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Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together

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BODHI DAY SERVICE

KAUAI BUDDHIST COUNCIL

Sunday, December 3, 2023
9:30 am

Lihue Hongwanji Mission
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After retirement from Kamehameha Schools Kapalama, Sherman Thompson took up residency on the Island of Kauai after serving the Oahu campus 47 years. His last 5 years as the School's chaplain. Previous to that he served in the School's boarding program as an advisor and head advisor positions. During his tenure as chaplain, Sherman was responsible for the religious educational services program at the schools, as well overseeing the operations of the School's chapel facility, Bishop Memorial Chapel which serves the campus community and alumni.

Having been raised a Buddhist since early childhood in Lahaina, Maui, he is also a member of Lahaina Hongwanji Mission which recently lost its temple and adjoining facilities, including the minister's residence to the Lahaina Wildfire in August 2023 along with most of Lahaina. His family's residence two blocks away from the Lahaina Hongwanji temple also perished in the Lahaina wildfire.

He attended Kamehameha Schools, Hawaii Pacific University and UH Manoa. Kahu Thompson also served on the State Civil Defense Advisory Council during Governor Ariyoshi and Governor Waihee's tenure.



Guest Speaker
Kahu Sherman Thompson
Retired Chaplain,
Kamehameha Schools Kapalama Campus

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Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 2023

Sun	3	9:30 AM	Bodhi Day Service Island wide service to be held at LHM. Service will be followed by refreshments and talk story time. Speaker: Kahu Sherman Thomson
Sun	10	8:00 AM	General Temple Clean-up followed by lunch and General Membership Meeting (approximately 10:00 AM) (See page 9 for details)
Thur	14	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg. (via videoconference)
Sun	17	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Sun	24	9:00 AM**	**Cancelled - Family Dharma Service
Sun	31	9:00 AM**	**Cancelled - Family Dharma Service
Sun	31	8:00 PM	New Year's Eve Service (See page 5)

JANUARY 2024

Mon	1	10:00 AM	New Year's Day Service Installation of Board of Directors
Sun	7	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Thur	11	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg. (via videoconference)
Sun	14	9:00 AM	Hoonko Service In honor of the passing of Shinran Shonin (pg. 12)
Sun	21	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	28	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

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.

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.



Appreciation

In the spirit of Shinran-Shōnin's profound reflections on gratitude and the teachings of Jōdō Shinshū Buddhism, let us delve deeper into the essence of appreciation, extending our contemplation beyond the confines of a single day of thanksgiving.

As we transition from the Thanksgiving season to the broader Holiday season, it is pertinent to reflect upon the nature of gratitude and its place in our lives. The questions about the selective nature of expressing gratitude on just one day of the year are thought-provoking. In the hustle and bustle of the Holiday season, it is easy to get swept away by the festivities, perhaps losing sight of the continuous interconnectedness of our lives.

Expressing gratitude goes beyond life's materialistic aspects – beyond the extravagant meals, gatherings with family and friends, or pursuing post-Thanksgiving deals. It transcends temporal conditions, touching upon the fabric of our existence, rooted in the interconnected web of lives that sustains us from the past to the present.

True life is filled with challenges, illnesses, financial burdens, and global issues that may lead some to question the basis for gratitude. Yet, in the teachings of Jōdō Shinshū Buddhism, gratitude is not a mere response to favorable circumstances; it is a profound recognition of the benevolence that sustains us, even in the face of adversity.

Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion guide us to acknowledge the transient nature of our experiences – the warmth of the sun, the cool breeze, and the love of family and friends. These fleeting moments, though impermanent, form our lives. In understanding the impermanence of these conditions, our gratitude gains depth. Even amid challenges, the fact that we can grumble and complain is a testament to life's continuity and the resilience inherent in the human spirit.

In Jōdō Shinshū, gratitude is not confined to mere words; it permeates our thoughts and actions. The Three Modes of Action – thought, term, and deed – provide a comprehensive framework for expressing gratitude. It is an acknowledgment that our lives are interconnected, and in expressing gratitude, we contribute positively to this intricate web.

