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2021 Honpa Hongwanji Theme & Slogan

Building Healthy Sanghas

(Nurturing Empathy and Respect)

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.



The Hi-Lites Monthly Newsletter

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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

Asako Miyamoto

Misako Yamamoto

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 in-person is permitted following health guidelines.**

*****Online memorial service is also available.**

*****Please contact Rev. Tomioka for more information.**

October 2021

1 yr.	Darryn Yamamoto	October 7, 2020
3 yrs.	Irene Oshiro	October 4, 2019
	Sumiko Miyamoto	October 21, 2019
7 yrs.	None	2015
13 yrs.	Chiyoho Ohigashi	October 26, 2009
	Hiroshi Sako	October 30, 2009
17 yrs.	None	2005
25 yrs.	Alan George Ogawa	October 1, 1997
	Noboru Miyada	October 30, 1997
33 yrs.	Junkichi Oshiro	October 16, 1989
	Sofuku Uehara	October 29, 1989
50 yrs.	Yoshinobu Makio	October 26, 1972



Gomonshu's message “Gratitude for the Jodo Shinshu Teaching”

「浄土真宗のみ教え」についての親教

本年も、皆さまと共に立教開宗記念法要のご勝縁に遇わせていただきました。立教開宗とは親鸞聖人が『教行信証』を著して他力の念仏を体系的にお示しになり、浄土真宗のみ教えを確立されたことをいいます。この法要をご縁として、私たちに浄土真宗のみ教えが伝わっていることをあらためて味わわせていただきましょう。

さて、仏教を説かれたお釈迦さまは、諸行無常や諸法無我という言葉でこの世界のありのままの真実を明らかにされました。この真実を身をもって受け入れることのできない私たちは、日々「苦しみ」を感じて生きていますが、その代表的なものが「生老病死」の「四苦」であるとお釈迦様は表されました。むさぼり・いかり・おろかさなどの煩惱を抱えた私たちは、いのち終わるその瞬間まで、苦しみから逃れることはできません。

このように真実をありのままに受け入れられない私たちのことを、親鸞聖人は「煩惱具足の凡夫」と言われました。そして、阿弥陀如来は煩惱の闇に沈む私たちをそのままに救い取りたいと願われ、そのお慈悲のお心を「南無阿弥陀仏」のお念仏に込めてはたらき続けてくださっています。ご和讃に「罪業もとよりかたちなし 妄想顛倒のなせるなり」「煩惱・菩提体無二」とありますように、人間の分別がはたらき出す前のありのままの真実に基づく如来のお慈悲ですから、いのちあるものすべてに平等にそそがれ、誰一人として見捨てられることなく、そのままの姿で摂め取ってくださいます。

親鸞聖人は「念仏成仏これ真宗」（『浄土和讃』）、「信は願より生ずれば、念仏成仏自然なり自然はすなはち報土なり 証大涅槃うたがはず」（『高僧和讃』）とお示しになっています。浄土真宗とは、「われにまかせよ そのまま救う」という「南無阿弥陀仏」に込められた阿弥陀如来のご本願のお心を疑いなく受け入れる信心ただ一つで、「自然の浄土」（『高僧和讃』）でかたちを超えたこの上ないさとりを開いて仏に成るといふみ教えです。

阿弥陀如来に願われないのちと知らされ、その温かなお慈悲に触れる時、大きな安心とともに生きていく力が与えられ、人と喜びや悲しみを分かち合い、お互いに敬い支え合う世界が開かれてきます。如来のお慈悲に救われていく安心と喜びのうえから、仏恩報謝の道を歩まれたのが親鸞聖人でした。私たちも聖人の生き方に学び、次の世代の方々にご法義をわかりやすく伝わるよう、ここにその肝要を「浄土真宗のみ教え」として味わいたいと思います。

浄土真宗のみ教え

南無阿弥陀仏

「われにまかせよ そのまま救う」の 弥陀のよび声

私の煩惱と仏のさとりは 本来一つゆえ

「そのまま救う」が 弥陀のよび声

ありがとう といただいて

この愚身をまかす このままで

救い取られる 自然の浄土 仏
恩報謝の お念仏

み教えを依りどころに生きる者 となり
少しずつ 執われの心を 離れます
生かされていることに 感謝して
むさぼり いかりに 流されず 穏
やかな顔と 優しい言葉
喜びも 悲しみも 分かち合い 日
々に 精一杯 つとめます

