

## Lihue Hongwanji Mission, a Shin Buddhist Temple

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Nurturing Nembutsu: Cultivating Awareness

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Kauai Buddhist Council  
**BODHI DAY SERVICE**

Sunday, December 7, 2025, 9:30 AM

Venue: Waimea Higashi Hongwanji  
9554 Kaumualii Hwy, Waimea, HI 96796

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata**  
(Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin)



Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata

Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. He graduated from Pacific Buddhist Academy in 2014. He studied at UH Hilo and graduated in 2018 with BA degree in Philosophy and Japanese Studies. He attended Chuo Bukyo Gakuin, in Ukyo-ku, Japan in the spring of 2019 for two years, completing school in 2021. In that same year, he entered Ryukoku University in the School of Literature, Master program with a major in Shin Buddhist Studies. Rev. Blayne returned to Hawaii, started ministry, and graduated from Ryukoku University in 2023. He enjoys perpetuating Okinawan culture through the Sanshin, Koto and traditional Okinawa Dance and Kumiudui. As well as being a taiko player for 15 years, currently a part of Ryugen Taiko based out of Wahiawa. Rev. Blayne was formerly an associate minister at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin and chaplain at Pacific Buddhist Academy. As of August 2024, he has been an associate minister at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin. In addition, he has also been overseeing Honohina/ Papaaloo, Honomu and Papaikou Hongwanji Missions.

## Calendar of Events

### DECEMBER 2025

Sun	7	9:30 AM	<b>Bodhi Day</b> To be held at Waimea Higashi Temple See the flyer on the front page for information
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	Family Dharma Service
Sun	28	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Wed	31	8:00 PM	New Year's Eve Service

### JANUARY 2026

Thur	1	10:00 AM	New Year's Day Service LHM Board of Directors Installation
Sun	4	9:00 AM	Family dharma Service Birthday & Monthly Memorial
Thur	8	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Mtg. (via videoconference)
Sun	11	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service
Sun	18	9:00 AM	Hoonko Service
Sun	25	9:00 AM	Family Dharma Service

### Columbarium Hours



Lihue Hongwanji Mission  
Columbarium – Holiday Schedule  
Regular Open Hours

- **Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays &**

**Sundays:** 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

- **Fridays:** Open early morning during Temple Hoshu cleaning
- **Closed Mondays:** Minister's day off
- **Closed Wednesdays:** Minister serving at Kapaa Hongwanji

#### Holiday Season Schedule

Columbarium will be **OPEN 9:00 am- 5:00 pm on:**

- **December 24 (Wed)**
- **December 25 (Thu)**
- **December 31 (Wed)**
- **January 1 (Thu — New Year's Day)**

Columbarium will be **CLOSED on:**

- **December 7 (Sat)** – KBC Bodhi Day Service at Waimea Higashi Hongwanji

### Office Hours

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

Office hours have changed as he will 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. If you would like to talk with Rev. Yagi, please call to make an appointment.

Mondays and Fridays will be Rev. Yagi's days off, the additional day off per Honpa guideline changes.

Please remember to call ahead of time if you wish to see Rev. Yagi.



### “The Harvest of Life, the Harvest of Faith”

From the KUHBWA Fall Conference Dharma Message

As the year begins to wind down and the cool winds of December settle in, I find myself reflecting on the gentle beauty of the fall season we have just experienced. Fall has long been understood in Buddhist traditions as a time of harvest — a season of gathering, of gratitude, and of recognizing the many unseen forces that sustain our lives. In Japan, the rice fields turn golden. On Kauai, fruit trees become heavy with citrus and others. Everywhere, nature reminds us that life matures not by our efforts alone, but through countless causes and conditions coming together.

When we look at a field of ripened rice or a basket of freshly picked fruit, we may praise the farmers who worked hard throughout the year. But even the farmer recognizes that no human being can *make* a seed grow. We plant and we tend, but it is the sunlight, rain, earth, and the great flow of life itself that brings about the harvest. In the same way, our own lives and spiritual journeys ripen through support far beyond what our eyes can see.

This truth was embodied in the life of a temple member I knew growing up — a kind, cheerful woman named Onami-san. She was the cafeteria manager at my elementary school and a devoted member of my father’s temple. After I received Tokudo, my father assigned me to make monthly home visits, and whenever I visited her, she would welcome me with snacks and a warm smile. No matter the day or circumstance, she always said the same words: “*How grateful I am.*” One day I finally asked her, “Onami-san, why do you always say that?” She answered gently, “When I was young, I thought I had to handle everything alone. I tried to be strong and in control. But as I grew older, I realized how little I can really manage by myself. Everything I have — my life, my children, even this moment — is here because of all the people, conditions, and unseen forces that have supported me. When I think about that, the only words that come out are ‘How grateful I am.’”

