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April 2020 Hi-Lites

Due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) all activities, classes, meetings and Sunday services will be cancelled until May 15, 2020.

2020 Honpa Hongwanji Theme & Slogan **Building Healthy Sangha** *(Embracing Generosity and Openness)*

Puna Hongwanji Vision Statement

Puna Hongwanji Mission will be a dynamic and unique temple for Hawaii serving the spiritual needs of the community through Jodo-Shinshu teachings.

Puna Hongwanji Mission Statement

Puna Hongwanji Mission is a community of people joined in the joy of a common faith in Amida Buddha to share the Dharma in our daily living.



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With Deepest Sympathy



Puna Hongwanji Mission extends its sincerest sympathy and condolences to the family and relatives of the following member(s) who recently passed away

Naomi Sakaguchi

Charles Tamashiro

Memorial Service (Nenki)

Families, relatives, and friends of deceased members listed, please contact the temple if there are any corrections or omissions. Researched and compiled by Reverend Satoshi Tomioka.



*****Memorial services will be postponed until after May 15, 2020. Please contact Rev. Tomioka to set a schedule.*****


April 2020

1 yr.	Lisa Tsugie Cabudol	April 17, 2019
3 yrs.	Fusae Nakano Yaeko "Esther" Aoki	April 8, 2018 April 22, 2018
7 yrs.	None	
13 yrs.	Shizuno Yasukochi Toshiko Ota Kinue Kimata Masako Kakugawa Shigeko Yamashita	April 10, 2008 April 16, 2008 April 21, 2008 April 28, 2008 April 30, 2008
17 yrs.	Kiyoshi Nakamura Jiro "Robert" Makida	April 12, 2004 April 20, 2004
25 yrs.	Asae Baba Kimiko Yamamoto	April 19, 1996 April 28, 1996
33 yrs.	Kamato Asato Ushi Tamashiro	April 11, 1988 April 11, 1988
50 yrs.	George Kudo Nabe Iha	April 15, 1971 April 18, 1971



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Minister's Message

Aloha,
May this email finds you well and peaceful in the awareness that Amida Buddha's Compassion and Wisdom always embraces us as we are, wherever, whenever, and no matter what.

As we are under the coronavirus pandemic, let us, including myself, observe and understand the situation clearly and let us respond calmly yet compassionately. You will find messages from Hongwanji State Headquarters about their directives, health information and also a notice from Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. Please take look and read carefully. If there is any question or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me or temple. There will be no Sunday Service open to members and public. However, we will broadcast the Sunday Service through Facebook on the internet. So you can watch the service at home. Please read the attached instructions. If you are familiar with internet, you can search variety of Dharma messages by Hongwanji temples like below.

- Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH) YouTube Video channel – see attachment
- Moiliili Hongwanji White Way Radio
<https://www.moiliilihongwanji.org/radio-broadcasts/>

As you can't come to Puna Hongwanji on Sunday, if you can join on the online service, please join us! For those who don't have any internet access, I made a *Service at home*. I want to invite you to have your own service on Sunday and anytime at home. Before the service at home, turn off all electric devises. We might be distracted at home but try to and create a comfortable and quiet space for you. Reading of Golden Chain of Love teaches us the truth life – we are truly connected each other. I am a link. You are link. We are part of the world. Because we are living a life of interdependence, the coronavirus also spread so quickly. This interdependence also means that you are never alone. We may feel the isolation and loneliness



socially and physically, but we are connected. There is always someone who thinks of you more than you do for yourself. Amida Buddha always embraces me and you as we are. Whatever I may go through – panicked, stressed, frustrated, concerned, worried – Amida Buddha never abandons me and accept me as I am. Touched by such a kindness of Buddha, my eyes which often only see me is open to see others who might need a helping hand. It is my nature that I love myself and I love my family. So it is natural we think of myself first. However, what Buddhism teaches me is that as I love myself and want to make sure I have items and products to take care of me, other people also have a loved one whom they want to take care of. Each person has someone special in their life. Therefore, guided by Amida Buddha's All-Inclusive Wisdom, let us try to expand my love to include others knowing that it is my nature to love myself. Truly, I am a link. You are a link. I am the link in Amida Buddha's Golden Chain of love.

