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Gotan-E celebrates the birth of our founder Shinran Shonin who was born on May 21, 1173. Reviewing Shinran Shonin's life, he did not live a fortunate life filled with happy environmental conditions. He lost both parents at an early age and he encountered many hardships throughout his life. His spiritual experiences which evolved under many trying conditions and in many places, have given the many followers of the Buddha's Teachings an answer to the purpose of life in this world.

Shinran Shonin spent his simple and modest life of ninety years with no thought of making himself spectacularly prominent and impressive among the people. But millions of Nembutsu followers are rejoicing over his way of life through the guidance of Amida Buddha and his Teachings. of the Nembutsu.

For followers of the Jodo Shinshu teaching, Gotan-e is very important, as it was Shinran who systematically developed the Nembutsu teaching by compiling the commentaries of the seven teachers whom he chose to call the Seven Patriarchs. The essence of the Jodo Shinshu teaching is contained in Shinran's Kyo-Gyo-Shin-Shu, compiled and written during his last years in the Kanto area, before his return to Kyoto.

What distinguishes his teaching is that it was meant primarily for householders, rather than those who left their homes to enter priesthood and attempt to follow the difficult path of discipline in search of Enlightenment. Without distinguishing between the priesthood and laity, he pointed out that everyone, without distinction of rank or class, would be saved by reciting the Nembutsu with Faith in Amida Buddha. In Shinran's teaching, there is no distinction between good and evil. Everyone is equal before the Buddha, and all can be equally saved by Amida's Compassion. This is Shinran Shonin's Faith in the Original Vow of Amida Buddha.

Let us see the true aspect of Shinran Shonin's Shinjin (true entrusting mind) and live the life of Oneness with the strength and conviction through the Teachings

Calendar of Events

MAY 2024

Thur	2	7:00 PM	Bon Dance Practice Social Hall
Sun	5	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
HAPPY BOYS DAY!			
Thur	9	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg. (via videoconference)
Sun	12	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!			
Thur	16	7:00 PM	Bon Dance Practice Social Hall (final session)
Sun	19	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	26	9:00 AM	Gotan-e Service Special Service to honor the birth of Shinran Shonin
Thur	30	4:00 PM	LHM Preschool Graduation

JUNE 2024

Sat	1	9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Dharma-Centered Living 101 To be held at West Kauai Hongwanji, Hanapepe, only. Registration necessary. See page 14 for details
Sun	2	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Sun	9	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Thur	13	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg. (via videoconference)
Sun	16	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	23	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	30	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

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.



Shinran Shonin's Birth and Legacy

Shinran Shonin's birth on May 21, 1173 (April 1, 3rd year of Jo'an according to the lunar calendar) in Hino no Sato, Kyoto, marks the beginning of a profound spiritual journey that continues to inspire and guide us today. Since 1874 (Meiji 7), Nishi Honganji has celebrated his birth on this day, named “Gotan-e,” a time for reflection and reverence for his teachings.

We are pleased to announce that Lihue Honganji Temple will hold a special service on May 26th in honor of Shinran Shonin. We warmly invite everyone to join us in this spiritual observance.

Many of us recognize the kanji 親鸞 (Shinran), but how many can write it? The character 鸞 (Ran) is not commonly seen in daily life in Japan. Interestingly, the lower half of the character “Ran” includes 鳥 (bird). This bird, “Ran,” is not of this world but is a legendary creature from ancient China, akin to the phoenix. It shines with five colors and sings in five tones, resembling the mythical phoenix in many ways.

Legend has it that newborn Ran chicks are initially black and unattractive, unlike their magnificent parents. When the parents attempt to feed them, the chicks, startled by their appearance, refuse to eat. To remedy this, the parent birds immerse themselves in muddy water, intentionally soiling their appearance to resemble their chicks. Seeing this, the chicks then accept their parents and eat without hesitation.

The name Shinran reflects a deep spiritual truth. Just as the Ran bird's transformation enables nurturing, Shinran Shonin embraced the concept that even if we fail to recognize our spiritual parent, Amida Buddha, Amida transforms us into manifestations of Namu Amida Buddha, the Buddha of Infinite Light and Life. Shinran must have felt profound joy and gratitude when he chose this name.

