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Nurturing Nembutsu: Cultivating Awareness

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## A Time of Memory, Lament, and Rededication

Each summer, we celebrate Obon as a time to remember our ancestors and offer gratitude for the lives they have given us. The enduring lessons they shared with us are the values by which we strive to live every day. During Obon, I recall my grandparents, Yasuo and Hatsuyo Higa, who were sugar cane farmers in Hilo, and how they instilled in me the values of family, hard work, and kindness. These values ground my life and inform the way I care for and treat others with dignity, compassion, and respect.



These are relatively common values that we all share as human beings, but recent events in our country have given me pause to question how our actions align with our values. Parents and educators alike recognize that modeling appropriate behavior is the most effective way to instruct children. This places immense responsibility on parental figures and those in authority to lead by example. Obon reminds us that we are links between the past and the future, ever responsible for creating a meaningful world for future generations. Of how we are becoming good ancestors through all that we think, say, and do.

Over the past several months, we have witnessed the forced separation of migrant families through incarceration and deportation without due process, the activation of our military against American citizens, the deliberate targeting and harming of our hungry, our poor, our sick, our elderly, our disabled, our queer youth, and our most vulnerable in society, and the physical, verbal, and spiritual violence being wrought on those we disagree with; we need to deeply reflect on our values and the example we are setting for the next generation.

I recently heard of how some young people today think it is amusing to give the Nazi salute because they see it being done by those with influence and power. This kind of modeling is the exact opposite of what our ancestors would want for us. It diminishes our painful and dark history and disrespects the

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## Calendar of Events

### AUGUST 2025

Sun	3	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Sun	10	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Thur	14	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg. (via videoconference)
Sat	16	4:00 PM - 9:00 PM	<b>Relay for Life</b> Vidinha Soccer Field
Sun	17	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sat	23	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	<b>Kauai District Minister's Lay Assistant Retreat</b> at LHM (See pages 12 & 13)
Sun	24	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	31	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

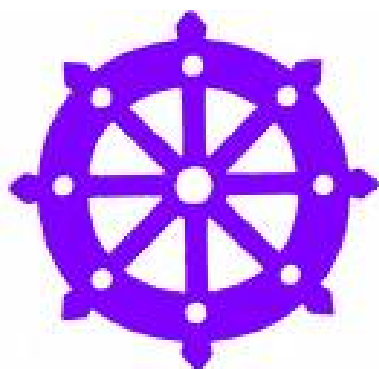
### SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	7	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Service at LHM Cancelled</b> <b>Please attend the 80th</b> <b>Anniversary of the End of</b> <b>WW2 commemorative</b> <b>ceremony at Waimea</b> <b>Shingon Mission</b> <b>See page 10 for details</b>
Thur	11	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg. (via videoconference)
Sun	14	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Sun	21	9:00 AM	<b>Ohigan Service</b> at LHM Speaker: Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki, retired (video message)
Mon	22	9:00 AM	<b>Ring Your Bell for Peace</b>
Sun	28	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

**Important**

### Columbarium Hours

Our Columbarium is locked 24/7.  
If you wish to visit the Columbarium,  
please call the temple, (808) 245-6262, to make  
arrangements with Rev. Yagi during office hours.  
Thank you for your understanding.



### Office Hours

Rev. Yagi is now the oversee minister for  
Kapa'a Hongwanji in addition to being the  
resident minister for LHM.

Office hours have changed as he will need to  
be in Kapa'a one day per week on  
Wednesdays and on the last Sunday of each  
month. All times are subject to change based  
on needs.

New office hours for Rev. Yagi are as follows:

Monday:	Day off
Tuesday:	9:00 am—4:00 pm
Wednesday:	At Kapa'a Hongwanji
Thursday—Sunday:	9:00 am—4:00 pm
Closed for lunch:	12 noon—1:00 pm

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suffering of those who experienced genocide at the hands of an authoritarian regime. Becoming a good ancestor also means learning from our past mistakes so that history does not repeat itself. We have a responsibility to right past wrongs and to heal past traumas so we can build a more humane and just world for all who come after us.

*Kuleana* is a beautiful Hawaiian word that describes our deep sense of responsibility, our privilege, and our contribution to the community in which we live. It signifies a powerful and sacred relationship with the land and with one another, emphasizing our profound interconnectedness. It reminds us that authentic leadership is not about power but about the responsibility we have to act with integrity and consideration, guided by our shared humanity and values.

