



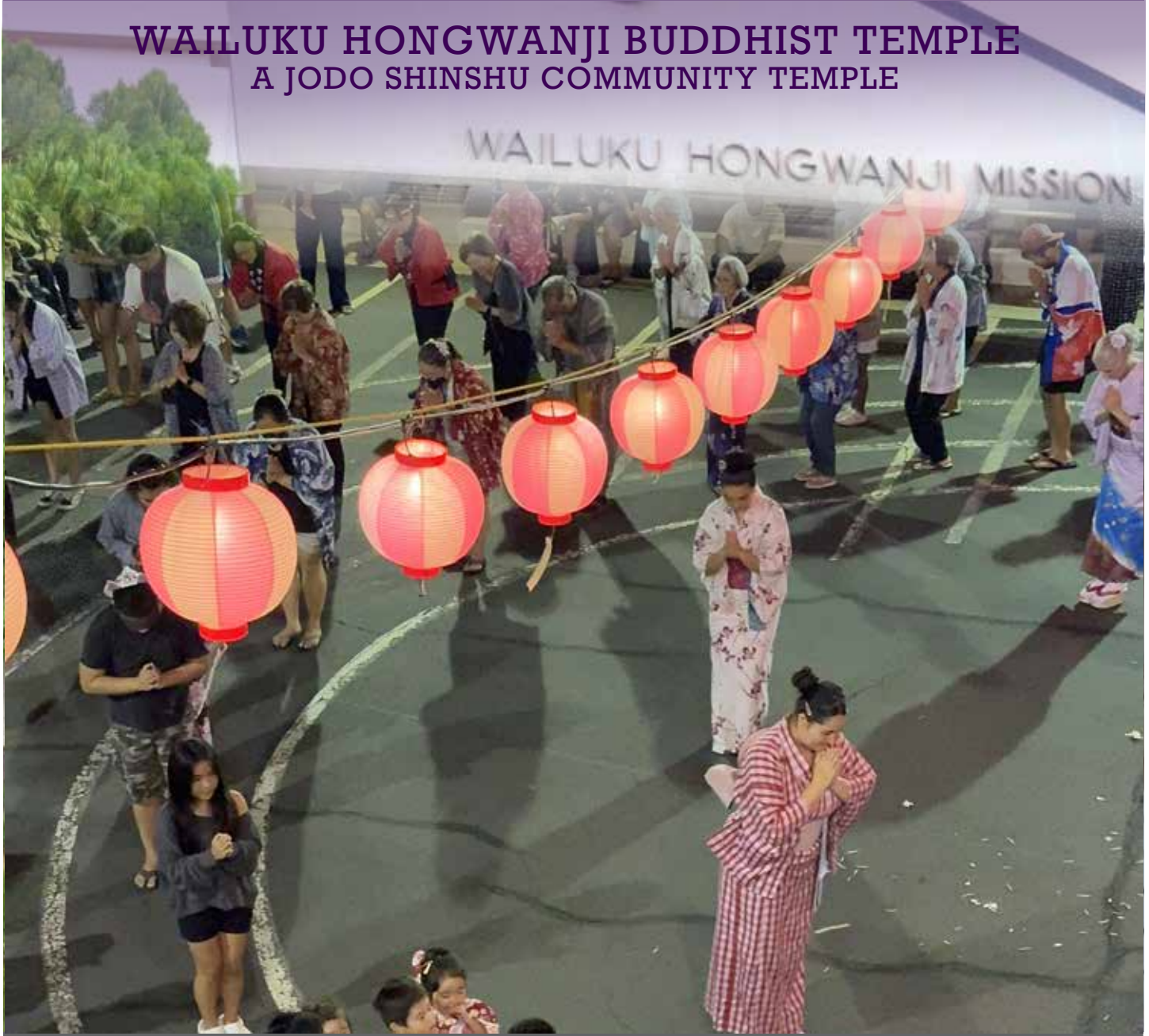
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A JODO SHINSHU COMMUNITY TEMPLE



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TEACHINGS FROM THE MINISTER

Sho-Gon (Adorned Inner Sanctuary)

Reverend Shinkai Murakami

Namo Amida Butsu

It is already August! Our Obon services and Bon Dance will be held on the first weekend of this month (August 1 & 2). We warmly welcome all members of our community 'ohana, as Wailuku Hongwanji is truly a community temple—always ready to support and care for our extended family.

As you may have noticed, whenever Wailuku Hongwanji observes special services, including the six major observances, we adorn the Onaijin (inner sanctuary area) with Uchishiki colored, triangular-shaped tablecloths and offerings of fruits and sweets. These decorations beautifully express the Pure Land of Amida.

In the Amida Sutra, Amida's land is described as follows:

"Westward from here and beyond a billion Buddha-lands, there is a world called Utmost Happiness. In that land, there is a Buddha called Amida, who is right now preaching the Dharma."

