

## Lihue Hongwanji Mission, a Shin Buddhist Temple

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### Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together

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#### Statement regarding the Disaster on Maui



I would like to express my deepest condolences to those who lost their lives as a result of the disaster in Maui, and my heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost their homes and are living as evacuees.

The fire that broke out on August 8, 2023, devastated the city of Lahaina. As of today, 93 people are confirmed to have died, and more than 2,000 buildings have been damaged or destroyed. The historic town of Lahaina, which was once the capital of the Hawaiian Kingdom and a beautiful tourist destination visited by many people, was burnt to the ground.

Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, located in the center of the city, was not spared the destruction by the fire. The Resident Minister, Reverend Ai Hironaka, his family, and many of the temple members have safely evacuated and are currently living a life of inconvenience. As for the damage to the temple, it is expected to take some time to confirm its state, partly because the town is under lockdown.

The history of the Lahaina Hongwanji Mission began in 1904. Since then, the light of the Nembutsu Dharma has been successfully passed down through the dedication and contribution of the Resident Ministers, their families, temple members, and many people in the community. Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, along with other churches and temples, was the place of refuge for the people living in the area. I remember the sound of the Nembutsu reverberating in the Hondo on Sundays. It is truly sad for all of us that such a practice hall of the Nembutsu was destroyed by the disaster.

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii established the Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund. Since then, we have received much support not only from within the State of Hawaii but also from all over the world, including the mainland United States, Canada, and Japan. On behalf of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii ministers and

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## Calendar of Events

### SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun	3	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Sun	10	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
		10:00 AM	LHWA Meeting
Thur	14	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg. (via videoconference)
Sun	17	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Thur	21		Peace Day
		8:30 AM	Ring Your Bells for Peace (see page 9 for information and registration)
Sun	24	9:00 AM	Fall Ohigan Service
		10:00 AM	<b>Maui Wildfires Memorial Service (via Zoom) Bishop Umitani</b>

### OCTOBER 2023

Sun	1	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Sun	8	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Tue	10		Clergy Appreciation Day
Thur	12	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg. (via videoconference)
Sun	15	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	22	9:00 AM	<b>KUHBWA Fall Conference</b> (to be held at LHM) Service at 9:00 AM in the temple (everyone is invited) followed by the KUHBWA meeting in the social hall (pg. 9)
Sun	29	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

### Refreshments!

Please join us on Sundays  
after our service for friendship,  
talk story and refreshments!



### Columbarium Hours

The Columbarium will be open **Tuesday-Thursday** from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm and on **Friday, Saturday and Sunday** 8:00 am - 5:00 pm . Please know that the Columbarium will be locked when Rev. Yagi is not present. Please call the office to be sure the Columbarium will be open when you want to visit.

### Office Hours

Office hours for Rev. Yagi are as follows:

Monday: Day off

Tuesday - Sunday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Closed for lunch: 12 noon - 1:00 pm

If you wish to speak with Rev. Yagi, it is suggested that you call ahead for an appointment, as he may be away from the office on temple business.

The temple must be locked when Rev. Yagi is not available. Thank you for your understanding.

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members, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to those who extended compassionate words and actions for those on Maui. I would like to humbly ask for your continued support.

Recovery on Maui could take years. Many people are living in anxiety about their uncertain future. As fellow travelers of the Nembutsu, let us stand in solidarity with those who are experiencing suffering and sorrow brought about by this unprecedented encounter.

Even though the temple buildings have been damaged, our sincere aspiration of listening to and sharing the Nembutsu teaching never disappears. This is not the end of 119 years of the history of Lahaina Hongwanji. We are all the more determined to dedicate ourselves to establishing a society where the sound of the Nembutsu prevails.

May the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha embrace us all. May the sound of the Nembutsu brings us peace and comfort, and gives us the courage to move forward. Namo Amida Butsu.

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani  
Bishop  
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii  
August 13, 2023

Please see page 5 for information on compassionate giving to the relief efforts on Maui following the devastating wildfires.

