



*Namo Amida Butsu -  
With Gratitude and  
Kindness Beyond Words*

# FRIEND OF THE DHARMA



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A JODO SHINSHU COMMUNITY TEMPLE



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## TEACHINGS OF THE NEMBUTSU

# Expressing Our Sincere Gratitude

Reverend Shinkai Murakami

Namu Amida Butsu --

Each year, we celebrate Father's Day on the third Sunday of June. On this special occasion, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all fathers and grandfathers for their devotion to their children and grandchildren, and for guiding them with compassion and wisdom along the path illuminated by the Buddha's teachings.

For many of us, our fathers and grandfathers have already passed away. Yet whether they are still with us or not, when we quietly reflect upon them, precious memories naturally arise and continue to live within our hearts.

To be a father or grandfather is one of life's greatest joys and responsibilities. Through their care, sacrifices, and encouragement, they help shape the lives of future generations. Speaking personally, my wife and I always treasured watching our three children grow. Each had different interests from a young age. My oldest daughter learned hula, my son played baseball, and my youngest daughter played soccer.

Sometimes their events were held on the same day in different places, but we always tried our best to attend as many as possible. We knew that when we were there, our children felt happy, supported, and encouraged.

I remember having a similar experience as a child when I played Little League baseball. Sometimes my mother would come to watch my games. Whenever I saw her at the ballpark, I felt calm and confident. Somehow, just her presence gave me strength and courage. Because of that experience, my wife and I understood how important it was simply to be present for our children.

In Buddhism, we are reminded that our lives are supported by countless causes and conditions. The warmth, encouragement, and sacrifices we receive from our parents become important conditions that help us grow with confidence, gratitude, and compassion. Often, we do not fully realize these gifts until later in life.

Father's Day itself began from a daughter's deep gratitude toward her father. Sonora Smart Dodd was one of six children raised by her father after the death of her mother. Her father, a Civil War veteran, devoted himself to raising all six children alone with patience, kindness, and sacrifice. Wanting to honor him, she asked her minister to hold a special service recognizing fathers. From this sincere expression of gratitude,



Father's Day gradually spread throughout the nation and eventually became a national observance.

Our fathers and grandfathers are often our first teachers. From them, we learn kindness, perseverance, responsibility, compassion, and gratitude. At our Japanese Language School, students sometimes speak about their parents. One student proudly shared, "My dad is a mechanic, and he can fix anything." As she described how he repaired engines, fixed dents, and painted cars, her face shined with admiration. In her eyes, her father was a hero to the family. Hearing her story reminded all of us how deeply children treasure their parents.

When we think about our own fathers and grandfathers, many memories come to mind. Even after they are gone, the love, wisdom, and care they shared continue to guide us. Their memory becomes a light within our hearts, quietly leading us along the path of truth.

The Buddha Dharma teaches us the importance of compassion, wisdom, cooperation, and gratitude. At temple services, we learn not only through the minister's message, but also through the kindness, support, and encouragement of our sangha members. In this way, we receive the values and teachings of those who came before us, and we pass them on to future generations.

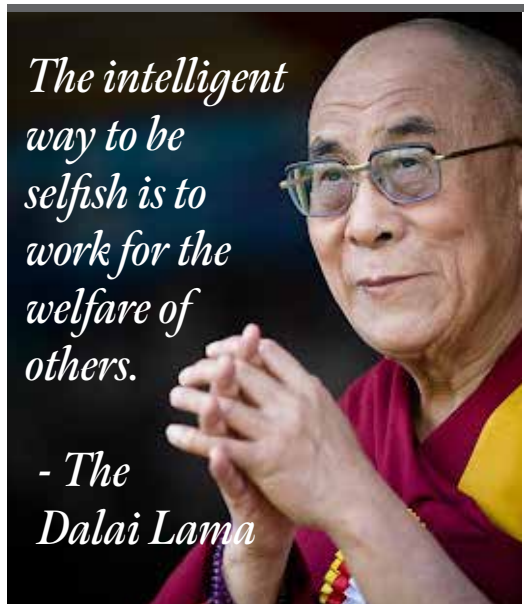
On this Father's Day, may we take time to express our sincere appreciation to our fathers and grandfathers, and may we continue walking the Nembutsu path with gratitude.

- "Manabe" — to learn their true heart.
- "Uketsuge" — to receive and accept their teachings.
- "Tsutaero" — to pass them on to the next generation with gratitude.

