



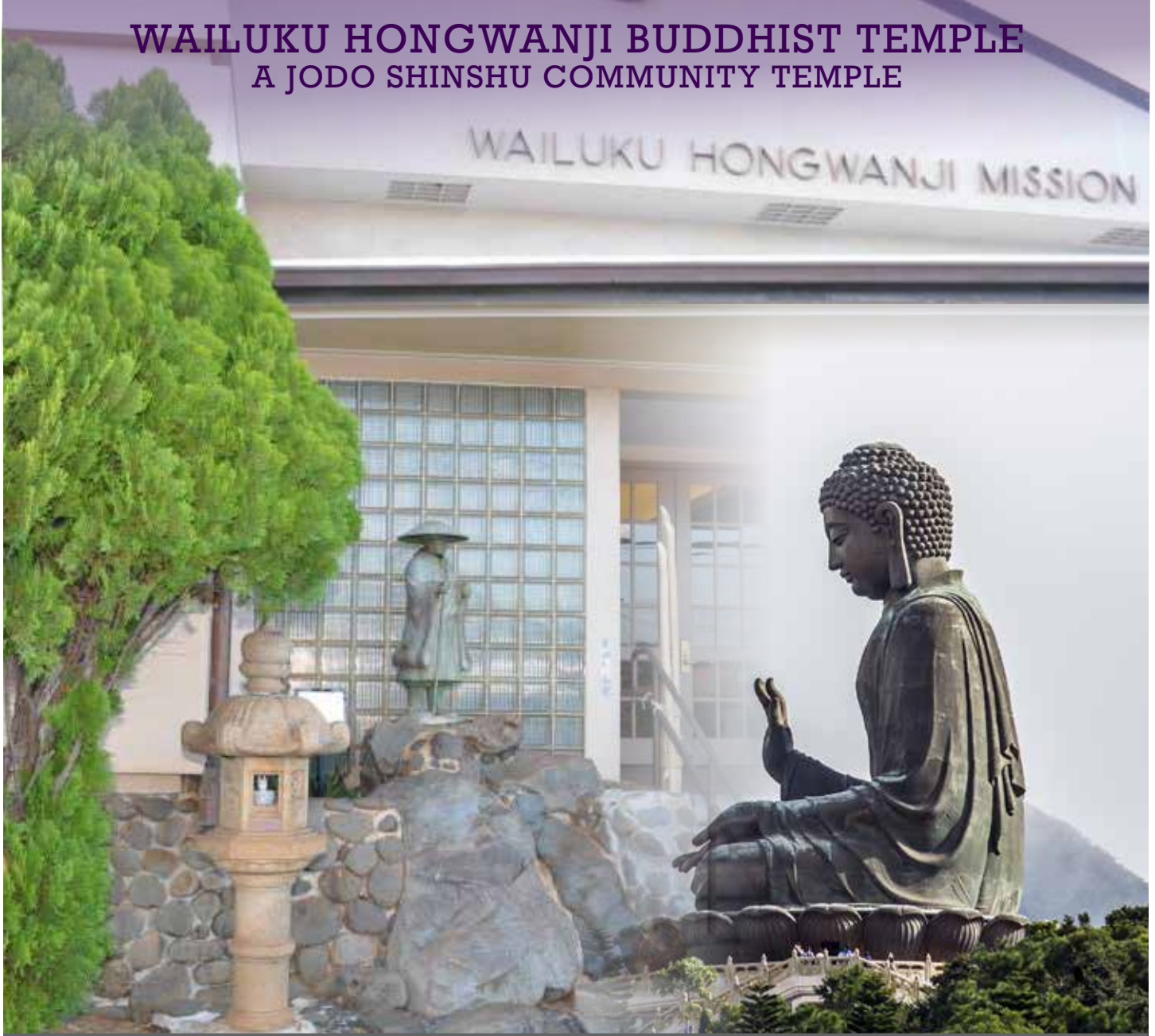
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A JODO SHINSHU COMMUNITY TEMPLE



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TEACHINGS FROM THE MINISTER

Spiritual Home

Reverend Shinkai Murakami

Namo Amida Butsu

I would like to sincerely thank everyone for making the Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association's (BWA) 120th Anniversary Memorial Service on September 21st and the BWA Craft Sale on October 18 a great success. I deeply appreciate your warm understanding, cooperation, and support. Seeing everyone's smiles reminds me that the temple is truly a wonderful place, a place of gratitude and joy where the smiles of many can be seen.

During Sunday services, I often say, "The temple is our spiritual home" and use various metaphors to express that "The temple is a place where we all share joy."

The other day, I was talking with some members, and since it had been a long time since we last met, I invited them to my office for coffee. One person surprised me by saying, "Sensei, the temple office has always seemed like a place only special people go to. It has nothing to do with people like us who don't do anything." I replied, "Not at all. The temple office is not just for special people, it is a place where everyone in the temple can come freely, talk, and enjoy themselves. There's always coffee, cookies, and souvenirs, so it's a space to relax and chat."