The Kauai United Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association has donated \$5,000 to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii **Maui Wildfire Relief Fund**. Thanks to the contributions to the United's Dana Fund by BWA members from Kauai's three temples over the years, we are able to make this donation which will support Lahaina Hongwanji Mission as well as its members and the Maui community who have suffered from this disaster.

Please see page 16 for information regarding the donations from Social Concerns Committee to the recovery efforts on Maui.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha all. I hope you are well. The Maui Wildfire Disaster fills the news as we find out a little more each day about the wildfire's rapid spread, the work being done to care for those displaced from their homes, and the ongoing effort to find those who are still missing. We do know that the Lahaina Hongwanji temple buildings (with possible exception of the columbarium) have burned to the ground. My sincere condolences to those who have lost loved ones and sincere sympathy to those who have lost their homes and possessions.



We are grateful that there has been an outpouring of support from around the world. Donations of food, clothing, and monetary donations have arrived on Maui. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is on the ground in Maui, coordinating the disaster response with State and County agencies and personnel.

I am grateful that we (Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii) have been able to respond to this disaster, working together as a family. A GoFundMe effort was quickly organized, spearheaded by Rev. Kerry Kiyohara and has raised tens of thousands of dollars. The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's **Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund** was established with the goals of supporting non-profit agencies providing relief for everyone affected by the disaster (such as the Red Cross and Hawaii Community Foundation's Maui Strong) and the Lahaina Hongwanji temple members. Information about the Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund was shared with our sister organizations at the Buddhist Churches of America, the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada and our mother temple (Honzan) in Kyoto, Japan. We have many friends all over the world and they are eager to help.

The **Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund** has raised tens of thousand of dollars. If you are not familiar with this term, please check with your temple leaders or go to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii website at <https://hongwanjihawaii.com>. The HHMH Social Concerns Committee will be responsible for distributing the money collected for this fund drive, with valuable input from Maui members. Here are a few of the things that we are doing to help our friends on Maui. The Social Concerns Committee helped with setting up the Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund, disseminating the information on social media and by keeping us informed of relief efforts that are available on Maui. The HHMH website is updated regularly and is an excellent place to find information about our effort to support the people of Maui. A group of ministers and temple leaders from Maui meets regularly via Zoom with the goal of connecting with Lahaina members and providing assistance with housing and other immediate needs. Phone calls to the Lahaina Hongwanji temple have been rerouted to Headquarters to help our Lahaina leadership and possibly get information about missing members. At the time of this writing, we are still trying to collect as much information about our Lahaina members as possible. Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani visited Maui on August 19<sup>th</sup>, to meet with key ministers and temple members on Maui. Thank you, Bishop Umitani. I am thankful for the tremendous effort that our Sangha has made to help those who are suffering from the effects of the Maui wildfires. Headquarters personnel, District Councils, suborganizations such as the BWA, individual temples, and Sangha members have contributed to the relief effort. There may be more that we can do. If you have any suggestions or are able to help, please call our headquarters or send an email.

In Gassho,

Dr. Warren Tamamoto  
President, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

August 10,2023

Dear Dharma Friends,

We have been watching in disbelief the tremendous destruction caused by the recent wildfires on Maui. The loss of life, livelihood, and property has been devastating. Lahaina Hongwanji and its Sangha were directly affected by the fires. The temple, columbarium, classroom building, and minister's residence were completely destroyed in the horrific fires that devastated historic Lahaina town. Many temple

members were forced to evacuate, and many homes were burnt to the ground. Our hearts go out to all who have been impacted by this disaster. As residents and our fellow Sangha members begin the process of rebuilding and healing, Hawaii Kyodan is committed to supporting relief efforts on Maui. In the spirit of compassionate action, we have established the **MAUI WILDFIRE DISASTER RELIEF FUND**. You can donate in the following ways:

1. Online at [www.hongwanjihawaii.com](http://www.hongwanjihawaii.com) by clicking on the "Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief" button under the "Donate" tab.
2. Through GoFundMe at the following link: <https://gofund.me/ff77a520>
3. Check and cash donations can be sent directly to Hawaii Kyodan Headquarters. Please make check payable to HHMH and in the memo line designate "**Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief**" to ensure proper credit.

