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Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together

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JULY 19 & 20, 2024

## FOOD | DANCE | MUSIC

FOOD BOOTH & DINNER PLATE OPEN AT 6 P.M.  
COUNTRY STORE OPENS AT 6 P.M.  
DANCING STARTS AT 7:30 P.M.

# LIHU'E HONGWANJI BON DANCE

3-3556 KUHIO HIGHWAY

ANDAGI SHAVE ICE  
FLYING SAUCERS  
PRONTO PUP  
DINNER PLATE

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## Calendar of Events

### JULY 2024

Sat	6		Yagura setup, yagura lights & tents Lantern hanging
Sun	7	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Thur	11	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg. (via videoconference)
Sat	13	8:00 AM	Food Booth, Food Booth tables & signs Country Store set-up
Sun	14	9:00 AM	<b>Bon / Hatsubon Service</b>
		1:30 PM	Kauai Memorial Garden Graveside Bon Service
		2:30 PM	Lihue Cemetery Graveside Bon Service
Wed	17	8:00 AM	Place chochin over lights Yagura cloth draping
Fri	19	8:00 AM	Move refrigerators Set up andagi woks, flying saucer & pronto pup stoves
Fri & Sat	19 & 20	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Bon Dance at LHM
Sun	21	8:00 AM	Bon Dance Clean-up Breakdown & put away equipment. Clean up all areas. <b>(please help when you are asked)</b>
Sun	28	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

### AUGUST 2024

Sun	4	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service <b>Birthday &amp; Monthly Memorial</b>
Thur	8	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg. (via videoconference)
Sun	11	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sat	17	<b>4:00 - PM 10:00 PM</b>	<b>Relay for Life at Vidinha Stadium</b>
Sun	18	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	25	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.



## A Sweet Dharma Insight: Lessons from Chocolate

Simple experiences in our daily lives often hold profound lessons. Consider the joy of eating a piece of chocolate. This small pleasure can teach us much about Buddhist principles and the nature of reality.

### Impermanence: The Nature of Change

Let us begin with the first feature: impermanence, or "Not-Lasting." Consider a chocolate bar. Many of us love chocolate because it brings us pleasure. We anticipate that eating it will make us happy, and for a moment, it does. However, this happiness is fleeting. As soon as the chocolate is gone, the pleasure we derive from it vanishes, leaving us wanting more. This is a direct encounter with impermanence.

Impermanence is a fundamental aspect of all experiences. Just as a chocolate bar does not last forever, neither do the conditions and moments in our lives. When we cling to the idea that things should remain unchanged, we set ourselves up for disappointment and suffering. Embracing impermanence allows us to appreciate each moment for what it is without expecting it to last forever. We learn to let go gracefully, knowing that change is the nature of existence.

### Dissatisfaction: The Nature of Craving

The second feature of experience is dissatisfaction, or "Not-Really-Satisfying." After finishing a chocolate bar, we often find ourselves wanting more. This craving arises because no single thing can provide lasting satisfaction. If chocolate truly could satisfy us completely, one piece would be enough. But as we know, it never is.

This constant craving is a source of subtle suffering. We project our desire for lasting happiness onto external objects, believing they can fulfill us. However, true satisfaction cannot be found in things. By recognizing the nature of dissatisfaction, we can loosen our attachments and reduce our cravings. This understanding helps us cultivate a more peaceful and content mind as we stop seeking fulfillment in impermanent and ultimately unsatisfactory experiences.

### Interdependence: The Nature of Connection

The third feature of experience is interdependence, or "Not-Independent." Imagine you decide to eat another chocolate bar, hoping it will be as enjoyable as the first. But often, it isn't. The taste may not be as delightful because our experience of the chocolate is influenced by various conditions: our mood, the environment, whether we are already full, and so on. These conditions highlight the interdependent nature of all things.