May we continue listening deeply to the Buddha Dharma and cherish the precious gifts we have received from our fathers and grandfathers.

Happy Father's Day!

-- Namu Amida Butsu



*With gratitude, we acknowledge the many acts of dana offered by our members and friends. Through generosity of time, care, and resources, our temple continues to thrive as a place of learning, practice, and connection.*  
 --Namo Amida Butsu

**Front Temple Landing Improvement**

Mahalo to Michael Shimoda and Kahului Carpet for completing the retiling work on the front temple landing. Their generosity and support have helped beautify and improve the entrance to our temple for members and visitors alike.



**EXPRESSIONS OF DANA**

**WITH GRATITUDE**

**CHOW FUN DONATION**

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# CALLS TO CARE

Invitations to Practice Compassion in Action



## Dana \* Compassion \* Service

### Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

Support Wailuku Hongwanji while enjoying a sweet treat! Krispy Kreme fundraising cards are available at the temple office for \$25. Each card allows you to buy one dozen donuts and receive one dozen Original Glazed free, up to 10 free dozens total (limit 3 free dozens per visit). Pick up a card for yourself, share with friends, or give one as a gift. Every purchase helps support our temple programs and activities.

### Fifth & Final Coin in Our Temple Series

Over the past several years, Wailuku Hongwanji Mission has shared a meaningful journey through the creation of its commemorative coin series. The five-coin series reflects important Dharma themes: Gratitude, Compassion & Kindness, Community, Interdependence, and the final release, Buddha Embraces All. Together, these coins serve as reminders of the Dharma in everyday life while also supporting the temple as a fundraiser. The newest coins have recently arrived and are now available. Of the original 100 coins minted, only 46 remain. In recognition of their dedicated service and leadership to the temple and the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i, commemorative coins were also presented to Rev. Shinkai Murakami, Gary Murai, Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani, and Mike Munekiyo. To purchase a coin, please contact Danny Topp at (719) 200-7300 or wailukuhongwanjimission@gmail.com.



## 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. Please contact the temple office at (808) 244-0406 to drop off donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

- Forever postage stamps
- 33 Gal. Trash Bags
- 33 Gal. trash bags with draw string
- 18 Gal. Kitchen Trash bag with draw string
- Paper Towels
- Wooden Hashi (chopsticks)
- Napkins
- 9" Lunch plates
- Blue Painters tape
- Antibacterial hand soap (refill size)
- Exam gloves (all sizes)
- Quart size zip bags
- Drinking hot cups

## Temple Beautification

Mahalo to Fred Toyama, Mike Nishimoto, preschool families, and all volunteers who continue helping care for the temple grounds, gardens, and campus areas. Community support and additional volunteers are always appreciated as we work together to keep Wailuku Hongwanji beautiful. Please contact the temple office for volunteer opportunities at (808) 244-0406

## Floral Arrangements

Volunteers continue preparing weekly floral arrangements for Sunday services and special observances. Donations of flowers and volunteers to assist with arrangements are always welcome. Please contact the temple office at (808) 244-0406.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

Keeping Our Community Informed

**Mindfulness \* Responsibility \* Gratitude**

## Kahuku Hongwanji Scholarship

The Kahuku Hongwanji Mission Scholarship was established to continue the temple's legacy and support future generations of Hongwanji members following the temple's closure in 2013 after 111 years of service. Two \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded.

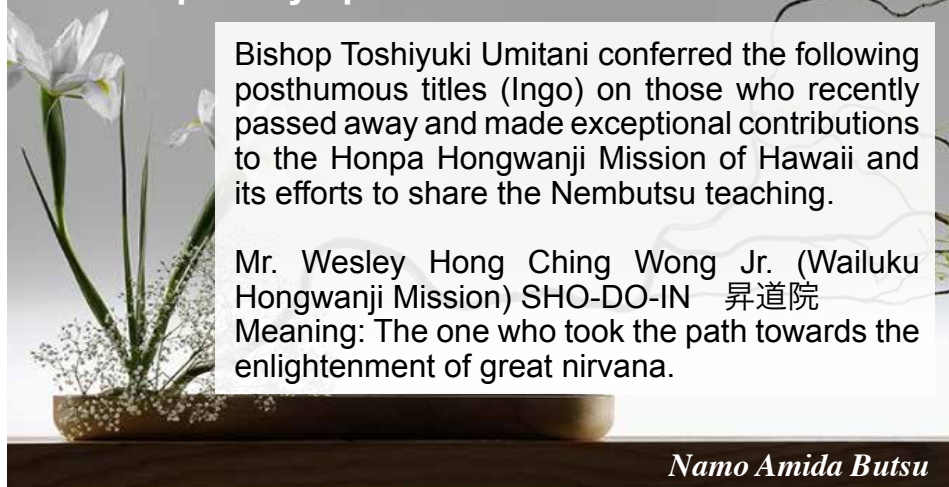
Applicants must be full-time students enrolled in an accredited college, university, or post-high school program in Hawai'i, demonstrate interest in Buddhism and participation in Hongwanji activities, maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA, and submit an essay titled "Dharma and My Life."