The Homages, also known as the "Kikyomon," begin with the words, "Hard is it to be born into human life, now we are living it. Difficult is it to hear the teachings of the Blessed One, yet now we are able to hear and receive them." It reminds us of the rarity of human existence and the precious opportunity to encounter and receive the teachings of the Blessed One. It is a reminder to cherish and make the most of this unique life.

As we navigate the Holiday season, let us carry Shinran-shōnin's teachings in our hearts. May our gratitude extend beyond the transient pleasures and challenges, embracing the profound interconnectedness of all life. Through the wisdom and compassion of the Buddha, may these holidays be not only happy but also peaceful and healthy for all beings in the ten quarters.

Namo Amida Butsu

Gratitude, Impermanence, Joy

Carol Valentine

Gratitude, Impermanence, Joy. There are three topics because I could not decide which topic I wanted. Then I realized that they are all connected to each other.

Gratitude.

This is November, the month of Thanksgiving, so of course Gratitude is a great topic for this month. So often gratitude seems like such a big word requiring large amounts of thought and giant reasons to be grateful. But, gratitude is about small thoughts regarding small things. Gratitude on a daily basis can be as small as “Thank goodness I remembered to get the coffee pot ready last night” or “It rained today so I don’t have to water my flowers” or “I woke up this morning.” Gratitude is for the large things and the small things. Gratitude only requires awareness of the often mundane around us . . . a flower, a sunset, a good haircut, clothes that still fit. If someone is having difficulty finding something to be grateful for, just think of what is around you that other people in the world do not have . . . clean water, electricity, transportation, peace & safety. Now I want to have time for audience participation . . . shout out something we can be grateful for . . . I’ll wait until we have 5. Moments for gratitude are all around us. It just takes awareness.

Is it always easy? No, it’s simple but not easy. We might be grateful to a certain degree, but there is always something more that we “think” we need, whether it is a new car, a bigger house, or a new computer. Negative thoughts? Of course we have them. I think people may be hardwired to look for the negative. Can we still get angry? Of course we can, then let it go. Can we feel sorry for ourselves? Of course we can, then let it go. Don’t let those negative thoughts set up housekeeping in your head. We can train ourselves through a “thought diet” or the idea of “thought stopping.” All it takes is awareness of our own thoughts. When we find ourselves skipping down the rusty road of negativity instead of the yellow brick road, we can stop and remind ourselves what we are doing and change direction. It doesn’t cost a dime, just awareness and a desire to be different. Thich Nhat Hanh has said “Your mind is like a TV with hundreds of channels. We can choose the channel we watch.” I would also say, “We hold the remote.”

In Jodo Shinshu, gratitude is in the Nembutsu. When we put our hands together in Gassho, we are saying “thank you.” Rev. Kerry Kiyohara, of Makawao Hongwanji on Maui has said the Nembutsu is like a cellphone. Wherever you are, you can make a call. Isn’t that wonderfully reassuring?

Impermanence.

One of the basic teachings of Buddhism is impermanence. We all know this but it is so difficult to accept. We live our lives as if everything is permanent . . . our relationships, our temple, our health, our lives. We wear blinders to keep us from recognizing that everything changes. It is frightening to acknowledge the passing of time which brings change which brings challenges. We try to fight the changes but it never works. It is better, not easier but better, to accept impermanence and change in every moment and every circumstance. I have read “because you know something will end, there is a need to be present at every moment instead of looking to end.” Enjoy every moment because there will be an ending at some point in time. We can miss the fun of a vacation or a dinner if we look ahead to the ending. As Gilda Radner said, “Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what’s going to happen next.”

As Buddhists we can think of this quote, “We can’t meet without parting.: . . .

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. . . but there is no goodbye in Amida's embrace." Think of all of the causes and conditions that have brought us to where we are now, to be who we are and to be with the people with whom we share our lives. It is mind-boggling to think of all of the possible permutations that could have happened in the past generations. We should really enjoy who we are and where we are it took a lot of people to get us here.

Don't be afraid of the change inherent in impermanence. Make change the opportunity to thoroughly enjoy life, every moment of your life. Don't be afraid to enjoy life. In other words, as Tim McGraw says in his song, "Live Like You Were Dying", because we all are from the moment we are born.

