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New Year's Greeting

Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

In view of the Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022, as Nembutsu followers who have deeply inscribed in our hearts and minds Shinran Shonin's message of "May there be peace in the world," we firmly stand against the military infringement of the other nation's sovereignty, and also aspire for immediate return of peace in Ukraine.

Over the last year, COVID-19 continues to be a global pandemic. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to those who fell victim to the disease and express my sympathies to those who are undergoing treatment. I would also like to express my respect and sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and other frontline medical professionals who have been engaging in the treatment of infected people, as well as all essential workers who have made it possible for us to continue with our lives.

The pandemic has forced us to learn firsthand that we will continue to be confronted by unexpected situations even in modern times despite technologies both in science and medical fields being highly developed. Sakyamuni Buddha, who passed on the Dharma to us, made clear that there is no life nor entity in this world that lasts forever. This truth, the principle of impermanence, has never changed even in this time and age approximately 2500 years since his time. Another fact that does not change is our inability to accept this truth as it is, and because of this, we continue struggling.

This is the very reason why, regardless of the pandemic, we can rely on the Jodo Shinshu teaching clarified by Shinran Shonin, which guides us as a spiritual foundation that enables us to move forward even when being overwhelmed with difficulties. A gathering at the temple with Amida Buddha as its center provides a great opportunity to receive the Dharma as well as an occasion in which people can support and reassure one another as fellow practitioners who follow the same teaching.

I hope you will continue to share the teaching within the greater society through various ways and your temple will or continue to serve as a place where people can gather and find comfort in its activities.



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Calendar of Events

JANUARY 2023

Sun	1	10:00 AM	New Year's Day Service Installation of the Board of Directors for 2023
Sun	8	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Thur	12	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg. (via videoconference)
Sun	15	9:00 AM	Hoonko Service
Sat	21	9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Card Making Workshop (For LHWA members)
Sun	22	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Installation of the LHWA Officers
			LHWA Luncheon to follow See page 10 for more information.
Sun	29	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	5	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Thur	9	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg. (via videoconference)
Sun	12	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	19	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
		11:00 AM	New Year's Party Please see page 9 for more information. RSVP needed.
Sun	26	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

REQUESTS FOR HOME OR HOSPITAL

VISITATION

If you would like Rev. Yagi to visit a family member or friend who is homebound or hospitalized for any length of time, please call him at 245-6262.. He is always willing to help in any way that he can.

Join us on the first Sunday of each



month (check the schedule above for any changes) for Birthday and Monthly Memorial Service. We also have a storyteller to bring a smile to your face and help to start your month with a laugh.

Columbarium Hours

Columbarium hours will continue to be from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm on **Friday, Saturday and Sunday** every week. Thank you for your understanding.

Refreshments!

We will once again have simple refreshments after Sunday services. We are



excited to be able to gather again and “talk story” with friends. Please join us!

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I humbly ask for your understanding and cooperation in support of your temples. I would like to conclude my new year's greeting with my heartfelt appreciation to you all.

January 1, 2023

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu

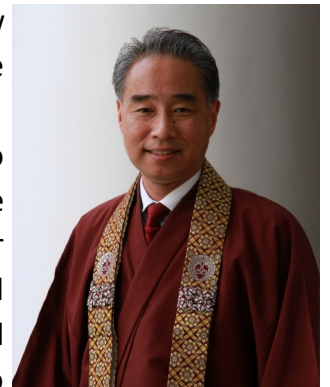
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

2023 Bishop's New Year's Message

My New Year's Resolution is...

Let me take this precious opportunity to wish you a sincere "Happy New Year!" More than any other time of the year, the start of the year is a time we are filled with hope and expectation for a brighter and better year.