Applications are available at [honpahi.link/kahuku2k](http://honpahi.link/kahuku2k). The deadline is July 31, 2026. For more information, contact the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Headquarters at (808) 522-9200 or [hqs@honpahi.org](mailto:hqs@honpahi.org).

## Hale Makua Hanamatsuri Visitation

Rev. Shinkai Murakami and Rev. Jon Hara participated in Hanamatsuri visitations to Hale Makua, sharing fellowship and the Dharma with residents. The visitations provided an opportunity to celebrate the birth of the Buddha while bringing connection, compassion, and joy to the kūpuna in our community.

## Our Deepest Sympathies



Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani conferred the following posthumous titles (Ingo) on those who recently passed away and made exceptional contributions to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and its efforts to share the Nembutsu teaching.

Mr. Wesley Hong Ching Wong Jr. (Wailuku Hongwanji Mission) SHO-DO-IN 昇道院  
 Meaning: The one who took the path towards the enlightenment of great nirvana.

*Namo Amida Butsu*

## June Hoji Memorial Services

### 1st Year - 2025

- 7th - Edward Shoichi Hirata (SHO GAKU)
- 27th - Helen Motooka Nakashima (MAN TOKU)

### 3rd Year - 2024

- 13th - Richard Makino (SHO DO)
- 26th - Tomiko Yamagata (SHO KAN)

### 13th Year - 2014

- 2nd - Tadao Murata (CHU GI)
- 30th - Miyoko Hiranaga (BI DO U)

### 17th Year - 2010

- 21st - Teruo Kamasaki (MYO SHO)

### 50th Year - 1977

- 5th - Walter Suzuki (JYO TO)
- 9th - Haruyo Imose (MYO SHIN)
- 20th - Tomoki Goshi (SHIN KI)
- 21st - Shizue Tomita (JO NEN)

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

## HMH Job Opportunity

The Headquarters/Office of the Bishop is looking for an Administrative Assistant. The position is at the HQ office is fulltime 40 hours per week Monday to Friday (on-site). This position will provide administrative, financial, & event coordination to the HQ, Kyodan Board of Directors, & committees. HHMH provides medical insurance, vacation/sick leave, 401k with matching. Please contact Derrick Inouye (Business Manager) at 808-522-9200 or at [dinouye@honpahi.org](mailto:dinouye@honpahi.org).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Join Us for These  
Special Events



## Sangha \* Dharma \* Connection

### Zenshinza's Performance in Hawaii

ZENSHINZA, a professional theater group from Japan, will present Hana Kobushi—Shinran Shonin and Lady Eshinni on September 3-4, 2026, at the Palikū Theatre at Windward Community College.

The production shares the story of Shinran Shonin and Lady Eshinni, highlighting the compassion and humanity of the Nembutsu teachings. Additional information, including ticket details, will be announced soon. The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii endorses this special Hawai'i performance.

### Young Adults Retreat is September 6-7, 2026

The Young Adults Retreat (YAR) 2026 is a weekend getaway for young adults aged 18-32(ish) who are interested in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. For those who are familiar with YESS Camp, YAR is a similar opportunity for the slightly older adult crowd. At YAR, we play games, discuss the Dharma, make new connections, eat good food, and disconnect from our busy everyday lives.

This year, the theme is "Wabi-sabi" which is based on the Japanese philosophy of embracing life's imperfections. Rev. David Fujimoto of Moiliili Hongwanji will be the guest speaker and will discuss how we can cope with and grow from the struggles and tribulations that we may experience. Tentative plans for workshops include tea ceremony and meditation.

If you know anyone in the 18-32 age range who is wanting to learn more about Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and connect with others their age, please encourage them to register for the Young Adults Retreat. Registration is open NOW at [tinyurl.com/HHMHYAR2026](http://tinyurl.com/HHMHYAR2026) and the registration cost (until August 1) is \$40 for two days of food, friends, and fun!