Interdependence means that nothing exists in isolation. Everything is connected and influenced by countless factors. Understanding this helps us realize the futility of grasping at things or trying to recreate past pleasures. It also fosters compassion and a sense of interconnectedness with others. When we see that our happiness is tied to the well-being of others, we naturally become more loving and compassionate.

### Embracing the Present Moment

In Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, we embrace the teachings of Amida Buddha, who promises enlightenment to all beings through his boundless compassion and wisdom. This understanding transforms our lives, helping us accept our limitations and entrusting ourselves to Amida's vow. This entrusting, or Shinjin, allows us to live with gratitude and humility, recognizing the interconnectedness and impermanence of life.

Next time you enjoy a piece of chocolate, reflect on these teachings. Recognize the impermanence of your pleasure, the subtle dissatisfaction of craving, and the interdependent conditions shaping your experience. In doing so, you align with the true nature of reality and Amida Buddha's compassionate vow, finding greater peace and joy in the present moment.

Namo Amida Butsu.



## MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP BISHOP

### VESAK AT THE WHITE HOUSE

On Thursday, May 23, 2024, Second Gentleman Douglas Emhoff hosted a Vesak celebration at the Navy Department Library and Reception Room on the White House campus. The celebration of Vesak might not be familiar among Jodo Shinshu Buddhists. Vesak commemorates Shakyamuni Buddha's birth, enlightenment and passing away (Parinirvana), and is observed by various Buddhists across the world. This annual tradition of celebrating Vesak at the White House started under President Biden's administration in 2021 through the instrumental leadership of Ms. Wangmo Dixey, President of the International Buddhist Association of America (IBAA). Bishop Marvin Harada of the Buddhist Churches of America, who also serves on the IBAA Board of Directors, kindly extended the invitation to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii to participate in this special event. It was a great honor for me to travel to Washington, D.C. to represent the HHMH and be a part of this historic event at the White House.

Among the attendees were many venerable masters, teachers and lay devotees from across America who represented the Theravada, Mahayana and Vajrayana traditions. Several representatives from the State Department including ambassadors and embassy staff from across the globe also attended.

In his statement on Vesak, President Joe Biden wrote, "For over 2,500 years, those who adhere to the Buddha's teachings have enriched and strengthened this world we share. Vesak is a time to reflect on the Buddha's teachings, including the need to work for peace and justice, and cultivate humility and compassion as we work together towards a brighter future."

Upon his entrance, the Second Gentleman welcomed us all with his remarks. He said that we are showcasing the beauty and diversity of all the communities, and it is important that we build coalitions and come together not only to express our interconnectedness, faith and

joy but also to combat hate. He said that the one and best way to combat hate is to do it together, to come together, because, in the room, there was so much more that unites us than divides us. The Second Gentleman concluded his remarks by encouraging us to celebrate the universal principles of compassion, humility and peace, and to recommit to building a better future for all.

After the Second Gentleman's message, Ms. Dixey welcomed everyone, saying that Vesak is a sacred occasion celebrated by millions of Buddhists around the world, its profound message transcends borders, resonating deeply with people from all walks of life, including here in America. She noted that there are around 3,000 Buddhist temples in the United States, each representing the diverse traditions of Theravada, Mahayana and Vajrayana, and enriching our nation with profound wisdom. Ms. Dixey said, "In times of challenge where wars and internal disagreements run rampant, let us reimagine this light as a beacon of hope, a possibility for each of us to manifest harmony and well-being within ourselves and ultimately to become ambassadors of World Peace. Imagine the power within us to illuminate the world showing that wisdom and compassion are the ways to lead humanity."

Following those remarks, the representatives from the three Buddhist traditions lit the lamps, chanted the sutra, and offered their aspirations. Bishop Harada of the BCA, Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara of the Jodo Shinshu International Office, and I represented the Mahayana tradition together with other venerable masters.