While we were talking, members of the BWA and others from the temple came in, and soon the room was

filled with lively conversation. Before leaving, one person said, "Sensei, the temple office is like a coffee shop it was so much fun! I met many people I know. Can I come again?" I smiled and replied, "This is your temple. Please come anytime."

There is a wonderful story about Rennyo Shōnin from about 550 years ago. During his time, the Hongwanji grew into a large religious organization, and many people from all over Japan traveled to Yamashina Hongwanji Temple in Kyoto to hear the Nembutsu. Since there was no modern transportation, people walked many miles to get there. Along the way, they sometimes visited hot springs and sightseeing spots, but records show that Rennyo Shōnin instructed the temple staff:

"If parishioners visit on a hot day, wash their feet and serve them cold sake to soothe their fatigue. If they visit in the cold winter, serve them hot sake to warm their bodies."

The Hongwanji deeply appreciated those who made the long journey and served as a spiritual refuge for its members.

We at Wailuku Hongwanji are also a place of peace, built and nurtured by many great Nembutsu pioneers, a spiritual refuge and home for all of you. I was touched recently when a Dharma School student, who also attends the Japanese

Language School, said to another student: "This is my church. It's a fun place where we play games together. You should come too. We can have fun and enjoy being with friends."

Wailuku Hongwanji is a place where you can find peace and relaxation. It is not a place only for certain people. If you look at our temple services, you will see people from all age groups - Dharma School children, young parents, and senior members - interacting, learning, and sharing the joy of life with one another. These are great Dharma lessons we receive from our temple.

The temple is always a place of spiritual rest for you, a warm place where you can find peace and see everyone's smiles. One of our Dharma friends makes the temple grounds beautiful with flowers, maintains the property like the Pure Land of Amida, and cleans the inside of the temple, especially wiping all seating places of pews on Thursdays as a form of spiritual dana.

Wailuku Hongwanji is your spiritual home a warm place where you can encounter the heart of Amida Buddha. While I cannot serve sake in my office like Rennyo Shōnin once did, however, our office staff can offer coffee, sweets, smiles, and a welcoming space where you can feel spiritual peace and serenity. Please visit our temple and office anytime.

Namo Amida Butsu

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.



Sharon Higa & Farron Cabral

EITAIKYO

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

KYODAN

Clifford & Geraldine Beppu - *In memory of Diane Tadakuma*
George & Alice Fukushima - *In memory of Yoshio Tengan*
Roy & Gwen Hiraga - *BWA 120th Anniversary*
Paul & Julie Petro
Doris Yoshitake - *Religious Items*

OBON

Lane & June Fujii - *In memory of Komao & Aiko Mochizuki*
Jeffrey Tsai & Laurie Fukushima
Lyle & Charlotte Wilkinson

OFFERTORY

Anonymous
Anonymous - *BWA 120th Anniversary*
Lisa Fujiyama - *BWA 120th Anniversary*
Machiko Moriyasu - *BWA 120th Anniversary*
Janet Shimada - *BWA 120th Anniversary*
William & Jeanne Smythe - *BWA 120th Anniversary*
Michael & Colleen Suyama - *BWA 120th Anniversary*

OFUSE

Clifford & Geraldine Beppu - *In memory of Aiko Hinohara*
Nami Ichikawa - *In memory of Ine Ichikawa*
Lynn Tadakuma - *In memory of Diane Tadakuma*
Shinye Yogi - *In memory of Haruko Yogi*

OHIGAN

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Paul & Susan Gushiken
Ronald Hamai &
Gail Iwamoto-Hamai
Roy & Gwen Hiraga
Sandra Hirata
Margaret Honda
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Janet Kubota
Machiko Moriyasu
Richard Ouchi
Toshiko Sugiki
Raymond & Betty Toyama
Jeffrey Tsai &
Laurie Fukushima
Elaine Yokoyama

EXPRESSIONS OF DANA

Anonymous – *Altar flowers, Snacks, Brown paper bags, Wish list items, Yard and campus maintenance*
Richard & Amy Blue – *Landscaping & maintenance*
Cubs – *Temple yard & campus cleanup*
Dharma Strummers – *Sunday service music*
FT – *Campus maintenance & yard cleaning*
Jeral & Karlynn Fukuda – *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 & Mason jars*
Carol Mae Kurisu – *Altar flowers*
Machiko Moriyasu – *Altar flowers & arrangements, and office support*
Minae Murakami – *Sunday service organist*
Mike Nishimoto – *Landscaping & maintenance*
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*
Danny Topp - *A/V support for services, events, workshops, & meetings*
Mary Tokumaru – *Office support*
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.

ADULT ORGANIZATIONS

Buddhist Women's Association News

Gwen Hiraga

The BWA extends heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Miki Tomita Okamoto, who served as the commemorative speaker for our 120th Anniversary Service. Dr. Tomita Okamoto is the Founder and CEO of Education Incubator, a Hawai'i-based nonprofit that empowers youth, educators, and communities to live with passion and purpose in service to a better world. Her message on education, community, and aloha deeply resonated with our members.