Through this corona virus situation, I have learned and realized that how much I need others. I need so many people and so many things to sustain my One life. When I awaken to this fact of my life, "I need you to live my life", a heart of gratitude arises in my life and I am enabled to be humble, grateful, compassionate, and think of others. We are part of the world. I am a link. You are a link.

Let us think of each other and take care of as much as we can. By helping others, my life is also helped by others and together, we can create a safe and peaceful moment under the time of uncertainty. Our Founder of Hongwanji, Master Shinran said "When we reflect on the establishment of the Vow, we find that the Buddha, without abandoning sentient beings in pain and affliction, has taken the directing virtue to them as foremost, thus fulfilling the mind of great compassion"

-Hymns of the Dharma Ages, #38, Collected Works of Shinran, page 408

Amida Buddha made vows to save me who are going through so many difficult things. Buddha's Great Compassion accepts me as I am and embrace me as I am. I, this Satoshi, is accepted as I am. How grateful for I am. Whatever I am going through, I was never alone, I am never alone, and I will be never alone in the embrace of Namo Amida Butsu.



Puna Hongwanji Kyodan Highlights

Synopsis of Kyodan Board of Directors' meeting held on Thursday, February 20, 2020. Minutes were recorded by Marilyn Sato, Secretary.

Repair and Maintenance

- Memorial Day Committee is working with Mr. Sasaki about options to add names to the monument

Approved Activities/Announcements

- A memorial service for the late Reverend Shoin Hoashi, resident minister at PHM from 1962-1975, will be held on Feb. 29 at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, Honolulu. Clifford Furukado will represent Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple and will speak to the family about having a service here.
- Rev. Tomioka will serve as an Advisory Board Member for Jodo Shinshu International Office (JSIO). The office is located in San Francisco. Rev. Tomioka was appointed to the Bishop's Advisory Board for 2020. It will require him to attend meetings in Honolulu throughout the year.
- Donations were received from PiYo and Karate. Hawaiian Pie Company requested use of the oven/kitchen during the Merrie Monarch Week (Apr. 14-19). They have used our facilities in the past and have made generous donations to the temple. The Rental Committee will work with their request to use our place on Sunday.
- Thank you to Clifford Furukado and others who helped with the Appreciation Party. Budget for the Appreciation Party was \$1,000 but less was spent.
- Thank you to Sam Horiuchi, President of the Sr. YBA, and ALL the affiliates for hosting the Shinnen Enkai. Ticket count was 176 but it felt like there were a lot more than 176 people in the social hall.
- Clifford Furukado and Richard Solie attended the Giseikai. Some highlights were: Budget went down for 2020 – assessment did not go up. There was a presentation about making the temple more

welcoming and R. Solie reports we are already doing many of the suggestions (openness, accepting diversity, etc.). Previously the start date for the Bishop was at the Giseikai but now the new Bishop's start date will be July 1 to give the person more time to get oriented to new roles and responsibilities.

- Jr. YBA will send 3 participants to the YESS Camp on Apr. 10-12
- Columbarium improvements are still being discussed. The talks include window treatments, termite treatment, having a picture rather than a statue, etc.
- Board approved purchase of a computer linking program, Carbonite program, and anti-virus program for the computers.
- Ministerial Training Fund will be set up for anyone, including former member Blayne Nakasone, wanting to become a lay assistant and/or minister. Funds would be available to any member who is seeking further studies.
- Board approved purchase of a new runner for wedding ceremonies.
- Mar. 28: Spring Festival from 9:00-2:00 p.m. Lots of local vendors and entertainers.
- May 23: Interfaith Memorial Day Service at Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple at 10:00 a.m. Guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Loreto Borce Jr.
- Rev. Tomioka said please support our social media by sending pictures to Robin Sato and/or Sam Horiuchi.
- Reminder: It's a new year – please make your dues donation.

