

# Monthly Newsletter

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### THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

*All scheduled Sunday services will be held in-person and via Zoom in the Hondo unless otherwise noted. All other in-person activities and events as noted. Please keep in mind that service schedules are subject to change without notice. Thank you for your understanding.*

*For all Zoom services and programs please contact the Jikoen office for access information.*

<b>Fri</b> <b>5/1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lumbini May Day Program — Preschool closes at 11:30 a.m.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Sun</b> <b>5/3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gotan-E: Shinran's Birthday &amp; Monthly Shotsuki Memorial Service</b> Time: 9:00 a.m., Speaker: Rev. Mari Nishiyama</li> </ul>
<b>Sun</b> <b>5/10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mother's Day &amp; Lay Speaker Sunday Service</b> Time: 9:00 a.m., Guest Speaker: Maya Crawford</li> </ul>
<b>Sun</b> <b>5/17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Family Sangha Service</b> Time: 9:00 a.m., Guest Speaker: Bryan Horikami</li> <li>• <b>Virtual Board of Directors Monthly Meeting</b> Time: 11:00 a.m., On Zoom</li> </ul>
<b>Mon</b> <b>5/18</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hawai'i Buddhist Council Memorial Day Service @ Punchbowl</b></li> </ul>
<b>Fri</b> <b>5/22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lumbini Graduation Day — Preschool closes at 11:30 a.m.</b> No class for Honey Bees &amp; Curious Kittens</li> </ul>
<b>Sun</b> <b>5/24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>'Ohana Dharma Moment Service: Theme of Parents</b> Time: 9:00 a.m.</li> <li>• <b>Social Hall Use: HUOA Golf Banquet</b></li> </ul>
<b>Mon</b> <b>5/25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Memorial Day Holiday (Office &amp; Lumbini Preschool closed)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Wed</b> <b>5/29</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>End of 2025–2026 Lumbini School Year — Preschool ends at 11:30 a.m.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Sun</b> <b>5/31</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Baccalaureate Sunday Service &amp; Sundae Sunday Refreshments</b> Time: 9:00 a.m.</li> </ul>

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

*Rev. Mari Nishiyama*

### *What We Come to Hear*

As we enter the month of May, we look back with gratitude on a season filled with warm and meaningful connections. In April, we were blessed with gatherings such as our bazaar, Hanamatsuri, and memorial services for Lady Eshinni and Lady Kakushinni.

At Hanamatsuri, our children served as narrators. Accompanied by projected images, they shared the story of the Buddha's birth in a way that was gentle and sincere, reaching directly into our hearts. It became a truly memorable moment for everyone present. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the staff and families whose support made this possible. Through these precious moments, we were able to witness how the hearts of our children are quietly being nurtured.

All of these events are supported by each and every one of you. Your time, your care, and your presence sustain this temple. For that, we are deeply grateful.

At this time, I would like to gently turn our attention to our everyday lives.

We often find that a whole day passes while looking at our phones. We feel tired without clearly knowing why. There are moments when we speak a little too harshly to someone and later regret it, yet in that moment we cannot stop ourselves. Perhaps you have experienced something like this.

Although we are surrounded by so many sounds and words each day, what is truly important does not easily reach our hearts.

Someone once shared this story.

As a child, they went to the temple almost every week. To be honest, they were not really listening. Sometimes they felt sleepy or wondered when it would be over. When they returned home, their mother would say, "Behave yourself," and "Do not trouble others." Each time, they would think, "Here we go again."

However, after their mother passed away, something began to change.

While driving in the morning, sitting quietly at a stoplight, or just before saying something harsh to someone, they would suddenly hear her voice. In that moment, they

realized something.

Those words were not simply warnings. They were words spoken out of deep care. What could not be received while she was alive began to reach the heart only after her passing. In this way, hearing is not something we control. It happens to us.

In Buddhism, we speak of listening, reflecting, and living. Listening does not simply mean understanding something in that moment. Words we thought we had forgotten may suddenly return to us one day. Only then do we realize that we had truly been listening.

Listening naturally gives rise to reflection. We begin to wonder why certain words were spoken to us, and why we are living this life at this very moment.

These questions do not always have immediate answers, yet they quietly remain within us and begin to shape the way we live. This, in turn, becomes living. The teachings do not remain as ideas. They take form in our daily lives when we choose gentle words, when we pause before anger, and when we are able to say "thank you" from the heart. When we reflect in this way, we begin to realize that we are not walking alone.

All the encounters and partings we have experienced have brought us to this very moment. This is what we call Go-En, the precious connections that sustain us.

When we are gently awakened to this, our heads naturally bow. And before we even realize it, the words Namo Amida Butsu arise. Not because we try to say them, but because they have never stopped calling us.

Even in the midst of our busy days, I invite you to come to the temple, to pause for a moment, and to recite the Nembutsu, place your hands together. Perhaps something has already reached you. Namo Amida Butsu.