来る2023（令和5）年には親鸞聖人御誕生850年・立教開宗800年慶讃法要をお迎えいたします。聖人が御誕生され、浄土真宗のみ教えを私たちに説き示してくださったことに感謝して、この「浄土真宗のみ教え」を共に唱和し、共につとめ、み教えが広く伝わるようお念仏申す人生を歩ませていただきます。なお、2018（平成30）年の秋の法要（全国門徒総追悼法要）の親教において述べました「私たちのちかい」は、中学生や高校生、大学生をはじめとして、これまで仏教や浄土真宗にあまり親しみのなかった方々にも、さまざまな機会で引き続き唱和していただき、み教えにつながっていくご縁にしていきたいと願っております。

2021（令和）年4月15日

浄土真宗本願寺派門主 大谷光淳

Message on

“Gratitude for the Jodo Shinshu Teaching”

This year we will once again have the opportunity to observe the Commemorative Service of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching together. This service’s name, ‘Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching,’ refers to Shinran Shonin’s systematical presentation of the Jodo Shinshu teaching through his main writing, *Kyōgyōshinshō*, or *The True Teaching, Practice, and Realization of the Pure Land Way*. In this work, he clarified how Amida Buddha’s compassionate working, or Other Power, reaches and guides each of us. This annual observance is a great opportunity for us to deepen our gratitude for the teaching.

The founder of Buddhism, Sakyamuni Buddha revealed the reality of this world as “everything is changing” and “all things are without self.” However, ordinary beings like us are not able to accept this reality, and that is why we struggle constantly. Typical examples are the four difficulties expounded by Sakyamuni Buddha, that is, birth, aging, illness, and death. We, who possess blind passions of greed, anger, and ignorance, cannot escape from suffering until the moment that life ends.

Shinran Shonin used the expression ‘foolish beings filled with blind passions’ to describe us, those who are not able to accept this reality. Amida Tathagata wishes to save us, who are drowning in the darkness of blind passions, and continues to work with compassion in the Nembutsu, “Namo Amida Butsu.” As Shinran Shonin wrote in a hymn,

Karmic evil is from the beginning without real form;
It is the result of delusional thought and invertedness.
(*Hymns of the Dharma-Age*, Verse 107)

The compassion of the Tathagata is grounded in true reality, which begins to work prior to human cognition, and thus embraces all life equally and takes it as it is without abandoning anyone.

Shinran Shonin described his understanding in another verse as “attaining Buddhahood through the nembutsu is the true essence of the Pure Land way.”

Since shinjin [entrusting heart] arises from the Vow,
We attain Buddhahood through the nembutsu by the [Vow's] spontaneous working.
The spontaneous working is itself the fulfilled land;
Our realization of supreme nirvana is beyond doubt. (Hymn of the Pure Land Masters, Verse 82)

Jodo Shinshu is the teaching that we will attain enlightenment beyond form and become buddhas in the “Pure Land of naturalness” through shinjin alone. In shinjin we accept without doubt the heart of Amida Tathagata’s Vow of “Namo Amida Butsu” – “Entrust yourself to me. I will liberate you just as you are”

When we are touched by this warm compassion and learn of Amida Tathagata’s wish for our life, we are empowered to live at ease, share joy and sadness with people, and a world of mutual respect and support opens up. With ease and joy, Shinran Shonin walked the path of gratitude for being saved by

Tathagata's compassion. Aspiring to learn from his way of living and transmit his teaching to the next generations, I would like to express the essentials of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching in the following passage.

Gratitude for the Jodo Shinshu Teaching

Namo Amida Butsu.

"Entrust yourself to me. I will liberate you just as you are." This is the calling voice of Amida.
My blind passions are embraced in the Buddha's awakening,
So the Buddha calls to me "I will liberate you just as you are."
Gratefully responding to the Buddha's call,
I find that I am already on the path that leads to the Pure Land.
And the Nembutsu flows freely from my thankful heart.

Living with the Dharma as my guide
Softens my rigid heart and mind.
Gratitude for the gift of life I have received
Frees me from becoming lost in greed and anger,
And allows me to share a warm smile and speak gentle words.
Sharing in the joy and sadness of others,
I shall strive to live each day to its fullest.