Joy

Some might say, "How can there be joy when everything changes and everything comes to an end?" The 1st Noble Truth says that there is suffering in life. Now some people get stuck on the word "suffering" and think that Buddhism is all about suffering and loss. Life is about suffering, but not the giant word in all caps. It's about the little things in life; we get what we don't want, we have a flat tire, we break a fingernail. All of those are little sufferings. Rev. Ken Tanaka has said "Life is a bumpy road." He also said, "Difficulties are inevitable; suffering is optional." That's true.

Joy and impermanence. Sometimes it seems like those two terms are incompatible. The answer is simple but not easy. It is "Live Like You Were Dying". It is living in the moment, developing awareness of small moments, the "glimmers" of beauty and peace around us. Instead of focusing on the temporary suffering or the end of a trip, focus on the present moments. Enjoy the ice cream before dinner. Have that second cookie. Stop and notice a rainbow.. Listen to the sounds of laughter. Hold a door for a stranger.

Joy comes from the small moments of life. Awareness of the positive instead of the negative. Awareness of our impermanence can bring us joy, if we move beyond our fear of change and embrace the moments of our lives.

Please join me in gratitude.

Namo Amida Butsu

New Year's Eve Service

Join us for **New Year's Eve Service** on ***Sunday December 31 at 8:00 pm***. The service is short. At the conclusion of the New Year's Eve service attendees will file out of the temple hall, each taking a turn to strike the temple bell (kansho) with a wooden mallet for a total of 108 times.

By striking the kansho, we symbolically "ring out" our passions and delusions and aspire to become free of them in the New Year. But why 108? $6 \times 3 \times 2 \times 3$ is a math equation that can help to explain.

The "6" represents our six senses of sight, touch, sound, taste, smell, and consciousness. The "3" indicates the different ways those sensations are experienced: good, bad, or neutral. The "2" is for the dimension of attachment to pleasure: attached or unattached. The final "3" represents past, present, and future. Multiply the numbers together and you get 108.





MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

At my first Hawaii Kyodan Board of Directors Meeting as the new Bishop in August, I requested that I would like to visit all the temples during the first year of my tenure. The purpose of my visit is to personally connect with the temple members and express my appreciation for their support and dedication to the HHMH. During the first five months as the Bishop, I was able to visit several temples on various occasions. I am very grateful for the ministers and temple leaders who kindly welcomed me to their temple Sangha.

I wish to share all of my experiences of these visits, but this time, I would like to write about my experience at Kohala Hongwanji Mission on the Big Island. I was invited to attend the Honokaa's Peace Parade on October 21. Since I have never been assigned to any of the Big Island temples, I thought this could be an excellent opportunity to experience the work of the Big Island ministers. So, I rented a car (they gave me a Dodge Challenger) and drove a total of 190 miles from Hilo to Kona. I joined the Honokaa Peace Parade and visited Paauiho Hongwanji on Saturday. The Kamuela Hongwanji Board members kindly prepared a delicious potluck dinner that evening. I officiated the Sunday Service at Kamuela Hongwanji Mission and then drove to Kohala Hongwanji Mission on Sunday.

After enjoying the beautiful Kohala Mountain Road, I was greeted by six temple members at Kohala Hongwanji (President Ms. Wendy Nickl). The temple building, which was dedicated in 1977, is beautifully maintained by the temple members. The altar design is unique, very simple with clean lines and geometric angles. There are special touches like a hidden sliding tray built into the altar. Along with some traditional altar ornaments

and the statue of Amida Buddha, the tables and their special square gold wallpaper pieces were put up by Kohala members. The large hanging wooden wisteria carving on the front of the temple building was made by a plantation employee who was skilled in carving and woodworking. I was very moved to learn that many hands went into all aspects of the temple's construction.

I visited the Kohala Hongwanji Cemetery after that. I placed my hands together in Gassho in honor of those placed at the gravesite. I deciphered some of the aged gravestones that say, "Hiroshima-ken" and "Yamaguchi-ken" etc. They must be gravestones of the early immigrants from Japan who established the foundation of the Japanese-American community in Hawaii. They have left a lasting and positive impact on Hawaii, contributing to its economic development, cultural diversity, and social cohesion. I wondered if this place could be the closest gravesite to Japan, their home country, on the Big Island.