## BISHOP'S MESSAGE

*Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani*

Currently, 20 ministers serve the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii as its active Kaikyoshi Ministers. **Kaikyoshi** are ministers who have completed the two levels of ordination, Tokudo and Kyoshi, and have officially received Kaikyoshi status from the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha (Honzan) as Overseas District ministers. These Kaikyoshi are assigned to various temples or positions within the HHMH and faithfully and compassionately share the teachings of the Other-Power Nembutsu with their temple members and the community. Kaikyoshi serve as Dharma seekers, educators, officiants, and administrators, provide pastoral care, and engage in community involvement and outreach. They have a wide range of roles and responsibilities and endeavor to build a more compassionate sangha and harmonious society rooted in the Nembutsu teaching.

The uniqueness of the Hongwanji tradition is that both ministers and lay members play a vital role in spreading the Nembutsu teachings. Yes, it is the Kaikyoshi Ministers' responsibility to convey the messages and teachings of Shinran Shonin, but lay members also become part of the ministry by sharing the spiritual joy and gratitude they have cultivated over years of listening. And it is only through the people that the teaching would spread. With that understanding, and to assist the Kaikyoshi Ministers, the HHMH developed the Lay Assistant program several years ago. Currently, there are three categories under **Minister's Lay Assistants**: 1) Minister's Lay Assistant, 2) Certified Minister's Lay Assistant, and 3) Tokudo Minister's Assistant.

A **Minister's Lay Assistant** is someone who, under the guidance of the Resident Minister, begins learning and helping at the temple—supporting services, assisting behind the scenes, and gradually deepening their understanding of the teachings.

After some years of training, they may become a **Certified Minister's Lay Assistant**. At this stage, they take on a more active role. They may help lead Sunday services or facilitate Dharma discussions, while continuing to learn and grow under the minister's supervision. Currently, there are 22 Certified MLAs officially recognized by the Bishop.

Some may then take a further step by receiving Tokudo ordination, becoming a **Tokudo Minister's Assistant**. Since this category was recently established by the State

Minister's Association, I have designated six individuals as Tokudo Minister's Assistants (including one as a Kyoshi Minister's Assistant). This designation was made in recognition of their dedication to the Dharma and with the expectation that they will mature as ordained individuals and assist the Kaikyoshi Ministers in sharing the Nembutsu teaching within the HHMH community.

On our journey along the Nembutsu path, we are continually reminded that none of us walks alone. Each of us is supported, embraced, and guided by countless causes and conditions. Among these, the presence of those who step forward to serve—our Kaikyoshi Ministers and Minister's Lay Assistants—is a precious gift to our organization.

I would like to take a moment to express my deep appreciation for their dedication. Each of them, in their own way, has responded to the call of the Dharma—offering their time, their sincerity, and their willingness to serve others. This is not something we can take for granted. It is a manifestation of the working of Amida Buddha's Great Compassion in our midst.

May we continue to walk together as fellow travelers on the Nembutsu path—supporting one another, learning from one another, and sharing the light of the Dharma with all whom we encounter. In this way, may our Sangha continue to grow as a place of harmony, gratitude, and compassion for all.

*Namo Amida Butsu.*

## TEMPLE NEWS

### *Memorial Service Schedule – 2026*

#### **1st Year Memorial Services (For Those Who Passed Away in 2025)**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Mrs. Ella Hiromi Maneeley	70	May 13, 2025
Mr. Seishin Ganeku	93	May 22, 2025
Mrs. Laraine Fumie Miyahira	79	May 27, 2025
Mr. Richard Jinkichi Bise	80	May 30, 2025
Mrs. Sumiko Uyesato	93	Jun 12, 2025
Mrs. Eiko Yamane	102	Jun 14, 2025
Mr. Fred Segen Higa	100	Jul 6, 2025
Mrs. Wakako Nakasone	92	Jul 16, 2025
Mrs. Jean Masako Sakihara	90	Jul 20, 2025
Mrs. Miyoko Kochi	85	Aug 2, 2025

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Name	Age	Date of Death
Mrs. Setsuko Akamine	92	Aug 5, 2025
Mr. Yoshiharu Tengan	99	Sep 26, 2025
Mrs. Nancy Masae Kaneshiro	104	Oct 25, 2025
Mr. Dean Nobuo Shimabukuro	67	Nov 4, 2025
Mrs. June Natsue Nakamasu	76	Nov 19, 2025
Mrs. Ethel Sonoe Teruya	94	Nov 27, 2025