Sadly, many leaders today have forgotten the importance of shared responsibility and human decency that underlie proper behavior. From trivializing political violence to engaging in questionable personal dealings and showing a callous disregard for the suffering and harm caused by unmerciful policy changes, this lack of empathy and ethical conduct weakens our values and character as a nation.

In a teaching on the responsibilities of a leader from the *Anguttara Nikaya*, Shakyamuni Buddha offers the following wisdom:

*When cattle are crossing a ford,  
if the chief bull goes crookedly,  
all the others go crookedly  
because their leader has gone crookedly.  
So to, among human beings,  
when the one considered the chief  
behaves unrighteously,  
other people do so as well.  
The entire kingdom is dejected  
if the king is unrighteous.*

*When cattle are crossing a ford,  
if the chief bull goes straight across,  
all the others go straight across  
because their leader has gone straight.  
So to, among human beings,  
when the one considered the chief  
conducts himself righteously,  
other people do so as well.  
The entire kingdom rejoices  
if the king is righteous.*

As our spiritual ancestor, the Buddha taught us to turn our minds away from violence and hatred, to refrain from harmful talk, to use our words wisely, and to ensure our deeds are rooted in peace and goodwill. This timeless and universal wisdom about how we should live and

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treat others is part of the Noble Eightfold Path, which we strive to follow wholeheartedly. Our leaders have a responsibility to model these core human values for the benefit of everyone. How would we assess the actions of our current leaders in light of the Buddha's sage advice?

Obon is a time for honoring our ancestors by reflecting on the values they passed down to us. I celebrate my grandparents by sincerely living and giving voice to the values they taught me. How are we honoring our family and our nation's ancestors through the cruel and unjust ways we are acting today?

During this Obon season, may the lanterns of memory and lament illuminate our journey of self-reflection and rededication to living and sharing the values of our ancestors, so that we may fulfill our responsibility to leave this world a little better than we found it. May this celebration of joyful memory remind us of what good leadership is and who we can be if we hold true to our values.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Rev. Blayne Higa

Resident Minister, Kona Hongwanji

From his blog, "Thoughts on Dharma and Life, Hearing the Light"

<https://www.blaynehiga.com/post/a-time-of-memory-and-lament>



# Sporting for a Cure

## RELAY FOR LIFE OF KAUA'I 2025

**August 16, 2025**

**Vidinha Soccer Field**

**4 PM—9 PM**

Join the Lihue Dharma Dragons team.  
Register online at [relayforlife.org/kauaihi](https://relayforlife.org/kauaihi)

Or call (808)245-6262 or email  
[lihuehongwanjission@gmail.com](mailto:lihuehongwanjission@gmail.com)



Fighting cancer takes many things like research, free rides to chemo and lodging near hospitals, and our 24/7 helpline. But we can't do any of that without you. Join Relay For Life, the largest, most inspiring, and supportive cancer fundraising event on the planet.



### Reflections on Impermanence in the Midst of a Summer Shopping Frenzy

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the summer. Thank you for your continued support of our temple and its many activities. This month, I'd like to reflect on a very modern trend that has become part of our summer routine: the big online shopping sales. Every July, millions of people jump online to catch the "best deals of the year." Flashy ads shout things like, "One day only!" or "Don't miss out!" creating a sense of urgency and excitement. People rush to buy electronics, clothing, kitchen tools — even everyday household items — hoping to score a bargain before time runs out.

But have you ever noticed what happens after the package arrives? The excitement fades. Maybe we forget about what we bought. Maybe it ends up on a shelf collecting dust. That rush we felt during the sale doesn't last very long. This is a perfect example of *impermanence* — a fundamental truth in Buddhism.

### The Truth of Impermanence

In Japanese, we use the word *mujō* (無常) to describe impermanence — the reality that all things are constantly changing. Our possessions, our feelings, even our relationships and health — none of it stays the same. Shinran Shōnin, the founder of Jōdo Shinshū, lived during a time of great hardship. Instead of clinging to the things of this world, he turned his heart toward something deeper: the unwavering compassion of Amida Buddha.

We often suffer because we try to hold on to what is temporary. We want comfort, security, and happiness — but when we place our hope in things that don't last, we're bound to be disappointed.

You may have heard the phrase, "You can't take it with you." No matter how much we buy or how many things we own, nothing stays with us forever. In the *Larger Sutra*, it says:

### "All things are transient and without lasting substance."

This teaching isn't meant to make us sad — it's a gentle reminder to let go of chasing and grasping, and instead, to appreciate what is already here.