A visit to Kohala reminded me of the sacrifices, dedication, and contributions of our forefathers. In November, we observed Eitaikyo. Eitaikyo is often translated as the Sangha Memorial Service. It is the service to pay tribute to those who passed before us. They dedicated their lives and handed down the joy of the Nembutsu to us. Eitaikyo is a momentous occasion to thank our forefathers and then listen to the teaching, which is a gift from our forefathers. Our forefathers did not just leave a wonderful temple building for us. They also left us a wonderful place where we can feel, experience, and appreciate the warmth of life and the warmth of Namo Amida Butsu.

As recipients of Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion, we have a responsibility, with a sense of gratitude and appreciation, to share such warmth of life (the joy of interdependence) with others.

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Continued from page 6 Let us together create a temple, a community where all people, regardless of their religious, ethnic, or cultural background, can assemble to receive guidance and inspiration, and realize that our lives are always illuminated, affirmed, and appreciated within the Compassionate Light of Amida Buddha.

Namo Amida Butsu

MOILIILI HONGWANJI "HONGWANJI FOR MAUI SHIRT"

With the fires that devastated Maui in August 2023, Mō'ili'ili Hongwanji is hosting a special project - Hongwanji for Maui Shirt. All proceeds will benefit Honpa Hongwanji Mission (HHMH) and be dispersed into the community on Maui & Lahaina Hongwanji Mission/their members for ongoing relief efforts.

Background of the shirt: A modern design while incorporating some Aloha, our sagarifuji wisteria, and the Maui Island flower- lokelani.

Price: \$25/each (small to extra-large). \$27/each (2XL). Additional donations are welcome. Place your order today at

<https://www.moiliilihongwanji.org/hongwanji-for-maui-shirts/>

Pickup or Shipping: We encourage you to pick-up your order at Mō'ili'ili Hongwanji Mission. We can ship for an additional fee. Please note that we can ship to the neighbor islands and continental US. Additional time is needed to process all orders.



HQ BOOKSTORE UPDATE

HHMH HQ Bookstore is now selling jewelry that was handmade by PBA students in their elective classes.

PBA said "Students grades 9-12 in Beginning Jewelry Making at PBA created these pieces for their final project. The beads are made of mixed materials and the metals are gold and silver plated over brass. Half of each purchase will go back to the student artist to support their entrepreneurship experience and the other half to support the HHMH bookstore."

Sales prices range from \$5 to \$30. All the jewelry is so cute and attractive. It will be a good holiday present for you, your family, and your friends. Please stop by the bookstore at the HQ Office to browse the jewelry made by talented PBA students



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

[Headquarters Update November 2023](#)

BOWING IN GRATITUDE

(more from the Lahaina Wildfire on Maui)

Members at Lahaina Hongwanji Mission were prepping that week for the upcoming Obon Festival on August 11th and 12th. It is ironic and poignant that we fretted a little about possible rain from Hurricane Dora. Then, on Tuesday the 8th the winds came . . . and the rest of the story is embedded in us forever, through personal experience, sharing of tales, and from the media. The fires in our beloved Lahaina town displaced about half of our 80 members. They are scattered over parts of Maui, the islands of Hawaii as well as the Mainland. We lost our Temple, Social Hall, Office, Minister's Residence and School Building. Weeks later we learned that one member, Matsu Osato, perished.

Even as we visibly or stoically weep over losses in lives, property, livelihood – one powerfully encouraging force is the overwhelming scope and depth of support we have received. This support has come from the innermost circles of family and ohana, friends, neighbors, from Lahaina Hongwanji members and relations. The support widened to the sangha of Maui Hongwanji temples, Honpa Hongwanji and statewide temples . . . and finally from the larger communities and agencies, local to world-wide.