In Appreciation – Thank You Very Much

- Thank you to Clifford Furukado and all who helped in making the Appreciation Party a success. The event was an opportunity to say Thank You, Mahalo Nui Loa, Doomo Arigato Gozaimasu, Salamat, etc. to all who make Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple a special place. Thank you for your help throughout the year. Please continue to kokua.
- Thank you to Sam Horiuchi and the affiliates for the memorable Shinnen Enkai. The mochi pounding was enjoyed by all.

Taiko performance was superb! Food, prepared by Dharma School with help from the Choir, was excellent! Thank you all! Chairperson Sam thanked all the affiliates and everyone who helped and to everyone that attended. Special thank you to **Big Island Delights** for their generous donation of the chocolate dipped fortune cookies.



**Do not be
overwhelmed by
fear and isolation!
Go to the Buddha-
Dharma for
Guidance and
Assurance!**

Bishop Eric Matsumoto

As we, as individuals, our families, our local communities, our Nation, and the World grapple with COVID-19, let us, affirmatively and positively, do what we can to help curb its spread and the suffering caused by it. Please keep yourselves updated on the recommendations and advisories that are being issued by governmental and health care agencies which are trying their very best in battling the Coronavirus, but they need our help too.

In this respect, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii has directed all its temples and affiliated organizations connected with HHMH to, for the time being as much as possible, curtail temple services and activities which require people to gather, out of consideration for the health and well-being of one and all, but especially our elderly who comprise a large portion of our membership for the greater cause of stopping the spread of the Coronavirus. May we avail ourselves to the Wisdom of the Dharma and keep in mind the interconnectedness and interrelatedness of all people and all things. What we each do matters for all of us!

However, the battle being fought is not only external. There is also an internal battle or struggle that we should be aware of that is also taking place.

This battle/struggle is also complex. For any living being, self-preservation is a basic instinct, but being a human being, we also have the ability to live not only by instinct, but also by reason and learned and/or nurtured behaviors. As we think of our own health, let us also consider the well-being of others. Though it may be challenging for me as a (bonbu) “spiritually, foolish being” let us think of how we might be able to mutually benefit and help each other especially in these difficult times. Let us be motivated by our gratitude for the Unconditional Compassion of Amida Buddha. Please remember that Amida Buddha, the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light, no matter where we are is always with us! Thus, it is said that, this is why this Buddha’s name is “Amida,” who “embraces never to forsake.” So, please do not feel and think you are all alone. The Buddha, as Namo Amida Butsu [The-Buddha’s-Name-Which-Calls-Us (to entrust)], is always with us at every moment!

As I offer my well-wishes to you and offer my condolences to those who have lost dear family members and friends, may I finally share that Wisdom guides Compassion and Compassion fulfills Wisdom. In these challenging times, may we go to the Wisdom and Compassion of Enlightenment for guidance and assurance. Namo Amida Buddha/Entrusting in All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion [The-Buddha’s-Name-Which-I-Call (in gratitude.)]

In gassho,

Eric Matsumoto, Bishop

**“In the clear bright morning sun,
In the fading light of day,
In the darkness of the night,
I Gassho to Amida”**

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Please welcome Katie Madison & Joe Soltys of Hilo and Bernie Imada of Keaau

Wash yours hands & stay healthy.

Thank you for your prompt dues payment.

Remember you can pay monthly, quarterly, semi yearly or in full.

Recommended dues is \$240.00.

And if you head of household and in a care home situation,
your dues are exempt.

In Gassho,
Roy Toma
Membership Chairman
935-7712



Friends of Lili`uokalani Gardens

Friends of Lili`uokalani Gardens in keeping with recommendations to #flattenthecurve announces the cancellation of volunteer events in the gardens in April. We hope to resume special maintenance projects in early May.

