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2024 Honpa Hongwanji Theme & Slogan

Building Healthy Sanghas
(Sharing Nembutsu Moments)

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

Bill Eger

Memorial Service (Nenki年忌)

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.



A memorial service is a time for family members and friends to gather in memory of our loved ones. It's held in gratefulness for the Compassion of Amida Buddha who is always embracing our loved ones and each of us warmly and gently. This is also a precious opportunity for family and friends to reflect upon their lives while remembering departed loved ones. You may schedule this memorial service on the memorial day

listed, or either before or after the day whichever is most convenient. Please contact Puna Hongwanji at (808) 966-9981 or email at mpunahongwanji@twc.com. Zoom online service is also available.

September & October 2024

1 yr. Satsuyo Taira Deborah Osaki Raymond Zukeran Ruby Matsumoto	September 2, 2023 September 10, 2023 September 25, 2023 October 6, 2023
3 yrs. None	2022
7 yrs. Kaydee DeRoy Carson Miyamoto Simms Hanako Miyahara	September 21, 2018 September 30, 2018 October 9, 2018
13 yrs. Kiyoko Shirasaki Emiko Nakamura Kunio Nakahara Kazuno Sugihara Himeo Hayashida Gladys Kuroda Kenneth Furuta	September 18, 2012 September 20, 2012 September 28, 2012 September 30, 2012 October 5, 2012 October 10, 2012 October 21, 2012
17 yrs. Susumu Tanimoto Kenneth Nako Miyuki Enos	September 11, 2008 September 25, 2008 October 19, 2008
25 yrs. Shizuko Iwata Shintaro Toyama Fusao Nakamura Morito Manmoto Kiyoka Murayama Kikue Oshiro	September 6, 2000 September 11, 2000 September 25, 2000 October 9, 2000 October 28, 2000 October 30, 2000
33 yrs. Hatsue Asayama Tamotsu Furukawa Tokiyo Fujioka Mildred Tonda	September 4, 1992 September 6, 1992 September 21, 1992 September 28, 1992
50 yrs. Yoshio Nagai Jue Onoue	September 28, 1975 October 26, 1975

SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Family Service 9 am Taiko 3 -6 pm	2 Labor Day Yoga 9- 10:30 am Judo 5:30 pm Karate 7:00 pm D. Rm Rental 6-8 p	3 Choir 12:30 pm Taiko 3 – 6 pm Judo 6:30 – 8 pm Treas. Night 7 pm	4 Farm to Car 3-6 p Judo 5:30 pm Karate 7:00 pm	5 Taiko 3 – 6 pm Judo 6:30 – 8 pm D. Rm. Rental 5-7p	6 Yoga 9 – 10:30 am Total Body Fitness 4 p Karate 6:00 pm	7 HHMH Triple Celebration
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15 Autumn Ohigan 9 am Judo 12-2:30 pm Taiko 3 – 6 pm All Nations Pow-Wow	16 Yoga 9- 10:30 am Judo 5:30 pm Karate 7:00 pm D. Rm Rental 6-8 p	17 Choir 12:30 pm Taiko 3 – 6 pm Judo 6:30 – 8 pm	18 Farm to Car 3-6 p Judo 5:30 pm Karate 7:00 pm	19 Taiko 3 – 6 pm Judo 6:30 – 8 pm BOD Meeting 7p	20 Ring your Bell for Peace 8 am. Yoga 9 – 10:30 am Total Body Fitness 4 p Karate 6:00 pm	21
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Minister's Message

The community summer festival in Japan was an unforgettable and thrilling event. Streets were filled with vendors, games, and laughter from families enjoying the day. The highlight was receiving money from my grandfather, a rare treat since my siblings and I didn't usually get an allowance. Sitting in seiza (with our legs folded underneath us), we each received 1,000 yen (about \$8), which seemed like a fortune to a child like me. I joined my friends, and we strategized our spending, window-shopping before making any purchases. Memorable moments included savoring fried chicken, playing a shooting game, enjoying a sugarcoated apple, and participating in a kids' lottery. Near the end, with limited funds, I chose an animated mask over other temptations. However, after seeing a child with a Pikachu sword, I felt a twinge of regret. Yet, with only empty pockets left, we accepted our choices and savored the festival's remaining moments before returning home.