While, we may have personal desires and goals for myself, let us not forget to also have more inclusive aspirations and goals which embraces all others. In the words of Mitsuo Aida, whose calligraphy piece for Gan (or Negai in vernacular Japanese) is reproduced here, he says very different from personal wishes centered only on oneself are wishes such as: may there be no wars, aspiring for peace and harmony in the world, and may our human contrivances not contribute further to



the contamination of our natural environment of the land, sea, and air. When we sincerely embrace these sorts of wishes, they are referred to as "Gan" (or aspirations or vows). If held deeply in our hearts, even the tiniest aspiration will be reflected in our eyes and faces. May we embrace vows and aspirations within our means and contribute to a brighter prospect for our future.

When I look at Mitsuo Aida's calligraphy above, I am reminded of Amida Buddha's 48 Vows especially the Great Compassion of Amida Buddha which promises "If those who entrust themselves to my Vow should not be born [in my (Pure) land], I shall not become Buddha." which expresses Amida Buddha great aspiration by conditioning the Buddha's own Supreme Enlightenment with the Enlightenment of all others including you and me. Could there be a greater wish or aspiration? Please reflect on this matter.

Further, let us make manifest our Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Theme & Slogan for 2023 which is "Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together." As Shinran Shonin rejoiced in one of his poems, *The light of compassion illumines from afar; Those beings it reaches, it is taught, Attain the Joy of the Dharma, So take refuge in Amida, the great consolation.*

Do not keep that joy and happiness of the Nembutsu hidden within you. Culturally, for many of us, being reserved and somewhat stoic is a culturally emphasized trait, but when it comes to the Joy of Buddha-Dharma, "No enryo (Don't hesitate)" would be my recommendation.

Let it flow from the depths of your being outward and allow it to be known to others. This is, one way, we are able to share our joy. Needless to say, this "Sharing Joy Together" is not limited to our close circle of family and friends, but it does start with them.

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To conclude, once again, I hope you detached Gomonshu's "Our Pledge" from last year's Hawaii Kyodan Calendar and have it where you and others can see and recite it daily as it shares how we can live our life together. As I express my best wishes to you for a happy, joyous and meaningful New Year, please join me in awareness, joy and gratitude of Great Wisdom and Compassion which guides, nurtures, and embraces us (eventually transforms with birth in the Pure Land of Enlightenment), to recite Namo Amida Butsu or The Buddha's Name Which I Call (in gratitude) in response to Namo Amida Butsu or The Buddha's Name That Calls Me (to entrust). Namo Amida Butsu. Thank you and, once again, "Happy New Year" from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's Office of the Bishop.

In gassho/anjali, Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop
January 1, 2023

President's New Year's Message for 2023 Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

Happy New Year! Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu! Hauoli Makahiki Hou!

I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and in good spirits as we enter the New Year, 2023. The COVID-19 situation in the USA has improved over the past year with the development of effective and safe vaccines and antiviral treatments. However, over 1 million Americans (and much more worldwide) have died since the pandemic started in 2020. The COVID-19 virus still results in serious illness and death for susceptible people. Therefore, we must continue to be cautious and respectful of others. Simple guidelines that we can follow include vaccination, staying home when sick, handwashing and wearing masks when close to others. Please try to be safe as we re-open our temples.

As we move into the new year, we will reflect often on our theme and slogan for 2023, "**Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together**". As we reflect, let us remember the concept of **ondobo-ondogyo** as a guide to our thoughts and action. Shinran used this phrase to explain that we are all fellow travelers, or companions on the Nembutsu path. Shinran saw himself as an ordinary person, a *bombu* (foolish person) walking the Nembutsu path along with his Dharma friends. In Shinran's view, we are all equal. As fellow travelers, we share each other's joys and sorrows, each other's burdens and celebrations. In **ondobo-ondogyo**, there is a profound sense that we are equal and interdependent. Also, with the spirit of **ondobo-ondogyo** there is a natural experience of gratitude as we give support, and we are in turn supported by the presence of our fellow travelers.

As we look back on our journey for the past few years, let us express our appreciation to our ministers and temple leaders for their dedication, resilience and creativity in sharing the Nembutsu teachings with our community under difficult circumstances. And, let us continue on our journey in joy and gratitude for Amida's universal and unconditional compassion for all.