The annual flying of koinobori presently is planned to continue in honor of Children's Day. Koinobori will be up from Wednesday, April 29 through Wednesday, May 6 all around the Waiakea peninsula.

Please refer to our Facebook page for any schedule changes that may happen between your print deadline and the event.

BUDDHIST WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION

On Jan. 14th, Masako Sanehira had several BWA members and friends prepare donated pumpkins for the November pie fundraiser. The kabocha pumpkins were washed, chopped, steamed, peeled, processed, measured, and frozen. Fresh coconuts were also prepared for anpan filling. The coconuts were husked, washed, peeled, processed, measured, and frozen. The work session went quickly and was completed by noon.

The annual Dana Day Service was held on Feb. 9th. BWA sponsored the service, which had a calabash designated for Puna Taiko. The donated \$200 was presented to the Puna Taiko at the Shinnen Kai. The presenters were Eileen Usagawa and Stella Miyashiro, who are the site coordinators for Puna Project Dana. Two well-known children's stories, *The Giving Tree* and *Love You Forever* were shared. The themes of the stories were used as vehicles for open discussion among temple members. Personal views and experiences were exchanged to get a better understanding of true Dana.

At the Puna Hongwanji Shinnen Kai, BWA was responsible for the door prizes. The following temple members generously donated items: Sam Horiuchi - 60 boxes of tissue; Cheryl Waite - 2 potted succulent plants; Shar Oyadomari - 12 floral bouquets; Lei Kakugawa - 30 potholders; Keri Furukado - house-hold items; Ann Toma-household items & cookies; Jason Hashimoto - 5 pails/trash bags; April Yoshimoto - cookies; and Stella Miyashiro - kitchen ware. Since Eileen Usagawa went to Honolulu, she was given a budget to purchase prize items from Don Quijote. The two \$25.00 gift certificates from Ken's House of Pancakes were donated by an anonymous Dana volunteer.

The Taiko Club members conducted the drawing of names and the delivering of the prizes. The BWA appreciated their work and enthusiasm in the awarding of door prizes.

On Girl's Day, March 3rd, Puna BWA had an annual luncheon at the Hilo Community College. Although it was a rainy day, nineteen members and guests gathered in the cafeteria where reserved tables with brightly colored tablecloths awaited them. The coordinators, Adela Hara and Dora Hashimoto, started the event with everyone guessing the number of onenju in a glass bowl.

Dora had accumulated quite a number of onenju over the years.

The cafeteria had a wide assortment of main dishes such as chicken hekka, stuffed cabbage, lasagna, and roast pork accompanied by two side dishes. Also available were sandwiches and loco moco. There were so many choices that everyone had a difficult time deciding what he/she wanted. But the students working the food bar were very patient in filling in the orders.

After the meal, everyone played a game of jan ken po and lucky numbers were drawn where everyone "won" a huge bag filled with goodies, some donated by Adela Hara and Lei Kakugawa. Each guest also received a piece of jewelry from one of our recently departed members.

The BWA will suspend all meetings till the temple reopens.

Please stay safe and healthy till we meet again.



Project Dana regrets to inform you that activities and services will/may be suspended till further notice. In these difficult times, we need to remember that our older adults are particularly vulnerable to this virus.

Harumi Miyo has decided to stop her weekly Miyo's bento. So March 18 was the last delivery date. Clients will be notified when she resumes her bento service.

According to Cyndi Osajima, executive director of Project Dana, "Should there be a situation when a volunteer is uncomfortable or has questions about the assistance to an elder or family caregiver, and in the midst of providing this assistance may feel at an increased risk of exposure to the Covid-19 virus, please know that decisions to decline assistance will be respected by Project Dana."