### Finding Joy in What Is

When we begin to accept impermanence, we start to notice the simple joys of life:

- A quiet moment with a loved one
- The sound of wind through the trees
- A shared laugh over a cup of tea

These moments are beautiful *because* they are fleeting. Like a rainbow after a summer shower or the bloom of a flower in the morning sun — they don't last long, but that's what makes them so precious.

### The Nembutsu: A Path Through Change

In Jōdo Shinshū, we find our peace not in material things, but in the *Nembutsu* — *Namu Amida Butsu*. This is not something we say to "get" anything. It's a voice of gratitude, an expression of joy that arises when we are touched by Amida Buddha's boundless compassion.

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### MESSAGE FROM BISHOP TOSHIYUKI UMITANI

As we have announced, we are bidding farewell to Rev. Sol Kalu and Rev. Shindo Nishiyama as they prepare to retire from active ministry with the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii this summer. As Bishop, and also as a fellow minister serving

wisdom, and joy of the Dharma in their daily lives and in their interactions with others.

Their commitment to the Nembutsu path and their service as Kaikyoshi Ministers have left a profound and enduring impact on our community. The seeds they have planted—through their leadership, their Dharma guidance, and their heartfelt presence—will continue to grow and flourish within the lives they have touched. We are truly grateful for the legacy they leave behind and we wish them peace and fulfillment in the next chapter of their journey.

within the Hawaii Kyodan, I would like to express my heartfelt respect and deep appreciation for both ministers.

**Rev. Shindo Nishiyama** joined HHMH in 1991. He has served at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, Waimea Hongwanji Mission, Hanapepe Hongwanji Mission, Koloa Hongwanji Mission, and Executive Secretary (Currently, Executive Assistant to the Bishop) at the Headquarters. Since 2005, he has been with Jikoen Hongwanji Mission. In addition to being the Resident Minister of Jikoen, Rev. Nishiyama has also overseen the Kailua Hongwanji Mission (Windward Buddhist Temple) and later served as Acting Rimban at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin.

Following their departure, I have made the ministerial assignments for Windward Buddhist Temple, Jikoen Hongwanji Mission, Pearl City Hongwanji Mission, and Waipahu Hongwanji Mission. More detailed announcements can be found below this message.

I would like to express my appreciation to all the ministers and members of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for your dedication and contribution at your respective temples and districts. Let us continue to walk the path of the Nembutsu together, illuminated by the Compassionate Light of Amida Buddha.

Namo Amida Butsu.

### CONDOLENCE

**Rev. Sol Kalu** joined HHMH in 2010 initially as a kaikyoshi-ho. He served at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, and during that period, he received his Kyoshi Certification and became a kaikyoshi. He then served at Makawao Hongwanji Mission from 2012 to 2015. After leaving active ministry due to certain circumstances, he returned to HHMH in 2018. Since then, he has served at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, the Office of Buddhist Education at Headquarters, Mililani Hongwanji Mission, and most recently, the Windward Buddhist Temple.

Throughout their years of dedicated service, Rev. Kalu and Rev. Nishiyama have tirelessly supported our temples and nurtured our Sangha with sincerity, humility, and compassion. They have shared the teachings of the Nembutsu not only through words, but through their actions, embodying the warmth,

**Mr. Setsuo Ushio**, the former President of the Lihue Hongwanji Mission (1976-1978), passed away on April 29, 2025. The Posthumous Title (INGO) of Ko-Yo-In (光耀院), meaning “the one who reflects brilliance,” was conferred upon Mr. Setsuo Ushio by Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani in recognition of his dedication and service to the Lihue Hongwanji Mission and the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

### MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS (JINJI)

**Rev. Mariko Nishiyama**, the Resident Minister of the Pearl City Hongwanji Mission, will serve as the Overseer Minister of the Jikoen Hongwanji Mission during the month of September 2025. She will then be transferred to serve as the Resident Minister of Jikoen Hongwanji Mission, effective October 1, 2025.

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Rev. Jeffrey Soga, the Resident Minister of Waipahu Hongwanji Mission, will be appointed as the Overseer Minister of Pearl City Hongwanji Mission, effective October 1, 2025. He will continue his role as Resident Minister of Waipahu Hongwanji Mission and oversee the Waianae Hongwanji Mission until it officially closes on December 31, 2025.

### IN REMEMBRANCE AND REFLECTION:

#### Commemorating 80 Years Since the End of WW II

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii's Office of the Bishop and Peace Day Committee, in collaboration with the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin and the Honolulu District Ministers Association, will hold an event, "**In Remembrance and Reflection: Commemorating 80 Years Since the End of World War II,**" on **Thursday**, August 14, 2025, at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin.