### Calendar Committee Call for Submissions

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH) Calendar Committee invites members, Dharma friends, and affiliates to provide photos for the 2027 Hongwanji Calendar that show "NURTURING NEMBUTSU: LIVING ALOHA." The submission deadline is Monday, September 14, 2026.

### The 18th World Buddhist Women's Convention

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations will host the 18th World Buddhist Women's Convention at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort on September 11-12, 2027. The convention theme is: "Live Peace, Live Aloha, Live as One in the Nembutsu." Early registration is available through June 30, 2026. For more information and online registration, please visit [hawaiiibwa.org/world-convention-2027](http://hawaiiibwa.org/world-convention-2027) or contact your Board President at (808) 244-0406.

### Hawaii Island Nembutsu Seminar

The Big Island branch of the Commission on Buddhist Education will host the 2026 Hawai'i Island Nembutsu Seminar from October 2-4, 2026, featuring Reverend Dr. Carmela Javellana-Hirano of the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple. The seminar will focus on supporting wellbeing and navigating daily challenges through the Nembutsu teachings. Activities throughout the weekend will include a talk story session, Dharma talks, a Hawai'i District service, and a family movie activity in Waimea and Hilo. Both in-person and Zoom options will be available. Please save the dates for this engaging and interactive weekend.

### Jr. YBA State Convention

The United Jr. YBA of Hawaii will host the 69th Jr. YBA State Convention on June 19-21, 2026, in Hilo. This year's theme, "Sangha Means Family," inspired by Lilo and Stitch, will bring together youth from across the state for fellowship, learning, and activities grounded in Buddhist values.

# SANGHA STEWARDSHIP

Shaping Our Temple's Future Together

Care \* Planning \* Growth



Danny Topp throws the Pallino ball (white) to start the game followed by the Bocce ball.



## Fantastic Fujimatsuri Festivities *Joan Tamori*

Shinran Shonin's birthday was peacefully commemorated at Kahului Hongwanji Buddhist Temple on May 17 with a meaningful observance honoring our revered founder. The beautiful sunny morning

began with a service featuring Rev. Ai Hironaka as guest speaker. He delivered a thought-provoking Dharma message centered on Shinran's profound teaching of the nembutsu and Amida Buddha's compassionate embrace of us "just as you are."

Following the service, temples gathered for the annual Cornhole competition. Wailuku Hongwanji was represented by Mackey Noguchi, his father, his son Daryl, and two guests from California, forming a five-member team determined to defend last year's first-place title. Although they played strongly and competitively throughout the event, they finished in second place by just one point behind the victorious team from Makawao Hongwanji.

Making its debut this year was a Bocce Ball competition, held simultaneously alongside the Cornhole tournament. Representing Wailuku Hongwanji were doubles team, Danny Topp and Ed Tamori. Congratulations to Danny and Ed for capturing first place in the inaugural event — and bringing home a trophy!



Ed Tamori tries to throw the Bocce ball as close to the Pallino as he can.



WHM Jr. YBA member, Kamauoha, runs the Cornhole game for competition against temples.



Daryl of WHM aims and tosses the bean bag in hopes of getting it in the cornhole as father, Mackey Noguchi looks on.



WHM Jr. YBA advisor, Donna Ikeuchi, gives out directions and keeps score for the Cornhole competition.



1st Place Bocce Ball Winners: WHM's Danny Topp and Ed Tamori

TEMPLE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

# Paths of Learning

*Highlights from Dharma School, Preschool & Graduation*

## 2026 Graduate's Banquet

*Shelley Quipotla*

The 2026 Graduates Banquet was held at Lemongrass on April 29, with 41 people in attendance, including 10 graduating seniors. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship and celebration. Yuki Lei Sugimura shared an inspiring message for the graduates and wished them success in the future. Rylee Ann Ota also gave a heartfelt student response. Guests enjoyed a delicious five-course Chinese family-style dinner and ono dessert. A big mahalo goes out to all of the graduate sponsors and those who helped support the banquet.

The graduates shared the following future plans:

- Namaka Andaya — Santa Monica College, Engineering
- Noa Fong — Santa Clara University, Computer Science
- Jaelynn Fukuda — Northern Arizona University, Dentistry or Teaching
- Tate Fukunaga — University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, undecided major
- Aeva Gomes — University of Nevada, Liberal Arts & Criminal Justice
- Naia Kaulukukui — Vanguard University, Business Administration & Soccer
- Ailene Kava — Temple University, Liberal Arts
- Aaron Omuro — UCLA, Chemical Engineering
- Rylee Ann Ota — San Diego State University, Electrical Engineering
- Dominic Rabang — University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Hospitality

Congratulations and best wishes to all of the graduates.