**3rd Year Memorial Services (For Those Who Passed Away in 2024)**

Name	Age	Date of Death
Mrs. Tieu Thi Arashiro	77	May 2, 2024
Mrs. Diane Harumi Ito	76	Jun 8, 2024
Mr. Roy Shigeo Sano	81	Jun 17, 2024
Ms. Marian Miyoko Wauke	90	July 9, 2024
Ms. Carla Masuyo Morioka	80	July 23, 2024
Mr. Tamon Ikeda	58	Aug 4, 2024
Mrs. Setuko Makishi Arakaki	95	Aug 8, 2024
Mr. Chiyo Tabisola	92	Aug 13, 2024
Mrs. Yukiko Esaki	91	Aug 17, 2024
Mrs. Judith Yoshiko Matsumoto	80	Aug 26, 2024
Mr. Sumiko Millen	84	Aug 29, 2024
Mr. Robert Shinsuke Ishihara	81	Aug 31, 2024
Mr. James Shigeo Higa	82	Sep 10, 2024
Mrs. Mary Yasuko Matsuo	75	Sep 12, 2024
Mrs. Doris Miyoko Kaneshiro	96	Sep 17, 2024
Mrs. Nancy Shizue Zukemura	101	Oct 10, 2024
Mr. Hitoshi Shoda	86	Oct 20, 2024
Mrs. Nancy Sayoko Kwamoto	90	Oct 24, 2024
Mr. Ronald Koshun Futenma	80	Oct 29, 2024
Mrs. Nobuko Yoshida	84	Nov 15, 2024
Mrs. Julie Masako Takara	80	Nov 24, 2024
Mr. Clyde Tadashi Gibo	75	Nov 24, 2024
Mrs. Sheila Audrey Kaneshiro	78	Dec 10, 2024
Mr. Thomas Kazuo Tamagusuku	94	Dec 24, 2024

**7th Year Memorial Services (For Those Who Passed Away in 2020)**

Name	Age	Date of Death
Mrs. Kikuye Okuhara	97	Apr 9, 2020
Mr. Takemi Miyashiro	92	Apr 10, 2020
Mrs. Paula Igawa	73	Apr 12, 2020
Mr. Kenneth Matsumoto	78	Apr 23, 2020
Mrs. Hideko Higa	92	May 5, 2020
Mr. Shoei Kaneshiro	93	May 8, 2020
Mr. Tokucho Ige	100	Jun 2, 2020
Mrs. Jane Hanae Kaneshiro	84	Jun 11, 2020
Mr. Stanley Seiki Akamine	75	Jun 18, 2020

Name	Age	Date of Death
Mrs. Ruth Uchida	94	Jul 16, 2020
Mrs. Yoshiko Moribe	100	Jul 30, 2020
Mrs. Lilian Nakagwa	91	Jul 31, 2020
Mr. Seisun Shimabukuro	91	Jul 28, 2020
Mrs. Kazue Wauke	90	Sep 10, 2020
Mr. Kenneth Takashi Ebata	98	Sep 11, 2020
Mrs. Shizue Iseri	96	Sep 26, 2020
Mr. Bruce Tamanaha	69	Oct 6, 2020
Mr. Toshio Arakaki	104	Oct 18, 2020
Mrs. Rose Yamaguchi	98	Nov 10, 2020
Mrs. Yoshiko Kaneshiro	96	Nov 13, 2020
Mrs. Alice Arakaki	91	Nov 30, 2020

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## WHITE WAY RADIO

Mō'ili'i Hongwanji's Weekly  
Dharma Message

- ⚡ **Saturdays at 7:45 am – 8:00 am on KZOO AM1210 or Spectrum 888 KZOO Radio**
- ⚡ Weekly messages go to [www.moililihongwanji.org](http://www.moililihongwanji.org)

**May 2026**

- **02 Rev. Eric Matsumoto**  
*Aiea Hongwanji Mission*
- **09 Ms. Linda Nagai**  
*Kona Hongwanji Mission*
- **16 Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata**  
*Hilo Betsuin Associate Minister*
- **23 Rev. Ai Hironaka**  
*Kahului Hongwanji Mission*
- **30 Rev. David Nakamoto**  
*HMMH Retired Minister*

- ⚡ Japanese-language Dharma talks Saturdays on KZOO AM1210 on Saturdays 7:30 am – 7:45 am; on-demand dharma talks in Japanese
- ⚡ Dharma talks in Japanese are produced by Hawai'i Betsuin and are archived on their website
- ⚡ Your donation to Mō'ili'i Hongwanji will be greatly appreciated to help support the White Way Radio broadcasts.

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Mrs. Kimie Miyashiro	93	Dec 10, 2020
Mrs. Beatrice Kuba	91	Dec 14, 2020
Mrs. Hideko Ifuku	104	Dec 25, 2020