On the occasion of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II, we gather in solemn remembrance of all those whose lives were profoundly affected by the consequences of war. We reflect on the immense human cost of conflict, and through the preservation of historical memory, we seek to deepen our understanding and commitment to peace.

Guided by the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha, we rededicate ourselves to building a community—and a world—where every life is equally valued and embraced. May this gathering inspire us to walk together on the path toward a more peaceful and harmonious society.

**A Commemoration Service** will take place at 5:00 pm at the Hawaii Betsuin Hondo, featuring guest speaker Ms. Sadae Kasaoka from Hiroshima, Japan. Ms. Kasaoka was exposed to the atomic bomb when she was 12 years old, in her first year of girls' high school. At the moment of the explosion, she was at home, located 3.5 km (2.2 miles) from the hypocenter.

**An Atomic Bomb Photo Posters Exhibition** will also be held in the Hawaii Betsuin Social Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### Update:

**\*Registration is encouraged but not required.**

**(Exception: To attend the service via Zoom, registration is required so that we may send you the Zoom link).** Please register regardless of how you plan to attend so we may send you event updates — for example, a message regarding viewing difficult images.

#### REGISTRATION:

<https://forms.gle/wMHp7HTYuEfMGsGK8>

The event flyer is attached. More information is available on the HHMH website here:

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/blog/2025/07/07/end-of-ww2-commemoration-081425/>

### MANOAPHOBIA BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT ON AUGUST 28

The Buddhist Study Center Fellowship Club welcomes new members to their annual Manoaphobia back-to-school event. The BSCFC is open to college and university students in Hawaii, and coordinates social, service, learning, and professional development activities centered around Buddhist values like mindfulness, togetherness, and mutual respect.

Manoaphobia will be held on Thursday, August 28 at 5:00 pm at the Buddhist Study Center. It's a casual event to celebrate the start of the new school year and make new friends and connections. Dinner and games will be provided. Please spread the word to any interested college students. Contact [ehashi@honpahi.org](mailto:ehashi@honpahi.org) by August 27 to RSVP.

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/>

# Lihue Hongwanji Mission

## 125th anniversary celebration

### November 2, 2025



#### Do You Remember?

**Landmarks on the LHM grounds. Have you seen them?**

**Do you know where they are and why they exist?**

- ⇒ As you face the outside of the temple building, there is a large Hong Kong Orchid tree growing to the right of the entrance. At the foot of the tree there is a plaque which reads, "DEDICATED TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE GROWTH OF LIHUE HONGWANJI MISSION. 1900 - 2000." It was planted on April 21, 2000 as a part of the LHM 100th Anniversary Celebration.
- ⇒ Near the tree is another plaque which reads, "LIHUE HONGWANJI MISSION CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, 1900 - 2000, 'TIME CAPSULE', TO BE OPENED IN 2030." This too was accomplished as a part of the LHM 100th Anniversary Celebration. The reason for choosing the year 2030 for the opening of the Time Capsule is not known. We will have to wait 5 more years to see the contents.



Hong Kong Orchid Tree  
and Dedication Plaque



Time Capsule to be  
opened in 2030,  
location and  
plaque







## LHWA NEWS

### New Members Welcome

**2025**

#### LHWA Meetings for 2025

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

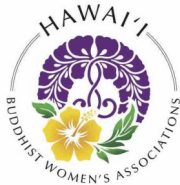
**September 28**

**November 16**

#### Fall Conference

October 26, 2025

To be held at Lihue Hongwanji  
Stay tuned for more information.



#### Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations

#### 15th BWA State Membership Conference

**March 28-29, 2026**

A BWA Federation state membership conference is held every four years, in the year preceding the world convention. The location is rotated among the Hawaii districts. Oahu district will host in 2026.

Join LHWA for the opportunity to meet some amazing people from across the state who are helping their temples by:

***Nurturing Nembutsu: Sharing Gratitude***



**18th WORLD  
BUDDHIST WOMEN'S  
CONVENTION**

**September 11-12, 2027  
Hilton Hawaiian Village**

The World BWA Convention is held every four years, rotating among the world districts. Hawaii has the privilege of hosting the convention in 2027. We last traveled to Kyoto, Japan in 2023 and combined it with the Joint Celebration of the 850th birthday of Shinran Shonin and the 800th anniversary of the establishment of the Hongwanji at Honzan.