With Gassho,
Warren Tamamoto, President, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii



AKEMASHITE OMEDETOU GOZAIMASU!

Happy New Year! May the Infinite Light of Life of Amida Buddha awaken a new sense of joy for being able to welcome a brand new year into our lives.

Your efforts and dedication to the Lihue Hongwanji Mission over the past year have demonstrated the strength and dedication of our Sangha. The maintenance and improvements made to our temple and its facilities by the volunteers, Hosha group, and friends of the Temple have, and will, benefit the Lihue Hongwanji as well as the community in which we live. The gifts and support of our LHWA and the staff and parents of the Lihue Hongwanji Preschool have helped to bring the reality of the Buddha's teachings of interrelations, interdependence into this life we are living for all to see. The further support of our activities of the Pickleball group, Lihue Kendo club, and Lihue Aiki-kai are gratefully acknowledged by our Temple's Membership.

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's slogan for this year will be "Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together". Shinran Shonin stated in "Honorable Writing on the End of Life" (Gorinmatsu-no-gosho):

Though I now go to the Pure Land of Peace,
Like the waves of Waka-no-ura Bay,
I will return again and again.
When you rejoice alone in the sacred teaching,
Consider that there are actually two.
When there are two who rejoice,
Consider that there are actually three...
And that third will be Shinran.

In other words, although Shinran Shonin has aged and is allowed to be born in the Pure Land of Peace and Tranquility (Amida Buddha's world of Enlightenment), Shinran Shonin will not remain there. Instead, he will return to this world, again and again, doing all he can to bring even one more person to the awareness of the precious Nembutsu teaching.

As the beginning of year 2023, I would like to wish you and your family a very meaningful and fulfilling year. I would also like to express my sincerest appreciation and gratitude to all of you for making this past year a most valuable and rewarding experience. To be able to share the Nembutsu Teaching with you has been a truly wonderful experience for me. Let us continue to work together in 2023 to make Lihue Hongwanji Mission a conducive environment to hear the Nembutsu Teachings.

May gratitude and appreciation enter your life as you awaken to the Nembutsu Teachings.

In Gassho

President's Corner

New Year's Message from Carol Valentine

Thank you for your confidence in me as your president and for your support over the past 3 years. I am going into my 4th, and final year as president. Everyone has been encouraging and helpful and I know that at the end of my term everyone will be as encouraging and helpful to the next president, someone younger than me, who takes over. Let me do a recap of what has been accomplished in the past year.



Recap of 2022:

- * We said good-bye to Shaku Kaufmann in January and hello to Rev. & Mrs. Yagi in October. Impermanence in action, most definitely.
- * We survived and thrived during our 8 months without a minister. Thankfully there were many video Dharma messages that were used for our Sunday services. We were also very thankful for Rev. Hojo and Rev. Majima for all of the work they did for us during this time.
- * We are now using a postage meter to mail out the newsletter and other items for the church. This helps us to save a small amount of postage each month.
- * A new inkjet printer has been purchased for the Volunteer Office, to replace the donated printer which was breaking down.
- * We now have wonderful collages which show our Past Ministers and Past Presidents. The photos used to be in the Conference Room where no one really had a chance to see them; now they are proudly displayed in the Social Hall. Thank you to Jimmy Yamamoto for his work on the photo collages, including the printing and framing.
- * The Social Hall restroom renovations were completed and a dedication was held in April, with the help of Rev. Hojo. Note that the restrooms will be locked when no one is around for security reasons.
- * We received a \$200 COVID Resilience Grant through Social Concerns Committee to pay for refills for the 2 automatic hand sanitizer stands and for food-safe sanitizing wipes.
- * LHWA did a Ready Food Roundup in April to help students on Kauai who experience food insecurity and many of our members helped with donations and organizations. Thank you to Carolyn Yamasaki and Lynette Mizuo.
- * The interior of the minister's residence was painted before Rev. and Mrs. Yagi moved in. We had the help of many members to help move furniture and hang curtains after the painting was completed. Mahalo!
- * The new welcoming sign for Lihue Hongwanji has been completed. If you drive by at night you will see that there are solar lights on the sign. It looks so modern and beautiful.
- * We have resumed our refreshments and talk story after Sunday services, returning to a more normal existence. Join us!