The essence of this narrative is the significance of choice. In my experience, I opted for the mask rather than the Pikachu sword; I rejected it instead of selecting it. This concept is applicable to all aspects of life. Choosing coffee over tea, a blue t-shirt over a red one, chicken instead of beef, we realize that our lives are an accumulation of these choices and rejections. The crucial point is that once a choice is made, it is often irreversible unless it reaches an end and a new option arises, or the choice we made continues to affect us. The question remains: no matter how carefully we ponder before deciding, there's always the chance that we may regret it or wish for a different outcome.

Honen Shonin, the teacher of the venerable Shinran Shonin, imparted the three selections on the path to enlightenment. He advised choosing the path of the Pure Land (attainment through Amida Buddha's vow) over the path of the Sages (attainment through one's own efforts). Among the various practices in the Pure Land path, he recommended selecting the right practices over the sundry ones, and among these, to select the essential practice over the auxiliary ones. The essential practice, he taught, is the recitation of Amida Buddha's name, which ensures birth in the Pure Land according to Amida Buddha's Primal Vow. Venerable Shinran Shonin realized that to be freed from suffering, these choices are crucial, and failing to choose correctly means liberation slips away. Shinran Shonin, after 20 years of exploring various paths without attaining enlightenment, also concluded that the recitation of Namo Amida Butsu was the cause for birth in the Pure Land. This choice was ideal, as Namo Amida Butsu is both enlightenment and the compassionate call of Amida Buddha: "Come to my embrace, this Amida!"

Shinran Shonin, a profound thinker known for his honest self-reflection, came to understand that the choice he believed was his own was actually made for him by Amida Buddha, making it perfect and suitable for him. In essence, the vow was prepared for his benefit, eliminating the possibility of error in his choosing. This realization mirrors my own experience at a festival, where I regretted my choice due to my imperfections and insufficient contemplation. Within the context of enlightenment, any sense of 'I' am choosing the nembutsu implies a limited and imperfect self; hence, the nembutsu and the Vow were selected by Amida Buddha for me, ensuring that no mistakes were made, and no one was left behind. Originating from the enlightenment with a pledge to save all beings and guarantee birth in the Pure Land, it is chosen for ME. It's akin to giving a key to someone; we simply pick the key from among others and pass it on, ensuring it's the right one. The recipient then uses that key to open the door. If we handed over a bunch of keys, they would have to try each one, which could be an eternal or frustrating task. Similarly, we are meant to seek enlightenment on our own, but Amida Buddha, out of compassionate care for those like me who are hopeless in doing so, has made the selection for us. Upon receiving the name of Amida Buddha, we are enveloped in profound care, consideration, effort, and thoughtfulness: 'I shall never let you suffer alone. I shall save and embrace you. Come to my embrace, this is Amida.' The choice I made was actually made by Amida Buddha on my behalf. This fills me with a sense of warmth and comfort, knowing that in the joining of hands and the voice of Nembutsu, there lies a thoughtful care. It's akin to entering my bedroom during the summer break after college for a year; the well-prepared bed, a testament to my mother's love and care, eagerly awaiting my return. As I sleep, I am enveloped in this feeling of love. In September, the autumn Ohigan service will be observed. Ohigan represents the other shore of the Pure Land. It is an opportunity to learn and embrace the compassionate care of Amida Buddha, who vowed to ensure our birth in the Pure Land, the other shore.

将棋の世界では、先手、後手、と順番に指して試合が行われます。文字通り、先に行動を起こすのが先手で、後から対応するのが後手です。阿弥陀様はいつも先手です。頼まれる前に、拜まれる前に、お願いされる前に、助けを求める前に、既に私に呼びかけてくださっています。「ここにいますよ。必ず真実なる本当のいのちへと導きます」と。そのお呼び声が南無阿弥陀仏です。お寺の阿弥陀様の像は、横から見ると少し前に傾いています。それは、既に私に向かって願ってくださっていることを示し、いつでもどこでもすぐに寄り添いますという姿の表われなのです。ちょうどヨタヨタ歩きの子供の後ろを大人が付き添うとき、何があってもすぐに抱きしめられるようにすることに似ているかもしれません。思う前に思われていた、願う前に願われていた、心配する前に心配されていた、愛する前に愛されていた、先手先手の阿弥陀様です。

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the refreshments and donated desserts for Bishop Umitani's visit on August 4th. He had a great time meeting and talking with all of our members.