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii  
1727 Pali Highway  
Honolulu, HI 96813

All donations collected will go to support Lahaina Hongwanji and relief efforts on Maui. The Office of the Bishop and Committee on Social Concerns will prioritize addressing the immediate and short-term needs of temple families displaced by the fires and supporting the greater community as it rebuilds. The Committee will select reputable relief agencies and organizations to support in order to ensure our donations will directly aid those impacted by this disaster. Updates will be shared on our website at [www.hongwanjihawaii.com](http://www.hongwanjihawaii.com).

Mahalo for your generosity and support during this time of tragedy.  
In Gassho,

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani  
Bishop

Dr. Warren Tamamoto  
President

Rev. Blayne Higa,  
Chair, Committee on Social Concerns



### **Ohigan: A Time for Reflection and Connection**

Twice a year, as the seasons transition from spring to autumn, our temple gathers for the deeply significant observance of Ohigan. This Buddhist service spans a week, centered around the vernal and autumnal equinoxes, known as the Chunichi. The commemoration extends for three days before and after these celestial junctures. Unlike practices found in India or China, Ohigan is a uniquely Japanese tradition believed to have originated during the era of Prince Shotoku. Initially an imperial court affair, it gradually found its way into the general public's hearts.

Throughout this sacred period, each temple holds memorial services dedicated to the equinoctial week, and families make pilgrimages to the temple grounds to pay respects to their ancestors' resting places.

### **From the Realm of Uncertainty to Enlightenment**

It symbolizes the transition from our perplexing and suffering-ridden existence, referred to as "this shore," to the enlightened state of Buddhism—embodied in the term "higan." Higan'e, an event closely intertwined with this transitional period, invites participants to strive for that enlightened state through dedicated Buddhist practice.

Within the context of Pure Land Buddhism, the sun's alignment due east and West during the equinoxes holds significance. In the land of "Nissokan," China, Pure Land Buddhists looked to the West as a place of worship, influenced by the teachings of Master Shandao.

In our Jodo Shinshu sect, the text "Kaija-sho," authored by the third head priest Kakunyo of Hongwanji, contains a passage regarding higan'e. This event is perceived not merely as a method for focusing on nembutsu training but also as an opportunity to embrace the virtues of Buddhism, using Higan'e as a regular platform to receive teachings and reaffirm faith.

### **Higan'e: Bridging the Past and Present**

Contemporary temples within the Jodo Shinshu sect continue to uphold the tradition of Higan'e. We take a more understated approach rather than engaging in elaborate rituals or specific practices. During the equinoctial week, we cleanse and adorn our home Buddhist altars, offer flowers, and pay homage as usual. Our visits to the graves of our ancestors similarly lack ostentation. However, the intention isn't solely to memorialize the departed. Instead, spurred by the call of our forebears, we encounter Buddhism—a beacon guiding us through life's profound junctures.

As we participate in this time-honored custom, let us embrace the teachings and virtues, striving to transform from the realm of confusion to the realm of enlightenment. Remember that amidst the subtle rituals and everyday acts, we open ourselves to Buddhism's profound wisdom and guidance.

Namo Amida Butsu



## MAUI WILDFIRE MEMORIAL SERVICE

The State Ministers Association assisted by Maui District Ministers Association would like to host a memorial service for the Maui wildfires under the guidance of Bishop Umitani.

The following is the service date and time.

Date: Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin

Platform: In-Person and Zoom

Dharma Talk: Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

All donations from the service will go to the **HMMH Maui Wildfire Relief Fund**.

Everyone is invited to the service in-person and Zoom. More details will be shared with you later.