Let's have a wonderful year ahead in 2023. Thank you in advance for your work for LHM.



Bishop's Corner **Bishop Eric Matsumoto** **"Why?"**

The end of the year is a time of reflection. What kind of year was 2022 for you and your loved ones? What kind of year do you want 2023 to be?

In general, coming out of the pandemic, we anticipate that 2023 will be a much better year as we resume much of our pre-pandemic activities. However, it is also a fact that 3 whole years have passed and, directly and indirectly, the world including ourselves have changed in many ways.

On one hand, the Pandemic showed how susceptible we are to worldly conditions and, at the same time, our resilience. However, as we move forward, it is not merely a simple matter of resuming pre-pandemic activities by scheduling them. We need to connect more than ever with each other including with the Dharma and our purpose as an organization. Have you ever wondered "why" the Bodhisattva Dharmakara (Amida Buddha) made vows such as in the Buddha's realm there would be no hellish, craving-ghostly, and beast-like existences or that one and all would be of radiant pure gold, or that everyone's appearance would be equally pleasing to all, or that each would possess the wisdom to see into the minds of others, and thus...know the(ir) thoughts, and that those who, even now, receive the Buddha's Light will become soft and gentle in body and mind?

Did you know that Sakyamuni Buddha promised that "In the future, all the sutras will become extinct. However, out of compassion and pity, I will ensure that this (Larger) sutra alone remains for a further one hundred years. Those sentient beings who encounter this sutra will attain emancipation in accordance with their aspiration."

Do you know why "When the (Historic) Buddha finished expounding this sutra, Bodhisattva Maitreya (see photo), the bodhisattvas from (all) the ten quarters (of the universes), the Elder Ananda, all the great sravakas, and all those who were in the assembly, without exception, rejoiced upon hearing what the Buddha taught."?

Do you know why Shinran Shonin was able to read the (Larger) Sutra in the following way "If there

are persons who, having heard the Name of that Buddha, leap and dance with joy and say it even once, know that they receive the great benefit; that is, they acquire the unexcelled virtues."

Do you know why our Hongwanji Denomination's Constitution states our purpose as "...The organization transmits the wisdom and compassion of Amida Tathagata to all people, and in doing so, contributes to the realization of a society in which everyone, both within and outside of the organization, is able to live a life of spiritual fulfillment." and why our Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Mission Statement reads "To share the living Teaching of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism so all beings may enjoy lives of harmony, peace and gratitude."?

If you don't, in 2023, I would encourage you and those who have a connection with you to visit your nearest Hongwanji temple to find the answers. I sincerely hope that in the New Year, we will be able to meet at the temple with the Nembutsu of Awareness and Gratitude in our hearts and be able to share that Joy with each other to bring to life our Hawaii Kyodan Theme and Slogan for 2023 "Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together." I close by expressing my wish that 2022 closes for you in a meaningful way which prepares you for a bright 2023.

Thank you and Namu Amida Butsu/Entrusting the All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion.

Benediction for the Inauguration Ceremony **by Rev. Blayne Higa**

A portion of his Benediction is below: Living with this spirit of a bodhisattva—an enlightened being who sacrifices their own awakening, ensuring no one is left behind, may you undertake this noble vow of service to the people of Hawai'i.

So go forth, and lead.

Lead with compassion for everyone.

Lead with integrity in all that you do.

Lead with courage to make difficult decisions.

Lead with wisdom to discern the wholesome from the unwholesome.

Lead with vision for a brighter future for us all.

And always lead with the spirit of Aloha in your heart.

LHM Board of Directors for 2023

At the General Membership Meeting, held on December 11, 2022, the following members were elected to the 2023 Board of Directors. Please give them your support this year.