Born and raised on Maui, Dr. Tomita Okamoto is a Baldwin High School graduate and earned her B.S.E. in Biosystems Engineering from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and a Ph.D. in Education from Stanford University. She has worked for over 25 years in education as a teacher, administrator, curriculum developer, and



researcher. Miki's work centers on empowering young people and communities to transform challenges into opportunities, guided by compassion, cultural grounding, and aloha. For those who requested her presentation, slides are available at bit.ly/WHBWA120.

The Arc of Maui County

was selected as this year's recipient of the MUBWA Aloha Dana Award. The award was presented on August 29 to Executive Director Aspen Wallwork, joined by several Arc clients.

Congratulations to Rachel Takamiya, recipient of the 2025 BWA Scholarship. Rachel grew up surrounded by Buddhist traditions, attending Obon, taking Japanese language classes, and joining the Maui Minyo Kai dance group. These experiences deepened her connection to Buddhism and inspired her to become active in temple life. Rachel volunteered as a teacher assistant at WHM Preschool and encouraged her mother and sister to join the BWA. Now studying in Oregon, she attends the Oregon Buddhist Temple and plans to continue her Buddhist studies at Waseda University in spring 2026.

The BWA welcomes Sherri Quinn and Dr. Miki Tomita Okamoto as new members who joined in September.

Our General Membership Meeting was held on October 12, with reports, project updates, and planning for upcoming events. The 2025 Autumn Craft & Food Fair followed on October 18, featuring vendors from Maui, O'ahu, and temple affiliate organizations.

Finally, we wish a very Happy Birthday to our November members: Yoshiko Fujiwara, Janet Inamasu, Faith Tengan, and Misao Tengan.



EDUCATION



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Email: whpreschool808@gmail.com * Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:30am - 4:30pm

Jody Vinoray

We will be finishing our shapes and colors units this month and involve the children in many sensory experiences. We will explore the five senses of seeing, hearing, touching, smelling and tasting. The children will get a chance to identify, compare, and classify as they investigate the world around them. Preschoolers are fascinated with learning through their five senses!



Kahului Fire Station Field Trip, Oct. 15th



Congratulations Ms. Shante Del Castillo! Shante earned her Child Development Associate (CDA). This is a significant milestone, and your hard work and dedication have truly paid off.

BWA Recipe of the Week: Layered Manju - Courtesy of Gwen Hiraga



Ingredients:

2 cups butter 1/2 cup sugar 3/4 cup condensed milk
1/2 teaspoon salt 5 cups flour 1 egg, beaten
1 (21oz) can pie filling (apple, cherry, blueberry) or bean paste

Directions:

Heat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray 9-by-13-inch baking pan. In a large bowl, mix butter and sugar. Add condensed milk and salt. Add flour slowly and mix well. Shape into a ball and cut in half. Place 1/2 of the dough in pan and spread evenly. Top dough with pie or bean paste filling. Top filling with remaining dough, pat gently. Brush egg on top of dough. Bake 40-45 minutes until golden brown. Let it cool completely before cutting. Serves 24.



15th BWA State Membership Conference Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations



“NURTURING NEMBUTSU: SHARING GRATITUDE”

March 28 - 29, 2026 • Ala Moana Hotel by Mantra

Keynote speaker Ms. Michiko Miyaji Inanaga

Director of the Endowment Foundation (BCA)

Conference Schedule

March 28, 2026

8:00 - 9:00 am Registration
9:00 - 9:20 am Opening Service
9:30 - 10:15 am Keynote Speaker - Michiko Inanaga
10:15 - 10:30 am Break
10:30 - 11:45 am General Membership Business Mtg 1
11:45 - 12:30 pm Lunch Break
1:00 - 4:30 pm Workshops- Attend three assigned sessions
(See attached)
4:45 - 5:00 pm Closing Announcements
6:00 - 8:00 pm Dinner and Entertainment

March 29, 2026

7:30 - 8:15 am Continental Breakfast
8:15 - 8:35 am Closing Service
8:35 - 9:20 am General Membership Business Mtg 2
9:30 - 11:45 am Panel Presentation
11:45 - 12:00 pm Closing Announcements
Gratitude Tree
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Unique & Inspiring Workshops:
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Panel Presentation “The Role of Women in Society 2026”

Featuring:

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Moderated by Ms. Caroline Otani



Ala Moana Hotel:

Waikiki Tower: \$219.00 (1 King or 2 Double) or Kona Tower \$189.00 (1 Queen)

Room rates are good for 3 days prior to and 3 days post conference.

Book your room by registering below!

REGISTER HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/15thbwa>

Registration Deadline: December 1, 2025

Fee: \$200 (Does not include Hotel Fee)

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Sakura 4-H Clubs' Clover Report

Sammy Takamura

The Shining Stars 4-H Club had their first club meeting on Sunday, September 28 at the Social Hall. They learned about Halloween safety tips when going trick or treating and getting candy. They also made a spider out of pipe cleaners that was used to decorate their glow stick necklaces that can help them be seen when they're out and about trick or treating with their families during the nighttime. Finally, the girls made their own edible spooky pumpkin graveyards out of pudding, Oreo cookie crumbs, gummy worms, chocolate cake, and candy pumpkins. They're all ready for a safe and fun Halloween!