In his aspiration, Bishop Harada described Mahayana Buddhism as "like a big bus" that carries anyone and everyone regardless of race, gender, social status, or sexual orientation, and it brings us from a life of delusion, ignorance and suffering to a life of awakening, wisdom and liberation. He said that we need teachings that act as mirrors, enabling us to deeply self-reflect and truly live a life of humility and gratitude. He said, "Understanding the interconnected world of oneness enables us to live with a deep sense of compassion, to treat all beings as if they are our brothers and sisters, to treat all beings as if they are a part of

each of us, and in truth, they are.”

It was truly an honor that both the Buddhist Churches of America and the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii be a part of the Vesak Celebration at the White House.

Ms. Dixey, at the end of her message, said, “May each of us carry the inspiration and spirit of Vesak into our everyday lives. May we embrace the beautiful qualities that the Buddha has shown us to build a brighter and kinder future for all Americans, guided by the timeless qualities of love, compassion and mutual understanding. By lighting this lamp today, we send a message of peace and harmony that will resonate throughout the world.”

You can watch the Vesak Celebration at the White House on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/v3V1ZwCAgQs?si=2dC1evzdPvppZzFu>

### MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENT

Rev. Sol Kalu, currently serving as the Office of Buddhist Education assistant and Overseeing Minister of the Mililani Hongwanji Mission, will be relieved from his current assignments and will be transferred to the Kailua Hongwanji Mission (DBA Windward Buddhist Temple) as its Resident Minister as of August 1, 2024.

### LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAII’I™

Living Treasures of Hawai’i recognizes and honors individuals who have demonstrated excellence and high achievement in their field of endeavor and the larger community, who through continuous growth and selfless giving have made a significant positive impact on our local society.

The program was inspired by the Living National Treasures (Ningen Kokuho) of Japan. In 1976, Bishop Yoshiaki Fujitani instituted the program within the Honpa Hongwanji at the suggestion of Paul Yamanaka, a local business executive. Initially established to honor those committed to perpetuating our islands’ distinctive cultural and artistic heritage, the recognition was expanded to consider persons across sectors and

communities who are making Hawai’i a better place. A [complete list of honorees](#) since Living Treasures was established in 1976 is available.

We urge members of the public who know anyone who they believe qualifies for this award to submit nominations by August 1, 2024. The Living Treasures Selection Committee will choose honorees for a February 2025 ceremony.

### 61<sup>ST</sup> LAY ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

Theme: A Future with Aloha - Engagement, Diversity and Relationships

When: Sunday, September 8, 2024 from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (following the Triple Celebration)

Where: Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin Social Hall  
Attend in person or by Zoom

Cost: In-person Delegates and Observers \$30.00 (includes bento)

Online Delegates and Observers \$15.00

Non-participants may select a bento for \$10.00

Registration Deadline: July 31, 2024

Transportation will be provided for neighbor island participants from Ala Moana Hotel (where the Triple Celebration will be held) to Hawaii Betsuin and to the airport.

Registration is by temple. Information has been emailed to temple presidents and is also available on the Lay Convention 2024 website, <http://honpahi.link/laycon2024>.

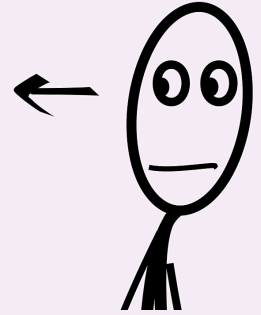
To read the complete newsletter, learn about workshops, seminars, and opportunities and to see photos, please check on the Honpa Hongwanji website.

<https://hawaiibetsuin.org/>



**Seeking Delegates for the  
Student Exchange Program to Japan  
July 2025**

Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations



**What:** Student Exchange Program to Japan

**When:** Early July 2025 ( about 10 days)

**Who:** Two Hawaii women, ages 17–23 years old

**Why:** Be exposed to Buddhist and Asian culture;  
Be a missionary of good will.

**To Do:**

1. Obtain application from the LHM office or at <http://www.hawaiibwa.org>, search for “Student Exchange”
2. Submit completed application to:  
Student Exchange Committee Chairperson  
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii  
Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations  
1727 Pali Highway Honolulu, HI 96813
3. Applications must be received no later than October 31, 2024.