Her life was not easy. She lost her husband just after World War II and raised her children alone. She worked long, demanding hours making school lunches so she could provide for her family. Yet, through it all, she discovered a deep, quiet gratitude — a gratitude rooted not in what she *achieved* but in what she *received*. Her words taught me that the true “harvest of faith” is not about becoming more perfect or more pious. It is about awakening to the compassion that has already been carrying us all along.

A couple of years ago, I experienced my own small reminder of this truth in the form of a humble plant — a bulb of myoga ginger gifted to me by LHM member. It thrived during the first two years, producing delicious shoots. But this year, nothing grew at all. Whether from rot, lack of water, or simply nature’s mystery, there was no harvest. But this, too, is part of the rhythm of life. Some years bring abundant growth; others bring challenges or disappointment. And yet, through all these seasons, the Buddha’s compassion remains constant.

In Jodo Shinshu, we learn that Amida Buddha’s working — expressed in the Nembutsu, *Namo Amida Butsu* — is not a call for us to try harder. It is a gentle reassurance: “*You are already embraced. You are already accepted just as you are.*” Faith does not ripen

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because of our effort. It ripens because Amida's boundless light is constantly nurturing us, whether we realize it or not.

When I look at the dedicated members of our Buddhist Women's Association, I see this quiet ripening of faith expressed every day. So many of you work behind the scenes — preparing meals, assisting at services, arranging flowers, visiting members, cleaning the temple, and supporting our community in countless ways. Most of these efforts happen without recognition, but they are the true heart of the sangha. Like grains of rice forming a golden field, each act of kindness enriches our temple life.

As we enter December and look ahead to a new year, may we take time to reflect on the harvest within our own hearts. Let us appreciate the conditions that have carried us to this moment, and let us continue walking together — gently, gratefully, and with the Nembutsu in our hearts.

**Namo Amida Butsu.**

### New Year's Eve Service

Join us for **New Year's Eve Service** on ***Wednesday 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 turns to strike the temple bell (kansho) with a wooden mallet 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 BISHOP TOSHIYUKI UMITANI

**\*Waianae Hongwanji Mission held its final service on Sunday, November 9, 2025, with ministers, lay leaders, temple members, and friends in attendance. Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani delivered the following**

#### **Dharma Message.**

*“How joyous I am, my heart and mind being rooted in the Buddha-ground of the universal Vow, and my thoughts and feelings flowing within the dharmaocean, which is beyond comprehension! I am deeply aware of the Tathagata’s immense compassion, and I sincerely revere the benevolent care behind the master’s teaching activity. My joy grows ever fuller, my gratitude and indebtedness ever more compelling.” (Shinran Shonin)*

Good morning, everyone. Today, with the presence of ministers, members, and friends of the Waianae Hongwanji Mission, we gather to observe the final service of this temple as we prepare for its permanent closing at the end of this year. As I stand before you, my heart is filled with mixed emotions — gratitude, sadness, and deep reflection — as we mark the conclusion of a long and meaningful chapter in the history of Waianae Hongwanji.

The story of this temple began even before its official founding. Records tell us that Bishop Yemyo Imamura visited this area monthly to share the Buddha-Dharma with the early Japanese immigrants who had settled here. In 1901, Rev. Josho Yempuku of Waipahu Hongwanji continued Bishop Imamura’s efforts, reaching out to the residents of Waianae and planning for the construction of a temple. His successor, Rev. Eun Miyamoto, led the groundbreaking and completion of the temple, which was formally dedicated in July 1904 by Rev. Shojitsu Asaeda. These are the beginnings of the long and rich history of Waianae Hongwanji Mission.

When I think of those pioneer ministers and the devoted members who established the foundation of this temple, I am moved by their commitment, vision, and perseverance. Behind these historical facts are

countless personal stories — stories of laughter, fellowship, hardship, hope, and unshakable dedication to share the light of the Buddha-Dharma in this community.