Reflecting on Shinran Shonin's life, I find solace and strength in my own journey. Life's path can be challenging, but thanks to the teachings of Buddha and the inspiration of Shinran Shonin, we find purpose and grace in our daily lives. Let us express our gratitude for the life we have today and the wisdom that continues to illuminate our path.

Namo Amida Butsu

**MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP**

Eight months have passed since the Maui Wildfire devastated many houses and buildings and displaced thousands of people. We would like to express our appreciation to the ministers, members, and many people from within and outside the Hongwanji Community for your heartwarming words and compassionate actions for those affected by the Maui Wildfire. We would like to provide some updated reports of our emergency responses and recovery actions as Hawaii Kyodan.

As of March 29, 2024, HHMH has received \$872,292.86 in cash/check donations. Through the Committee on Social Concerns, we have processed omimai for each member of Lahaina Hongwanji and other individuals of our Hawaii Kyodan Ohana who have been impacted by the wildfires. We have also donated to various non-profit organizations to support their emergency relief efforts. As the needs of the Lahaina Hongwanji Mission, its members, and the West Maui community arise, we will continue to provide support to facilitate the healing process. We are also assessing the significant funding requirements to reestablish the Temple as an integral part of the Lahaina community.

Many temples and individuals in Japan have extended their support directly to HHMH or through Honzan's fundraising campaign. The Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, our headquarters in Kyoto, and its affiliated organizations have also contributed over \$240,000. Bishop Umitani attended the Shukai (Legislative Assembly) at Honzan on February 29, 2024, to make a presentation on the Maui Wildfires and officially express our appreciation for their ongoing support.

FEMA's site visit to Lahaina Hongwanji was held on March 11 and 12, 2024. The purpose of the visit was to enable FEMA to develop an estimate of reconstruction costs for lost structures. During the inspection, our team also met with FEMA Hazard Mitigation, Historical Preservation, & HIEMA. Rev. Hironaka, Derrick Inouye, Gary Murai, and several Lahaina Hongwanji Members represented the HHMH. The Maui County Right of Entry has been approved and the date for the Corps of Engineers to handle the debris cleanup has not yet been set.

As the scope of the Maui Wildfire Emergency Response Ad-Hoc Committee has shifted from emergency response to recovery/rebuilding, the Committee was disbanded on April 1, 2024, and the Lahaina Hongwanji Recovery and Rebuilding Committee was newly organized, chaired by Michael Munekiyo. The new Committee will focus on recovery-related coordination requirements with FEMA, the Corps of Engineers, and other State and County agencies. As well, the Committee will support the Lahaina Hongwanji Sangha in the various planning processes associated with the Temple reestablishment goal.

As fellow travelers of the Nembutsu, may we continue to stand in solidarity with those experiencing suffering and sorrow caused by this unprecedented disaster.

In Gassho,

YBICSE – YOUNG BUDDHIST INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL STUDY EXCHANGE

JULY 2-12, 2024

Hongwanji-sponsored educational trip to Japan

Visiting Jodo Shinshu historical sites including the

Hongwanji (mother temple) in Kyoto

Fellowship with new friends from US Mainland, Canada, South America, and Japan

Learn & experience Japanese Culture

Special opportunity to experience Nembutsu Moment

Candidate Qualification

A Person who is currently in 9th grade through age 25

A person who has interest in and appreciation for Jodo Shin Buddhism

In good health

*Seven (7) delegates will be selected.

Registration Fee: \$2,400.00

*The rest of the travel expenses will be covered by Hongwanji.

*Some meals and other personal expenses are not included.

*Inter-island airfare within Hawaii is not included.

DHARMA-CENTERED LIVING 101 – A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS**Dharma-Centered Living 101 - A Series of Workshops
1st Session on June 1**

Would you like to be empowered to:

See page 5

Nurture Shin Buddhist values in your children, grandchildren or students?

Use tools and strategies to share life lessons and skills which cultivate compassionate and resilient human beings?