Join the LHWA for the opportunity to attend the World Convention, meet fellow Buddhist followers from Japan, Canada, the US mainland and Brazil, participate in educational workshops, and enjoy the fun and excitement of the event.

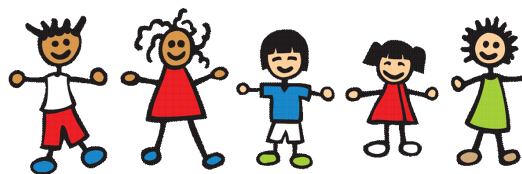
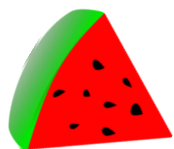
*Live Peace, Live Aloha, Live as One in the Nembutsu*

***80th Anniversary of the End of  
WW2 commemorial ceremony  
And a memorial prayer for  
the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry battalion and  
the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat  
Veterans from Kauai***

**SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025  
9:00 A.M.**

**At WAIMEA SHINGON  
MISSION**





Our Summer Program started on June 9th and ended on July 25th . Our group of K. - 6 students named themselves the Tigers and our preschool group named themselves the Lions. They did this independently of each other, so it was a nice coincidence

The weeks passed by quickly.

The Tigers made friends, did art activities, played indoor and outdoor games, ate together, had fun and enjoyed each other's company. It was a nice way to spend their summer.

The Lions also made friends and enjoyed waterplay activities, arts and crafts, singing and dancing.

The students joined Rev. Yagi in the temple and he taught them how to fold origami. It was fun.

Our new School Year begins on August 4th with our new crop of Bunnies (20) and Bears (28). We realize how important and meaningful our work here is. We are so grateful to be a part of these young lives.

Our many thanks go out to Rev. Shawn Yagi, Carol Ozaki, Carol Valentine, Lynne Matsumura, Morton Yamasaki and Dennis Muffly for always helping us..







**Kauai District Minister's Lay Assistant Retreat**  
**Saturday, August 23, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**  
**Lihue Hongwanji Mission | FREE Admission**  
**Deadline to Register: August 15, 2025**

*★ A meaningful morning of learning, sharing, and temple service ★*

**What is a Minister's Lay Assistant?**

A Minister's Lay Assistant is a devoted temple member who has a willingness to support the temple. With minister guidance, they assist with altar setup, chanting, greeting visitors, and may even help lead Sunday services when needed. They serve only at their home temple, with heartfelt dedication and without pay. This role is a beautiful expression of gratitude and responsibility.

**Why You Should Join**

- Learn basic etiquette, altar setup, and cleaning procedures
- Support your temple and deepen your connection to the Dharma
- Be part of a caring team helping to sustain temple life
- A great first step for those interested in the Statewide Lay Assistant Retreat

**Retreat Schedule**

9:00 a.m. – Opening Service

9:10 – 9:55 a.m. – Lecture 1: Temple Etiquette & Kansho Bell

10:00 – 10:45 a.m. – Lecture 2: Altar Setup & Ritual Support

11:00 – 11:30 a.m. – Lecture 3: Q&A and Sharing Session

**Instructors: Rev. Shawn K. Yagi & Rev. Tomo Hojo**

**Come learn, connect, and grow in service to your temple community!**



### Kauai District Minister's Lay Assistant Retreat Registration Form

Date: Saturday, August 23, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Lihue Hongwanji Mission

Fee: Free of charge

Deadline to Register: August 15, 2025

Please fill out the following information and submit your registration by the deadline.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Temple: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in attending the Statewide Lay Assistant Retreat in the future? (Yes/No):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form to your Resident Minister or email it to:

Email: [thojo@honpahi.org](mailto:thojo@honpahi.org)

Do you have any questions about basic etiquette, altar setup, cleaning procedures, or other related topics? We will do our best to answer your questions during the Q&A session, time permitting.

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## 125TH Anniversary Projects

To celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Lihue Hongwanji, the following projects are being completed:

- ◇ ◇ Audio/Visual upgrade in the temple & social hall (already fully funded)
- ◇ ◇ Replacement of altar Tocho and scrolls of Shinran Shonin and Renyo Shonin
- ◇ ◇ Celebration on November 2 – service and luncheon
- ◇ ◇ Kitchen Renovation – replacement of cabinets and flooring

If you would like to make a special donation of any amount, contributions to these anniversary projects are appreciated.