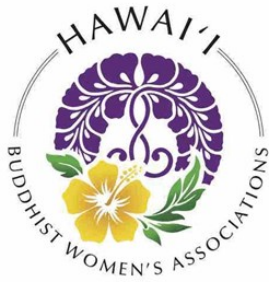
If you have any questions, call 808-522-9202, email <mailto:hqbooks@honpahi.org> or contact an LHWA member.

**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.





## LHWA NEWS

## New Members Welcome

2024

**LHWA Meetings for 2024**

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

September 22

October/November TBD

**Save the Date**

18th World Buddhist Women's Convention

In Honolulu

September 11 & 12, 2027

**Lay Association Information**

Please refer to the Headquarters Update, page 5 regarding the Lay Association meeting on September 8, 2024. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please note that you do not need to be a member of the Lay Association. The only requirement, currently, is that a person is a member of a Hongwanji temple.

If you have questions, please send an email to [www.lihuehongwanjimission@gmail.com](mailto:www.lihuehongwanjimission@gmail.com)



Please help us welcome our new member

Scott Shibuya

When you see him, welcome him to LHM.

# Bon Dance 2024



July 5-6	No Bon Dance
July 12-13	West Kauai Hongwanji (Hanapepe)
<b>July 19-20</b>	<b>Lihue Hongwanji</b>
July 26-27	Kapa'a Hongwanji
August 2-3	Waimea Shingon

## Construction Work Schedules



Please come to help even if you are not called. Mahalo!

July 6 (Saturday) @ 8:00 AM

Yagura Setup, yagura lights & tents  
Hanging lanterns

July 13 (Saturday) @ 8:00 AM

Food Booth and Food Booth tables and signs.  
Country Store tables setup

July 17 (Wednesday) @ 8:00 AM

Place chochin over lights  
Yagura cloth draping

July 19 (Friday) @ 8:00 AM

Move refrigerators  
Set up andagi woks, flying saucer and pronto  
pup stoves

July 21 (Sunday) @ 8:00 AM

Breakdown & put away equipment  
Clean up all areas.