Encourage spiritual development through character building?

Communicate your values through the mindful use of technology?

Each session will feature a different set of values and character-building activities. Session 1 will include Comfort Zone, Listening and Self-Awareness.

Handouts and resource materials will be available to all attendees.

Here is a QR Code for registration.

The sessions on Kauai will be held at the West Kauai Hongwanji Hanapepe Temple.



STATEMENT BY THE JODO SHINSHU HONGWANJI-HA

The statement was released on November 23, 2023.

Statement calling for an immediate ceasefire and end to warfare between Israel and Hamas

On Russia's aggressive invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, we, the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist organization adopted the following resolution on the occasion of our annual General Assembly (March 4, 2022); "As people of Japan, the only nation that has been hit by atomic bombs, as Buddhists who cherish every life, and as Nembutsu followers who aspire for peace across the world, we condemn this aggression by disapproving the self-righteous excuses made by the authoritarian government. As learning from human history, we wish for this war to end at once." Sadly, we must restate this passage once again as another armed conflict now takes place.

Triggered by Hamas' October 7, 2023 missile attack, the warfare between Israel and Hamas has brought about a hellish situation to the Gaza Strip. A devastating attack by Israeli military of a hospital in Gaza City has stood out as an outrageous example of warfare's cruelty and unlawfulness. This is a battle between armed forces who uses unarmed civilians as

their human shield and the world's leading powerful military who doesn't mind victimizing those people. Lost in such battle are civilians' lives, many of whom are women and children. As of November 11, it was reported that eleven thousand people have been killed, of which more than 40 percent or 4,506 were children. During a November 6 interview, UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres described the situation saying "Gaza is becoming a graveyard for children" and hearing so has struck our hearts greatly.

Shinran, the founder of the Jodo Shinshu teaching had also lived during a warring age in which many people suffered. Identifying himself as one [of] them, he described the most marginalized people as "they are... none other than we, who are like stones and tiles and pebbles." Shinran never wished for his own happiness only, and in reference to himself and others as "we," represents his deep feeling of bond with all humanity tied together through the Nembutsu teaching. It is a matter of course, that we would like to have his teaching as the basis of our lives, but it is also necessary for us to learn from his way of living.

As the saying goes, "Nobody wins a war." In the first of the Forty-eight Vows that says "there should not be hell, the realm of hungry spirits, or the realm of animals in my land," Amida Tathagata pledged to guide us to a world that is free from suffering. As Nembutsu followers who have encountered this Buddha's wish, we naturally come to aspire for a world in which everyone can live in peace and harmony. In accord with the Buddha's vow, in consideration of those who have been suffering from this battle, we call for immediate ceasefire and an end to war.

November 23, 2023

Governor General IKEDA Gyoshin
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

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

<https://hawaiibetsuin.org/>

Lotus and the Mud, Water and Ice

Carol Valentine, March 31, 2024

As I was thinking about this dharma message many thoughts were flitting around in my head, as usual, vying for the attention. I kept thinking about the lotus flower, a symbol of Buddhism, and the mud, from where it grows. I think that is a beautiful symbol of Buddhism. Formal descriptions of the lotus say it is associated with purity, spiritual awakening, and enlightenment and that the mud represents samsara, or our everyday lives in the ocean of birth and death.

Said in a more relatable form, the lotus gives us hope that we can rise above the craziness, the turbulence and the challenges of our lives and do better, a little at a time. It is also said that without the suffering of our lives in the mud, there would be no joy; understanding and compassion are possible only when you come in touch with suffering; no mud, no lotus. So the lotus can bloom radiantly, beautifully even though it has known some suffering. Remember, the word suffering is often misunderstood as being about some heavy duty suffering like losing a loved one, having a serious illness or being in a car accident. But suffering is also about not getting the exact haircut you want or not finding the perfect parking spot or standing in the wrong line, the slow one, at the grocery store or having it rain while you are out walking. They are the little sufferings of our everyday lives.