President	Carol Valentine	One-Year Directors	Alton Amimoto Sandie Fujimoto Lori Koga
Vice President Administration	Lynne Matsumura	Two-Year Directors	Wayne Fujioka Dennis Muffly Marian Ogata
Vice President Facilities	Morton Yamasaki	Additional Members of the Board	
Vice President Religious/Temple Activities	Gail Shibuya	LHWA Representative (appointment per Bylaws)	Lynette Mizuo
Secretary	Kris Nakamura	Minister	Rev. Shawn Yagi
Assistant Secretary	Karen Nishimoto	Ex-Officio Member	
Treasurer	Caroline Ozaki		
Assistant Treasurer	Joy Hiraoka		
Immediate Past President	Gail Shibuya		

Bon Dance 2023 Call for Help!

We at LHM are scheduled to have our Bon Dance on July 14 and 15 and we need to start planning soon. There will need to be changes to what we do, what foods we serve and what we provide. Currently, we have no one to chair the event. We are looking for 2-4 people who are willing to chair & organize the subcommittees and help move the plans along.



This event is an enormous fund raiser for LHM, bringing in \$15,000+ monies each year. Our budget has suffered since we have not had a Bon Dance Festival since 2019. This is a crucial year. Please look to yourselves and your friends to see what you can offer to LHM in the way of planning and organization. Please email at lihuehongwanjmission@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer.

Without volunteers, we cannot have a Bon Dance in 2023. Mahalo!



Save The Date

Hurray!

We will be having a New Year's Party in 2023. We will be having a luncheon on **Sunday February 19**. Food! Bingo! Prizes!

Join us for the fun at 11:00 am. The cost for the luncheon will be \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. LHM will be helping out with extra costs. For those members who have joined since February 2020 or those who are 90+, the party will be free of cost. We will need an R.S.V.P. by Sunday February 12. Please let us know if you plan on attending by either calling 808-245-6262 or emailing us at lihuehongwanjimission@gmail.com. Either way, please remember to include your name and indicate how many will attend.

Menu:

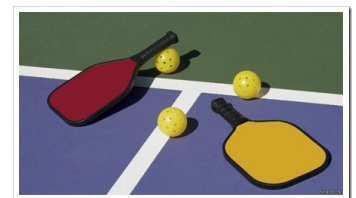
- ◇ Crab Baked Salmon, with imitation crab topping
- ◇ Grilled Chicken in white wine mushroom sauce
- ◇ Harvest Salad (Fuji apple, craisin, local greens, almonds/chow mein brittle, feta cheese, strawberry vinaigrette)
- ◇ Dessert: Cake
- ◇ Beverages include water and hot tea



Activities at LHM

Pickleball is still on-going. All levels are invited to join in the fun every Monday in the social hall at 6:00 pm. All you need to bring is your enthusiasm and a pair of tennis shoes. Come join us!

Because we play indoors and are limited to a single court, we are limiting pickleball to members only.





LHWA NEWS

New Members Welcome

2023

Future Activities

Card Making – January 21, 2023

Nenju Making - date TBD

Card Making Workshop

Date: Saturday, January 21

Time: 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Cost: Free

RSVP: Please let Carolyn Yamasaki know if you are attending . Call her at 808-245-3869 and leave a message. Please RSVP by January 16.

Note: This is for LHWA members.

LHWA Luncheon

Date: Sunday, January 22, 2023

Time: 11:15 a.m.

Place: Puakea Grill (Lanai Seating)

Menu: Choice of:

Furikake Salmon

Tofu Stir Fry

Teri Chicken

Cost: \$15 for lunch

\$1.50 soft drink

\$3.00 Coffee or Tea

Additional cost for tax and tip

What: All lunches will be **preordered and monies collected prior to luncheon.**

Directors will contact you soon.

A lunch with a soft drink will cost about \$21.00 tax + tip included.

A lunch with coffee or tea will cost about \$23.00 tax + tip included.

With no additional drink other than water, lunch will cost approximately \$19.00.