Graduating Seniors with Guest Speaker Yuki Lei Sugimura



Aaron with Kawahara Sponsors



Aeva with Ikeuchi Family Sponsors



## Happy Summer!

*Jody Fuentes*

The preschool recently celebrated the close of another wonderful school year as students prepared for graduation and the next step in their educational journey. Families, teachers, and friends gathered to recognize the children's growth and accomplishments throughout the year.

Congratulations to all of the graduates, and heartfelt appreciation to the preschool staff for their dedication and care.



Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani, ministers, educators, and staff gathered for the Dharma Educators' Retreat at the Buddhist Study Center on May 2. Dr. Miki Tomita-Okamoto facilitated strategic planning sessions focused on the future of Dharma School and dharma education. WHM members in attendance: Rev. Shinkai Murakami, Mike Munekiyo, Sandra Hirata, and Joan Tamori.

YOUTH PROGRAMS SPOTLIGHT

# Growing Together

## Scouting Activities in May



### Pack 40 Activities

Paul Petro

Pack 40 honored our Arrow of Light Cubscouts at the Blue and Gold dinner. A hearty Hawaiian buffet dinner and dessert bar was a very special treat to honor their commitment and service.

Congratulations to:

- Channing
- Landon
- Jaxon
- Lukas
- Uriah
- Liam
- Kingston
- Ryan
- Noah
- Graham
- Ethan
- Aaron
- Mason
- Kyrie

In May, Pack 40 held our second annual fishing tournament at the Mahi Pono reservoir. Parents and scouts got off their phones and devices and had a good family day under a powder blue sky. Wonderful memories were made!



### Troop 40 Activities

Celeste Rabang

Troop 40 has been working on their cooking and personal fitness merit badges, as well as first-aid skills. The boys then put their cooking skills to use for a Mother's Day Breakfast for our church members. They served pancakes and Belgian waffles with all the toppings and completed the day with roses for all the ladies!



ADULT ORGANIZATIONS SPOTLIGHT

# Walking the Path

*Reflections and Activities from the BWA, Maui Hongwanji Choir, & Dharma Strummers*



## BWA Moments

Gwen Hiraga

Members of the Wailuku Hongwanji Mission Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) attended the Gotan-e and Mother's Day Service on May 10 and enjoyed refreshments

prepared by the Scouts following the service. On May 17, BWA members attended the Fujimatsuri celebration at Kahului Hongwanji Mission. The gathering, sponsored by the Maui Hongwanji Council, provided a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and shared appreciation of the Dharma. The BWA also assisted with preparation and sales of chow fun during the Maui Matsuri festivities held on May 23. During the Memorial Day and Dharma School Recognition Service on May 24, the BWA extended its appreciation and gratitude to the Dharma School teachers for their dedication and guidance to the children of the temple community.

The BWA Cookbook Committee recently completed the third and final printing of the 120th Anniversary Cookbook. Anyone interested in purchasing a cookbook may contact Gwen Hiraga for more information.

The next BWA General Membership Meeting will be held on June 14 following the church service.

Happy Birthday to BWA members celebrating June birthdays: Carrie Fukuoka, Sharon Higa, Catherine Ikeuchi, Kyla Manley, and Linda Unemori.



## Hosha Volunteering

BWA members continue the important tradition of monthly hosha cleaning and care of the temple. Additional volunteers are appreciated to help with the care and movement of the temple ornaments and supplies, many of which are quite heavy. To volunteer or learn more, please contact the temple office at (808) 244-0406.

## A Cup of Cold Water

BWA members continue preparing peanut butter and jelly sandwiches twice monthly for community outreach through Good Shepherd Church. Donations of bread, peanut butter, jelly, and volunteers are always appreciated. Small acts of kindness can bring comfort and hope to those facing difficult times. To donate or volunteer, please contact the temple office at (808) 244-0406.

## Craft & Sewing Group

The Craft and Sewing Group continues meeting weekly to prepare origami lei and other handmade items in support of temple activities. The group warmly welcomes new members interested in crafting, conversation, and sharing time together across generations. To learn more or join the group, please contact the temple office at (808) 244-0406.