### **13th Year Memorial Services (For Those Who Passed Away in 2014)**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Mrs. Jane Kiyono Nakasone	89	May 7, 2014
Mrs. Myrtle Yukiko Oshiro	77	May 9, 2014
Ms. Dawn Yoshie Isa	55	May 19, 2014
Mr. Herbert Hironobu Onaga	89	May 24, 2014
Mr. Shunichi Kina	83	Jun 8, 2014
Ms. Florence Kiyoko Kamimura	90	Jun 17, 2014
Mrs. Tomiye Fukuhara	92	Jun 19, 2014
Mrs. Tsuruko Taira	97	Jun 21, 2014
Mr. Richard Hiroshi Zukemura	92	Jun 28, 2014
Mrs. Haruko Morigoe	87	Jul 15, 2014
Mrs. Ruby Fumie Higa	90	Jul 15, 2014
Mrs. Toshi Miyashiro	88	Jul 18, 2014
Mr. Jinsho Nako	97	Jul 20, 2014
Mr. Shizuo Tokuda	89	Jul 30, 2014
Ms. Teruko Higa	93	Aug 1, 2014
Mrs. Mineko Tamashiro	88	Aug 7, 2014
Mrs. Tsuruko Senga	86	Aug 7, 2014
Mr. Sunao Afuso	66	Aug 10, 2014
Mr. James Seishun Higa	84	Aug 14, 2014
Mr. Joe Yaichi Nakamatsu	93	Aug 20, 2014
Mr. Hiroshi Higa	94	Sep 15, 2014
Mr. Edward Haruki Kohagura	75	Sep 22, 2014
Mrs. Haruye Nakamura	96	Sep 23, 2014
Mrs. Kameko Zukemura	100	Sep 26, 2014
Mrs. Claire Yoshie Kiyama	90	Oct 3, 2014
Mr. James Harukichi Mekar	82	Oct 24, 2014
Mr. Yoshio Neil Oshiro	79	Oct 25, 2014
Mrs. Natsuko Tamashiro*	90	Oct 31, 2014
Mr. Toshimitsu Shimabukuro	89	Nov 4, 2014
Mr. Douglas Yoshio Jakahi	72	Nov 6, 2014
Mrs. Fumiko Kaneshiro	96	Nov 16, 2014
Mrs. Betty Toshi Bhagavan	85	Nov 30, 2014
Mrs. Haruko Oyama	96	Dec 2, 2014
Mrs. Sumiko Shiroma	96	Dec 12, 2014
Mr. Kiyoshi Nanbu	91	Dec 21, 2014
Mrs. Gail Setsuko Kaneshiro	84	Dec 25, 2014

\*Natsuko Tamashiro's name and date of death were incorrectly listed in past issues as "Matsuko Tamashiro, July 13, 2014." The information has been corrected here. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience these errors may have caused.

### **17th Year Memorial Services (For Those Who Passed Away in 2010)**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Mrs. Iku Nakamura	94	May 16, 2010
Mrs. Chieko Shinsato	94	May 25, 2010
Mr. Joji Oshiro	92	Jun 18, 2010
Mr. Paul Susumu Takushi	61	Jul 1, 2010
Mr. Paul Hiroshi Kaneshiro	62	Jul 12, 2010

- For those who passed in 2002: 25th Year Memorial
- For those who passed in 1994: 33rd Year

### ***Hanamatsuri Service Features Jikoen's Youth***

Jikoen observed its Hanamatsuri Service on April 12. As is Jikoen's tradition, the flower-decorated hanamido that houses the image of baby Buddha sat upon on Jikoen's own white elephant. It should be noted that this white elephant created by **Morris Moribe** has carried the hanamido upon its back for over 25 years.

The service focused on the story of the Shakyamuni Buddha's birth. This year, the story unfolded in images projected on the walls of the altar and was narrated by **Reina Ogata, Kaytlin Nakamura, Camden Nakamura, Ren Hong and Suki Hong**. The story told of Queen Maya's dream of the white elephant with six tusks, the

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Youth narrators (left to right): Ren Hong, Suki Hong, Kaytlin Nakamura, Reina Ogata, Camden Nakamura.

# Special Buddhism Class with Rev. Dr. Toshikazu Arai starting May 1, 2026

Deepen your understanding of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism with an engaging and accessible class led by Rev. Dr. Toshikazu Arai.

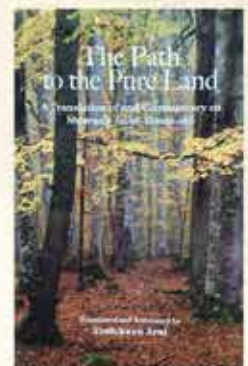
Date and Time:

Every 1st Friday of the month 6:30PM (Hawaii Time)

Text Book:

“The Path to the Pure Land”

The book will be available for purchase at HQ bookstore once it arrives.  
In the meantime, Rev. Arai will prepare the necessary materials.



Format:

Live on Zoom (link will be provided upon registration)



Rev. Dr. Toshikazu Arai

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Many publications such as Bodhisattvas Everywhere (coauthored with Ruth Tabrah), Buddhist Study Center Press

Buddha & Man (an English translation of “Hotoke to Hito” by Eikichi Ikeyama), BSC Press, and his latest book “The Path to the Pure Land”

Registration link:

<https://forms.gle/i8Aot9sW5T2VzLq5A>

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# 📷 JBWA Luncheon Photo Highlights