The Triple Celebration is coming up on September 7th and 8th. Thank you to all who donated toward the sponsorship. We were able to collect over \$500.00 and with the matching gift from the Kyodan, Puna Hongwanji was able to achieve the \$1000.00 Silver Sponsorship level.

September is Give Aloha month and you can make a donation to Puna Hongwanji at any Foodland and Sack n Save store. More information is included in this newsletter.

Also included in this newsletter is a donation form for the Honpa Hongwanji Missions of Hawaii (Hawaii Kyodan) Living Gratitude Program. I know that we are always asking for donations but if you are able to, please join me in supporting this program which will strive to sustain our Hawaii Kyodan into the future.



In Gassho, Clifford Furukado

Foodland's Give Aloha Program 2024

Again this year, Puna Hongwanji is participating in Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts program! This program runs during the month of **September** and it's easy to participate! Simply make a donation to Puna Hongwanji at any Foodland or Sack N Save this month, and Foodland will match a **portion** of your gift! Membership dues are not considered a donation.

Here's how it works:

- Go to any Foodland or Sack N Save store
- Make a donation of any amount up to \$249 at checkout. The donation in the form of cash, check or credit card and must be made payable to Foodland or Sack N Save. Donations can also be added to your grocery bill.

- Give the cashier our organization code # **79088**
- Present your Maika'i card to the cashier when making your transaction.

Review your receipt to confirm the donation amount and the name of our organization is correct. You may ask for a duplicate receipt which can be submitted to our treasurer.

If you want to specify what your donation is for, please write it on your receipt. For example, if you want it to be credited as your Ohigan donation, you can write that down.

Mahalo for your support to help Give Aloha to Puna Hongwanji in September.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (Clifford Furukado) at (808) 938-3177.

Puna Hongwanji Kyodan Highlights

Hello *September!*

Some people think that beauty

Equals a good look. But a

Pretty face is just the surface.

The real beauty lies inside

Everyone. Kindness and smiles

Melt hearts. And when you

Believe in yourself and know you're

Enough, the light you

Radiate will touch everyone around.

OurMindfulLife.com

Here is a rundown of what the Board of Directors have been up to:

We had a chance to sit with Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani during his visit to our temple on August 4th. He introduced himself and shared a little bit of his background in serving over 20 years in Hawaii. Board members were able to ask questions regarding various topics such as rebuilding Lahaina Hongwanji. We shared our concerns about building a healthy and vibrant sangha and wondered if he had plans for our beloved Reverend Kaimipono. Thankfully, there are no plans to move him away!

We are grateful for the support of various community organizations such as United Jr. YBA, Hilo High School Japanese Club, and Pahala Taiko. Without them, and others, we would not be able to hold such successful events at our temple. Looking forward to lasting partnerships with these groups and adding more in the future!

Our support for the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Triple Celebration grew since last month. Thanks to our generous members we have donated a total of \$1015! Mahalo nui loa! We hope everyone in attendance has a memorable experience and will bring back lots of new and exciting information to share with the rest of us.

We have approved adding Tatsuji Nagao's name to the plaque on display in the Nokotsudo/Columbarium at Puna Hongwanji. Mr. Nagao designed and constructed the copper dome of a lotus bud on the roof. It's quite the masterpiece that we are grateful for, and we are pleased to have him included in the list of contributors.

The Toban has been ever so busy keeping our temple grounds beautifully manicured, the hondo nice and neat, repairs discovered and attended to, and keeping our bellies full! We cannot function without their continuous and genuine care.

Upcoming Events:

Throughout the month, we are participating in Foodland's Give Aloha Program.

September 8 & 9: No service at PHM. HHMH Triple Celebration – Ala Moana Hotel

September 14: Sakazuki o Kawasu – A fun and educational fellowship pairing sake and food!

September 15: Autumn Ohigan at 9:00 a.m.

September 20: International Day of Peace (not the 21st) – Ring your bell for peace at 8:00 a.m.