In September, our Lokahi Girls hiked up Kauhikoa Hill in search of a historic Government Triangulation Station once used by land surveyors to establish property boundaries. The journey wasn't easy — they were working from only



a vague description to locate the hidden trail leading to the solitary concrete monument at the hill's summit. But with teamwork and determination, the girls reached their goal in just 20 minutes! After making the discovery, we hiked back down and wrapped up the adventure with a visit to one of the nicest playgrounds on the island. Everyone had a



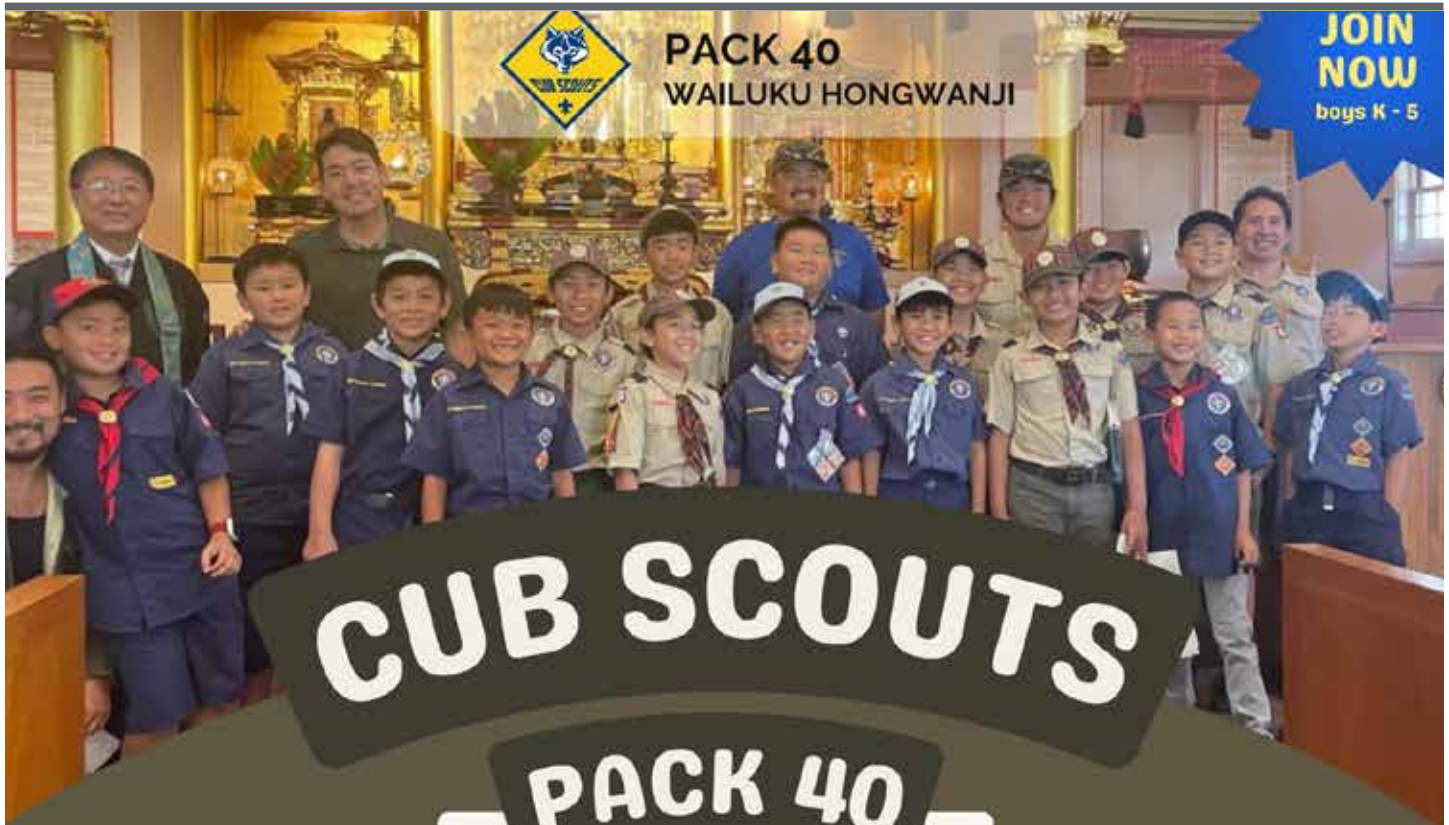
fantastic time!

For their project activity in October the Lokahi Girls were fortunate enough to have Anelise Puentes, YMCA Aquatics Director, teach them about water safety. Among the many things they learned, they also practiced water rescues and of course a few rounds of Marco Polo. They ended the afternoon with a nice picnic in the community garden and learned about AEDs.

In October, Maui 4-H celebrated the welcome back of the Maui County Fair by marching in the County Parade wearing their pink Sakura 4H shirts. The girls were excited to be a part of the parade, cheered for the other groups and had a blast walking up Ka'ahumanu seeing so many familiar faces.

The first Sunday in November will be our 4-H Sunday service - please join us for service and refreshments afterwards.