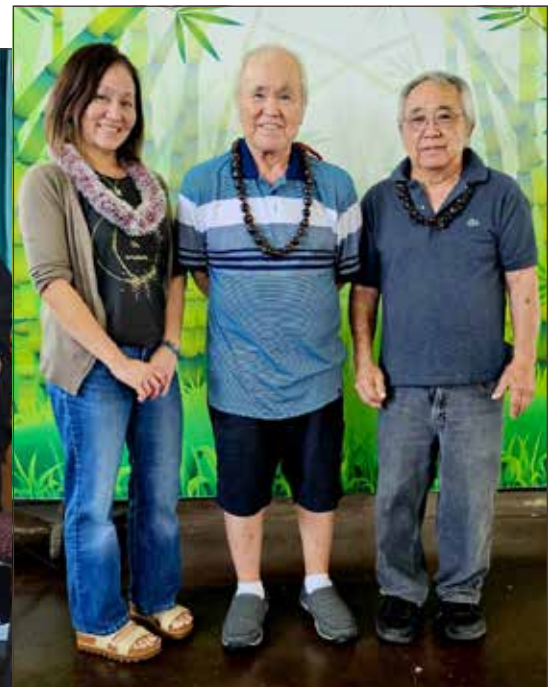
Myrna Nishihara (seated), with (left to right) Kenneth Nishihara, Jon Nishihara, and Kevin Higa on behalf of Betty Higa 'ohana



Myrtle Hirayama



Rev. Mari, with Happy Harmonics, with guest Masako Oda, Masaru Kino, Kenneth Nishihara, joined by Jimmy and Dorene Toma



(left) Robin Nicole; (center) Roy Nakamasu; (right) Dennis Nakamasu, of June Nakamasu 'ohana

## Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

### 2026 Obon Schedule

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HONOLULU	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PHONE	BON SERVICE DATE	TIME	BON DANCE DATE	TIME
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin	1727 Pali Hwy, Honolulu	(808) 536-7044	July 5, 2026	9:30	June 26-27, 2026	6:30 PM
Jikoen Hongwanji Mission	1731 N. School St., Honolulu	(808) 845-3422	July 5, 2026	9:00	July 18, 2026	5:00 PM
Moilili Hongwanji Mission	902 University Ave., Honolulu	(808) 949-1659	July 12, 2026	9:00	July 4, 2026	5:00 PM
Windward Buddhist Temple	268A Kuulei Road, Kailua	(808) 262-4560	July 5, 2026	9:00	July 11, 2026	7:00 PM

OAHU	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PHONE	BON SERVICE DATE	TIME	BON DANCE DATE	TIME
Aiea Hongwanji Mission	99-186 Puakala St., Aiea	(808) 487-2626	July 12, 2026	9:00	July 25, 2026	7:00 PM
Ewa Hongwanji Mission	91-1133 Renton Rd., Ewa	(808) 681-5222	June 20, 2026	5:30 PM	June 20, 2026	6:30 PM
Mililani Hongwanji Mission	95-257 Kaloapau St., Mililani	(808) 625-0925	August 16, 2026	9:00	August 21-22, 2026	5:30 PM
Pearl City Hongwanji Mission	858 2nd St., Pearl City	(808) 455-1680	TBD		August 8, 2026	7:00 PM
Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission	1067 California Ave., Wahiawa	(808) 622-4320	August 9, 2026	9:00	June 12-13, 2026	6:45 PM
Waiialua Hongwanji Mission	67-313 Kealohanui St., Waiialua	(808) 637-4395	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Waipahu Hongwanji Mission	94-821 Kuhaulua St., Waipahu	(808) 677-4221	TBD		July 4, 2026	7:00 PM

KAUAI	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PHONE	BON SERVICE DATE	TIME	BON DANCE DATE	TIME
Kapaa Hongwanji Mission	4-1170 Kuhio Hwy, Kapaa	(808) 822-4667	July 17, 2026	6:00 PM	July 17-18, 2026	7:30 PM
Lihue Hongwanji Mission	3-3556 Kuhio Hwy, Lihue	(808) 245-6262	June 14, 2026	9:00	June 19-20, 2026	7:30 PM
West Kauai Hongwanji (Hanapepe)	1-3860 Kamalii Hwy, Hanapepe	(808) 335-3195	July 24-25, 2026	6:00 PM	July 24 -25, 2026	7:30 PM
West Kauai Hongwanji (Waimea)	4675 Menehune Rd, Waimea	(808) 335-3195	August 16, 2026	9:30	N/A	N/A

MAUI	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PHONE	BON SERVICE DATE	TIME	BON DANCE DATE	TIME
Kahului Hongwanji Mission	291 S. Puunene Ave., Kahului	(808) 871-4732	July 17-18, 2026	6:00 PM	July 17-18, 2026	7:30 PM
Lahaina Hongwanji Mission	551 Wainee St., Lahaina	(808) 661-0640	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lanai Hongwanji Mission	1364 Fraser Ave., Lanai	(808) 565-6817	August 28, 2026	7:00 PM	August 29, 2026	TBD
Makawao Hongwanji Mission	1074 Makawao Ave., Makawao	(808) 572-7229	July 24-25, 2026	5:00 PM	July 24-25, 2026	7:00 PM
Wailuku Hongwanji Mission	1828 Vineyard St., Wailuku	(808) 244-0406	July 31-August 1, 2026	6:30 PM	July 31-August 1, 2026	7:45 PM

The three Lahaina temples (Hongwanji, Jodo, and Shingon) will host a Lahaina Community Bon Dance on Friday, August 14, 2026, at Jodo Mission, located at 12 Ala Moana St, Lahaina. Time TBD.