## SHINJUSHIKI-OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION BY GOMONSHU

Bishop Umitani traveled to Japan from July 25 to August 1, 2023 to attend the Shinjushiki, the ceremony of receiving the official letter of appointment directly from [Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani, the spiritual head of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha tradition](#) at Honzan Kyoto. The ceremony was held at Shiro Shoin (the White Chamber) inside of the Honpa Hongwanji, together with Bishop Marvin Harada of Buddhist Churches of America. Reverend Umitani had various meetings with Honzan officials and professors of the Ryukoku University, and other related institutions and individuals during his time in Japan.

## MAHALO LUNCHEON FOR OUTGOING BISHOP ERIC MATSUMOTO

A very special event was held on July 8, 2023, at the Ala Moana Hotel Ballroom in Honolulu. It was the Mahalo Luncheon for Outgoing Bishop Eric T. Matsumoto, who spent the last 12 years providing religious guidance to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HMMH) and as part of the Interfaith community. Over 200 people turned out to show their gratitude for his wise and compassionate leadership. His wife Tamayo, son Caden, and brother Alan were present for the festivities. There was a performance of songs from the musical "Peace On Your Wings" by several of the cast members. After Aloha messages from guests, gift

presentations from the HMMH, State Ministers' Association, Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Association, Hawaii Federation of Lay Association, Hawaii Federation of Junior YBA, and Pacific Buddhist Academy. We also celebrated his new journey as resident minister of Aiea Hongwanji Mission.

## INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin on the Pali Highway on August 5, 2023, was the scene for the inauguration of the New Bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Former Bishop Eric Matsumoto officiated a short service as the ministers and audience chanted the Juseige along with Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani. During the service, Former Bishop Eric Matsumoto read a letter of appointment from Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani, the spiritual head of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha tradition, conferring the title of Bishop upon Reverend Umitani.

In a moving ceremony in front of the audience which consisted of the ministers from all over the state and members of the Sangha watched as Reverend Toshiyuki Umitani was given the vestments for his new role as Bishop. The congratulatory gifts of new Bishop's special robes and religious items were given to Reverend Umitani from the State Ministers' Association, Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Association, Hawaii Federation of Lay Association, and Hawaii Federation of Junior YBA. There was a short break in the service as Bishop Umitani changed into his new robes. The audience gathered with the newly installed Bishop to take commemorative pictures with Bishop Umitani.

## WELCOME LUNCHEON FOR THE 17<sup>TH</sup> BISHOP REVEREND TOSHIYUKI UMITANI

"Ko Ko Sho Gon," *Adorned with the Fragrance of Light*, was the luncheon theme for the welcome luncheon of the new Bishop Reverend Toshiyuki Umitani. The party was held at the Sheraton Waikiki after the Investiture Ceremony on August 5 and was an intimate gathering of around 200 people. The welcome luncheon marks a new era of change as the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii embarks on recovering from the economic fallout of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Continued on page 8

Continued from page 7 The Bishop's daughters, Naho and Riho, performed two numbers to surprise their father and mother. To the delight of the attendees, Naho's beautiful singing was accompanied by Riho's skillful keyboard playing. They were a hit. Thanks to the luncheon committee for decorating the tables for the luncheon with the favors and to Ann Nakata of Moillili Hongwanji for the beautiful floral centerpieces that were filled with the fragrance of light. Bishop Umitani's welcome luncheon ended with a flurry of lights as the attendees held up their cell phones as if to punctuate the music of Keali'i Reichel with a gentle wave. It was a beautiful ending to a delightful luncheon.

#### KA LEO KĀHEA SEEKS MANAGING EDITOR

*Ka Leo Kāhea*, the Official Publication of the HHMH, is seeking a new managing editor. Work from home. Responsibilities include meeting with the editorial team, editing articles, and working with the graphic designer on the layout of this quarterly, eight-page newsletter. If you have editing experience and are interested in this paid position, please send an email with EDITOR in the subject line to HQ Update at: [hqs@honpahi.org](mailto:hqs@honpahi.org).