In the Land of Happiness, there are many pools of jewels brimming with the water of eight virtues. The bottoms of the pools are pure, covered with golden sand. On the four sides are stairways made of gold, silver, lapis lazuli, and crystal. The lotus flowers in the pools are as large as cartwheels. Green lotuses emit green light; yellow, yellow light; red, red light; and white, white light. They are subtly and wonderfully fragrant and pure. The Land of Utmost Happiness is perfected and splendidly adorned with such excellence.

Thus, decorating the Naijin, or inner sanctuary, truly reflects the Land of Amida. Through the beauty of these decorations, we are reminded of Amida Buddha's infinite wisdom and compassion, which are extended to all sentient beings. In turn, we receive Amida's spiritual peace and serenity.

When we see the beautifully maintained and clean Naijin, without even realizing it, our own inner hearts are being cleansed. Just as described in the Amida Sutra, we are purified with a sincere mind of gratitude and joy.

At home, the family altar (Butsudan) follows the same principle. It is truly spiritual practice for all of us. The Butsudan is the center of the home and represents the Land of Amida. When we offer flowers, incense, candlelight, rice, sweets, and chant sutras, we are cultivating and expressing the virtue of caring for a sacred space and at the

same time we deeply feel peace and serenity.

These offerings are not only for our departed loved ones in fact, but our loved ones have also become guiding Buddhas, helping us develop hearts filled with purity and sincerity through their virtues.

Therefore, maintaining the Butsudan at home is a way we receive and live with Amida's true virtues in our daily lives. It allows us to share our sincerity and gratitude with our children and grandchildren. Maintaining the altar means cleaning it regularly, and when we see the cleanliness of our family altar, we may naturally find our hands in gassho, reciting Amida's Holy Name: Namo Amida Butsu. This is the ways of Understand, accept, and respect our wonderful teaching.

When we do Sho-gon, it is not merely adorned the altar, in fact, splendidly adorning our hearts with Amida Buddha's infinite wisdom and compassion.

Namo Amida Butsu

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ring the Bell for Peace on September 22, 2025 at 9am

Temple members, along with the students from the Preschool, will be participating in the "Ring the Bell for Peace" on Monday, September 22, beginning at 9 a.m. The service will be guided by compassion, humility, and the teachings of Shinran Shonin. The program includes a minute of silence and the ringing of the Kansho bell in support of peace. May the sound of the bell ripple like ocean waves—steadily, tenderly, toward a more just and joyful world. Let those who attend the service plant seeds of kindness, cultivate hope, and walk with empathy.

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

Gerald & John Akai
Charles Araki
Ed Fujinaka
Stanley Hashimoto
Ritsuko Lana Kato
Arlene Toyama
Linda Shibano
Linda Ann Unemori
Henry & Betty Yamashiro
Calvin & Kayoko Endo - *In memory of John Okamura*
George & Alice Fukushima - *In memory of Yoshio Tengan*
Ronald & Sylvia Ishikawa - *In memory of Elaine Mori, and Francis Tomatsu Kimoto*
Lori Jio - *In memory of Eiju & Molly Tokunaga*
Carol Mae Kurisu - *In memory of Nobuo & Jane Kurisu*
Florence Tanaka - *In memory of*

Elaine Akashi
Betsy Cardoza
Lydia Furomoto
Valerie Hashimoto
Glenn & Dawn Mukai
Dennis Ouchi
Nancy Tomimoto

Tomiyoshi Shibano, Harold Yoneda, Hashi Family, Manuel & Nancy Oishi, Richard & Mae Omuro, Shufflo Honda, Geri Honda, Tanaka Family, Takamatsu Family, and Tsuchiyama Family
Shirley Tanaka - *In memory of Tanaka Family & Takamatsu Family*
Michael Tanoue - *In memory of Harry Tanoue*
Raymond & Betty Toyama - *In memory of Kristi Shintaku, Yoshio & Yukie Inaba, Larry & Edith Inaba, Fumiko Inaba, Yoshikatsu Kuwae, and Alan Yokoyama*
Ronald & Elise Tshako - *In memory of Shunji & Toshiko Ueki*
Eleanor Yanagi - *In memory of Molly Tokunaga, Mae Omuro, and Katsue Shishido*

KYODAN

Susan Nagata Bottari

EXPRESSIONS OF DANA

Anonymous – *Altar flowers, Assorted snacks, Plastic straws, Brown paper bags, Assorted wish list items, Newspaper, Yard & campus maintenance, Dessert Plates, Plastic Forks*
Richard & Amy Blue – *Yard landscaping & maintenance*
George & Wendy Choi - *Napkins & Ziplock bags*
Steve & Sandra Cross – *Tablets, Folders, & Envelopes*
Cubs – *Temple yard & Campus cleanup*
Dharma Strummers – *Sunday service music*
FT – *Campus maintenance & Yard cleaning*
Jeral & Karlynn Fukuda – *Altar flowers*
Alvin & Martha Fukunaga – *Altar flowers*
Margaret Honda – *Altar flowers, Nokotsudo & Flower cleaning, Office support*
HOSHA Gang – *Temple & Nokotsudo cleaning*
Eric Ikeuchi – *Campus maintenance*