HAWAII	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PHONE	BON SERVICE DATE	TIME	BON DANCE DATE	TIME
Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin	398 Kilauea Ave., Hilo	(808) 961-6677	July 12, 2026	9:00 AM	July 11, 2026	7:00 PM
Honohina-Papaaloa Hongwanji Mission	32-896 Mamalahoa Hwy., Ninole	(808) 936-9052	August 22, 2026	1:00 PM	August 22, 2026	2:00 PM
Honokaa Hongwanji Mission	45-5016 Lehua St., Honokaa	(808) 775-7232	July 18, 2026	5:30 PM	July 18, 2026	7:00 PM
Honomu Hongwanji Mission	28-1658 Government Main Rd., Honomu	(808) 963-6032	July 18, 2026	1:00 PM	July 18, 2026	2:00 PM
Kamuela Hongwanji Mission	65-1110 Mamalahoa Hwy., Kamuela	(808) 885-4481	August 15, 2026	6:00 PM	August 15, 2026	7:00 PM
Kohala Hongwanji Mission	53-4300 Akoni Pule Hwy., Kapaau	(808) 775-7232	July 4, 2026	5:00 PM	July 4, 2026	6:00 PM
Kona Hongwanji Mission	81-6630 Mamalahoa Hwy., Kealakekua	(808) 323-2993	July 19, 2026	10:00 AM	July 25, 2026	6:00 PM
Naalehu Hongwanji Mission	95-5695 Mamalahoa Hwy., Naalehu	(808) 966-9981	September 19, 2026	4:00 PM	September 19	5:00 PM
Paauilo Hongwanji Mission	43-1477 Hauola Rd., Paauilo	(808) 776-1369	August 1, 2026	5:00 PM	August 1, 2026	6:00 PM
Pahala Hongwanji Mission	96-1123 Paauau Pl., Pahala	(808) 928-8254	Pahala-Naalehu Joint Bon Service (4 PM) & Dance (5 PM) - Sept 19 at Naalehu Hongwanji			
Papaikou Hongwanji Mission	27-378 Old Mamalahoa Hwy., Papaikou	(808) 964-1640	June 20, 2026	5:00 PM	June 20, 2026	6:00 PM
Puna Hongwanji Mission	16-492 Old Volcano Rd., Keaau	(808) 966-9981	July 5, 2026	9:00	June 27, 2026	6:00 PM

*\*This schedule has been compiled by the Honpa Hongwanji Headquarters for your reference. As details may be subject to change, please contact the respective local temple office directly to confirm the schedule and obtain the most current information.*



## HILITES FROM HQ NEWS UPDATES

(May, 2026)

### *Ingo*

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*
- Mr. Shojiro Uehana (Kohala Hongwanji Mission)  
SHO-FU-IN 清風院  
*Meaning: The one through whom pure breezes softly flow*

Namo Amida Butsu.

### *Kahuku Hongwanji Scholarship*

The Kahuku Hongwanji Mission closed its doors in February 2013 after serving its membership for 111 years. To maintain the legacy of the Kahuku Hongwanji Mission and to develop the future generations of the Hongwanji, Kahuku Hongwanji Mission established a scholarship to support students at the college level. A \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to two students.

#### *Eligibility:*

- The applicant must be a student attending or registered for enrollment in an accredited university, college, or post-high school program in the State of Hawaii.
- The applicant must show interest in Buddhism and be active in a Hongwanji program, either at the Hawaii Kyodan level or at a branch temple.
- The applicant must be a full-time student and registered for a minimum of 12 college credits per semester.
- The applicant, at the time of the application, must have a required minimum high school, college, or university in Hawaii GPA of 2.5. (\*Those who registered for enrollment and not yet received Hawaii

college/university GPA must submit their GPA after the first semester.)

- The applicant must submit the application form with an essay on “Dharma and My Life”.

The application form is attached to the HQ Update and available at [honpahi.link/kahuku2k](http://honpahi.link/kahuku2k). The application deadline is July 31, 2026. For more information on this scholarship, please contact the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Headquarters at (808) 522-9200 or email [hqs@honpahi.org](mailto:hqs@honpahi.org).

### *Musical Notes*

The Music Committee released the April 2026 edition of the Musical Notes Newsletter. It is available on this HHMH web page: <https://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/2026/03/31/musical-notes-2026-04/>

### *Dr. Arai's Buddhism Class*

The Special Buddhism Class with Rev. Dr. Toshikazu Arai begins on May 1, 2026. Deepen your understanding of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism through an engaging, accessible class led by Rev. Dr. Toshikazu Arai. Classes will be held on the 1st Friday of each month at 6:30 PM (Hawaii Time) via Zoom. The textbook *The Path to the Pure Land* will be available for purchase at the HQ Bookstore once it arrives. In the meantime, Dr. Arai will prepare the necessary materials. Please contact Rev. Yuika Hasebe ([yhasebe@honpahi.org](mailto:yhasebe@honpahi.org)) with any inquiries. Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/i8Aot9sW5T2VzLq5A>.