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

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YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Cub Scouts Kick Off a New Year of Adventures

Paul Petro

Cub Scouts Pack 40 had a busy start to the new scouting year! In August, the scouts hosted a fun Carnival and Recruitment Meeting, with older scouts creating games and donating toys as prizes for younger participants. In September, the pack held a Welcome Back Camp at Makani Olu Ranch, where scouts completed a wildfire prevention service project and learned camping essentials. They also proudly marched in the Maui County Parade and helped raise funds for the Boy Scouts of America through popcorn sales.

Mahalo to retired Cubmaster Kawika Beauchamp for his dedication and service, and congratulations to Paul Petro, our new Cubmaster, as we look forward to another great year of scouting adventures!



YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

The Order of the Arrow

Celeste Rabang

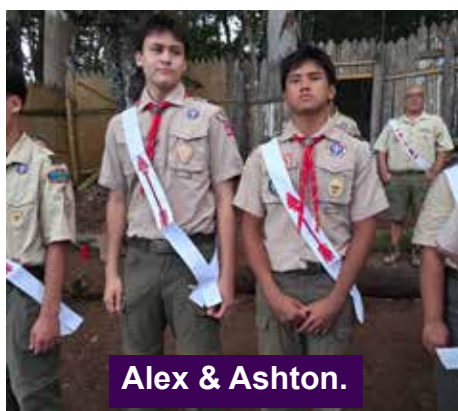
Troop 40 boys had their Ordeal for the Order of the Arrow which is the National Honor Society of Scouting. Its purpose is to provide leadership experiences, promote service, and foster a lifelong commitment to cheerful service to others.



Aaron and Dominic earned their Brotherhood sash to seal their membership.



Ethan.



Alex & Ashton.



Assistance Scoutmaster Carl earned his Ordeal sash.

SPORTS

Wailuku Hongwanji Judo Champions

Ronald Hiyakumoto

On August 23, 2025, the judo club participated in the Uemura Cup held at the Edith Kanakaole Stadium in Hilo. 374 judokas from Hawaii, the U.S. mainland, and Japan participated in this event. Wailuku Hongwanji Judo Club was represented by three judokas.



3rd Place: Kira



1st Place: Madelein



1st Place: Aaron



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.

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CHOIR

Maui Hongwanji Choir: My Choralfest Experience

Joan Tamori

This year, seven members of the newly formed choir embraced the opportunity to attend Choralfest 2025 at Hawaii Betsuin on September 20–21, 2025 — a milestone that marks an exciting new chapter for Maui's Hongwanji music community. Attendees shared their comments of their Choralfest experience:

"I really enjoyed my time at Choralfest. Singing in a large choir is so different—and much more satisfying—than singing alone or in a smaller group. The practice on Saturday seemed to flow more smoothly than at the last Choralfest seven years ago, and it was wonderful to reconnect with folks from other temples around Hawai'i that I haven't seen in years, as well as to meet some new faces. A special shout out to our driver, Lois, who graciously and safely got us from the hotel to the temple and finally to the airport. Thank you (Joan and Ed) for helping to organize such a meaningful experience!" - **Danny Topp**

"It was good to hear separate parts of tenors, sopranos, basses, and altos. I reunited and 'talked story' with old friends and made new ones, everyone was so helpful and positive. Nola was excellent as usual and hearing Francis play the piano completed the Choralfest experience. It was all well worth the experience!" - **Ed Tamori**

"Thank you so much for everything. Being my first experience at Choralfest, I was not sure what to expect. I was quite impressed with the director, Nola, and how well everything else was organized. Nola was strict in her ways but that made a difference in how we sounded, which was awesome! I was not only impressed in how things went, but I thoroughly enjoyed myself! It was nice to make new friends and to see people I knew. In making new friends, I met a lady who told me she had an uncle who was from Kihei with the last name of Suda. Lo and behold that uncle is also my husband's uncle. What a small world. I was very glad that I attended the Choralfest! It was fun, fun, fun!" - **Carol Suda**



Maui Hongwanji Choir: (L to R) Joan Tamori, Francis Okano - Piano Accompanist and State Music Chair, Ed Tamori, Danny Topp, Nola Nahulu - Choralfest Conductor, Kallie Keith-Agaran, Dale Sugiki, Carolyn Kaya, & Carol Suda.

"I really enjoyed the Choralfest. I enjoyed learning the beautiful songs, which was sometimes challenging, but fun. It felt good singing in a large group...I was in awe at how great the choir sounded, thanks to Nola. It was also nice meeting and chatting with people from the other temples. Your committee must've worked very hard to put everything together.... the music, the food, the hotel, the transportation. Arigato! And thank you very much for being our fearless leader! I appreciate all the work you put into our choir. This was a great experience and I look forward to the next Choralfest!" - **Carolyn Kaya**

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CHOIR**Maui Hongwanji Choir**

"It was great to see and talk to people from the previous Choralfest. Nice to see familiar faces! Nola was, as always, a great conductor and inspiration. She was able to communicate her directions to everyone--regardless of having a musical background or not. I was very impressed with everyone who participated. We sounded very good! Thanks again for your leadership."