Calvin & Teri Kaneda – *Altar flowers*
Carol Mae Kurisu – *Altar flowers*
Machiko Moriyasu – *Altar flowers and arrangements, Office support*
Minae Murakami – *Sunday service organist*
Mike Nishimoto – *Yard landscaping & maintenance*
Celeste Rabang – *Office support*
Phyllis Sato – *Bowls, Luncheon plates, Napkins*
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*
Danny Topp - *A/V support for services, workshops, meetings, & events*
Linda Ann Unemori – *Office support*

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

Dharma School: Got Omelettes?

Joan Tamori

**Krystle
Beauchamp
cracking dozens
of eggs!**



**Tate helps mom
Shelley Quipotla
crack eggs.**



**Julie Petro and
Shelley Quipotla
prep condiments.**

At this year's Dharma School annual Father's

Day breakfast, church members were treated to personalized omelettes made to order. Five cooking stations were set up, with Dharma School teachers stepping into the role of "omelette chefs," preparing one omelette at a time for each guest. A colorful array of toppings—chopped ham, bacon bits, onions, tomatoes, green onions, mushrooms, and shredded cheese—was neatly arranged

in individual bowls, allowing members to customize their omelette. Complementing the omelettes were hearty side dishes including miso soup, sliced Portuguese sausage, wieners, fresh fruit, and rice, rounding out a delicious and satisfying breakfast experience.



**Faith Tengan
makes the miso
soup.**



**Sammy makes
an omelette
for hungry
church
members**



Jeff Tsai awaits omelette cooked by Sam Marie.



**Laurie
Fukushima-
Tsai- what
a wonderful
omelette!**




Join Us

DHARMA SCHOOL KICK OFF PICNIC

AUGUST 31, 2025

Sunday, 9:00 AM– 12:00 PM



Join us for a fun-filled picnic at Keopulani Park Football Field! (below the skateboard complex.)

Enjoy delicious pizza and snacks. Bring your own chairs, mats, drinks and tents.

Meet and play with Dharma School students from other temples, Enjoy fun games and activities. Share lunch and fellowship

Please RSVP by: August 24th
contact: 808.244.0406

ADULT ORGANIZATIONS

Buddhist Women's Association News

Gwen Hiraga

The BWA had its General Membership meeting on July 13th. Attendees received updates on projects, upcoming BWA activities and other upcoming events.

BWA members participated in the General Clean Up on July 20th, cleaning the Temple and Nokotsudo. Omigaki, which is generally done on the Monday following the General Clean Up, was done on Saturday (July 19th), before the Sunday Clean Up. Thank you to all who assisted with cleaning and Omigaki.

The BWA had pre-sales of Obon food items on July 13th and July 27th. Food items, which included assorted salads, assorted rice dishes, assorted desserts, and pickled vegetables were available after service and during refreshments time. Thank you to all who purchased the various foods items.

The BWA 120th Anniversary Celebration will be held on September 21, 2025, with service starting at 9:00 a.m., followed by refreshments/lunch prepared by Carl Yeh.

The BWA 2025 Autumn Craft and Food Fair will be held on October 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Vendors from Maui and Oahu, as well as affiliate organizations from the temple, will be there. Craft items and food items will be sold. There are a few vendor tables/booths available and interested vendors may contact Gwen Hiraga at (808) 280-0854.

Happy Birthday to our members born in August: Betsy Cardoza and Jane Shinoda!



Yoshiko Fujiwara and Toshiko Sugiki enjoying ice cream at the Thursday Craft and Sewing group.

Achara (Pickled Radish)

Provided by Gwen Hiraga, Courtesy of Grace Hamasaki



15 to 20 Small Red Radishes

Wash and cross cut radishes (stopping at less ¼ inch from the top).

Pickling Liquid:

1 ¾ cup Sugar

½ cup Heinz Vinegar

2 ½ Tbsp. Salt (Kosher)

Mix well until sugar is dissolved.

Place ingredients in a ziplock bag and add radishes. Let sit for 2 to 3 hours, then place in a covered container and refrigerate.



IN REMEMBRANCE AND REFLECTION Commemorating 80 Years Since the End of World War II

A Narrative from a Hiroshima Hibakusha & an Exhibition on the Atomic Bombing

On the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, we gather in solemn remembrance of all those whose lives were profoundly affected by the consequences of war. We reflect on the immense human cost of conflict, and through the preservation of historical memory, we seek to deepen our understanding and commitment to peace.

Guided by the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha, we rededicate ourselves to building a community—and a world—where every life is equally valued and embraced. May this gathering inspire us to walk together on the path toward a more peaceful and harmonious society.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025

COMMEMORATION SERVICE

At 5:00 p.m.