As I was talking with someone about the thoughts of the lotus and the mud, they said, "What if the lotus slips back into the mud again?" I realized I had never thought of the lotus slipping back into the mud but it makes sense. We are only human so of course we will slip back occasionally or often, depending on the day, the time, how hungry we are or how much sleep (or coffee) we have had. From my lay perspective, we have choices we can make when we slip back down in the mud, as we will from time to time. Either we can stay in the mud for a long time or rise up and leave the mud behind every time we find ourselves there. Sometimes it takes the help of friends to get out of the mud; that is our sangha. That is the best of interdependence.

What happens when we temporarily find ourselves in the mud again? It depends on our self-awareness. If we are unaware of where we are, we will stay in the mud, perhaps for a length of time. It may become familiar and we do not develop a desire to be anywhere else. If that happens to too many people, there will be friction and hurt and anger from misguided thoughts, words and actions. Unfortunately, the phrase "sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me" is not true. Words can inflict great unseen harm on people. While it may be that those negative words or actions are unintentional, they still hurt nonetheless. I remember an incident in our dharma school a number of years ago. We had a water day just for fun and had a Slip N Slide on the grass by the playground. One young student was having some difficulty getting the hang of how to use the Slip N Slide; after all you have to throw yourself to the ground in just the right way so you slide instead of "plop." After several attempts this student made a successful slide all the way to the end. We were all cheering! Then one adult congratulated her and said, "You did it . . . finally!" Adding that word "finally" at the end of the sentence added a negative element, as if telling the student they should have been able to do that task on the first try with no need for practice. Those words certainly have stuck with me as an example of "what not to say."

Don't get me wrong. We all have negative thoughts. Perhaps, though, we can leave them as thoughts and not transfer them to words that hurt. Hurt takes time to heal and often the hurt doesn't heal easily. Recently I heard a song, "Kill A Word" by Eric Church (check it out on [YouTube](#)) (Cont'd on page 7)

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YouTube, the Live at Red Rocks version). In the song he talks about the words or actions which can wound us, either from our own self-talk or from someone else talking to us. Because Buddha has taught, "you cannot fight anger with anger" the thought of "kill a word" may be a bit much, but in the song Eric Church also says about the words spoken,

You can't unhear, and you can't unsay
But if it were up to me to change
I'd turn lies and hate to love and truth
If I could only kill a word

When we hear hurtful words, those words have the same effect on a person as if you are crumbling up a piece of paper. The paper will never be the same again, no matter what you do to straighten it out. The same is true for the people we hurt with our words. No amount of "I'm sorry" can make up for unkind thoughts and words, not completely. We need to remember the crumpled paper the next time we are tempted to use unkind words. We are all interconnected as Buddha has taught us, so if we are interconnected then when we hurt someone else, we are also hurting ourselves. We know that our negative behaviors will come back around to us, it is only a matter of time.

Water & Ice

When it comes to change or dealing with others, we always have a choice. We can either be like water or ice. Water is fluid, it adapts to the container it is in. Water doesn't try to stay in a round shape when poured from a round cup into a square container. It just adapts. Ice, even though it is also water, is hard, with sharp edges. It doesn't conform, it doesn't adapt but it does break and it does melt. Choose to be water instead of ice.

In closing let me share a quote I read recently. It is a reminder of our precious time here that shouldn't be wasted. "Soon we'll be out of time. Kindness is all we can leave behind." (YouTube video "Being Kind")

Namo Amida Butsu



Mahalo!

On Friday April 12, following a particularly fierce rainstorm which dumped 11" of rain at the Lihue airport, the LHM social hall was flooded. Many thanks to the following people for showing up to help clean the flood waters from the social hall on short notice: Alton Amimoto, Wayne Fujioka, Dennis Muffly, Lynne Matsumura, Colleen Nonaka, Marian Ogata, Winston Ogata, Blaine Sasaki, , Gail Shibuya, Glenn Shibuya, Wes Shimokawa, Holly Taguma, Jimmy Yamamoto, Rev. Shawn Yagi, and Walter Yasumoto.



We have wonderful volunteers! Thank you so very much!