Thank you for your dana.
Stay healthy and well.
In gassho,
Stella and Eileen

NAALEHU HONGWANJI

Masako Sakata of Naalehu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple was honored for her dedication, caretaking, commitment, years of service, being an example of Buddha Dharma, leadership, mentorship, community oriented, dharma educator, practitioner....leading a life of Nembutsu followe



Masako is a very dedicated member of Naalehu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple



Alice Yonemitsu and Masako Sakata

BUDDHA DAY SERVICE Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple



On Sunday, March 8, 2020 Rev. Satoshi "Ka'imipono" Tomioka was the guest speaker at the 8th Annual Buddha Day Service sponsored by the Hawaii Association of International Buddhists (HAIB) at Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. Buddhists of various paths celebrated the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha who was born over 2,600 years ago. Rev. Tomioka's Dharma Message was "When will my life begin?"

JR. YBA



After a 6 year break, we started up our Jr. YBA program again this year.



During our first Jr. YBA event called “Youth Fun Gathering” we played a game where everyone in each group held each other’s hands and arms. And had to straighten themselves out without letting go of the other person. Amazingly, they all found a way to do it. Everyone had a great time!



2020 OLYMPICS TRAIL QUALIFIER



Caitlyn Tateishi ran in the 2020 Olympics qualifier in Atlanta. She was one of 624 elite athletes that competed for the 2020 Olympics. Caitlyn’s unofficial time to complete the race is 2:53:51 and came in 292 out of 410 women and overall 464 out of 624. She attended Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. Her family are active Puna Hongwanji members. On Sunday’s you are greeted at the door by her Grandma Dora Hashimoto and her Uncle Jason Hashimoto is our Kyodan President.



Caitlyn with her proud parents



Her supporters that flew to Atlanta



Finishing strong!



MARCH 22, 2020



March 22, 2020 temple service was done online. Thank you to everyone that joined us virtually. The temple atmosphere was

different without all our temple friends, but at this time it is necessary that we all stay in the comfort of our home to hear the Dharma Message. Let's ensure we do our part and take control of this virus by staying home and keeping up with our hygiene. Stay safe!



DIRECTIVES & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII HEADQUARTERS

The Centers for Disease Control on March 15, 2020 has revised their guidelines for community and faith-based organizations. <https://www.cdc.gov>

If there is minimal or moderate spread in your community:

- **Alert! Starting 3/15 and for 8 weeks, CDC recommends all events of 50+ people be cancelled or held virtually.**
- **For organizations that serve people who are at higher risk of serious COVID-19 illness, cancel events for groups of 10 people or more.**

Based on these recommendations Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Headquarters has decided on the following matters effective immediately:

- Cancel or postpone the following until after May 15, 2020:
 - Sunday Services
 - Memorial Services
 - Cultural activities
 - Community organizational gatherings/meetings
 - Religious education classes (except online classes)

- Nursing home group visits, including monthly services
 - HHMH affiliated organizations such as JYBA, BWA, etc., meetings/gatherings (on-line meetings are permissible)
- Continue the following:
 - Bedside / Makuragyo services
 - Small (less than 10) end of life services
- Funeral services
 - Contact family if they can postpone until after May 15, 2020
 - If the funeral service can't be postponed, Headquarters recommends to minimize
 - social contact and maintain social distance to prevent the spread of COVID-19
- Japanese Language Schools, Preschools, Hongwanji Mission School, Pacific Buddhist Academy and other schools which may be renting or borrowing temple facilities should follow DOE guidelines.
- Elder Adult Care Programs at Temples will have to decide their course of action at the temple level.
- All Hawaii Kyodan Committees and Task Forces are to have online meetings using GoTo Meetings for the remainder of the year. Primary is the safety of committee members, but there are also other factors influencing this decision. If there is an important need for a face-to-face meeting by your group, please contact HQ and especially Derrick Inouye, way in advance, to discuss the matter.
- Except for emergency or urgent situations, HQ will suspend all air travel. All affiliated organizations of HHMH, state committees and task forces are requested to do the same. For example, please find speakers and human resources in your own respective districts so individuals including ministers do not have to travel interisland. Please consider using audio-visual technology or pre-recorded messages.
- After the March 20th Webinar on Employment Law regarding COVID-19, we will summarize procedures and policies and inform all Active

Ministers and Temple Presidents on what happens if a minister or lay employee becomes ill or needs to be quarantined and thus cannot work. For temples which also have lay employees it is recommended that someone participate, first hand, in the webinar to get information. Information has been sent out regarding the webinar.