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin
(Access to parking is from 1742 Lusitana Street)

Guest Speaker: Ms. Sadae Kasaoka

Ms. Kasaoka was exposed to the atomic bomb when she was 12 years old in her first year of girls' high school. At the moment of the explosion, she was at home, which was 3.5 km (2.2 miles) away from the hypocenter.

ATOMIC BOMB PHOTO POSTER EXHIBITION

In the Hawaii Betsuin Social Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Event Organizers:

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii—Office of the Bishop and Peace Day Committee
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin
Honolulu District Ministers Association

With special cooperation from the
Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation and Ms. Sadae Kasaoka

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Sakura 4-H Clubs' Clover Report

Sammy Takamura

The Friends Forever 4-H Club hosted the County 4-H Spring Party. We were the station leaders for the different crafts and activities such as butterfly fruit loops, Mother's day tea or coffee cards, sewing a flower and straw lei, making spring flower dirt cups, and making flower pens. We also made a taco bar for lunch and an ice cream bar for dessert. Our community service project for this event was collecting donations of diapers, wipes, and formula for Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Hawai'i.

In June the Lōkahi Girls attended the County 4-H Achievement event where we presented our 4-H year to our peers and were inducted into our different officer positions. Afterwards we had our end of year celebration at Friends and Faire and designed our own hats and bags. We also welcomed two new members to our group.

COME SEE US AT OBON!
This year our Sakura members



Friends Forever enjoying their time hosting their 4-H County Spring event.

will have a booth outside! Thank you to the Scouts and Church Members for helping us participate for the 2nd time at Obon. Please stop by our booth - we will have something to fill your bellies and light up your nights.



Lokahi Girls celebrating the end for the 4H year.

REFLECTIONS

Why Do You Come to Sunday Service?

Donna Ikeuchi

Sunday services are a cherished time for me, helping me connect with the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. These gatherings are even more meaningful because my dad is deeply involved and always attends, making it a shared family experience. They also give me a wonderful chance to catch up with people I don't often see, which really builds a sense of community. Plus, my involvement with the Jr. YBA (Young Buddhist Association) over the years, largely thanks to these services, has been incredibly enriching. It's connected me with fellow Buddhists from across the state and even the country, and we get to share all kinds of experiences and stories.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Wanted: Student Volunteer

Looking for a volunteer to take out 5–10 bags of trash each week (about 10–35 lbs). It only takes about one hour, perfect for Fridays after school!

- Great for high schoolers
- Community service hours
- Easy to support the temple

If interested, please call the office at (808) 244-0406. Mahalo for giving back!

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Leading by Example: A Season of Service & Growth

Celeste Rabang

Boyscouts had cubscout graduation camp, an eagle scout project, summer camp and a service project.

Right: Scouts working on Aaron's eagle scout project of adding a concrete pad for the Maui High softball team.



New boy scout Kaden getting his troop 40 neckerchief



Cubmaster Kawika testing out the boyscouts rope bridge



Ethan won the summer Camp Maluhia warrior competition which included sit ups, push ups, planks, and tug o war



Nick's wilderness survival shelter



Troop 40's campsite



Ashton's wilderness survival shelter



Scouts with Scoutmaster Celeste all set for the hike up to Waihee ridge



Service project at Camp Maluhia: Alex, Mason, Ashton, Caden, Jacob, Ethan, Liam, Drew, Erik and Matthew



Ethan, Caden, Nick, Ronan, Mason, Alex, and Ashton

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Honoring & Growing - A Cub Scout Journey

Kawika Beauchamp & Paul Petro

In May, Cub Scouts honored veterans on Memorial Day with American Flags. In June, Cub Scouts also held the end-of-the-year camp at the VFW in Kihei. Kaden and Gavin celebrated their arrow of light achievement, and crossed over the bridge into the Troop. We ended the evening with a moonlit reef walk.



What is YAR? It's like YESS Camp for young adults! It's a similar retreat experience but with less "restrictions" on discussion, activities, etc.



ASK ME ANYTHING
W/REV. BLAYNE

Register by 8/15 at:
tinyurl.com/youngadults2025

REGISTER NOW



YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT 2025

Tentative Schedule - Sunday 8/31

8:00 - 8:30 am Check-in and meet at BSC
9:00 am Sunday Service @ Moiliili Hongwanji
10:15 am Mixers and Opener
11:00 am Dana Service Project
12:30 pm Lunch
1:30 pm Workshop
3:00 pm Dharma Discussion 1
4:15 pm Field games & free time
6:30 pm BBQ dinner & games
9:00 pm Bonding
10:15 pm Set up cots & free time
1:00 am Lights Out

Monday 9/1

7:00 am Wake up
7:30 am Light Breakfast
8:30 am Morning Service @ Manoa Falls
8:45 am Manoa Falls Hike
11:00 am Mixers
11:45 am Lunch
12:30 pm Dharma Discussion 2
1:45 pm Closing Service
2:30 pm Happy Hour & disperse

When: Sunday, August 31 & Monday, September 1, 2025 (Labor Day)

Who: Young adults 18-32ish

Why: Connect with new friends, unwind from adult life, and learn something new!