LHWA NEWS

New Members Welcome



LHWA Meetings for 2024

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

September 22

November 24

Save the Date

18th World Buddhist Women's Convention

In Honolulu

September 11 & 12, 2027



Eshinni-Kakushinni Service



The Eshinni-Kakushinni Service, sponsored by the Kauai United Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association was held at LHM on Sunday April 21. We were delighted to have Edythe Vassall as our guest speaker and enjoyed having the PBA Buddhist Club students and teachers join us for the service.

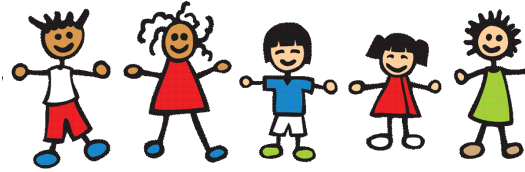


Group Photo (thank you to Jimmy Yamamoto)



PBA Students (thank you to Jimmy Yamamoto)

SPRING



The Hanapepe Hero is a story written by Sasha Lee about her grandfather and the swinging bridge in Hanapepe. She was at the preschool recently to promote her book. She is donating the proceeds to early childhood programs here on Kauai. We have received a copy of her book. The children enjoyed the story and received a fan and coloring pages from her.

We are looking forward to a visit with students of The Pacific Buddhist Academy.

We will be having our preschool Graduation on May 30.... a momentous occasion for our keiki.



Hanapepe Hero



We make friends at preschool.



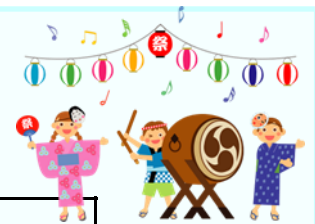
Rev. Shawn joined us during our Easter egg hunt.



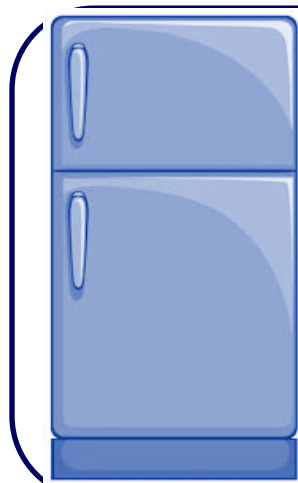
Bon Dance Practice

Yes, once again it is time for Bon Dance Practice. Please join us in the social hall on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:00 pm, ending on May 16. **Everyone is welcome!** There are two new dances in the lineup this year, Pokémon Ondo and Heisei Ondo (bringing it back). Please check out our YouTube channel for some videos showing the dances. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/@lihuehongwanjimission5561>

Bon Dance 2024



June 7-8	Waimea Higashi Hongwanji
June 14-15	No Bon Dance
June 21-22	Kauai Soto Zen
June 28-29	No Bon Dance
July 5-6	No Bon Dance
July 12-13	West Kauai Hongwanji (Hanapepe)
July 19-20	Lihue Hongwanji
July 26-27	Kapa'a Hongwanji
August 2-3	Waimea Shingon



Refrigerators and freezers are still wanted!

In preparation for the 2024 Bon Dance, if you have a used refrigerator or freezer in working condition, please consider donating it to the church. If you have one to donate during the year, please contact the office at (808)245-6262 or email lihuehongwanjimission@gmail.com.

Mahalo!

Dear Members and Friends,



Once again, we are planning for Bon Dance this year. Lihue Hongwanji will be observing the Bon/Hatsubon Family Service on Sunday July 14 at 9:00 am. Our Bon Dance will be the following Friday and Saturday, July 19 & 20.

Obon is a time to remember and honor all those who have passed on before us. It is to appreciate all they have done for us and to recognize the continuation of the influence of their deeds upon our lives. Let us honor and remember them through "Honoring Ancestors" Lanterns.



The lanterns are a wonderful opportunity to express our gratitude to our ancestors. Lanterns will be displayed at the temple lanai prior to and during the Bon festival.

The deadline for ordering is June 30. LHM will retain the lanterns. If you wish to have the ribbons, please make arrangements with the temple to pick them up, either by calling 808-245-6262 or emailing lihuehongwanjimission@gmail.com.