September 22: Peace Day Gathering at 9:00 a.m.

October 13: Clergy Appreciation Day – Thank you, Reverend Tomioka!

October 27: Regular Service followed by Halloween

November 3: Eitaikyo Service and Distinguished Sangha Service Awards – Mahalo! (Not the 17th as incorrectly stated in last month's hi-lites.)

November 16: Winter Craft Fair – Let's knock down that gift list!

December 1: No service at PHM. Bodhi Day Service TBD

December 14: Keaau Lighted Christmas Parade – With Puna Taiko

December 31: New Year's Eve Service – 2025? What!!

Supporting loved ones during difficult times: BEFORE passing (2)

It's never too early or too late to consider end-of-life planning. Discussing this topic with others, whether for oneself or for family and friends, can be uncomfortable. It may feel too sensitive, negative, overwhelming, or emotional. Some may postpone these considerations until they reach a certain age. However, if one becomes unable to make decisions, it's challenging for families to make choices without knowing their loved one's wishes.

When we are stable and healthy, it's wise to prepare for our passing. This means living life according to one's wishes until the very end. Considerations might include life-prolonging measures, refusal of medical treatment, nutrition and hydration, pain management, appointing a power of attorney, burial or cremation preferences, inurnment location, funeral arrangements, and handling of personal documents, among others. It's beneficial to consult with authorities about end-of-life options, including the Advance Directive. Most importantly, discussing your wishes with family or a trusted individual ensures that your preferences are understood, avoiding frustration and difficulty should you lose the ability to communicate.

Rennyō Shōnin, the 8th spiritual leader of Hongwanji, taught that each of us must secure our afterlife. It involves answering the question of what happens to us when we die. Jōdo Shinshū offers the belief that Amida Buddha embraces all just as they are and compassionately guides individuals toward the transition to the Pure Land. Traditionally, the end of life was crucial as it determined one's passage to the Pure Land. One needed to maintain strong faith, a pure heart and mind, and chant the Buddha's name to be born in the Pure Land. However, the conditions at life's end vary, and maintaining a pure heart and mind amidst pain, uncertainty, and diminished capacity can be challenging. Therefore, Shinran Shōnin recognized that it is not the end of life, but the ordinary moments—today, right here, right now—where one's birth is assured through Amida Buddha's compassionate embrace. Since our birth is assured, the manner of our end-of-life is inconsequential. Birth in the Pure Land is managed by Amida Buddha, not by us. We may be worried, concerned, cry, feel overwhelmed, miss, and be devastated, yet Amida Buddha's compassion envelops us, reassuringly calling, "Leave it to me, Amida; I shall take care of it."

We come to realize that our loved one is not merely passing away but is under compassionate care, born in the Pure Land, reuniting with loved ones, and returning to this world in various forms to guide those left behind. Death cannot divide us. Let us be open to and accept compassionate care, and find ourselves in Amida's embrace, here and now, today.

Membership

Recommended dues for 2024 are \$250.00. Thank you for submitting your dues.

You can pay your dues weekly, monthly, quarterly or in full. If you are head of household and in a care home situation, your dues are exempt. And if you have a new mailing address, please inform our office at 808-966-9981.

Queen Liliuokalani Gardens News



Coming up: the 25th annual He Hali`a Aloha No Lili`uokalani -- a festival to celebrate the Queen's birthday in Lili`uokalani Gardens 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 7.

Free family fun with live entertainment, craft booths, children's games, and much more.

FRIDAY NIGHT BAND II

The Puna Hongwanji Sr. YBA will be hosting the Friday Night Band II in the social hall on Saturday, September 28, 2024. Admission to the event will be by donation. The members of the Puna Hongwanji Sr. YBA voted and decided that donations collected at the door will be donated to Puna Hongwanji for the building fund. There are many big ticket items that needs to be accomplished, but we do not have all the funds necessary in our account for the required repairs. Therefore, we are helping to build up the fund.

Saturday, September 28, 2024
Potluck dinner and social 5:30 p.m.
Entertainment begins at 6:00 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share and bring your own beverages. Bring your dancing shoes as there will be a space available for you to dance. If you drink, please have a designated driver.