We bow in gratitude to the following:

- Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani, Honpa Hongwanji Headquarters staff, Social Concerns Committee and Maui Wildfire Emergency Response Adhoc Committee for setting up the Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund.
- Kahului, Wailuku, Lanai and Makawao Hongwanji Temples for offering familiar and comfortable places for Lahaina members to gather, and for invitations to attend their services, as well as donations of gift cards.
- Rev. Kerry Kiyohara and Rev. Shinkai Murakami, who offered their presence at weekly gatherings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Wailuku and Kahului Hongwanji Temples.
- Rev. Ai Hironaka, who has been a voice for Lahaina Hongwanji and its sangha . . . and, by common experience, for others displaced by the disaster.
- Our temple members, for being LAHAINA HONGWANJI STRONG and helping each other through group texting (cell phones rule!) and heart to heart hanashi.
- Island community groups, foundations and many organizations from afar who graciously bestowed monetary donations for displaced persons --- temple members and others.
- Last but not least, gratitude for: “ground zero” firemen, policemen, National Guardsmen, Red Cross, FEMA, and all others who served and are still serving.

To close on a “feel good” note – one post-fires photo online shows a portion of Lahaina Hongwanji that appears to have resisted the flames. It is a scene with a still relatively green lawn, which was so diligently watered and cared for by our members. On the lawn stands the red yagura ... dutifully repainted late summer for Obon. And the columbarium/nokotsudo still stands upright and seemingly intact. At roadside is the temple ‘kiosk’, and visible inside the glass protection is the name, LAHAINA HONGWANJI, as well as a poster advertising OBON on August 11 & 12, 2023.

We are still awaiting the day we will be allowed back at Lahaina Hongwanji Mission to assess what our future will be. In the meantime, we have a new mailing address since our Post Office was damaged in the fire. Our new mailing address is: Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, P O Box 12911, Lahaina, HI 96761. Our phone number remains as 808-661-6641 but is forwarded to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

In Gratitude..... LAHAINA HONGWANJI SANGHA



As we near the end of 2023, we want to remind our members to be sure they are up-to-date with their dues payments for this year.

We know this has been a busy year for all of us and it may have been overlooked. Please be aware of the December 31 deadline.

Thank you!

IMPORTANT

General Cleanup and Annual Membership Meeting

December 10, beginning at 8:00 am

Please come help with temple cleanup at 8:00 am and stay for a provided lunch.

After lunch, please stay for the Annual Membership Meeting

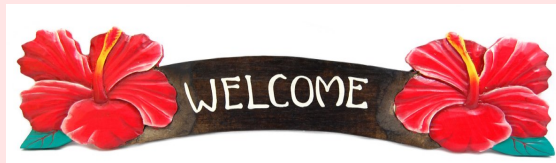
and have a voice in the future of your temple!

President's Corner

Aloha from Carol Valentine

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

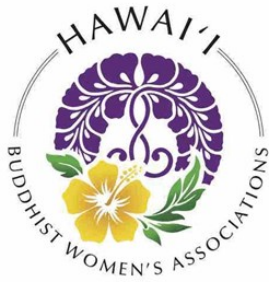
- ⇒ The repaving of Laukini Road has been completed, along with the repaving of the driveway entrance to the minister's residence.
- ⇒ General Cleanup and Annual Membership Meeting will be on December 10. See above for specifics. Please join us!
- ⇒ Plans for a New Year's Party in 2024 are pending. Stay tuned!



Please help us welcome our new member

Marilyn Kobata

When you see her, welcome her to LHM.



LHWA NEWS

New Members Welcome

2023

LHWA Meetings for 2024

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

TBD

MAHALO

Thank you LHWA members for a very productive and enjoyable 2023 year. Your willingness to volunteer and attend LHWA projects and programs are most admirable and you are all very appreciated.

Lynette Mizuo

LHWA Officers for 2024.

Thank you for serving.