In those days, ministers’ duty extended far beyond temple walls. Many ministers traveled 20 or 30 miles from their homes, sometimes on horseback, sometimes by slow-moving train, and often on foot. They faced the sun, rain, and wind, lost their way in the mountains and fields, fell into ditches, and received unwelcoming messages and criticism. However, they kept going. Guided by the Nembutsu and sustained by the support of devoted members, they continued to move forward, sharing the Dharma. Together, they built this temple here in Waianae.

For more than a century since then, Waianae Hongwanji has been a place of refuge, learning, and fellowship. It has been a true spiritual home for generations of families — a place where they came to share joy and sorrow, to express gratitude, and to find comfort in the Nembutsu.

The light of the Dharma first illuminated by our pioneers continued to shine through the dedication of successive ministers, leaders, and members. Each person — including your parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends — played an integral part in shaping this temple’s story. There are no words sufficient to express our gratitude for their compassion and devotion. I am simply humbled and thankful to all who kept the light of the Nembutsu shining brightly over the decades.

I often wonder how many people have entered this temple — how many have stood before this Amida Buddha, offered incense, placed their hands together, and said *Namo Amida Butsu*. Some people recited the Nembutsu with joy and gratitude; others recited in sadness, burdened by loss or hardship in life. And this Amida Buddha gently and tirelessly stood by each of them— always listening, embracing, and illuminating their lives with Wisdom and Compassion.

For more than one hundred years, this Buddha has silently witnessed the lives of the Waianae community — its celebrations and its sorrows — gently embracing all beings with its warm presence. Today, as we say farewell to this sacred space, I recite the Nembutsu in deep gratitude to Amida Buddha for having stood here all these years, shining the light of Compassion upon all who

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Thank you, Amida Buddha, for guiding and embracing us. Thank you, Waianae Hongwanji temple, for protecting this sacred space and nurturing a community of Dharma and friendship.

As Buddhists, we are always reminded of the impermanence of all things. Everything that takes form will one day change; everything that comes together will one day part. Yet the teaching of impermanence is not only about endings — it is also about beginnings. When the leaves fall from the tree, they become part of the earth, nurturing new life.

Throughout Buddhist history, temples have risen, declined, and transformed — yet the Dharma has never ceased to flow. We must ensure that the legacy of Waianae Hongwanji continues to live on in new forms, and that its stories remain part of the great tapestry of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Although the temple building will close its doors soon, the light of the Buddha-Dharma does not end here. There are two poems that I would like to share with you today.

*“If you miss me, just say Namō Amida Butsu. I shall live within those six characters.”*

*“Though it is I who recite and I who hear Namō Amida Butsu, it is truly the voice of my loving parent, Amida Buddha, gently calling — ‘I will take you without fail.’”*

These poems express the very heart of our tradition. It reminds us that the true temple and the true refuge are not found outside ourselves, but within our voice of the Nembutsu. The Nembutsu is the living presence of the Buddha — the call of Amida’s boundless Compassion reaching out to each of us, assuring us, “I am with you always.”

Even though this physical temple will close, the essence of Waianae Hongwanji — the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha — will continue to live on in our voice of *Namō Amida Butsu*. The spirit of this sangha, the friendships, the memories, and the joy of the Nembutsu that we shared here at Waianae will continue to live on in all of us. Any place where people recite the Nembutsu is the Waianae Hongwanji Mission.

Today marks the closing of one chapter, but also

the beginning of a new one in the unfolding history of Jodo Shinshu in Hawaii. The question before us is: What kind of history shall we write next? That is in our hands. May we carry forward the light and spirit of this temple to our respective sanghas and communities, so that the flame of the Dharma first lit by our pioneers will continue to shine brightly for generations to come.

On behalf of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, and as the present Bishop, I express my deepest gratitude to all people, past and present, who have supported and sustained Waianae Hongwanji through the years — its ministers, leaders, members, and friends. Honto ni Arigato Gozaimashita. Thank you! Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Though we may no longer gather in this physical place, please remember that we remain connected through the Nembutsu. Please continue to live your lives as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists. The legacy and the history of Waianae Hongwanji will continue in each of our hearts.

Namō Amida Butsu.

## 2026 LIVING TREASURES OF HAWAII

Now celebrating its 51st year, the **Living Treasures of Hawai‘i™** program continues a cherished tradition of honoring those whose lives reflect the very best of our islands — excellence, compassion, and a deep commitment to uplifting others. Founded in 1976 by Bishop Yoshiaki Fujitani and inspired by Japan’s Living National Treasures (Ningen Kokuho), the program recognizes individuals who, through mastery and service, enrich Hawai‘i’s cultural, artistic, and humanitarian landscape.