In 2023 we are going to conduct a Joint Celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching. In gratefulness for the birth of Shinran Shonin and his expounding of the teachings of Jodo Shinshu, let's recite "Gratitude for the Jodo Shinshu Teaching" together, work together, and live a life of Nembutsu together to spread his teaching. As for "Our Pledge," delivered in my Dharma message at the 2018 Perpetual Memorial and Autumn Service, it is my hope that it will continue to be recited by everyone on various occasions, particularly by young people and those who are not familiar with Buddhism or Jodo Shinshu, and that it will lead to closer connections with the teaching.

April 15, 2021

OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



Minister's Message

Dividing by Zero is undefined.

I was good at Math until I studied calculus which looked to me like rocket science. One of my friends said he likes Math because it has a clear answer. He said, “if you use a proper method or way to solve the question, you will get a correct answer. If the approach or calculation is wrong, you can’t get the answer.” Math is a logical, scientific, and rational process. On the contrary, human life is not like Math. No matter how a good plan we may have, it does not always bring about the result we expected. In Math, 1 plus 1 equals 2, but in life, 1 plus 1 can be 3, 4, or anything beyond our imagination and expectation. In Jodo Shinshu’s perspective, 1 plus 1 equals 1 which symbolizes the oneness and togetherness (1) with Amida Buddha (1)

and myself (1).

Another concept in the Math is “Dividing by zero is undefined.” According to a dictionary, zero is “no quantity or number; naught’ the figure 0”. Did you know that the concept of Zero was found in India around 7th century and it is related to Buddhism? It is said the word for zero in the ancient Sanskrit language was “Sunyata” which means all things are empty. It does not simply mean nothing, but there is no such a thing we can call eternal as things appear and disappear depending on causes and conditions. Since things exist only temporarily or conditionally, we should not attach to things thinking “this is mine” or “this lasts forever” as this mind becomes a cause of struggling when things change beyond our expectation.

Nowadays I often hear the word “divided”. A question I want to pose is what or who is dividing us? Some may say vaccinated vs unvaccinated, vax passport vs no vax passport, mandate vs freedom, politics, economy, racism, climate change, etc. It is true that there are different groups of people who support and against each other about each topic. But these don’t divide us. What divides us is ourselves. It is our ego, attachments, desires which want to believe that my view is right and others are wrong. If we think about it in this way, the topics listed above is only condition which make us respond to it based on my ego. If things are getting along with my idea, we will like it. If not, we show our opposition, anger, frustration, disappointments, discrimination and hatred.

“Dividing by zero is undefined.” If this zero is intolerance, indifference, anger, greed, judgements, unkindness, and miscommunication, what we will see and receive is not harmonious and peaceful one. This is the situation we’re in now feeling “we are divided”. What if this zero is caring, kindness, consideration, mutual understanding, reflection, and Amida Buddha’s Great Vigorous Compassion & Great Inclusive wisdom, what does it look like? We will see a different outlook and situation where people think of each other beyond differences while admitting our own uniqueness and ego.

The shape of zero (0) looks like a circle which symbolizes perfection, excellence, fulfillment, harmony, beauty, emptiness, and inclusiveness. The shape of me looks like a hard, rough, moss stone which symbolizes hard-headed!, insisting on my perception, and protecting my ego from others. It is almost impossible to change my shape because it is myself and my life. And I know that I should not say back to my spouse when we have an argument, but my ego comes out and never learns to say sorry or thank you. With this shape of me, there is no hope nor peace in my life and with people.

Therefore, such as me and because of me, Amida Buddha made a vow to save all as they are unconditionally and liberate all from struggling and bring the utmost bliss. Out of compassion and wisdom, Amida Buddha observed my situation and decided to embrace and save me without fail. That vow is manifested as Namo Amida Butsu. Without this vow, I would have not been enabled to see my nature as human beings and I will continue to suffer from my human self-centered existence. In Amida's embrace, I feel grateful and joyful of being together with Amida Buddha, and at the same time, I'm always urged and guided to reflect upon myself even when I don't want to do that. When I have an argument with my spouse, my ego says "you are wrong! Why can't you see my way?" But in Amida's light, I am made to realize such a nature of me. Of course, it does not mean I immediately feel happy or say sorry so that we can get along. But it gives me a reflection upon me and the situation not through my eyes but through the teachings of Buddha.

Once we encounter Amida Buddha's Compassion and Wisdom, nothing, even zero, can't divide the connection with Amida Buddha. As 1 plus 1 equals 1, once embraced, never forsaken. This is Amida Buddha's calling voice and commanding voice of "take refuge in me! Come as you are. Whatever happens in your life, I shall save you and embrace you." Let us joyfully and gratefully recite the Name of Amida Buddha together. Namo Amida Butsu.