President: Carol Valentine

1st VP of Projects: Marian Ogata

2nd VP of Program: Lynette Mizuo

Treasurer: Yoko Takabayashi

Ass't Treasurer: Avis Hirahara

Recording Secretary: Lynne Matsumura

Corresponding Secretary: Gail Shibuya

Ass't Corresponding Secretary: Gladys Fujiuchi

Auditors: Diane Fukuyama, Carol Ozaki

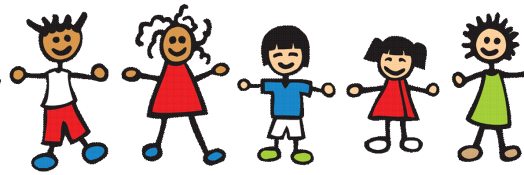
End of the Year Schedule

LHWA will be preparing refreshments for the Island-Wide Bodhi Day Service on December 3, and preparing lunches for the Clean-Up Day volunteers on December 10.

LHWA Manju and Barazushi Fundraiser and Homebound Project

Mahalo to Marian Ogata and Gail Shibuya along with Arlene Fujikawa who did a fantastic job organizing the LHWA Manju and Barazushi Fundraiser and the Homebound Project. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered and worked very hard.

Bentos were delivered to 27 homebound members wishing them a Happy Thanksgiving and the fundraiser was a huge success earning approximately \$1,900. All proceeds will be used to fund future LHWA activities, and programs. Your generous support for the Lihue Hongwanji Women's Association is most appreciated.



We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving spent with family and friends.

After three long years we were able to invite our parents and preschool Ohana for a Thanksgiving program to remember how the first one began when the Pilgrims made friends with the Indians.

We would like to thank the members of the Lihue Hongwanji Mission who are always thinking of the preschool and extend their help to us.

Rev. Yagi, Carol V, Carol O, Lynne M, Morton Y, Dennis M.

Thank you



We had fun making our turkeys. We put their feathers in potatoes.

We enjoyed performing for our ohana at our Thanksgiving program. It was very special.



Laukini Road Repair

Laukini Road repair, including the entrance to the minister's residence, has been completed. It is beautiful and smooth.

We have special thanks to the following people and organizations for their monetary contributions to the Laukini Road Repair Project.

Gladys Fujiuchi
Laraine Moriguchi
Kapaia Foundation
Sign Art

**Thank
You!**

Hoonko Service

The Hoonko service is the memorial service of our founder, Shinran Shonin, to recall and appreciate Shinran Shonin, and listen to the Nembutsu teachings.

Shinran Shonin passed away on January 16, 1263 at the age of 90. After he passed away, many followers recalled Shinran Shonin, then they gathered together and had the service on his memorial day every year. For the Shinran Shonin's 33rd year memorial service, Kakunyo Shonin, the 3rd Monshu of Hongwanji, decided on the system of the ceremony and composed "Hoonko-Shiki" to praise Shinran Shonin's virtue. This is the beginning of the Hoonko Service. Since then, Jodo Shinshu followers have observed the Hoonko service on the memorial day of Shinran Shonin for approximately 700 years.



At the Hoonko service, we express our appreciation and gratitude for the life of Shinran, who really shows us that the Buddha dharma is found, not in monastic rules, severe discipline, endless meditation or scholastic study, but in our lives, right here, right now. All it takes is a change of heart.

Hoonko service at Lihue Hongwanji will be observed on **Sunday January 14, 2024.**

LONESOME GRAVE PROJECT

This year marked the 25th anniversary of the Lonesome Grave Project of the Kauai United Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association. The anniversary was marked with a short service led by Rev. Tomo Hojo of West Kauai Hongwanji, with words and a song from Dan Funamura, the husband of the late Barbara Funamura who started the Lonesome Grave Project. Eddie Kawamura Sr. also presented a special certificate to the United BWA to celebrate the 25 years of this project. Members and friends put flowers and greenery at the graves and columbarium structures at the Kauai Veterans Cemetery. The Grand Hyatt Kauai also added lei to each grave and to the columbarium. The cemetery looked beautiful, with no lonesome graves.



LHWA - Lonesome Grave Project

Thank You 

In the month of November, LHWA volunteers and friends cleaned and decorated graves at the Veterans Cemetery in Hanapepe.