View *Ka Leo Kāhea*, at: <https://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/tag/ka-leo-kahea/>

#### REMINDER: CALL FOR SUBMISSION FOR 2024 HONGWANJI CALENDAR

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH) Calendar Committee invites members, Dharma friends, and affiliates to provide photos for the 2024 Hongwanji calendar that capture and evoke the emotions of "Sharing Nembutsu Moments" (joy, gratitude, surprise, excitement, ceremonial, peaceful, reflective, meditative, thoughtful). As we continue to work together **Building Healthy Sanghas**, what were some of the experiences of **SHARING NEMBUTSU MOMENTS** that you captured in photos?

You may submit several photos for consideration by the Calendar Committee for the 2024 Hongwanji Calendar.

We do welcome cell phone photos. Photos will need to be able to be clearly enlarged.

For each photo, please include a brief caption expressing your "Sharing Nembutsu Moment" and your name/temple for photo credit.

If you have questions, please leave a message for Yumi Suzuki at the Hongwanji Headquarters Office c/o Rev. Baba at (808)522-9200 or email: [hqs@honpahi.org](mailto:hqs@honpahi.org).

**For photo submissions**, please submit directly to Alan Kubota at [lenscapes Hawaii@gmail.com](mailto:lenscapes Hawaii@gmail.com). He will respond directly to any technical questions. Thank you. Preferably, please submit pictures in landscape format (horizontal).

**Deadline for submissions is Friday, September 8, 2023.**

#### TEMPLE TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE ASSISTANCE GRANT

Does your temple need some assistance in purchasing hardware for your Zoom meetings or Wi-Fi network? Maybe a mesh router, conference speakerphone, wireless webcam, or large display screen. Aiea Hongwanji Mission created a grant to assist temples in purchasing equipment for their temples (does not cover prior purchases). Preference will be given to the smaller temples. If you are interested, please email your request to Derrick Inouye ([dinouye@hopahi.org](mailto:dinouye@hopahi.org)). In your request, please state the purpose, what equipment you want to purchase, and the cost.

The deadline will be December 1, 2023.

To read the complete newsletter, learn about workshops & seminars, and to see photos, please check on the Honpa Hongwanji website:

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/news/>





**"Building Healthy  
Sanghas-  
Sharing Joy  
Together!"**

**HONPA HONGWANJI  
MISSION OF HAWAII**

**Bishop Toshiyuki  
Umitani**

**Rev. Daido Baba**  
Executive Assistant  
Kyodan Board Pres.  
Warren Tamamoto

**2023  
PEACE DAY COMMITTEE**

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**MISSION**

- To promote Peace Day in Hawaii - September 21st
- Temple activities to promote peace and harmony in the world



**Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii**

**2023 PEACE DAY IN HAWAII**  
*International Day of Peace*

*You're Invited!*

**"RING YOUR BELLS for PEACE DAY"**

**Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023 - 8:30 AM-HST**

**Register here: [bit.ly/PeaceDay2023](https://bit.ly/PeaceDay2023)**

See below  
to register

**In the spirit of promoting Peace Day in Hawaii and throughout the world, we invite the world to join us in ringing bells for PEACE DAY,**

**Thursday, September 21st at 9:01 AM.**

**At 9:00 AM , we will have a minute of silence to honor all those who sacrificed for us to achieve peace.**

**Immediately following the minute of silence, bells will be rung by representatives at all the respective temples, churches, schools, and community organizations and individuals. They're our future in ensuring peace throughout the world.**

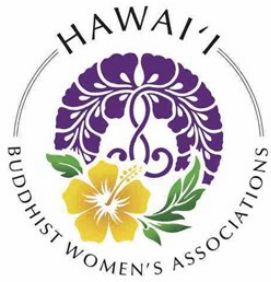
**We are also planning to capture the program and all participants on a Zoom Screen, simultaneously, so get your computers ready when you are sent the link to join the event.**

**Please RSVP by Sept. 12, 2023**

**You may request a Participation Form to**

**Rene Mansho - ph: 808-291-6151  
[renemansho@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:renemansho@hawaii.rr.com)**

**To Register: [bit.ly/PeaceDay2023](https://bit.ly/PeaceDay2023)**



## LHWA NEWS

## New Members Welcome

2023

**LHWA Meetings for 2023**

Note that all meetings will begin at 10:00 am following Sunday service.