LHM Preschool



The month of December was a short one but we tried to do some memorable activities.. The children made ornaments and decorated our tree. We made a special gift for our parents. We laced stockings and made a Christmas wish list. We had so much fun! We wore our holiday Jammie's to school and had a visit with Santa. That was a special visit. Rev. Yagi came to play with the children one afternoon we had so much fun playing with him. Most of all we enjoyed each other's company and played with our friends every day. We're also getting ready to celebrate the New Year.

Happy New Year everybody!

We would like to thank Carol Ozaki, Lynne Matsumura, and Carol Valentine for their donation of delicious refreshments.



Pajama Day at school was cool.



Santa came to visit us!



We had a nice visit from Asher's Dad, Noah Friedberg, who read a story about Hanukkah to the children. He taught them how to play the dreidel game and gifted each child with a small dreidel and some gold coins.



We had a visit from a Christmas tree!

Making Mochi for the New Year



L-R: Rev. Yagi, Sayuri Yagi, Taylor Nishimoto, Shaydan Lovediro. Missing: Carol Ozaki, Carol Valentine

On December 15, volunteers were able to make mochi to use on the altar for New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day. The work started with washing and soaking the rice the night before then continued with making and shaping two batches of cooked mochi rice into the shapes needed for the altar. With many hands to help, the volunteers were finished before 10:00 am. Thank you to the volunteers for their time and energy: Rev. Shawn & Sayuri Yagi, Carol Ozaki, Taylor Nishimoto, Shaydan Lovediro and Carol Valentine. The mochi will also be used for making



zenzai for Ho’onko Service on January 15.

Reaching Out to Others Homebound / 90+ Delivery Project

Every December a group of people gather to put together a small bento to be delivered to our homebound and elderly sangha members to let them know they are always remembered. This year the bento was barazushi rice and manju. The bentos were put together by (in alphabetical order): Arlene Fujikawa, Kenneth Mizuo, Lynette Mizuo, Marian Ogata, and Gail Shibuya. This year volunteers delivered 25 bentos along with the 2023 Honpa calendars to our members. It was indeed a heart-warming experience for those involved.





Calendars

Members, you should have received your Honpa Hongwanji Calendar for 2023. As you already know, the envelope with the calendar also contained the following items:

- 12 Donation Envelopes. Please continue to use these envelopes as needed for membership renewal or special donations.
- Membership letter and Membership Renewal Form for 2023. Please complete the Membership Renewal Form, updating any changes, filling in blank spaces and returning it to the church at **3-3556 Kuhio Highway, Lihue, HI 96766**.
- ***Please sign, date and return the Membership Renewal Form even if there are no changes.***

To all Lihue's Hongwanji members:

If you would like a copy of your 2022 donations for tax purposes, please contact the office (245-6262) to request that it be mailed to you. If there is no answer, please leave a detailed message including your name and address along with the request. You may also make a request via email at lihuehongwanjimission@gmail.com. Please remember to include your name and address in your email request so your donation copy can be mailed.

Deadline for request is January 31, 2023.



Ka Leo Kahea

For those who may be wondering why you are receiving this newsletter, here is a short explanation from Honpa Headquarters to all 4,200 members statewide.

"The name of the newsletter is a reference to our Shin Buddhist teaching that reminds us of "Namo Amida Butsu" — the voice/sound of Amida calling to us *and* our voice calling to Amida in response. The use of the Hawaiian term is intentional. It recognizes our connection to our Hawaiian host culture while providing a thoughtful reminder of our connection with the Buddha.

Ka Leo Kāhea will inform us and connect us with every member of our statewide Sangha. Through this connection, temples and districts will learn from and help each other, thus strengthening our organization. Portions of the newsletter will contain content that becomes a "calling voice" that connects readers to the Buddha's 'Calling Voice.'"

Guidelines for article submissions may be found at <https://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/2021/12/13/kaleo-kahea-online/>



If there are errors please email us at: lihuchongwanjimission@gmail.com or call the office at 245-6262.