How Much: \$40 Registration fee* by August 15

*free registration for neighbor island participants (flights on own); fundraising opportunities for free registration for Oahu participants also available

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August 1, 2025**



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Save the date for the 51st Living Treasures of
Hawai'i Recognition Program and Luncheon!

ANNOUNCEMENT

Special Maui Wildfire Event - Sunday, August 10

Wailuku Hongwanji will host a Special Maui Wildfire Event on Sunday, August 10, beginning at 9:00 a.m., welcoming all temple members and community friends. Sponsored by the Maui Hongwanji Council, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, and the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist Women's Federation of Japan, this gathering honors lives touched by the wildfires with compassion, remembrance, and resilience.

Guest Speaker: Richard Carosso. The principal of Lahainaluna High School, Mr. Carosso, will share reflections on guiding his school community through the aftermath of the 2023 wildfires. His message will center on healing, unity, and the enduring strength of Lahaina—a testament to leadership grounded in empathy and hope.

Message from Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Bringing spiritual depth to the program, Bishop Umitani offers words of comfort inspired by his 2025 New Year's message. He speaks of Amida Buddha's boundless compassion: "No one is left behind—we are all welcomed just as we are into the warmth of Amida Buddha's embrace." His teachings invite us to reflect on our shared humanity and interconnectedness, especially in times of recovery.

Fellowship & Luncheon: Following the service, refreshments and entertainment will be held in the Social Hall, followed by lunch. To assist the Lunch Committee with preparations, please call the temple office at 244-0406 if you plan to attend. The deadline to submit your lunch count is Friday, August 1. The luncheon is complimentary.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Lahaina Hongwanji Call for Historic Photos

Michael Munekiyo

Status Update: The HHMH Lahaina Hongwanji Recovery and Rebuilding Committee continues to make steady, consensus-based progress toward restoring the Lahaina Hongwanji campus.

Recent milestones include:

- Visioning sessions with the Lahaina Sangha to identify future priorities
- Completion of property cleanup by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Ongoing coordination with FEMA and HiEMA regarding funding qualifications, including joint site visits
- FEMA's funding obligation to HiEMA for planning, design, and construction
- Engagement of FAI Architects to conduct a rebuilding feasibility study and masterplan

One major focus now is completing that feasibility study.

Help Needed: Historic Campus Photos. To recreate the campus and meet federal funding requirements, FAI Architects needs pre-fire photographs of Lahaina Hongwanji buildings, especially those without architectural plans.

If you have any photos, please share them with the Wailuku Hongwanji office. Digital copies can be emailed to: WHM@wailukuhongwanji.org. Your support will help preserve Lahaina Hongwanji's legacy.





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.

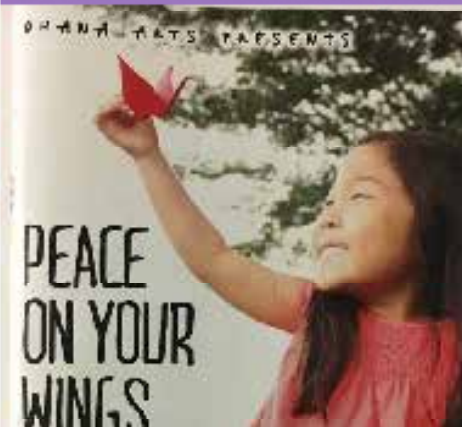
- Digital ministry program
- Video production studio at the Buddhist Study Center
- Facilitate distance learning and online dharma
- Marketing and outreach team



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
- Grow the Living Gratitude Endowment Fund





MOVING SHIN BUDDHISM INTO THE FUTURE



Jodo Shinshu Buddhism came to Hawaii in the 1880's when Japanese laborers came to work on the sugar plantations. These newcomers struggled to survive because of hard physical labor, poor living conditions, and minimal pay. By turning to the temple for guidance, they found the Buddhist teachings to be comforting. Ministers and lay members supported each other and built a thriving, gathering place of Nembutsu followers. They persevered and dealt with their hardships to succeed in their new home.

The roots of Jodo Shinshu planted by these early immigrants continue to grow and inspire many generations. For over 130 years, our temples have been vibrant, spiritual communities that have shared the Buddhist teachings through Dharma education, spiritual support, and community service. We welcome the inclusion of all people into our Sangha. We seek to share with others the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha.

The Dharma continues to be relevant, and even more necessary, in these turbulent and chaotic times. We believe the Nembutsu teaching has the power to transform lives and create a more humane world. We must continue to preserve and enhance our dharma-centered programs into the future so people may enjoy lives of harmony, peace, and gratitude. Please join us as we build a pathway to the future of Jodo Shinshu in Hawaii.