## **Bon Dance Practices**

Where: **Jiko Social Hall**

When: **Fridays, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**  
**May 1, 8, 22, & 29**  
**June 5, 12, & 26**

**NO PRACTICES ON:**  
**May 15 & June 19**

Please note dates and times may be subject to change. Confirm by email to: [youngokih@gmail.com](mailto:youngokih@gmail.com).

## SHOTSUKI JOYOUS MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Shotsuki Monthly Service is a time to remember our loved ones and a time to express gratitude in Gassho. This memorial service is usually held on the first Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m., in memory of those whose date of death falls in that month. We also recognize the efforts of those who have passed and thank them for their continuing influence in our lives and for giving us the opportunity to share the Buddha-Dharma.

*Here are our loved ones who will be remembered in the month of June, 2026:*

Karen Yoshie Agena ~ June 20, 2006 (65)  
 Harry Seiichi Akamine ~ June 11, 2006 (91)  
 Stanley Seiji Akamine ~ June 18, 2020 (75)  
 Masao Arakaki ~ June 15, 2023 (92)  
 Taro Arakaki ~ June 18, 2007 (88)  
 Yasuko Arakaki ~ June 19, 2013 (101)  
 Seitoku Arume ~ June 22, 1999 (89)  
 Howard Tadashi Asato ~ June 20, 2019 (68)  
 Ikuyo Bates ~ June 16, 2010 (75)  
 Dr. Nadhipuram Bhagavan ~ June 17, 2018 (86)  
 Janice Reiko Sumitani Buder ~ June 27, 2015 (66)  
 Teiichiro Ted China ~ June 2, 2023 (84)  
 Takamitsu Chinen ~ June 18, 2011 (97)  
 Tsuru Chinen ~ June 16, 1995 (92)  
 Richard Norio Fuji ~ June 5, 2013 (73)  
 Tomiye Fukuhara ~ June 29, 2014 (92)  
 Uto Ganeku ~ June 13, 1990 (94)  
 Haruko "Evelyn" Gushi ~ June 1, 2005 (90)  
 Howard Fukuichi Gushiken ~ June 9, 2012 (82)  
 Fumiko Higa ~ June 24, 1998 (87)  
 Jinji Higa ~ June 29, 2022 (97)  
 Nancy Mitsue Higa ~ June 10, 2008 (83)  
 Sally Naoko Higa ~ June 18, 2012 (81)  
 Thelma Hideko Higa ~ June 13, 2004 (79)  
 Tokucho Ige ~ June 2, 2020 (100)  
 Jane Inafuku ~ June 11, 2009 (63)  
 Ethel Haruko Isa ~ June 19, 2017 (96)  
 Diane Ito ~ June 8, 2024 (76)  
 Walter Morio Kajiwara ~ June 30, 1992 (71)  
 Karole Uchihira Kaneshiro ~ June 24, 2005 (79)  
 Francis Kazuo "Frenchy" Kaneshiro ~ June 4, 2013 (82)  
 Gary Jitsuo Kaneshiro ~ June 16, 2021 (80)  
 Jane Hanae Kaneshiro ~ June 11, 2020 (84)  
 Kenneth Keniichi Kaneshiro ~ June 7, 2006 (102)  
 Masei Kaneshiro ~ June 19, 2001 (95)  
 Mildred Mitsuyo Kaneshiro ~ June 14, 2018 (84)  
 Natsue "Nat" Kaneshiro ~ June 26, 2009 (80)  
 Nobuo Kaneshiro ~ June 5, 2007 (100)  
 Florence Kamimura ~ June 17, 2014 (90)  
 Shuichi Kina ~ June 8, 2014 (83)

Kame Kiyabu ~ June 16, 1987 (90)  
 Randal Sadao Kobashikawa ~ June 18, 2021 (63)  
 Kyoko Kamiya Kuniyuki ~ June 28, 2017 (82)  
 Kameko Kuwae ~ June 5, 1987 (72)  
 Gilbert Koyu Makishi ~ June 19, 1994  
 Shizuko Makama ~ June 30, 2013 (97)  
 Jane Kimie Matsumoto ~ June 12, 2019 (100)  
 Janet Haruko Miyasato ~ June 8, 2007 (85)  
 Robert Katsumi Miyasato ~ June 2, 2008 (80)  
 Kenneth Kenichi Momohara ~ June 10, 1990 (72)  
 Flora Shizuko Moriyama ~ June 22, 2019 (94)  
 Rev. Norito Nagao ~ June 4, 2003 (83)  
 Hisashi Nagai ~ June 20, 2013 (87)  
 Matsu Nakachi ~ June 4, 1992 (98)  
 Takeshi Nakagawa ~ June 10, 1998 (75)  
 Shizuko Nakama ~ June 30, 2013 (97)  
 Hanayo Kuniyuki Nakano ~ June 04, 2001 (96)  
 Hisako Tobaru Nakasato ~ June 16, 1996 (79)  
 Richard Sadao Nakasone ~ June 1, 2011 (78)  
 Jacqueline Noborikawa ~ June 15, 2019 (21)  
 Elsie Usano Omori ~ June 7, 2013 (95)  
 Yuriko Okamoto ~ June 21, 2015 (79)  
 Sue Teruko Omizo ~ June 15, 2010 (87)  
 Grant Kosei Onaga ~ June 1, 2019 (96)  
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 George Hiroyuki Sakoda ~ June 6, 2005 (73)  
 Roy Sano ~ June 17, 2024 (81)  
 Masaichi Sesoko ~ June 21, 2005 (83)  
 Hiroshi Bob Shichida ~ June 4, 1992 (85)  
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 Kimie Shikina ~ June 10, 2008 (92)  
 Masahide Shimabuku ~ June 24, 1985  
 George Shimabukuro ~ June 3, 2011 (82)  
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 Sume Shimabukuro ~ June 17, 2005 (83)  
 Roy Rinkichi Shimabukuro ~ June 16, 2012 (92)  
 Craig Sadao Shimizu ~ June 26, 2023 (71)  
 Sumiko Sue Shinkawa ~ June 13, 2000 (71)  
 Ivy Haruko Shiroma ~ June 6, 2022 (98)  
 Masakichi Shiroma ~ June 18, 2000 (82)  
 Shizuko Shiroma ~ June 20, 2017 (76)  
 Tsuruko Taira ~ June 21, 2014 (97)  
 Yoshinori "Ginny" Taira ~ June 30, 2011 (82)  
 Thomas Saneo Tamanaha ~ June 23, 1998 (59)  
 Ernest Seijin Tamashiro ~ June 27, 2008 (87)