# Find Your Place in the Sangha

*Ways to Learn, Serve, and Practice Together*

Interested in joining an affiliate organization, club, or 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, along with contact information. We look forward to welcoming you and your family, and thank you in advance for any monetary donations made to support our efforts.

## DHARMA & LEARNING

### **Buddha Reads Book Club**

Danny Topp | (719) 200-7300  
[Buddha.reads@gmail.com](mailto:Buddha.reads@gmail.com)

### **Dharma School**

Joan Tamori | (808) 244-0406  
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### **Dharma Strummers**

Danny Topp | (808) 244-0406  
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### **Gakuen**

Rev. Murakami | (808) 244-0406  
[whm@wailukuhongwanji.org](mailto:whm@wailukuhongwanji.org)

### **Maui Hongwanji Choir**

*(Accepting New Members)*

Joan Tamori | (808) 244-0406  
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### **Preschool**

Jody Fuentes | (808) 244-9545  
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### **Sunday Announcements**

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## SANGHA & COMMUNITY

### **4-H**

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### **Troop 40**

Carl Yeh | (808) 466-2310  
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### **BWA (Accepting New Members)**

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### **Pack 40**

Paul Petro | (808) 757-0476  
[cubpack40@gmail.com](mailto:cubpack40@gmail.com)

### **Judo Club**

RonaldHiyakumoto|(808)244-9094  
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### **Jr. YBA (Accepting New Members)**

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# June / July 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Obon Mairi Begins 5:15pm Dharma Strummers 7pm Troop Mtg.	2	3	4 BWA Hoshu Day BWA ACCW Delv.  Troop Mtg.	5	6 Puunene Nichiren Mission Obon 6pm Service 7pm Dance Social Hall Rental
7 8am Sunday Service 10:30-12:30 4-H Social Hall	8 5:15pm Dharma Strummers 7pm Troop Mtg.	9	10 5:30pm Obon Pract	11 King Kamehameha State Holiday (Office Open)	12	13 Social Hall Rental
14 8am Sunday Service 9:30am BWA Mtg	15 5:15pm Dharma Strummers 7pm Troop Mtg.	16	17 5pm Kyodan Board Meeting via Zoom	18 BWA ACCW Delv.	19 Temple Off. Closed Wailuku Jodo Mission Obon 6pm Service 7pm Dance	20 Wailuku Shingon Mission Obon 6:30pm Service 7:30pm Dance Conf. Rm Rental
<b>69th State Jr. YBA Convention</b>						
21 8am Father's Day Sunday Service DS host brunch  <b>69th State Jr. YBA Convention</b>	22 5:15pm Dharma Strummers 7pm Troop Mtg.	23 6:30pm Cubs Meeting	24	25	26	27 Kahului Jodo Mission Obon 6:30pm Service 7:30pm Dance Social Hall Rental.
28 8am Family Service  2-8pm Troop (Social Hall)	29 5:15pm Dharma Strummers 7pm Troop Mtg.	30	1 5pm Maui Memorial Park Obon Service	2 BWA Hoshu Day BWA ACCW Delv.	3 Independence Day Holiday - Office Closed	4 Independence Day
<b>Young Buddhist International Cultural Exchange</b>						
5 8am Jr. YBA Sunday Service	6 5:15pm Dharma Strummers 7pm Troop Mtg.	7	8 5:30pm Obon Pract	9	10 6pm Paia Mantokuji Obon Service	11 Paia Mantokuji Obon 6pm Service 7pm Dance Social Hall Rental
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12 8am Sunday Service 9:30am BWA Mtg	13 5:15pm Dharma Strummers 7pm Troop Mtg.	14 Young Buddhist International Cultural Exchange	15 5pm Kyodan Board Meeting via Zoom	16 BWA ACCW Delv.	17 Kahului Hongwanji Obon 6pm Service 7:30pm Dance	18 Omigaki Project Kahului Hongwanji Obon 6pm Service 7:30pm Dance 7:30pm Social Hall Rental
19 8am General Clean Up & Yagura Construction	20 5:15pm Dharma Strummers 7pm Troop Mtg. 7pm MHC Mtng @ WHM	21	22	23	24 Makawao Hongwanji Obon 5pm Service 7pm Dance	25 Kupuna Aloha Luncheon Kahului Hongwanji Obon 5pm Service 7pm Dance Social Hall Rental
26 8am Family Service	27 5:15pm Dharma Strummers 7pm Troop Mtg.	28 6:30pm Cubs Meeting	29	30	31 Wailuku Hongwanji Obon 6:30pm Service 7:45pm Dance	