If you would like to honor your ancestors with one or more lanterns, please fill out the form below and send it, along with your donation, to Lihue Hongwanji Mission; 3-3556 Kuhio Hwy., Lihue, HI 96766. Make checks payable to Lihue Hongwanji Mission and write "Lantern" on the memo line.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of Lanterns: _____

Total Amount Enclosed (\$50.00 per lantern): _____

In Loving Memory of (Family name or Family name plus two individual names; maximum of two individual names per ribbon):

Lantern #1 _____

Lantern #2 _____

Lantern #3 _____

Lantern #4 _____

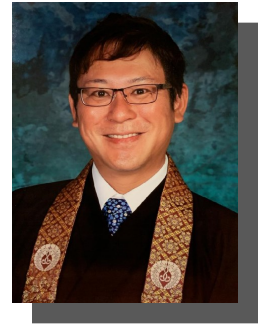
Lantern #5 _____

Sample: Smith or Smith, Jay and Yuki

Ask Rev. Shawn

“Everything You Ever Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask”

Email your questions to lihuehongwanjmission@gmail.com.



In last month's newsletter message, you mentioned Monto Shikisho, but what does it mean? What is it like? Should I have it? Where can I buy it?

You can't imagine it without photos or pictures, right? Sorry about that.

Carrying a Nenju and wearing a Monto Shikisho is the official attire for followers of the Jodo Shinshu. When you visit a Buddhist temple, attend a Sunday service, memorial service, funeral, etc., please bring your Nenju and Monto Shikisho.

Monto Shikisho can be purchased at the HQ's bookstore. The price range is about \$25 to \$50. They have various colors and types, so please contact me first.



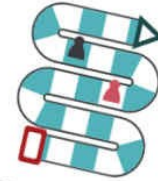
Eagle Scout Project, Troop 83

On Friday March 29, Cody Nii, of LHM Boy Scout Troop 83, completed his Eagle Scout project. His project involved updating the stripping and signage for the LHM parking lot. The project started at about 6:00 a.m. with power washing and waiting for the weather to clear. Then the Scouts began painting. They worked from mid morning until late afternoon. Stalls/handicap signage were repainted and new stalls and access aisle/no parking were also painted.

Cody is the grandson of Michael and Carolyn Nii and is a senior at Kauai High School.



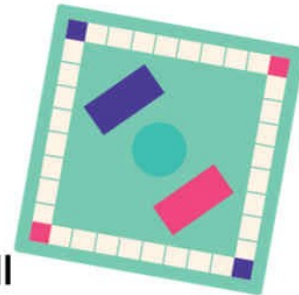
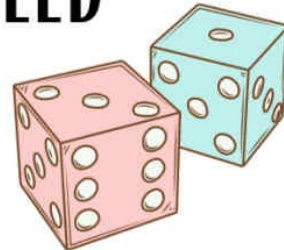
L-R: (From Troop 83) Trey Nakamura, Ryan Murata, Renyn Lee (kneeling), Cody Nii (eagle candidate), and Kekai Calderon (from Troop 148). Reynold Lee, an adult, is in the background. (Photo provided by Scout Leader Dave Hinazumi.)



KNOCK CANCER OFF THE BOARD SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH

VIDINHA SOCCER FIELD

4P - 10P



WWW.RELAYFORLIFE.ORG/KAUAIHI

Join the Lihue Dharma Dragons Team

For information contact: lihuehongwanjimission@gmail.com

Or support our effort by donating by credit card online:

www.relayforlife.org/kauaihi

find our team and the participant you want to support

or mail a check payable to American Cancer Society
to LHM at 3-3556 Kuhio Hwy. Lihue, HI 96766



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Compassion
 Say pure & beautiful words
 Caring
 Kindness
 Gratitude
 Do pure & beautiful deeds
 Listening



Dharma-Centered Living 101

A Workshop Series designed to empower parents, grandparents, & educators with tools & strategies to share life lessons and skills based on Shin Buddhist values.