**This year’s 2026 honorees — Dr. Billy Bergin, Kumu Hula Māpuana de Silva, Jim and Vickie Kennedy, Sheree Tamura, and Dr. Ka‘imiloa Chrisman** — will be celebrated at the 51st Living Treasures of Hawai‘i luncheon on February 21, 2026, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom.

To read the complete newsletter, please click on the Honpa Hongwanji newsletter link below.

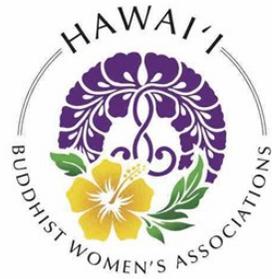
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Our theme for October was Safety. Officers from the Kauai Police Department and fire fighters from Station 3 (Lihue) visited us. The children were excited to see their dads come dressed in their work attire. We learned about stranger danger, following rules and using your brain to make good decisions. We practiced crawling under the smoke and stop, drop and roll.

In November we have been studying Safety, Halloween, Families, and Nutrition. We have invited our parents to join us for a Thanksgiving Program. The children have been singing songs about the Pilgrims and the Indians. On December 5th we will be participating in The Lights on Rice Christmas parade. It's a memorable activity for our children and parents. As we enter into this holiday season may we reflect and be thankful for the things and people we have in our lives. Happy Holidays to you all. Thank you to the members of the Lihue Hongwanji Mission who help to sustain us through their kind words, kind deeds, and donations.





## LHWA NEWS

# New Members Welcome

# 2025

### LHWA Meetings for 2025

All of the LHWA meetings for 2025 are over.  
**Thank you for participating.**

See the next page for information about the BWA World Convention in Honolulu in 2027.

**Save the Date!**

### KUHBWA Fall Conference 2025

The 2025 Kauai United Hongwanji BWA Fall Conference was held at LHM on Sunday October 26. Following the service we had a speaker from the Alzheimer's Association, Ms. Gina Plummer, who spoke on the topic of Brain Health. Following a healthy lunch there were activities for people to have fun and keep their brains engaged and healthy. The people who participated enjoyed playing games such as "Left-Right-Center" (a special dice game), Pictionary, Dominoes and Mahjong. Laughter was heard in the social hall that afternoon.



Mahjong



Dominoes



Pictionary



Left-Right-Center



**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*



**Yikes! Time flies  
when you're having a  
great time! We know.**

**The year is almost over. Please  
check if you've paid your dues for  
2025. If you forgot, please send it  
before December 31. Mahalo!**

**Temple Clean-up**

We had a very busy day on Sunday November 23 with members and friends coming to help with the annual temple cleanup. Thank you to Morton Yamasaki for the work coordination. The work was followed by a delicious lunch coordinated by Lynette Mizuo then we had our General Membership Meeting. Thank you all for helping and staying for our short meeting.

**Temple Clean-up**



# BARE NECESSITIES DRIVE

## FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

KAUA'I UNITED HONGWANJI  
BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

### COLLECTING:

- November 23 At General Cleanup
- November 29 9 AM to 12 PM
- November 30 At Sunday service
- December 14 At Sunday service



Lihue Hongwanji Mission, 3-3556 Kuhio Hwy, Lihue

### COLLECTING THE "BARE NECESSITIES"



#### Toiletries

**\*Must be unopened**

Soap - Deodorant  
Shampoo & Conditioner  
Body wash  
Toothpaste & Toothbrush



#### Footwear

Slippers (new or gently used)



#### Bedding

Towels - Blankets  
NEW pillows



#### Clothing

Gently used and clean  
items



#### Shopping Bags

Reusable or gently used

**HELP OUR COMMUNITY BY DONATING THE ESSENTIALS!**

Any questions, contact:

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Call: (808) 245-6262

# Happy 125th Anniversary



The historic 125th Anniversary of the founding of Lihue Hongwanji was celebrated by many on November 2, 2025. We were joined in our celebration by Bishop Toshiuki and Mrs. Yoshiko Umitani and Dr. Warren Tamamoto and his wife Claire from Oahu. Dr. Tamamoto is currently the president of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. We were also joined by Rev. Tomo Hojo, resident minister of West Kauai Hongwanji and the temple presidents from both West Kauai Hongwanji and Kapa'a Hongwanji. Bishop Umitani's Dharma message contained many bits of LHM history that many of us were unaware.