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 Clarence Noboru Tonouchi ~ June 2, 2011 (70)  
 Don Shinichi Tsukahara ~ June 30, 2017 (52)  
 Takeno Tsukahara ~ June 26, 2015 (88)  
 Sumiko Uesato ~ June 12, 2025 (93)

Margaret Aiko Ueunten ~ June 30, 2022 (93)  
 Sharon Midori Uyehara ~ June 8, 2015 (56)  
 Herbert Eiyu Yamaguchi ~ June 20, 2015 (84)  
 Eiko Yamane ~ June 14, 2025 (102)  
 Fumiko Yoshimoto ~ June 29, 2015 (92)  
 Satoru Wauke ~ June 14, 2003 (77)  
 Richard Hiroshi Zukemura ~ June 28, 2014 (92)

*Namu Amida Butsu*

If you would like to honor your loved one, please call the office at 808-845-3422 or email [jikoen.info@gmail.com](mailto:jikoen.info@gmail.com) with your name and contact information and we will get back to you.

**DONATIONS FROM MARCH 16, 2026 THRU APRIL 17, 2026**

**General Operations (\$1 - \$99)**

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 March Donation  
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 April Donation  
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 IMO Janet Yasuko Ginoza  
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 IMO Janet Y. Ginoza

*Aaron Shimabukuro*  
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 IMO Richard Yokogawa &  
 Miyoko Yokogawa

**2026 Membership**

**HOKU BBQ Chicken Fundraiser (2/14/2026)**

**General Operations (\$100 - \$499)**

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 IMO Steve S. Higa  
 Hui O Laulima  
 IMO Haruko Okita  
 Kiwanis Club of Kaneohe  
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**BAZAAR Fundraiser (4/04/2026)**

**General Operations (\$1000)**

Anonymous  
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**Shotsuki Memorial**

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 IMO Doris Yamaguchi  
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 IMO Carol Hatsuyo Espiritu  
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 IMO Nobushige Nakasone  
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 IMO Shoyei Shimabukuro &

**Hanamatsuri Buddha Day (4/12/2026)**

**Eshnni & Kakushinni Day (4/19/2026)**

**Offertory**

3/22/2026 New Altar Dedicat-  
 ion .....\$926.00  
 3/29/2026 ODM Service .....  
 \$66.00

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 4/12/2026 Buddha Day Hana-  
 matsuri Service .....\$223.00

*Thank you for your  
 generous support!*  
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- Learning about the Buddha's teachings
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Our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support.

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birth of the Buddha under the Asoka tree, the appearance of the serpent that brought sweet rain, and the lotus blossoms that bloomed under the first seven steps of the baby Buddha.

Jikoen's youth did such a wonderful job of reading their parts of the story that we are sure to see them again in future services.



### *Change for Change*

The Family Dharma Moment Project for 2026, launched at the end of last year, is to collect "Change for Change." Jikoen's youth is collecting pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters to make a change in the world. Their collection of your change will be donated to two non-

profit organizations: World Central Kitchen and Doctors Without Borders.

The first round of donations totaling \$580 will be donated to World Central Kitchen, which has been helping to serve meals to victims of the recent floods in Hawaii. Donations to World Central Kitchen go to provide fresh meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises all over the world.

The next round of donations will be directed to Doctors Without Borders, which is an international medical humanitarian organization that provides emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, natural disasters, and exclusion from healthcare.

You can send donations to the Jikoen Office. Make checks out to Jikoen and make sure you include a note that your donation is for CHANGE FOR CHANGE. Better yet, come to Sunday Service and personally place your change in the wooden box at the entrance to the temple. The box is labeled. For those who have given in the first round, Ippe Nife Debiru.



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