MEMORIAL DONATION:

In memory of Shizue Fujioka (3 Yrs.)
Wayne Fujioka & Carol Valentine

In memory of Shigeru Kurashige (7 Yrs.)
Hiroko Kurashige

In memory of Momoyo Matsumura (7 Yrs.)
Wayne & Michele Tanaka

In memory of Ted Inouye
LHWA
Alice Inouye

In memory of Paul Yamaguchi
LHWA

In memory of Charles Niitani
LHWA

In memory of FDL Fukushima Memorial
Elaine Fukushima

In memory of James Haruo Onishi
Natsue Onishi

In memory of Sonoe Miyake
Natsue Onishi

In memory of Spencer Tada
Wayne Fujioka & Carol Valentine
Lauren Inouye

In memory of Helen Harada
Morton & Carolyn Yamasaki

In memory of Kiyoshi & Fumiko Sasaki
Caroline Ozaki
Lynne Matsumura

In memory of Sadao Tanabe
Morton & Carolyn Yamasaki

In memory of Charles Niitani
Janet Niitani & Family

COLUMBARIUM DONATION:

In memory of George & Elsie Toyofuku
Guy & Lori Toyofuku

In memory of Charles Niitani
Janet Niitani & Family
Henry Ishida

EITAI-KYO SERVICE DONATION:

Robert & Alma Yotsuda
Karen Nishimoto
Morton & Carolyn Yamasaki
Hiroko Kurashige
Setsuo & Edith Ushio
Glenn & Gail Shibuya
Wayne Fujioka & Carol Valentine
Diane Fukuyama
Arlene Fujikawa
Roy & Carol Fujioka

HAPPINESS DONATION:

Alice Inouye (**Birthday**)
Glenn & Gail Shibuya
Kenneth & Lynette Mizuo

SPECIAL DONATION:

Natsue Onishi (**for the 6 major services x2**)
Helen Tomita
Greg & Joann Naganuma
Alice Inouye

**MAJOR PROJECTS
DONATION:**

Robert & Alma Yotsuda

SOCIAL CONCERNS:

Robert & Alma Yotsuda
Karen Nishimoto
Shirley Hashimoto
Glenn & Gail Shibuya
Henry Ishida
Kenneth & Lynette Mizuo

*Thank
You*

Please note that the complete Headquarters Update was not included in this month's newsletter, due to lack of space. If you would like to read the complete newsletter and see photos, please check on the Honpa Hongwanji website: <https://hongwanjihawaii newsletter>

You may also watch the video for Rev. Blayne Higa's heart-felt message of encouragement, hope, and Aloha through this link: [A Benediction on Leadership \(blaynehiga.com\)](http://A Benediction on Leadership (blaynehiga.com))



All things appear and disappear because of the concurrence of causes and conditions. Nothing ever exists entirely alone; everything is in relation to everything else.

Shakyamuni Buddha

MEMORIAL SERVICE (HOYO)

JANUARY - FEBRUARY

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of January and February. In Jodo Shin Buddhism, memorial services are observed to remind the family members of the compassion of Amida Buddha in memory of the deceased. Lihue Hongwanji Mission recommends that the families and relatives of the deceased members listed below contact the temple office at 245-6262 for an appointment.

1st YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2022

2022 January 4 Ann Yotsuda

3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2021

2021 January 17 Barbara Omori

2021 February 2 Isao Sugibayashi

7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2017

2017 January 11 Dorothy Matsuda

13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2011

2011 January 10 Masao "Mac" Nishioka

2011 January 13 Betty Uchiyama

17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2007

2007 January 8 Kei Kumakura

2007 February 23 Beverly Harris

25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1999

1999 January 1 Sunao Iwamoto

1999 January 19 Juro Higuchi

1999 January 24 Kisako Yamamotoya

1999 February 8 Shigeo Inouye

1999 February 14 Tomoyo Yotsuda

33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1991

1991 January 16 Asayo Sora

50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1974

1974 January 11 Tatsue Yasutake

Hoonko Service

Sunday January 15, 9:00 am
(Memorial service for Shinran Shonin)



New Year's Party!

Sunday February 19

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