Puna Hongwanji Kyodan Highlights



Synopsis of Kyodan Board of Directors' Online Meeting held on Thursday, August 19, 2021.
Minutes were recorded by Marilyn Sato, Secretary.

Repair and Maintenance

- Gary Sunada replaced the screen door in the parsonage.
- Tobans are doing weekly clean ups.

Approved Activities/Announcements

- In person Sunday Service has been suspended until further notice; service is available online at YouTube and Facebook
- Online equipment has been updated. Recently wireless microphone system was added and paid for by Online Equipment Fund.
- Increasing number of Covid cases on the island may lead to arguments of vaccinations. Rev. Tomioka shared Prince Shutoku's article of the importance of living together in harmony and peace. "Their right is our wrong, and our right is their wrong. For we are all, one with another, wise and foolish, like a ring which has no end." Each person is different; difference is our uniqueness. We each have ideas and opinions. We are different but let us have harmony remembering Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion.
- Carol Tsunazumi contacted the temple affiliates and organized a special welcome for Mrs. Haruka Tomioka. Puna Taiko welcomed her with their drum beats. Posters, hanging origami cranes, signs, flowers, and a homemade strawberry cake also welcomed her.
- Sr. YBA meetings have been changed back to the 1st Wednesdays of the even months. The Friday Night Band Concert has been canceled for 2021.
- Due to Covid, many of the affiliate organizations have suspended their practices.
- Project Dana volunteers have suspended visitations due to the Covid surge. Bento deliveries will continue with safety measures in place. Volunteers, who feel comfortable and safe, will continue to provide transportation to doctor's appointment and to stores. Check the September Hi-Lites for available medical equipment.

- Masks are an on-going project. Hawaii Care Choices was a recent recipient. The committee is accepting materials for blankets and masks.
- A Christmas Craft Fair will be held in early November as an outdoor event. Paul Sakamoto updated the application to reflect all rules and conditions. Several plans are in place, contingent upon our island's Covid situation (cases, mandates, restrictions)
- The monkeypod tree has been trimmed. The wood is valuable so care and time will be taken.
- The Board approved the removal of the pine tree near the parsonage by Hawaii Hardwood Services. The price includes hauling.
- A Keaau Christmas Parade is being discussed; it is tentatively planned for Dec. 11; another meeting is planned.

In Appreciation – Thank You Very Much

- Rev. Tomioka and Mrs. Haruka Tomioka expressed appreciation for the warm welcome as they begin life as a new couple at their home at Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. Mrs. Tomioka will work remotely from home Monday to Friday.
- Mahalo to tobans for keeping the temple clean, beautiful, and a sight to see.
- Thank you in advance for sharing your flowers and foliage for the altar adornment. Please leave them in the breezeway sink.
- Thank you to members who take the Delta variant seriously and practice safety procedures. It is contagious and unfortunately the hospitals are near or have reached capacity. Please do your part: Wear your mask, sanitize your hands often, avoid crowds, and if you feel sick, stay away from others. Take care and be safe. Domo arigato gozaimasu!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In my message in July, I said that things were getting better as far as the Covid 19 pandemic was concerned and that things were looking brighter. Since then, we have encountered another wave of the virus and we've had to suspend our Sunday services again. Thankfully, Reverend Tomioka is continuing to hold Sunday services online with the help of Robin Sato, Warren Tanigawa, Jenn Kurohara and Reverend's wife Haruka. Thank you all for doing such a great job. I don't know how long this will last but hopefully we can attend service again soon. Our Rummage Sale that was scheduled for August had to be cancelled. Thank you to those who donated items for the sale and we will keep you informed.

On September 10th and 11th, the Virtual 58th Annual Convention of the Hawaii State Federation of Honpa Hongwanji Lay Associations was held. It was hosted by the Maui District Council and was chaired by Chris Richardson of Lanai Hongwanji. Thank you to Warren Tanigawa and Robin Sato who attended as delegates along with myself. Resolutions recommending the establishment of a statewide newsletter and a statewide online calendar of events were passed. A third resolution recommends that the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH) Board of Directors adopt an annual endowment campaign and also a standing committee to coordinate this program. The reason for this is to grow the Capital fund from its current value of around \$5,000,000.00 to \$12,500,000.00. Transfers from this fund of about 4% annually are used to help fund the operating budget. Increasing the fund would significantly decrease the assessment that each individual temple now pays to the HHMH. A resolution of Appreciation and Condolence for Mr. Yoshio Kijima of Makawao Hongwanji was also passed. These resolutions will be forwarded to the Legislative Assembly (Giseikai) to be held in February of 2022.