Thank you to LHWA members and Friends who volunteered for the Lonesome Grave Project and/or donated flowers and greenery:

Anne Coyle, Arlene Fujikawa, Shirley Hashimoto, Ann Ogata, Kay Kano, Jean Kurosaki, Joan Kurosaki, Mona Lee, Lynne Matsumura, Roy Miyake, Barbara Miyake, Lynette Mizuo, Kenneth Mizuo, Colleen Nonaka, Blaine Sasaki, Gail Shibuya, Carol Valentine, Walter Yasumoto, James Yamamoto, Gladys Fujiuchi, Mildred Konishi, Suzette Naito, Liela and Gary Nitta, Lorraine Shimauchi, and Carolyn and Morton Yamasaki.

If there are errors please email us at: lihuehongwanjission@gmail.com or call the office at 808-245-6262.

MEMORIAL DONATION:

In memory of Nobuo Kondo (50 Yrs.)

Emery Kondo

In memory of Shinkichi & Matsu Ito

Alice & Ross Inouye

In memory of Teiji Shibuya

Glenn & Gail Shibuya

In memory of Minoru & Irene Shimokawa

Wesley & Marcia Shimokawa

COLUMBARIUM DONATION:

In memory of Nobuo Kondo (50 Yrs.)

Emery Kondo

In memory of George & Elsie Toyofuku

Guy & Lori Toyofuku

EITAI-KYO SERVICE DONATION:

Gladys Fujiuchi

Robert & Alma Yotsuda

SPECIAL DONATION:

Marilyn Kobata

OBON DONATION:

Joan Contival

THANKSGIVING DONATION:

Roy & Carol Fujioka

LAUKINI ROAD PROJECT:

Gladys Fujiuchi

Kapaia Foundation

L. Moriguchi, Inc. dba Sign Art

Laraine Moriguchi

HAPPINESS DONATION:

Glenn & Gail Shibuya

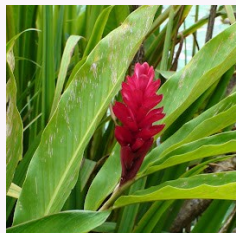
SOCIAL CONCERNS:

Roy & Carol Fujioka

*Thank
You*

Flower Donations

Do you have flowers in your garden? The Hoshakai volunteers who clean the temple and arrange altar flowers on Friday morning are looking for flower donations. If you have any flowers you would like to donate, please bring them down on any Thursday afternoon and leave them in the bucket near the outside sink (near the Columbarium). Thank you for helping!

**Social Concerns Thank You**

As the Kauai representative to the Honpa Social Concerns Committee, I want to thank everyone who so generously gives to the Social Concerns Fund every year. It is used to help people in need and for emergencies both in our state and world wide.

On Kauai, funds have been given to both food banks, the Kapa'a Interfaith Thanksgiving program and Malama Kauai.

With gratitude,

Carol Valentine



Religion is what one is at every moment of his life and in every relationship.
It is the spirit and quality of that life. Achieving integration.

Tannisho

MEMORIAL SERVICE (HOYO)

DECEMBER - JANUARY

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of December and January. 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—2022/2023

2022 NONE

2023 NONE

3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2021/2022

2021 December 27 Stanley Sato

2022 January 4 Ann Yotsuda

7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2017/2018

2017 December 5 James Kurihara

2018 January 19 Yoshiko Tamura

13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2011/2012

2011 NONE

2012 NONE

17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2007/2008

2007 NONE

2008 January 17 Kimie Matsuyoshi

2008 January 18 Chieko Takeuchi

2008 January 22 Hideo "Legs" Ibe

25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1999/2000

1999 December 25 Roy Oshima

1999 December 27 Sadao Tanabe

2000 January 21 Asako Tomita

33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1991/1992

1991 NONE

1992 January 4 Betty Matsue Sasaki

50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1974/1975

1974 December 6 Hajime Takata

1974 December 26 Saichi Naito

1975 January 29 Matsuyo Yamasaki

1975 January 31 Katsuyo Miyabara

**Happy
New Year!**

New Year's Eve Service

Sunday December 31 at **8:00 PM**

New Year's Day Service

Monday January 1, 2024 at **10:00 AM**

Hoonko Service

(honoring Shinran Shonin)

Sunday, January 14 at 9:00 am

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