- **Dale Sugiki**

"I have to say the weekend overall was absolutely wonderful! Food, Entertainment & Transportation - were all excellent. I received so much help and kindness from the volunteers, it was all so warm and welcoming. Nola and all she did: WONDERFUL!! So helpful, and so much fun singing, such spiritually fulfilling music with friends, every practice, and the final performance all FANTASTIC."

- **Kallie Keith-Agaran**

"As a Music committee member involved in the planning and execution of Choralfests, it is extremely gratifying to see how participants gathered together and worked together to produce such a beautiful 'sound of music' at the special service. Nola never ceases to amaze me with her innovative performance ideas and arrangements. She truly made our practice session fun and energetic! A huge mahalo goes out to the myriad of Oahu and Honolulu volunteers who each played special and important roles in supporting this event. We extend heartfelt thanks to Francis Okano, State Music Committee Chair, for guiding our committee through a year-and-a-half of planning to make this event a reality. - **Joan Tamori**

ANNOUNCEMENT

Maui United BWA Fall General Assembly; November 8th at Kahului Hongwanji

The Maui United Buddhist Women's Association's Fall General Assembly will be held at the Kahului Hongwanji Buddhist Temple on Saturday, November 8, beginning at 9 a.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Please make payment to Wailuku Hongwanji BWA and submit it to Sandy Matsuda at our BWA monthly meeting. However, if you are planning to attend the assembly and not partake in the lunch, please let Sandy know so plans can be made accordingly during the BWA meeting. Your timely response will help the committee organize.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. Tatsuo Muneto; Nov. 9th Eitaikyo Memorial Service Speaker

Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Temple warmly welcomes Rev. Tatsuo Muneto as guest speaker for the Eitaikyo Memorial Service on Sunday, Nov. 9, at 9a.m.

Eitaikyo, meaning "perpetual sutra chanting," is a tradition in which sutras are recited in lasting tribute to departed loved ones. Families who enroll names in the Eitaikyo Book ensure that sutras are chanted in their memory for as long as the temple exists. These services, held twice annually, express enduring gratitude and connection.

Rev. Muneto, originally from Hiroshima, joined the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii in 1965 after completing Buddhist studies at Ryukoku University and training in Kyoto. He later earned a master's degree in Asian Studies and Clinical Pastoral Education.

Over his 50-year ministry, he served at temples across Hawai'i, including Hawaii Betsuin, Hilo Betsuin, Kona Hongwanji, Lihue Hongwanji, Moiliili Hongwanji, and the Buddhist Study Center. Though retired since 2014, he continues to support Buddhist education, training, counseling, and hospital chaplaincy.

Rev. Muneto is the author of *Dharma Treasures – Spiritual Insights from Hawaii's Shin Buddhist Pioneers* (1995), and with his wife Edna, enjoys travel to sacred Buddhist sites. They are proud parents of two daughters and grandparents of two grandsons.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Honpa Hongwanji Launches New Shining Spirit Award Program for Youth

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH) has announced a new program intended to honor up-and-coming young community leaders for their service and achievements. Emi Hashi, HHMH's Children and Youth Activities Specialist explained, "we are looking for youth, ages 10 to 20 years old with outstanding community service, impact, leadership, and personal growth."

Purpose - To recognize youth in Hawaii for their outstanding community service and embodying the spirit of selfless giving. The program's objective is to inspire the next generation to understand and embrace the importance of serving and contributing to the greater good of society

Eligibility - Nominees shall meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Age range of 10 to 20 years old
- A legal resident of Hawaii.
- Engaged in contributing activities for at least 12 months prior to the date of application.

Criteria for Selection - The following criteria will be used in the selection process:

- **Impact on Community:** How did the individual impart meaningful change, whether through addressing a community need, improving quality of life, or inspiring others.
- **Initiative:** How does the individual demonstrate leadership, show creativity in problem-solving or developed new ways to address issues.
- **Effort:** How does the individual exemplify dedication and resilience, and demonstrate consistent, sustained effort in their projects or causes, even under challenging circumstances.
- **Personal Growth:** How did the individual gain new skills and confidence, and acquire life lessons that have contributed to their personal development.

Nomination Procedure - An organization or person from the community (teacher, advisor, counselor, mentor, clergy, coach, etc.) may nominate a young person for this recognition by submitting the following:

- Nomination form with information on the nominee
- Recommendation letters (maximum of three)

The completed nomination form and letters of recommendation must be received by the HHMH's Living Treasures of Hawaii Committee no later than November 15, 2025. Nomination forms are available at the Wailuku Hongwanji Temple office. Additional program details may be obtained by calling the HHMH's main office at (808) 522-9200.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Temple Closed on "Family Day", Nov. 28th

In observance of "Family Day," Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will be closed on Friday, November 28. This day invites everyone to pause, cherish our loved ones, and reflect on kansha - the deep gratitude we hold for family, community, and the everyday blessings that sustain us. May your time together be filled with warmth, appreciation, and joyful connection.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Lahaina Hongwanji Historic Photos