Living Gratitude Program:
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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

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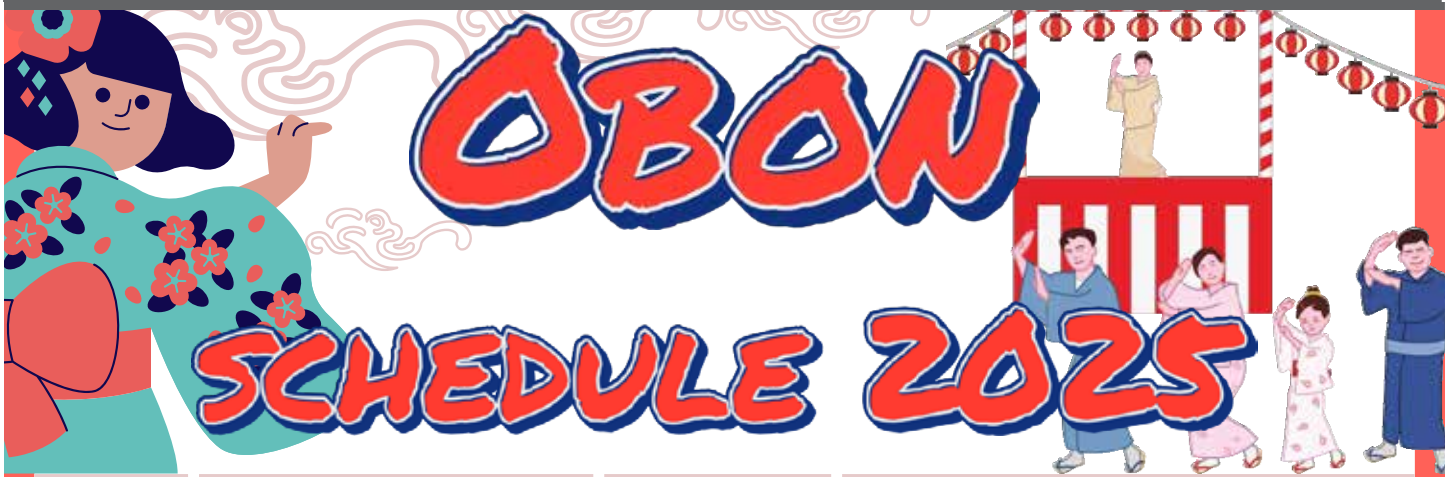
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I would like to learn more about making a planned giving gift through my will or trust or another type of gift to HHMH.

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

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Date	Temple	Service Dance	Information
August 1, 2 (Fri,Sat)	Wailuku Hongwanji Mission	6:30 pm 7:45 pm	244-0406 / 1828 Vineyard St., Wailuku whm@wailukuhongwanji.org
August 9 (Sat)	Lahaina Community Bon Dance (Lahaina Jodo Mission)	5:00 pm Open 6:30pm	Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, Lahaina Shingon Mission and Lahaina Jodo Mission will participate
August 16 (Sat)	Paia Rinzai Zen Mission	6:00pm 7:00pm	579-9921 / 120 Alawai Rd, Paia monk.sen@rinzai-maui.org
August 23 (Sat)	Kula Shofukuji Mission	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	113 Puanani Pl, Kula mail@lahainashingon.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed for Obon Preparation

Wailuku Hongwanji's annual Obon is a significant Temple and community event. We are grateful for the support our Sangha and affiliate organizations have provided in past years and look forward to continued manpower help to make our 2025 Obon a success. The following pre-Obon and post-Obon activities will require volunteer time and energy, and we seek your help if you are available.

- **August 02 - Dismantle Yagura starting at 10:15pm**
- **August 03 - Clean Grounds Starting at 7:30am:** complete limited cleanup of the temple campus and store Obon supplies.

Your participation and support are appreciated in making these events successful.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refreshment Donations for Obon

The Obon Committee is asking for donations to defray the cost to purchase refreshments for the dancers and guests. Your continued support and kokua are again solicited and will be most appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Handicap Parking Available for Obon



Handicapped parking will be available in the back parking lot (Mill Street entrance) during Wailuku Hongwanji's Obon service and dance. Please ensure your handicap placard is always visible (during the duration of parking) so the Troop (Scouts) can assist you with parking.

ANNOUNCEMENTS***Friday & Saturday, 1-2 August:
Hatsubon (First Obon) Service***

Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Temple “Hatsubon” (first Obon) Service will be held on Friday, August 1, and Saturday, August 2, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The following members will be memorialized each night at the service.