Join us for an engaging and hands-on workshop with **D. Trinidad Hunt**
 International trainer, author, public speaker & contributor to 3 “Chicken Soup for the Soul” books, granddaughter of Rev. Dorothy Hunt, author of “The Golden Chain of Love”

West Kauai Hongwanji @ Hanapepe

Session 1 - Saturday, June 1,
9:30 am-12 noon
 In-Person at **Kona Hongwanji,**
 81-6630 Mamalahoa Hwy
 OR **Via ZOOM** across the state: **one site per district**

- Learn how to:
- Nurture spiritual development through character building,
 - Cultivate compassionate and resilient human beings, and
 - Communicate your values through the mindful use of technology.

This session will include: Comfort Zone, Listening, Self-Awareness

Bring Your Cell Phones!



PLEASE REGISTER BY SATURDAY, MAY 11
 REGISTRATION LINK:
<https://forms.gle/ggxMWQXWcKdj3zHE8>

Please contact **Debbie Kubota** (dekub88@gmail.com) if any questions arise.

Sponsored by the Commission on Buddhist Education

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/ggxMWQXWcKdj3zHE8>

Please register for the event by May 11. Location will be West Kauai Hongwanji, Hanapepe



Commission on Buddhist Education &
the Buddhist Study Center Committee



Sharing Your NEMBUTSU MOMENTS

2024 HONGWANJI SLOGAN

"Sharing Nembutsu Moments"

WHAT IS A "NEMBUTSU MOMENT?"

When you see or hear or experience something so beautiful, touching and profound that it leaves you speechless and all you can say is "Wow!" After that, as one continues to be in awe of that life changing encounter, you continue to say "Wow." This moment is explained in The Collected Works of Shinran, Volume Two as "...the moment of awakening of shinjin (True Entrusting) and saying the nembutsu is a moment both in and out of time.

---Reverend Eric Matsumoto

WE WILL SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES
IN THE KA LEO KAHEA, TEMPLE
NEWSLETTERS OR IN A COLLECTION
FOR A BOOK.

SUBMIT YOUR EXPERIENCE HERE!

<https://forms.gle/6cVKBwqsZqYg5XrHA>



**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT:
AUGUST 31, 2024**

??? QUESTIONS ???

Please contact Debbie Kubota
dekub88@gmail.com

The link for submission is: <https://forms.gle/6cVKBwqsZqYg5XrHA>

Note: The submissions are intended to be 500 words or less. Simple paragraphs are welcome. Think of themes of interdependence, ohana, impermanence, compassion, gratitude . . . Moments that made you aware of the beauty of people & the world.

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

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Thank you!

Thank you to the many volunteers who help to clean and maintain our temple, the temple grounds and flowers, provide refreshments after services and generally help to keep our temple functioning well. We rely on volunteers for so much work.

Please say "Yes" if you are asked to help.



In order for there to be peace,
we must first be aware that all things in this world are interconnected.
We should care for and value other people's lives as well.

Monshu Kojun Ohtani, "Moving Forward Just As You Are"

MEMORIAL SERVICE (HOYO)

MAY-JUNE

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of May and June. 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—2023

2023 May 12 Henry Ishida

3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2022

2022 May 3 Kazue Ogawa

7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2018

2018 May 25 Richard Uchiyama

13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2012

2012 May 5 Satoru Masuda

17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2008

2008 May 10 Annette Kakutani

2008 June 11 Roy Miyake

2008 June 17 Kiyoko Imizo

25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2000

2000 June 10 Masato Hashimoto

2000 June 28 Doris Sasaki

33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1992

1992 May 21 Kunio Kuraoka

1992 May 30 Yoshizo Sugibayashi

1992 June 23 Shigekatsu Sumida

1992 June 30 James Morinaka

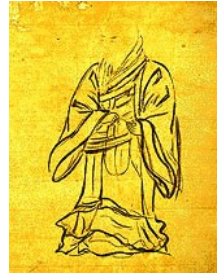
50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1975

1975 June 12 Yotaro Arita

Gotan-e Service

May 26, 9:00 am, at LHM

To honor the birth of Shinran Shonin



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July 19-20, Clean-up on Sunday July 21
Please help if you are asked!

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