future Lay Association Conventions.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION: Registration forms will be distributed to all temple presidents no later than June 20, 2024. The number of Delegates for each temple will be indicated. No restriction on the number of Observers. Registration deadline: **July 31, 2024**.

REGISTRATION COST: In-person Delegates and Observers: \$30.00 (includes bento); Online Delegates and Observers: \$15.00; Non-participants may select a bento for \$10.00.

Non-participants are neighbor island people waiting at the Betsuin to return home by air transportation. They may remain in the social hall or move to an adjoining room to await the completion of the convention.

TRANSPORTATION: Will be provided for neighbor island participants from Ala Moana Hotel to Hawaii Betsuin and to the airport.

RESOLUTIONS: Due to an abbreviated convention, resolutions of condolences and appreciation and those that must be considered at the 2025 Legislative Assembly will be accepted. Please submit resolutions to John Toguchi at johnt.jikoen@gmail.com. **Deadline: July 31, 2024**

Please go to Convention Website honpahi.link/laycon2024 for information or direct questions to Alan Goto at ajgoto48@gmail.com.

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 whm@wailukuhongwanji.org
Buddhist Womans Association (BWA)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email whm@wailukuhongwanji.org
Boy Scouts	Call (808) 250-1891 or email msdel17@hotmail.com
Buddha Reads Book Club	Call the main office at (719) 200-7300 or email Buddha.reads@gmail.com
Choir	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email whm@wailukuhongwanji.org
Cub Scouts	Call (808) 280-1299 or cubpack40@gmail.com
Dharma School	Call the main office at (719) 200-7300 or email whm@wailukuhongwanji.org
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 whm@wailukuhongwanji.org
Hosha Day Clean-up (First Thursday of Month)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email whm@wailukuhongwanji.org
Junior Young Buddhist Association (Jr. YBA)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email whm@wailukuhongwanji.org
Judo Club	Call (808) 244-9094 or email rhiyakumoto@hawaii.rr.com
Karate	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email whm@wailukuhongwanji.org
Kendo	Call (808) 244-2650 or email michael.sone@gmail.com
Office Support	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email whm@wailukuhongwanji.org
Preschool	Call the Preschool at (808) 244-9545 or email whpreschool808@gmail.com
Facility Rentals	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email whm@wailukuhongwanji.org
Sunday Morning Announcements	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com
Volunteer Opportunities	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email whm@wailukuhongwanji.org
Website & Facebook	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email whm@wailukuhongwanji.org
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September / October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8am Sunday Service DS Temple Assignment Practice	2 Labor Day - Office Closed	3	4	5 BWA Hosha Day BWA ACCW Delivery 7pm Troop mtg	6 5:30pm - 6:30pm Wailuku Hale Makua Obon	7 HMH Triple Celebration - Oahu
8 8am Sunday Service with Peace Day Observance 10:30am - 12pm Cubs Meeting HMH Triple Cel- ebration - Oahu	9 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	10	11 5:30pm Obon Practice	12 7pm Troop mtg	13 Sanmu Meeting & Sanmu-Kanji Meeting (Online)	14 Honpa Board of Directors Meeting (Online)
15 9am Ohigan Service BWA Meeting DS practice for 125th	16 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	17 6:30pm Cubs	18 5pm Kyodan Board Meeting	19 BWA ACCW Delivery 7pm Troop mtg	20 August Higan	
22 8am Sunday Service VIDSTA Dharma School Kickoff Picnic 10:30am - 12:30pm 4-H Meeting	23 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	24	25	26 7pm Troop mtg	27	28 Social Hall Rental
August Higan				29 8am Family Service DS Parent Session #1 DS Practice for 125th	30 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	1 2 3 4 5
6 8am Sunday Service DS practice for 125th	7 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	8	9	10 7pm Troop mtg	11	12 BWA Craft Food Fair 1pm - Fall Representative Meeting @ MHM Minister's Lay Asst. Retreat
13 8am Sunday Service BWA Meeting DS Parent Session #2 DS Practice for 125th Minister's Lay Asst. Retreat	14 Columbus Day - Office Open 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	15	16 5pm Kyodan Board Meeting 5:30pm Obon Practice	17 BWA ACCW Delivery 7pm Troop mtg	18	19
20 125th Anniversary Celebration 9am - 1pm	21 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	22 6:30pm Cubs	23	24 7pm Troop mtg	25	26 Conference Room Rental 6pm - Boy Scouts Trunk or Treat
27 8am Family Service DS Intergenerational Bingo Game 10:30am - 12:30pm 4-H Meeting	28 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	29	30	31 Retired Ministers & Spouses Appreciation Luncheon 7pm Troop mtg		