- Ministers especially, but to all Dharma Educators, please provide guidance to temple members and possibly even your larger community by sharing Dharma insights during this time of heightened crisis and fear being experienced. To aid in this effort, starting Sunday, March 22, 2020, as a State Ministers Association endeavor, with the assistance of Hawaii Betsuin, each Sunday there will be a live stream of a Sunday Service with a Dharma Message which will later be posted on a YouTube Video too. We will inform all Temples and State-wide affiliates of HHMH, how members and friends can gain access to the live stream and YouTube Video.
- Best practices for everyone, including clergy:
 - Stay home if you're sick
 - Clean your hands often
 - Avoid close contact
 - Cover coughs and sneezes
 - Wear facemask if you are sick
 - Clean and disinfect
 - Social Distancing and good air circulation

The situation with COVID-19 is so fluid that matters could change anytime and very rapidly. Ministers and temple leaders, please use your best judgement.

Let us be safe, but not full of fear. Let us go to the Buddha-Dharma for guidance.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop and Dr. Warren Tamamoto, President

March 16, 2020



“How to watch *online* Sunday Service”

1. In the internet search menu type in “Facebook Puna Hongwanji” and then click search.

facebook puna hongwanji



2. Click on the link that appears. <https://www.facebook.com/PunaHongwanji>

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3. Either log on if you have an account, create an account, or just view without joining Facebook.
4. If you scroll down when you see the message log in or create you will get another screen. You can log in, create an account, or click not now.



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Email or Phone

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Log In

Forgot account?

or

Create New Account

Not Now

← “Log in”

← “Create New Account”

← “Not Now”

5. If you have a Facebook account and like Puna Hongwanji you will get a message that Puna Hongwanji is Live. Here is a sample of what the message will say. You can click it to join.



Like (register)
Puna Hongwanji
page and watch all
kinds of video!

Notifications

New



Puna Hongwanji Mission's ph...

1m

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Puna Hongwanji is live

1h

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6. When you click on the video or link it will say "LIVE" on the screen. You can watch the live streaming.

INVITATION OF LIVE STREAMING

Dear Family and Friends of the Hongwanji Sangha,

March 19, 2020

We received the memo from Bishop regarding COVID-19, directing that all temples to operate on a very limited basis providing only essential religious services until May 15, 2020.

Especially during this time of uncertainty, we must not forget that we are all connected to each other and moving forward together. Receiving this request from Bishop Matsumoto, the State Ministers' Association endeavors to find new ways to keep sharing the Dharma. As a result, we would like to introduce Live Streaming of Sunday Services through the Hongwanji YouTube channel and HHMH website. (Videos will be available live as well as later on demand.)

Please access the link below:

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDuOZdicW9mWq-DNlf19Pyg>

Or the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii website

<https://hongwanjihawaii.com/>

The schedule of speakers is as follows: 3/22 10AM Bishop Eric Matsumoto (HQ)

3/29 10AM Rev. Kazunori Takahashi (HQ)

4/5 10AM Rev. Jeffrey Soga (Waipahu Hongwanji & Waianae Hongwanji)

4/12 10AM Rev. David Fujimoto (Mililani Hongwanji & Ewa Hongwanji)

4/19 10AM Rev. Shawn Yagi (Aiea Hongwanji)
4/26 10AM Rev. Kojun Hashimoto (Wahiawa Hongwanji & Waialua
Hongwanji)
5/3 10AM Rev. Sol Kalu (Hawaii Betsuin)
5/10 10AM Rimban Toyokazu Hagio (Hawaii Betsuin)

(Speakers are subject to change)

Please visit our YouTube channel and subscribe to it to continue receiving updates and notifications of new videos!