Pre-fire photos of the Lahaina Hongwanji buildings are still needed. Please send copies to the Wailuku Hongwanji office or email WHM@wailukuhongwanji.org. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Fukunaga Dana Award Nominations End Oct. 31st

The deadline to submit nomination for the prestigious Tadaichi Fukunaga Dana Award is Friday, October 31. The award recognizes individuals whose actions reflect the Buddhist principle of Dana - selfless giving. Please contact the temple office for nomination documents.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Living Gratitude Grant

The Living Gratitude Grant application is now available to support original and imaginative projects. Read the Instructions and Guidelines carefully when completing the application forms. Submit the application to HHMH office, Attn: Living Gratitude. The deadline for the application will be April 30 and October 31 of each calendar year. We look forward to receiving projects that invigorate Jodo Shinshu Buddhism into the future!

ANNOUNCEMENT

Archives Workshop for Beginners, Nov. 16

Archiving: We all know it's important but, without expert guidance, deciding how to go about it can feel like guesswork. That's where an upcoming archives workshop for the Hongwanji community comes in.

On Sunday, November 16, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., UH Mānoa Archivist Helen Wong Smith will be the expert speaker at a workshop entitled "Essentials of Managing an Archival Collection" at the Buddhist Study Center and on Zoom. The workshop is organized by Hongwanji Hawaii's Archives Committee, with committee member Ken Okimoto of Papaiko Hongwanji as point person.

The workshop is geared to beginners and will cover how to properly preserve and organize temple records as well as family and individual histories as found in text, photos, electronic files, and artifacts. A follow-up workshop is anticipated. The goal is for participants to gain a basic understanding of how to develop archival systems at their temples.

We are very fortunate to have Helen Wong Smith as the presenter. She brings over 35 years of experience preserving Hawai'i's cultural and historical collections. A past president of multiple archival organizations and a Distinguished Fellow of the Society of American Archivists, Helen is widely recognized for advancing cultural competency in the archival field.

To register, visit honpahi.link/archives1116 or email archiveschair@honpahi.org.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

November Hoji Memorial Services

**13th YEAR - 2013****DAY NAME**

19 Yukitaka Ansai (KO DO)

17th YEAR - 2009**DAY NAME**

02 Jerome Tsuji (KO GAN)

24 Kay Kiyoko Tanaka (TEI CHI)

25th YEAR - 2001**DAY NAME**

07 Kogimi Matsui (MYO KI)

14 Suyemoto Toyama (JYO YU)

19 Kiyoshi Sakotani (SHO SHI)

20 Patsy Morisaki (SHO FU)

22 Dorothy Hayashi (JYUN SEI)

50th YEAR - 1976**DAY NAME**

03 Kazuaki Arakawa (MYO SHU)

10 Yoshio Tomimoto (TAI NIN)

24 Hatsume Nakamura (REN JO)

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

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2025-2026 Social Concerns Fund Drive

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is again reaching out to its members asking for support of the Hawaii Kyodan's annual Social Concerns Fund Drive. Monies raised will support worthy organizations and programs, and will provide compassionate aid during times of disasters affecting our local, national and world communities.

With a commitment to promoting the Buddhist values of compassion and loving kindness, Honpa Hongwanji's Committee on Social Concerns supported numerous non-profit organizations serving communities in Hawaii and around the world. The Committee continued support for improving mental health care, building community resiliency, LGBTQIA+ support, and humanitarian aid in Gaza as well as relief efforts in Japan in the aftermath of the Noto Peninsula Earthquake. The Committee made donations to the Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii, Vibrant Hawaii, Foodbanks on all islands, and World Central Kitchen in addition to various other local and national non-profit organizations.

Community giving from the Honpa Hongwanji's Social Welfare Fund totaled \$65,150.00 in 2024.

Additionally, the Committee continues to award Golden Chain Grants to help nurture Sangha-based compassionate action and launched the Dana Matching Grant Program to multiply the impact of charitable giving by organizations in the Hawaii Kyodan Ohana.

The fund drive will begin November 1, 2025, and run through August 31, 2026. Envelopes for donations will be distributed via Wailuku Hongwanji's monthly newsletter, or can be picked up at the Temple office.

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November is Social Concerns Fund Drive Month

Throughout November, Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Temple joins temples across Hawai'i in supporting the Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive, coordinated by the Honpa Hongwanji Committee on Social Concerns.

This is a time to reflect on our blessings, express gratitude, and extend compassion to those in need. While Dana, selfless giving, is a year-round practice, November offers a special opportunity to come together in generosity as a Sangha.

Included with your November Friend of the Dharma newsletter is a letter from Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani and President Dr. Warren Tanimoto, along with a donation envelope. Contributions may also be submitted directly to the temple office.

A common question is: "How much should I donate?" A thoughtful guideline is to give the equivalent of one family meal, whether at home or at a restaurant.

Please make checks payable to:

Wailuku Hongwanji Mission

Memo: Social Concern

Your kindness helps uplift lives and reflects the heart of our Buddhist values. Mahalo for your continued support.