MEMORIAL	PASSING DATE
Joseph Yoda	July 28, 2024
Harolyn Tanji	August 8, 2024
Denise Tanaka	August 13, 2024
Judy Sakai	August 22, 2024
Val Ogata	October 18, 2024
Dennis Koyama	October 25, 2024
Bert Tagami	October 26, 2024
Isamu Iwaishi	October 30, 2024
Robert Sueo Takahashi	December 8, 2024
Francis Tamotsu Kimoto	December 28, 2024
Sadako Nakao	January 2, 2025
Donald Sadami Karimoto	January 5, 2025
Fred Kazuyoshi Araki	February 19, 2025
Thomas Toru Fujii	February 23, 2025
Elaine Shizuko Mori	March 18, 2025
Micah Koa Nobuo Saito	March 25, 2025
Kazuo Koyanagi	April 9, 2025
Itsue Hanada	April 23, 2025
Tsuzuki Kimura	May 3, 2025
John Kiyoshi Okamura	May 12, 2025
Charlotte Satsuko Hayase	May 22, 2025
Helen Nakashima	June 27, 2025
Janice Kitagawa	June 27, 2025

“Hatsubon” means “first Obon”, the first memorial since a loved one’s passing after the previous Obon. It offers family and friends a moment to reflect on how their loved one’s presence continues to touch their lives through memories, words, and actions. For those observing Hatsubon, and for all of us who have experienced loss, this is a time to recognize life’s impermanence and the lasting influence of those who came before us.

No Obon festival is completed without a sample of traditional Japa-nese/Hawaiian/American foods such as Chow fun, Chicken Hekka, Chili/rice, Chilidog, Shoyu pork, Teri beef, Miso, Saimin, Nishime, Pickled vegetables, drinks, and other assorted dishes. Obon dance begins at 7:45 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS***Obon Mairi
(Home Visitation)
Offered to Members***

Reverend Shinkai Murakami continues to perform “Obon Mairi” for Wailuku Hongwanji members until the end of August. Please call the office to schedule your Obon Mairi service (808-244-0406). Members are reminded to clean their butsudan (family altar) and place fresh flowers for the service.

APPRECIATION**NOKOTSUDO**

Wayne & Lena - *In memory
Audrey Endo, Nobue
Hanada, Minoru Hanada,
& Juji Hanada*
Thomas & Winona Lau Hee - *In
memory of Eddie Ansai*
Dennis & Mona Morinaga - *In
memory of the Hanada Family*

OFUSE

Franklin & Guy Hamasaki - *In
memory Elaine Hamasaki*
Milton & Lisa Matsuoka - *In
memory of Seijiro Matsuoka*
Eileen Mori-Mishina - *In
memory of Elaine Shizuko Mori*
Jennifer & Nelson Okamura - *In
memory of John Okamura*
Lia Yukie Shibata - *In
memory of Charlotte
Satsuko Hayase*
Brandon, Cori, Frederick &
Arlene Toyama - *In memory
of Edith Omuro*

MEMORIAL SERVICES

*August Hoji Memorial Services***1st YEAR - 2024****DAY NAME**

08 Harolyn Miyako Tanji (KU DOKI)
 13 Denise Stacey Mahealani Tanaka (E SHO)

17th YEAR - 2009**DAY NAME**

18 Yasushi Wakamatsu (SEI AN)
 30 Komao Mochizuki (GU KYO)

3rd YEAR - 2023**DAY NAME**

14 Todd Eiji Yamafuji (EI SHIN)
 23 Mildred Miyamoto (JO RAKU)
 31 Yeiko "Tony" Arakaki (EI SHIN)

25th YEAR - 2001**DAY NAME**

20 Takayo Yoda (WA JO)
 31 Stanley Araki (JYO DO)

7th YEAR - 2019**DAY NAME**

02 Irvin Hiroshi Yamada (KO RAKU)
 04 Warren Masaichi Matsui (SEI GAN)
 09 Kazue Mabe (SEI WA)
 19 Emiko Omori Sakagawa (KO KI)
 21 Mieko Kushiyama (BYAKU KE)
 30 Michael Mitsuo Nashiwa (E KO)

33rd YEAR -1993**DAY NAME**

13 Gerald Matsumoto (SHINJO)
 23 Shizuo Sam Suma (SHIN TOKU)
 20 Kei Sone (AN JAKU)

13th YEAR - 2013**DAY NAME**

08 Donald Yoshito Fukunaga (GI KYO)
 09 June Setsuko Ecsedy (JO SETSU)
 15 Natsuyo Hayase (KYO KEI IN SHAKU) (KO EI)
 24 Yoshito Matsui (GI MYO)

50th YEAR - 1976**DAY NAME**

09 Tsuchiyo Hiraoka (DO KUN)
 12 Sekiya Kaya (MYO SEI)
 27 Satoru Komatsu (KEI TAI)
 27 Shoichi Sakagawa (SHO NEN)

To schedule a memorial service, contact the main office at (808) 244-0406, M-F between 8:00am and 12:00pm.

Our Deepest Sympathies

Charlotte Satsuko Hayase (HO SHIN – Pure & Beautiful Heart), age 91, of Wailuku, passed on May 22, 2025.