The Conventions Keynote speaker was Mr. Rick Stambul who was a foot soldier during the Civil Rights Movement and past president of the Buddhist Churches of America. He talked about Anti-Asian Racism and Hate and what we as Buddhists can do to counter this. Confront hatred with love. Besides the interesting workshops, there was also an informative Discussion Panel of younger people who talked about how to grow and strengthen our Sanghas. Thank you to the Maui District Council for putting on a great convention.

In closing, I would like to wish you all well and please take care and stay safe.

In Gassho,

Clifford Furukado



PROJECT DANA

Puna Project Dana is very grateful for the kind donations from various organizations on Oahu. Puna received a supply of face masks from the City and County of Honolulu which will be distributed to clients and volunteers. Additionally, the Oahu Lions Club and the Leo Clubs donated notecards. The Leo members created their own attractive cards with messages. And postage for the twenty-five cards was donated by the Kahala Nui Pandemic

Fund.

Puna Project Dana volunteers were appreciative of the cards and postage stamps. During the pandemic, they are staying in contact with clients and temple members through phone calls and notecards.



The State Project Dana was also gifted with a limited supply of a one of a kind cookbook entitled, “Kupuna in the Kitchen.” Iolani School students created this cookbook, which was a class project. The students visited and interviewed the kupunas to gather their stories and their recipes. The proceeds from the book sale went to the Project Dana Program and Meals on Wheels. The Puna Unit will give the cookbooks to its volunteers.

It is heartwarming to get support from various community groups. Thank you cards were sent to Kahala Nui, Iolani School and the Oahu Lions Club and Leo Clubs.

Puna Project Dana is also grateful for the monetary donations given in support of Project Dana.



In Gassho,

Eileen Usagawa and Stella Miyashiro

Happy Birthday Keri!

Membership Committee News

Thank you for dues payment. If you have not sent in your payment, please do so before the end of the year. Recommended dues is \$240.00.

If you are head of household and in a care home situation, your dues is exempt. And if you have a new mailing address, please let our office know.



In Gassho,

Roy Toma
Membership Chairman
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Peace Day Photo Contest 2021

Thank you to everyone that submitted a photo and those who went to our Facebook page to “like” and “love” your favorite photo(s). The theme of our photo contest was “Live and Light the World”. We had a total of 26 photos submitted. Thank you to the generous donor that donated a bunch of gift cards to Puna Hongwanji so we were able to use them as prizes.

Photo contest winners includes:

- 1st Place: Kanoe Arai - \$25 KTA gift card
- 2nd Place: Carol Tsunazumi - \$25 KTA gift card
- 3rd Place: Alison Sato - \$25 KTA gift card
- 4th Place: Shary Crocker - \$20 J. Hara Store gift card
- 5th Place: Lori Nekoba - \$10 KTA gift card



CLASSES

On going class Tannishō via Zoom on Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Register at <https://forms.gle/tsF4PkQMGUgPguo2A>.

On going Book Club via Zoom on Friday from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Currently, reading “Immeasurable Life The Essence of Shin Buddhism” by Rev. John Paraskevopoulos.

Hawaii District Ministers Association (HDMA) Monthly Online Buddhist Education Seminars. If you have attended the previous classes you are already registered for each class and will receive a Zoom link. If you have not registered for the seminar you may register at <https://forms.gle/bQTOK62Pi6j2UoD78>

- October 2, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. “Path of Resilience, Path of Nembutsu” with Rev. Carmella Javellana Hirano. Her husband is Rev. Jerry Hirano, Minister of Salt Lake, Ogden, Honeyville, and Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temples.
- October 9, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. “Embracing our Shadow: Shin Buddhist Wisdom for When Life Gets Difficult” with Rev. Blayne Higa, Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

If you have any questions on the above classes, please contact the temple office at (808)966-9981 or email mpunahongwanji@twc.com.

September 21 was International Day of Peace, which was established by the United Nation in 1981. It is also Peace Day in Hawaii. The Hawaii Federation of Junior Young Buddhist Association (Jr. YBA) members presented a resolution to the Hawaii Legislature in 2007. The bill was enacted and Hawaii was as the first state to establish Peace Day Hawaii. "September 21st of each year shall be known and recognized as 'Peace Day' to promote peace programs, improve international relations, and increase educational awareness of peace."