The service was beautiful, the catered lunch was delicious and plentiful. The musical entertainment was provided by Renyn Lee, Lauren Lee and friends and provided a nice backdrop to the celebration. Games presented by Lynette and Kenneth Mizuo were enjoyed by everyone, especially the "right-left" game created by Lynette using LHM historical facts.

The 125th Anniversary Celebration at LHM was a success, with many thanks to volunteers and the chairperson, Gail Shibuya. Mahalo to everyone.



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**FUNERAL SERVICE:**

In memory of Roy Fujioka

Shari Heen

In memory of Elaine Kondo

Emery Kondo

**MEMORIAL DONATION:**

In memory of Sadako Higuchi (33 Yrs.)

Lauretta Hadama

In memory of Shirley Nakae (33 Yrs.)

Myles & Karen Uyesono

Michael & Allison Ageno

In memory of Irene Shimokawa (7 Yrs.)

Gerald Miller & Avis Hirahara

In memory of Stanley Kono

Lauretta Hadama

In memory of Misao Higuchi

Lauretta Hadama

In memory of Sets Ushio

Diane Fukuyama

**COLUMBARIUM DONATION:**

In memory of George & Elsie Toyofuku

Guy & Lori Toyofuku

**EITAI-KYO SERVICE DONATION:**

Mildred Konishi

Wayne Fujioka & Carol Valentine

Arlene Fujikawa

Natsuko Daida

Hiroko Kurashige

Karen Nishimoto

Winston & Marian Ogata

Glenn & Gail Shibuya

Diane Fukuyama

Edith Ushio

**125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY DONATION:**

Elaine Fukushima & Harriet Junttonen

Lori Koga

Lynne Matsumura

Suzette Naito

Winston & Marian Ogata

Eric & Yoko Takabayashi

Melainie Zaima-Higashi

Dr. Warren & Claire Tamamoto

Wayne Fujioka & Carol Valentine

Diane Fukuyama

Gerald Miller & Avis Hirahara

Sidney & Roberta Yanagawa

Doris Kikuda

Joan Kurosaki

Jean Kurosaki

Glenn & Gail Shibuya

Milton & Caroline Ozaki

Natsuko Daida

Arlene Fujikawa

Hiroko Kurashige

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Gavin Ushio & Leyna Miyake

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Gail Tagashira

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**125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PROJECTS:**

Carol Shinseki

Hiroko Kurashige

**SOCIAL CONCERNS:**

Gerald Miller & Avis Hirahara

Ann Ogata

*Thank  
You*



### *With Deepest Sympathy*

Lihue Hongwanji extends its deepest sympathy to the family of:

The late Elaine Kondo who passed away on October 9, 2025 at the age of 84.

The late Roy Fujioka who passed away on October 10, 2025 at the age of 86 years.

## **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 (808) 245-6262 for an appointment.

#### **1st YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2024/2025**

2025 January 29 Arleen Marugame

#### **3rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2023/2024**

2024 January 3 Frances Fujioka

#### **7th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2019/2020**

2019 December 18 Judy Segawa

2020 January 12 Chimako Miyoshi

2020 January 23 Allen Michioka

#### **13th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2013/2014**

2013  
2014 NONE

#### **17th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2009/2010**

2009 December 2 Gary Iida

2009 December 29 Sue Koga

2010 January 7 Richard Tokunaga

2010 January 13 Cynthia Masukawa

#### **25th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—2001/2002**

2001 December 5 Michie Miyoshi

2001 December 9 Mildred Watanabe

2001 December 21 Shigeichi Matsushima

2002 January 10 Kaoru Okubo

2002 January 20 Fujie Shinseki

2002 January 21 Aiko Hamura

2002 January 31 Rev. Sachihide  
Motoyoshi

#### **33rd YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1993/1994**

1993 December 7 Sadako Higuchi

#### **50th YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—1976/1977**

1976 December 18 Cheryl Nakamoto

1977 January 25 Yonezo Kanja

**Bodhi Day Service**  
December 7, 2026, 9:30 am  
Waimea Higashi Hongwanji  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata  
(See the Front Page for information)



**Happy  
New Year!**

**New Year's Eve Service**  
Wednesday, December 31, 2025 at **8:00 PM**  
**New Year's Day Service**  
Thursday, January 1, 2026 at **10:00 AM**

**Lihue Hongwanji Mission, a Shin Buddhist Temple**

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