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

**FUNERAL SERVICE DONATION:**

In memory of James Uemura

Sandra Oyadomaru & Linda Fountain  
Glenn & Gail Shibuya

In memory of Stanley Kono  
Jolene Kono & Family

**MEMORIAL DONATION:**

In memory of Nobu Yamaguchi (13 Yrs.)  
Raymond & Julie Kawamoto

In memory of Setsuo Ushio  
Grace Ishida  
Mitsugi & Marjorie Nakashima  
Daniel Yotsuda  
Arlene Fujikawa  
Rev. Jan Youth

In memory of James Uemura  
Glenn & Gail Shibuya

**COLUMBARIUM DONATION:**

In memory of George & Elsie Toyofuku  
Guy & Lori Toyofuku  
In memory of Yoshiake & Doris Hiramoto  
Dr. & Mrs. Clay Hiramoto  
In memory of Takako Mizutani (Dis-inurnment)  
Gordon & Dale Hirata

**OBON SERVICE DONATION:**

In memory of Irene Shimokawa  
Suzette Naito  
In memory of Fukuichi Tokeshige  
Suzette Naito  
In memory of Kondo Family  
Emery Kondo  
Robert & Alma Yotsuda

**OBON DONATION:**

In memory of Ralph & Alice Uohara  
Calvin & Phyllis Nakamura  
In memory of Haru & Fusa Uohara  
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In memory of Sadamu & Reiko Saiki  
Ed & Leesha Kawamura  
In memory of Yeso, "Hanako" & Carolyn Dobashi  
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 Carol Shinseki  
 Roy & Carol Fujioka

**HAPPINESS DONATION:**

Grace Ishida ( Mrs. N. Daida's birthday)  
 Shirley Hashimoto (Birthday)

**MAJOR PROJECTS:**

Roy & Carol Fujioka

**SOCIAL CONCERNS:**

Robert & Alma Yotsuda

*Thank  
You*

From page 5, Rev. Yagi's message

Even as we live in a world where everything is changing — our lives, our emotions, our health — the Nembutsu reminds us that we are always embraced, just as we are.  
 “Even though I live in a world of impermanence, I am not alone. I am supported by infinite wisdom and compassion.”

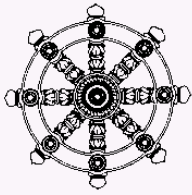
**Closing Thoughts**

So next time you see a limited-time sale or feel the urge to buy something new, take a moment to pause and reflect:

- What am I hoping this will bring me?
- Will it truly bring peace or joy?
- Am I trying to fill an emptiness that can't be filled by things?

There's nothing wrong with shopping — we all need to take care of ourselves and our families. But let us be mindful of *why* we buy, and remember that the deepest sense of peace does not come from what we own — but from awakening to what is already with us: the embrace of Amida's compassion. Let us live with appreciation, not for things that fade, but for the preciousness of each moment.

Namo Amida Butsu.  
 With gratitude



Better than a thousand meaningless statements  
Is one meaningful word,  
Which, having been heard,  
Brings peace.

The Dhammapada

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

#### **AUGUST - SEPTEMBER**

The following is a list of members who passed away during the months of August and September. 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 (808) 245-6262 for an appointment.

#### **1st YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2024**

2024 NONE

#### **3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2023**

2023 NONE

#### **7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2019**

2019 August 2 Scot Tsuchiyama

2019 August 14 Leslie Miller

#### **13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2013**

2013 August 17 Noboru Yamaguchi

2013 September 26 Flora Fujii

#### **17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2009**

2009 August 5 Mildred Fujimoto

2009 August 19 Gary Tada

2009 August 22 James Ishii

2009 August 30 Masayo Hamamoto

2009 September 4 Tsugie "Helen" Shiraki

#### **25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2001**

2001 August 11 Michiyuki Fujimoto

2001 September 5 Kiyoe Fujimoto

2001 September 11 Masayo Tanisaki

#### **33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1993**

1993 September 25 Yaeko Hiraoka

#### **50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1976**

1976 August 2 Shiyuka Arita

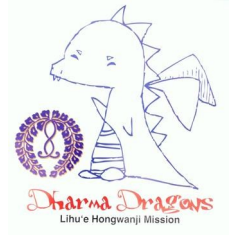
1976 August 24 Shigeyo Sukehira

1976 September 9 Koizo Kinoshita





Relay for Life  
August 16, 2025  
Vidinha Soccer Field  
4 PM—9 PM



Autumn Ohigan Service  
Sunday September 21, 2025, 9:00 am  
at Lihue Hongwanji  
**Speaker:** Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki, retired

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