Namo Amida Butsu



BUDDHIST STUDY CENTER FELLOWSHIP CLUB



MANOAPHOBIA

BACK-TO-SCHOOL WELCOME EVENT
FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

THURSDAY | 5:00 -
AUGUST 28, 2025 | 8:00 PM

BUDDHIST STUDY CENTER
1436 UNIVERSITY AVE.
HONOLULU, HI 96822

RSVP TO EHASHI@HONPAHI.ORG BY AUGUST 27



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOGO Krispy Kreme

Krispy Kreme BOGO cards are available in the temple office for \$25 each. With the card, members may purchase any dozen donuts at regular price and receive one dozen Original Glazed Donuts free. That is \$25 for two dozen! Please make check payable to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 Temple Coin*Danny Topp*

The 2025 temple coin, featuring this year's theme of Interdependence, is now available! Only 100 coins were minted, and just 30 remain. Coins from previous years (2022–2024) are also available. Each coin is priced at \$10. To purchase, please contact Danny Topp directly.



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
- Coffee: Folgers or Yuban
- Clear Carton Packing Tapes
- General Use Masking Tapes (1")
- Ziploc bags (sandwich, quart, gallon)
- Duct Tape
- Napkins
- 15# Bag rice
- 9" Lunch plates
- Blue Painters tape
- Antibacterial hand soap
- 9 oz. Cold cups
- 9 oz. Hot cups



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!

Call for Submissions

2026 HONGWANJI CALENDAR

Five-Year Theme (2025-2029): NURTURING NEMBUTSU.

2026 Slogan: Sharing Gratitude

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HMH) Calendar Committee invites members, Dharma friends, and affiliates to provide photos for the 2026 Hongwanji Calendar that shows,

“NURTURING NEMBUTSU: SHARING GRATITUDE.”

- You may submit several photos for consideration by the Calendar Committee for the 2026 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 2026 slogan** and your name/temple for photo credit.
- If you have questions, please leave a message for Yumi Suzuki at the Hongwanji Headquarters Office 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:
Monday, September 15, 2025.

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
Yard & Facility Maintenance	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email whm@wailukuhongwanji.org

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August / September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Wailuku Hongwanji Obon 6:30pm - Service 7:45pm - Dance	2 Wailuku Hongwanji Obon 6:30pm - Service 7:45pm - Dance
3 No Sunday Service (Obon Clean Up)	4 DoE Students First Day 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	5 Gakuen Students First Day	6 Social Hall Rental	7 BWA Hosha Day BWA ACCW Delv. 7pm Troop Mtg.	8 6:30pm Kahului Hale Makua Obon	9 6:30pm Lahaina - 3 Temples Obon Eagle Scouts Banquet
10 9am Lahaina Wildfire Recovery Service	11 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	12	13 5:30pm Obon Pract.	14 7pm Troop Mtg.	15 Statehood Day (Office Closed)	16 Social Hall Rental Paia Rinzai Mission Obon 6:00pm - Service 7:00pm - Dance
17 8am Sunday Service 9:30am BWA Mtng.	18 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	19 6:30pm Cubs	20 5pm Kyodan Board Meeting via Zoom	21 BWA ACCW Delv. 7pm Troop Mtg.	22 5:00pm Wailuku Hale Makua Obon World BWA Representative Mtg.	23 4pm Cub Carnival & Recruitment Kula Shofukuji Mission Obon 6:30pm - Service 7:30pm - Dance
24 8am Family Service	25 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	26	27	28 7pm Troop Mtg.	29 6:00pm Kahului Hale Mahaolu Elua Obon	30 Social Hall Rental Lanai Obon
31 8am Family Service 9am-12pm VIDSTA Picnic @ Keopulani Park Football Field Ministers' Spouses Assn. Seminar	1 Labor Day (Office Closed)	2	3	4 BWA Hosha Day BWA ACCW Delv. 7pm Troop Mtg.	5 Sanmu Mtng. & Sanmu-Kanji Mtng	6 Social Hall Rental Honpa Hongwanji BoD Mtng.
7 8am Sunday Service 11am Cub Den Mtng 1:30-3:30pm DS Bowling Event	8 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	9	10 5:30pm Obon Pract.	11 7pm Troop Mtg.	12 Hawaii State Lay Assn. Annual Convention	13
14 9am Autumn Ohigan Service	15 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	16	17 5pm Kyodan Board Meeting via Zoom	18 BWA ACCW Delv. 7pm Troop Mtg.	19	20 Peace Day (Makawao Hongwanji) Choralfest 2025 (Hi Betsuin) Autumn Ohigan
21 8am BWA 120th Anniversary Service w/ Peace Day Hawaii Choralfest 2025 (Hi Betsuin)	22 9am Ring the Bell for Peace! 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	23 6:30pm Cubs	24	25 7pm Troop Mtg.	26	27
Autumn Ohigan						
28 8am Family Service DS temple assignment review and practice	29 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	30	31			