As the light of a small candle will spread from one to another in succession, so the light of Buddha's compassion will pass on from one mind to another endlessly. (The Teaching of Buddha)

In this time of difficulty, let's try to help each other and not forget that we are all embraced by the Great Compassion.

Special Appreciation to Bishop Matsumoto, Rev. Takahashi, Rev. Kiyohara, Rev. Hironaka, and Mr. Atcheson And to All Speakers: Bishop Matsumoto, Rev. Takahashi, Rev. Soga, Rev. Fujimoto, Rev. Yagi, Rev. Hashimoto, Rev. Kalu, and Rimban Hagio

In Gassho,



Yuika Hasebe

Chair of State Ministers Association

YESS CAMP 37

On behalf of all the counselors and staff of YESS Camp 37, and the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, our hearts go out to all those impacted by COVID-19. In light of these recent events, we would like to formally announce that YESS Camp 37 will be postponed to the tentative dates of September 5-7, 2020 (Labor Day Weekend). As the situation continues to evolve, we may make some more changes, but through it all, we will continue to live compassionately. The safety, health and well-being of our participants has, and always will be, a top priority. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these difficult times.

In Gassho,
Dwight Matsuo

Preston Matsuo



YESS Camp 37 Co-Chairs



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March 18, 2020

Aloha Puna Hongwanji members, affiliates, classes and friends,

Based on the guidance and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus), Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii State Headquarters has directed us to cancel or postpone all religious services, events, activities held at Hongwanji temple until after May 15, 2020.

According to the directives, Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple decided to take the recommendation and guidance to cancel all Sunday services, classes, activities, and meetings held at the temple facilities until May 15, 2020.

Our priority is the health and wellbeing of all who are part of Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. This may bring some inconvenience to you and have impact on what you are doing at Puna Hongwanji. However, we ask for your understanding and awareness that we are living a life of interconnectedness and we need your help to avoid any risks of transmission of the coronavirus through our temple activities.

In the meantime, please take precaution and follow guidelines to keep you and your loved ones healthy and safe. Please remember that what other people have been going through may come to us depending on causes and conditions. Truly, we are connected. Therefore, let us keep in mind what I do now depends not only my happiness or unhappiness, but also that of others. Let us take care of each other with mutual respect and understanding guided by Compassion and Wisdom.

- The temple office and columbarium will remain open during normal business hours.
- Memorial service will be postponed until the situation is cleared.

Please contact the office for any questions, religious/spiritual assistance such as end of life services, pastoral care," or if you find yourself in need of spiritual support.

Hands together in reverence,



Jason Hashimoto
President



Rev. Satoshi "Ka'imipono" Tomioka
Resident Minister

Service at Home (Sunday and anytime)

Turn off all electrical devices. Create a comfortable and quiet seating place. Hold a Buddhist bead (nenju)

1. Quiet Meditation

Sit nicely and breathe in from nose and breathe out from mouth. Keep your eyes not wide open nor completely closed, but slightly opened. Count your breath up to 20.

2. Vandana and Ti-Sarana (chant or read)

Namo tassa Bhagavato, arahato, sammasam buddhassa

Homage to Him, the Exalted One, The Enlightened One, The Supremely Awakened One.

Buddham Saranam Gacchami. Dhammam Saranam Gacchami. Sangham saranam Gacchami.

I go to the Buddha for guidance. I go to the Dharma for guidance. I go to the Sangha for guidance.