September 10

November 12 (election of officers for 2024)

**September 21, 2021:**

RING YOUR BELLS for PEACE DAY.

Please sign up with your LHWA Director to celebrate the International Day of Peace. LHWA members will meet at the temple at 8:30 a.m. and join in the ZOOM event.

Together (but physically apart) with Kapa'a and West Kauai, we will be united as the KUHBWA at the ZOOM event. You may also choose to ring your bell individually from your own personal electronic device. See flyer on page 9.

**KUHBWA Fall Conference**

October 22, 2023

9:00 am – 1:30 pm

@ LHM Temple and Social Hall

The registration fee is \$12 but LHWA will subsidize participants fee by \$7.00, reducing each member's cost to only \$5.00. Please attend the conference and enjoy having lunch, sharing, cardmaking, and socializing with friends. Your Director will be contact you.

**LHWA Manju and Barazushi Fundraiser**

The Lihue Hongwanji Women's Association's Manju and Barazushi Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023. Pickup will be from 10 am to 12 noon at the LHM social hall. Proceeds will be used to fund LHWA 2024 activities.

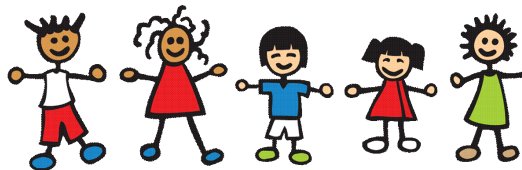
Items may be purchased by **pre-sale only** and are as follows: Manju (5 per order) \$7.00; Barazushi \$5.00 per container. To pre-order, please call Diane Fukuyama at (808) 246-0835 or Lynette Mizuo at (808) 822-3974 and leave a message or email Lynette at [lymizuo@gmail.com](mailto:lymizuo@gmail.com). Please state your name and phone number along with your order. **The deadline for pre-sale orders is November 12, 2023.**

Your support is most appreciated. Please volunteer when asked to assist with baking manju and making barazushi. Thank you.





### LHM Preschool



Our first day of school was August 7. . . .

We have 20 children in our 3 and 4 year old class and 28 children in our 4 and 5 year old class. The children are adjusting to school and friendships are starting to flourish.

We will be doing a Penny drive fundraiser to help the Lahaina Hongwanji and the Maui Humane Society . We will be collecting from now until September 15.



Hurray for our 1st Day!



Two favorites!  
Eating and  
Napping!



Making New Friends and Playing!

## President's Corner

Aloha from Carol Valentine

News about the happenings at LHM and information from the Board of Directors.

- ⇒ Please keep the fellow members of Lahaina Hongwanji and the people of Lahaina and Kula, Maui in your thoughts.
- ⇒ Nine large bags of HI-5 cans and plastic bottles were given to the Koloa Lions Club for recycling. They will use the proceeds to fund community service projects.
- ⇒ The Board adopted the report of the Hanaoka Scholarship Committee. See page 13 for information.



## "HONORING ANCESTORS" LANTERNS

With much gratitude in our hearts, we want to say "Thank You" to those who contributed to our "Honoring Ancestors" lanterns project for Bon Dance 2023. This was a new program and we were overwhelmed by your support, with just under 100 lanterns purchased in memory of family and friends who have passed.

Many thanks to Rev. Yagi for his ideas, support and his work to make this project such a success. Again, we are most appreciative of all of your support. Mahalo!