## Bon - Hatsubon Service

Sunday July 14 @ 9:00 AM

To be held at Lihue Hongwanji

## Graveside Bon Services

### **Kauai Memorial Gardens**

Sunday July 14 @ 1:30 PM

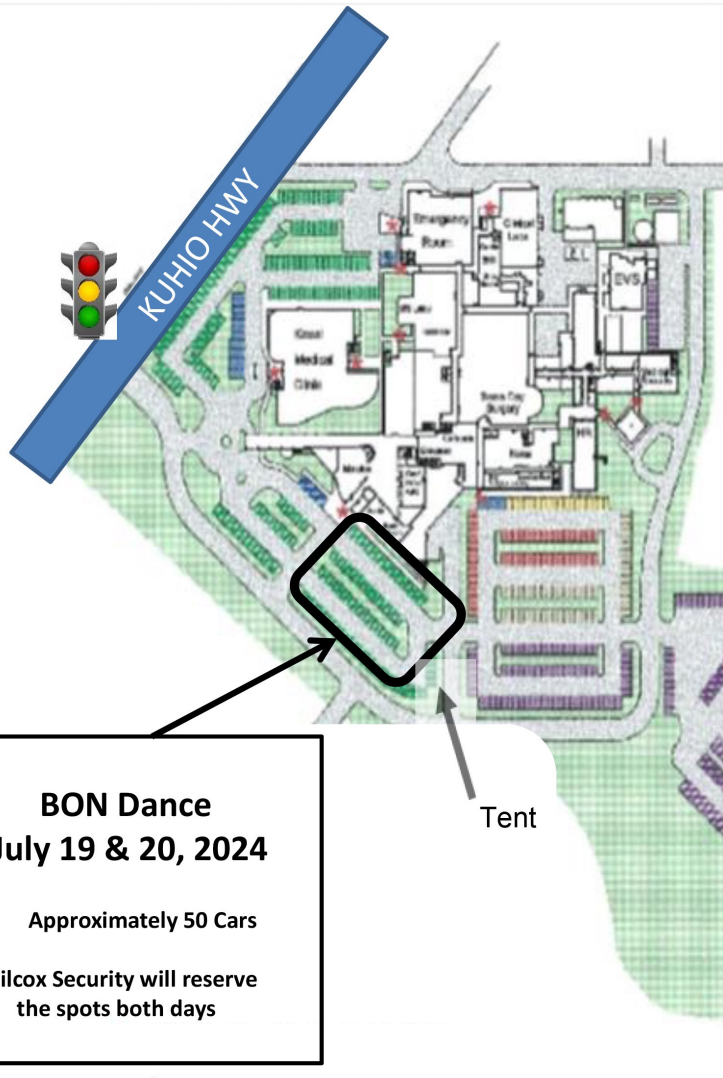
### **Lihue Cemetery**

Sunday July 14 @ 2:30 PM









Directions to off-site parking at Wilcox Hospital for 7/19-7/20, 2024 LHM Bon Dance

Enter from Kuhio Hwy at the traffic signal, bear RIGHT, follow Wilcox Memorial Hospital Road (Walmart will be toward your right). Take the FIRST LEFT entrance into the parking area. Look for the tent & lights for shuttle bus pick-up/drop-off location. Hours will be 4:00 PM - 10:30 PM

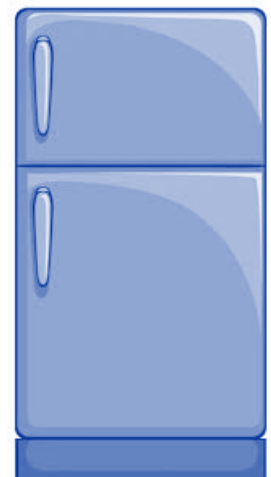
**BON Dance**  
**July 19 & 20, 2024**

Approximately 50 Cars

Wilcox Security will reserve the spots both days

*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](mailto:lihuehongwanjimission@gmail.com).



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. We are still accepting lantern orders.** 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 [lihuehongwanjission@gmail.com](mailto:lihuehongwanjission@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



**August 17 at Vidinha Soccer Field 4PM-10PM**  
**Lihue Dharma Dragons will Connect 4 to Beat Cancer**  
**Visit our booth for food and fun!**



For information or to join our team, contact: [lihuehongwanjimission@gmail.com](mailto:lihuehongwanjimission@gmail.com)  
 Support our effort by donating by credit card online: [www.relayforlife.org/kauaihi](http://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

## What Is Your Nembutsu Moment?

### What Is A "Nembutsu Moment?"

A Nembutsu Moment is 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!"

A Nembutsu Moment can present itself as you travel, shop at a store, walk in nature, share family moments or simply observe the best of human nature and the world. It might also be in a moment when you were experiencing a difficult situation or a life-altering situation. As you think of Nembutsu Moments think of the Buddhist concepts of Interdependence, Cause-Effect, Compassion, Impermanence, Wisdom, Gratitude or even Ohana and when you have felt them present in your life. Everyone has had Nembutsu Moments in their lives even though we may not be aware of them at the time.

Nembutsu Moments can be submitted as a narrative or as a poem. The only stipulation is that it be no greater than 500 words. Smaller than 500 words is totally acceptable. It should be submitted through Google Docs at <https://forms.gle/6cVKBwqsZqYg5XrHA>

If you need help with submission, please contact Carol Valentine, either at her email address: [cvalentine65@yahoo.com](mailto:cvalentine65@yahoo.com) or by text at 808-651-3424. If you prefer to dictate a moment, or moments, instead of writing them out, that can also be accomplished. Submissions can also be accompanied by a photo or drawing.