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Krispy Kreme Cards Available

Krispy Kreme cards are available in the temple office for \$25. The card allows you to purchase a dozen donuts at regular price and get one dozen Original Glazed Donuts free. This card is good for 10 free dozens of Original Glazed Donuts, with a limit of 3 free dozen per visit.



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Friendly Reminder: Have You Paid Your 2025 Membership Dues?

A gentle nudge to those who may have forgotten; it is time to submit your 2025 membership dues to Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. In earlier times, this contribution was known as gojikai, a tradition that continues to reflect our shared commitment to the Dharma.

Some members choose to pay both 2025 and 2026 dues together, often for tax planning purposes. Whether you follow that practice or prefer to pay annually, your support helps sustain our temple's mission and activities throughout the year.

By submitting your membership dues, you affirm your connection to Wailuku Hongwanji and your support of Jodo Shinshu teachings. It is a meaningful way to express your gratitude, uphold our values, and walk the path of compassion together.

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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!

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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.

- Forever postage stamps
- 33 Gal. Trash Bags
- 18 Gal. Kitchen Trash bag w/ draw string
- Paper Towels
- Wooden Hashi (chopsticks)
- 7" Dessert Plates
- Napkins
- 9" Lunch plates
- Blue Painters tape
- Antibacterial hand soap (refill size)
- Spoons
- Exam gloves

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FBI Issues Warning on Fake IC3 Websites:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/zakdoffman/2025/09/24/fbi-warning-do-not-use-these-websites-on-your-phone-or-pc/>

Recently, Wailuku Hongwanji members received scam emails spoofing our minister's address. At that time, we advised reporting such messages to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at www.ic3.gov. The FBI has now issued a new alert that fake IC3 websites, such as ic3-gov.com and ic3gov.org, are stealing personal and financial information from people trying to file legitimate reports.

To stay safe, always type "www.ic3.gov" directly into your browser, verify the address ends in .gov, and avoid sponsored links in search results. The FBI stresses it will never ask for payment to recover funds and that IC3 has no social media accounts.

This reminder is being shared to help our members stay vigilant. If you encounter scams, suspicious links, or websites impersonating IC3, please report them only through the official FBI IC3 website at www.ic3.gov.

Nonprofit Board Governance

Training for Hawaii State Lay Association
on zoom

**Saturday,
November 1, 2025**

9:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Join us for a training on board governance best practices:

- The role boards play in the nonprofit sector
- Roles & responsibilities of board members
- Encouraging dynamic teamwork
- Ways to enhance board development
- Ways to maintain a healthy nonprofit organization

Jennifer Cornish Creed, HANO



Jennifer has more than 20 years of experience in the nonprofit sector. Her training and consulting experience includes board governance, nonprofit management, proposal writing and planning facilitation.

**Free for temple leaders and
prospective leaders**

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83756820706>

Registration Requested
bit.ly/47r4xU7



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

November / December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8am 4-H Sunday 2026 WHM Calendar Artwork Due	3 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	4	5 Social Hall Rental	6 BWA Hosha Day BWA ACCW Delv. State Ministers Continuing Education Seminar 7pm Troop Mtg.	7	8 9am MUBWA Fall Assembly at KHM
9 9am Eitaikyo Service 11am Cub Den Mtng	10 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	11 Veteran's Day (Office Closed)	12 5:30pm Obon Pract.	13 7pm Troop Mtg.	14 5pm Cub Scout Movie Night	15 Social Hall Rental
16 8am Sunday Service	17 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	18	19 5pm Kyodan Board Meeting via Zoom	20 BWA ACCW Delv. 7pm Troop Mtg.	21	22 Social Hall Rental 9:30am Alzheimer's Walk @ Queen Kaahumanu Ctr.
23 8am Family Service Youth Choir 10:30am 4-H Mtng Lanai Hongwanji 100th Anniversary	24 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	25 6:30pm Cubs Mtng	26	27 Thanksgiving Holiday (Office Closed)	28 Family Day (Temple / Office Closed)	29
30 8am Sunday Service 9:30am BWA Mtng	1 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	2	3	4 BWA Hosha Day BWA ACCW Delv. 7pm Troop Mtg.	5	6 Social Hall Rental
7 8:30am Bodhi Day Service at Kepaniwai Park	8 Bodhi Day visit to site 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	9	10 5:30pm Obon Pract.	11 7pm Troop Mtg.	12	13
14 8am BWA Memorial Service	15 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	16 6pm Cubs Meeting & Holiday Party	17 5pm Kyodan Board Meeting via Zoom	18 BWA ACCW Delv. 7pm Troop Mtg.	19 6pm Cubs Holiday Party (Social Hall Rental)	20 Social Hall Rental
21 7:30am General Clean-up (No service)	22 BWA Omigaki 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	23	24 12pm Temple Closes for Holiday	25 Christmas Day (Office Closed)	26	27 Social Hall Rental
Winter Break						
28 8am Family Service	29 5:15pm Dharma Strummers	30 6:30pm Cubs Mtng	31 12pm Temple Closes in preparation for New Years Eve Service 11:15pm New Year's Eve Service			
Winter Break						