*Thank you*

With gratitude,  
Carol Valentine





### Ronald K. Hanaoka Memorial Scholarship

LHM member Ronald Hanaoka, deceased, left \$50,000 to LHM to be used for scholarships of \$1000 per year for LHM members pursuing a post-secondary education. The general criteria for awarding the scholarship are:

- The applicant must be a member of Lihue Hongwanji Mission for at least 2 years.
- The applicant must be or plan to be enrolled in any accredited college, university, community college or vocational school in the United States.
- The applicant must be a senior in high school, or already enrolled in a qualified school.
- One scholarship will be awarded each year. If there is no qualified applicant in a year, an additional scholarship may be awarded in succeeding years.
- A student may be awarded the scholarship multiple times if there is no other qualified applicant.
- Application forms and complete requirements will be available from the resident minister or temple president beginning on February 1, and will be due by April 15 each year.
- A committee of three LHM members and the resident minister will serve as the judging committee.

**The first scholarship will be offered in 2024.**

A reminder that the Lonesome Grave project will be on November 10, 2023 at the Veterans Cemetery in Hanapepe. More information will be provide in the next newsletter.

Please volunteer to assist in any way you can.



### FREE LED Lightbulbs Program from KIUC

Kauai Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC) has an energy efficiency program where they are able to provide 9W A19 LED bulbs at no cost (a 9W LED is the equivalent of approximately a 60 watt incandescent bulb). Currently, we have over 150 LED lightbulbs available, free of charge, for our members. We ask that you limit your lightbulbs to 3 per household. We can and will order more from KIUC if we need to.

If you are interested, please call the church (808-245-6262) to arrange a time with Rev. Yagi for you to pick up your lightbulbs.

This information was sent to our temple by Scott Sato, Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative | Energy Services





If there are errors please email us at: [lihuehongwanjijmission@gmail.com](mailto:lihuehongwanjijmission@gmail.com) or call the office at 808-245-6262.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE DONATION:**

In memory of Lena Takahashi (7 Yrs.)  
Karen Takahashi  
In memory of Noboru Yamaguchi (10 Yrs.)  
Loretta Yamaguchi  
In memory of Leslie Miller  
Blaine Sasaki  
In memory of Kenneth Higuchi  
Blaine Sasaki  
Warren & Colleen Nonaka  
In memory of John K. Iwamoto  
Asako Iwamoto  
In memory of Ted Inouye  
Alice Inouye  
In memory of Sueo & Katsuko Matsuyama  
Kenneth & Debra Okuno  
In memory of the Shiramizu Family  
Marilyn Kobata  
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### Social Concerns Donations to Maui

Soon after the devastation on Maui, in both Lahaina and in Kula, the Honpa Hongwanji Social Concerns Committee helped create a special fund for receiving donations from compassionate people around the globe to help Maui (see page 5)

The following donations have gone out to help Maui:

- • Hawaii Community Foundation: Maui Strong Fund (\$10,000)
- • Maui Food Bank (\$10,000)
- • American Red Cross, Maui Disaster (\$5,000)
- • Makawao Hongwanji to support evacuees and first responders at local evacuation center with food and water (\$1,000)
- • Omimai to the following: Rev. Ai Hironaka of Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, Rev. Gensho Hara of Lahaina Jodo Mission, Rev. Takayuki Meguro of Lahaina Shingon Mission, and all members of Lahaina Hongwanji affected by the wildfires.





*With Deepest Sympathy*

Lihue Hongwanji extends its deepest sympathy to the family of:

The late Mr. Henry Ishida who passed away on May 12, 2023 at the age of 91 years.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE (HOYO)**

**SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER**

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of September and October. 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 NONE

**3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2021**

2021 NONE

**7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2017**

2017 September 16 Wilfred Nogami

**13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2011**

2011 September 2 Violet Doi  
 2011 October 14 Donald Murakoshi  
 2011 October 16 Glenn Hadama

**17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2007**

2007 NONE

**25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1999**

1999 September 23 Satoshi Umemoto  
 1999 October 6 Edith Hamamoto

**33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1991**

1991 September 6 Kisao Kusatsu  
 1991 September 15 Kiyoshi Moriwaki

**50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1974**

1974 September 6 Matsue Nakaya  
 1974 September 18 Noboru Sasaki  
 1974 September 23 Nobuo Kondo



*Peace Day is September 21  
See page 8 for information on  
the “Ring Your Bells for Peace”  
program.*

*Fall Ohigan Service—  
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