The altar on Sunday, September 19, 2021 was decorated for our Higan service which is one of six major services we observe.

Have a peaceful day!



Donation of 150 face masks to Hale Anuenue, made my Mrs. Nagao.



Halloween Activities 2021

In 2020, we planned our first ever drive-by Halloween event. This year due to stricter Covid rules we will forgo the Halloween drive-by, but will have other activities for you to participate in. **Deadline for all events is Friday, October 15, 2021.**

Activity #1 – A Halloween Community Activity

Help us create a pumpkin vine of harmony. We ask you to use the pumpkin template we provided or draw your own pumpkin. You may draw, color, design, or write a message on your paper pumpkin. After you designed your paper pumpkin you may mail it to Puna Hongwanji or you may take a picture and send it to us at punahongwanjievts@gmail.com. Once we receive all the paper pumpkins we will create a pumpkin patch design to weave all the pumpkins onto one vine. We have so many struggles in life, but we don't stop to realize that like the pumpkin the world is the vine and each of us is the pumpkin growing on the vine harmoniously.

Activity #2 – Halloween Costume Contest

Take a picture of you and/or your family in your costume and submit to it with your name, category, and short description of your costume. There will be four categories to enter and each category will have three winners – 1st - \$20; 2nd \$15; 3rd - \$10.

- Best use of recycled materials
- Spookiest
- Most Creative
- Beautiful/Cute

Photos must be appropriate for us to post on our Facebook page.

Activity #3 – Halloween Vegetable/Fruit Carving Contest

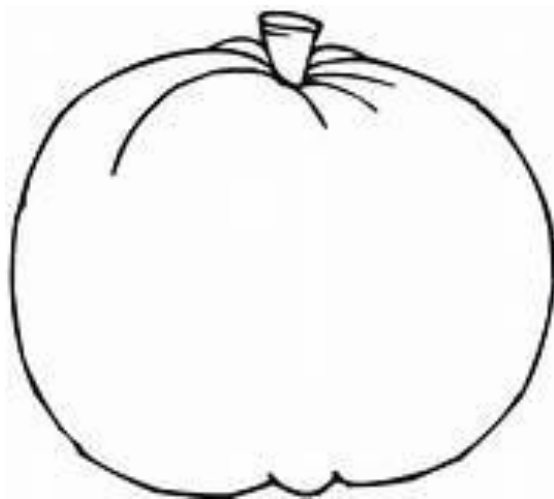
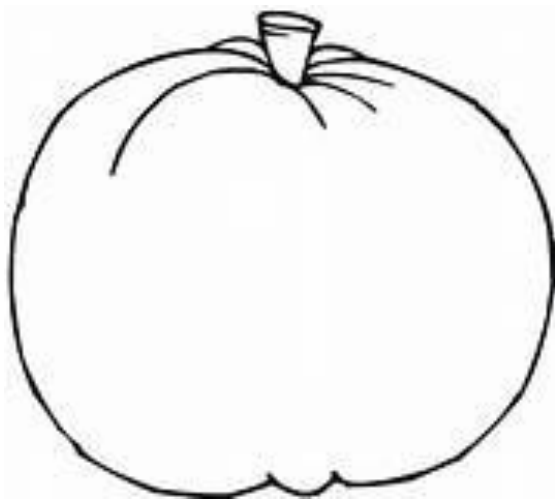
Take a picture of your carved project and submit it with your name, category, and short description of your creation. You must use a fruit or vegetable. It must be your own creation. Must not be a previous carved item, needs to be recently carved for the contest. There will be four categories to enter and each category will have three winners – 1st - \$20; 2nd \$15; 3rd - \$10.

- Spookiest
- Most Creative
- Beautiful/Cute
- Most Organic

Activity #4 – Share Your Thoughts

Some people need a way to express their thoughts so we ask that you write a poem or short essay to express your thought on the theme “vine of harmony”. The vine keeps us connected to others and we need to remember to have consideration for each other. Each individual person sees things in a different perspective. “My right, is your wrong. Your right is my wrong.” Although we have different perspective on things we need to learn to live in a “vine of harmony”. Share your thoughts with us by sending an email to punahongwanjievts@gmail.com.

Please stay tuned to our Puna Hongwanji web page, Facebook, and Instagram to get more details of the contest.





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