**The deadline for all submissions is August 31, 2024.**

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

**FUNERAL DONATION:**

In memory of Linda Uohara  
Howard Uohara

**7<sup>TH</sup> DAY SERVICE DONATION:**

In memory of Linda Uohara  
Howard Uohara

**MEMORIAL SERVICE DONATION:**

In memory of Masato Hashimoto (25 Yrs.)  
Lawrence Kashiwabara

In memory of Agnes Miyamoto  
Janet Niitani & Family

In memory of the Fujiwara Family  
Ben & Jane Fujikawa

In memory of Shizuko Nakai  
Wayne & Aileen Nakai

In memory of Laura Hirokawa  
Lynne Hilacion

In memory of Virginia Duncan  
Wayne Fujioka & Carol Valentine

In memory of Tomie Inouye  
Diane Fukuyama

In memory of Yoichi & Tokiyo Arita  
Judy Yoshida

In memory of Kitsuro & Harumi Yoshida  
Judy Yoshida

**DIS-INURNMENT SERVICE DONATION:**

In memory of Seiichiro Ogata  
Marla Yoshihiro

**COLUMBARIUM DONATION:**

In memory of James & Agnes Miyamoto  
Janet Niitani

In memory of Nui Kurashige  
Hiroko Kurashige

In memory of George & Elsie Toyofuku  
Guy & Lori Toyofuku

**FATHER'S DAY DONATION:**

In memory of Minoru Nakai  
Wayne & Aileen Nakai

**GOTAN-E SERVICE DONATION:**

Janet Niitani  
Diane Fukuyama  
Hiroko Kurashige  
Morton & Carolyn Yamasaki  
Karen Nishimoto  
Gladys Fujiuchi  
Natsuko Daida  
Wayne Fujioka & Carol Valentine  
Setsuo & Edith Ushio  
Arlene Fujikawa  
Glenn & Gail Shibuya  
Robert & Alma Yotsuda

**SPECIAL DONATION:**

Glenda Akina (Bon Dance Practice)  
Shirley Hashimoto (Birthday)

**OBON DONATION:**

Roy & Carol Fujioka

**SOCIAL CONCERNS:**

Hideko Uemura

*Thank  
You*





“Say Namu Amida Butsu  
as if you were saying ‘Hello’ to the Buddha.”



Monshu Koshin Ohtani, “The Buddha’s Wish for the World”

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE (HOYO)**

#### **JULY–AUGUST**

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

#### **3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2022**

2022 July 24 Ronald Hanaoka

2022 August 19 Kuniaki Shimauchi

#### **7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2018**

2018 August 5 Erin Tokunaga

#### **13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2012**

2012 July 12 James Karimoto

2012 July 24 Lynn Kawaguchi

2012 August 4 Barbara Miyoshi

#### **17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2008**

2008 July 7 Betty Masuda

2008 August 12 Shizue Kurasaki

#### **25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2000**

2000 July 13 Marie Kumakura

2000 July 24 Susumi Daida

2000 August 18 Ayako Uyesono

2000 August 26 Yoshimi Fujimoto

#### **33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1992**

1992 July 7 Chiyono Yamamoto

1992 July 19 Delrick Tada

1992 July 27 Shoichi Hiraoka

#### **50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1975**

1975 July 13 Waemon Shigeta



## Bon - Hatsubon Service

9:00 AM @ LHM

(please see pages 2 and 8 for  
Bon Graveside Services schedules)



LHM Bon Dance 2024

July 19-20

Clean-up on Sunday July 21

Please help when you are asked!

### Lihue Hongwanji Mission, a Shin Buddhist Temple

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Lihue, Hawaii 96766

Return Service Requested

### Building Healthy Sanghas

(Sharing Nembutsu Moments)



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