2. Chant Jueige – Hymn Reaffirming the Vows

1 Ga gon cho se gan	2 Hissi mu ju do	3 shi gan fu man zoku	4 seifu jo sho gaku
5 Ga o mu ryo ko	6 fu i dai se shu	7 fu sai sho bin gu	8 sei fu jo sho gaku
Ga shi jo butsu do	myo sho cho jippo	ku kyo mi sho mon	sei fu jo sho gaku
Ri yoku jin sho nen	jo e shu bon gyo	shi gu mu jo do	I sho ten nin shi
Jin riki en dai ko	fu sho mu sai do	sho jo san ku myo	ko sai shu yaku nan
Kai hi chi e gen	messhi kon mo an	hei so ku sho aku do	tsu datsu zen shu mon
Ko so jo man zoku	I yo ro jippo	nichi gatsu shu ju ki	ten ko on fu gen
I shu kai ho zo	ko se ku doku ho	jo o dai shu ju	seppo shi shi ku
Ku yo issai butsu	gu soku shu toku hon	gan ne shitsu ju man	toku i san gai o
Nyo butsu mu ge chi	tsu datsu mi fu sho	gan ga ku e riki	to shi sai sho son
Shi gan nya kokka	dai sen o kan do	ko ku sho ten nin	to u chin myo ke
Na man da bu Na man da bu Na man da bu	byo do se issai	Na man da bu Na man da bu Na man da bu	Na man da bu
Gan ni shi ku do ku		do hotsu bo dai shin	o jo an rakko.

3. offering of incense

4. message or Translation of chanting

This chant is a poetic summary of the basic intention of the 48 vows made by the Bodhisattva Dharmakara who became Amida Buddha. Concentrated in 3 major vows, Dharmakara Bodhisattva promises to attain supreme enlightenment; to save the poor and suffering (whether spiritually or physically); and to declare the universal availability of salvation----through the Name----everywhere throughout the universe.

I established the all-surpassing vows and will unfailingly attain supreme enlightenment. If these vows should not be fulfilled, may I not attain perfect enlightenment.

If, for countless kalpas to come, I should not become a great benefactor and save all the destitute and afflicted everywhere, may I not attain perfect enlightenment.

When I have fulfilled the Buddha-way, my name shall pervade the ten quarters; should there be any place it is not heard, may I not attain perfect enlightenment.

Freed from greed and with deep right-mindfulness and pure wisdom, I will perform the sacred practices in pursuit of supreme enlightenment, and become the teacher of devas and humans.

Emitting a great light with my majestic power, I will completely illuminate the boundless worlds; dispelling, thereby, the darkness of the three defilements, I will deliver all beings from suffering and affliction.

Having acquired the eye of wisdom, I will remove the darkness of blind passions; blocking the path to the evil realms, I will open the gate to the good realms.

When my practice and merits are fulfilled, my majestic brilliance shall reach everywhere in the ten quarters, outshining both the sun and the moon; even the heavenly lights shall be hidden and obscured.

For the sake of all beings I will open forth the Dharma-store and universally bestows its treasure of virtue upon them. Among the multitudes of beings I will always preach the Dharma with a lion's roar.

Making offerings to all the Buddha, I will acquire all the roots of virtue; with my vows fulfilled and wisdom perfected, I will be the here of the three worlds.

Like your unimpeded wisdom, O Buddha Lokeshvararaja, my wisdom shall reach everywhere and illuminate all; may the power of my virtue and wisdom be equal to that of yours, O Most Honored One.

If these vows are to be fulfilled, the great thousand worlds will shake in accord, and, from the sky, all the devas will rain down rare and wondrous flowers.

May the virtue that leads to enlightenment be shared equally with all beings, may we together awaken the Bodhi Mind and be born in the realm of peace and serenity.

5. Reading of Golden Chain of Love

I am a link in Amida Buddha's Golden Chain of Love that stretches around the world. I must keep my link bright and strong. I will try to be kind and gentle to every living thing and protect all who are weaker than myself. I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words, and to do pure and beautiful deeds, knowing that on what I do now depends not only my happiness or unhappiness, but also that of others. May every link in Amida's Golden Chain of Love be bright and strong and may we all attain Perfect Peace.

6. Nembutsu

Namo Amida Namō Amida Namō Amida Butsu Namō Amida Butsu Namō Amida Namō Amida Butsu



May the virtue that leads to enlightenment.
Be shared equally with all beings
May we together awaken the Bodhi Mind
And be born in the realm of peace and serenity.