Project Dana News

Often times in life, we fail to see random acts of kindness by individuals who quietly perform deeds that go unrecognized. These individuals truly embody the concept of Dana or selfless giving.

On a recent toban clean up day, an unnamed person performed several acts of kindness which were observed by this writer. Can you guess his name?

1. This individual brought a 5 gallon bucket of fresh frozen fish to share with anyone who wanted one.
2. When this individual learned that the women's restroom had a cracked toilet seat, he brought a new seat and immediately installed it without being asked.
3. Several individuals noticed that a car in the parking lot had a tire that was slightly deflated, Upon seeing this, the individual brought a tire air compressor to inflate the tire much to the relief of the car owner.
4. After flower arrangements, the discarded flowers are usually hauled to the opala bin behind the kitchen. However, this individual put the bags in his truck to be dropped off in Keaau.
5. This individual is planning to improve the strings of lights for the next bon dance. He mentioned using lighter strings for easier handling.

Do you know this individual?

Puna Hongwanji is fortunate to have many such individuals who have given time and energy to support their temple. Perhaps it is time for awareness and expressing gratitude to these individuals.



July birthday choir members are Haruka Tomioka, Ilene Hara, Stella Miyashiro, and Tokimi Miyatake.

One of the functions of Project Dana is to provide outings for our clients. It's a good time to get out of the house, have some fun, and socialize with others



On July 26, we attended the Hilo Orchid Show. It was a small group, but we had a good time checking out the various exhibits, and, of course, buying some orchids.

Besides myself, attending were Stella Miyashiro, Nancy Yamada, Tokimi Miyatake, Chung-Li Ramsdell, and Eileen Usagawa.

After the show, we went out for lunch to the Kuhio Grill, great food and good company.

These outings are one of the services that Project Dana provides for seniors. We also provide transportation, hospice visits, weekly delivered meals, and a limited number of medical supplies, such as wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches.

If you, or someone you know could benefit from these services, please contact Stella Miyashiro or myself.

Aloha
Richard Solie



Mako Sanehira had a surprise visitor, former resident minister, Rev. Earl Ikeda.

Sake Pairing Fundraiser for the Building Fund



Please join us for a special Sake Pairing event on Saturday, September 14, 2024, inside the social hall from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$75 per person. Please contact Jenn jklkurohara@gmail.com for information.

Our temple is in dire need of improvements and participation in this event is sure to provide some of the much-needed financial support necessary to continue gathering in a beautiful and, more importantly, safe environment.

Your contribution includes a set tasting menu service delicately procured by Clifford and our exceptional kitchen crew. As well as the many hands provided by members and affiliate groups of our temple: Yakisoba, fried chicken wings, tempura, Robin's Happy Rice nigiri, cheese, thin crust pizza, tofu, and yuzu sorbet all paired specifically with carefully sourced by Ryan at Kadota Liquor. We end the evening with Glenn and Donald's famous miso soup!

Entertainment will be provided by talented ukulele player Ryan Coad! We are sure to have a fun-filled experience. Thank you for your support!

RING YOUR BELLS FOR PEACE DAY

Please join us on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024 at Puna Hongwanji. The temple doors will open at 8:00 a.m. We will join the others online via Zoom. The program is scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. At 9:00 a.m. there will be a moment of silence and at 9:01 a.m. all participants will ring their bells. We will give everyone an opportunity to continuously ring the kansho bell. After the event we will go to the dining room to watch the movie “Grave of the Fireflies”.

If you are unable to meet us at the temple you can register on your own to get the Zoom link. Register by September 16, 2024 at <http://bit.ly/PeaceDay2024>.

NOTE: Peace Day is officially on Saturday, September 21, but the event will be held on Friday so that groups can join from the different schools.

PEACE DAY GATHERING

Please join us on Sunday, September 22, 2024 at Puna Hongwanji in the social hall at 9:00 a.m. We will have a peace day program. The Hilo High School Japanese Club will also bring a display panels of Sadako’s story which was donated by the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. The students have Sadako’s story as the Kamishibai style in English that they will share. We are still finalizing some others things so be sure to come.

BWA

The BWA meeting was held on BWA August 11, 2024.

The next BWA meeting will be held on September 29. All women members of the temple are welcome to attend and to join if not yet a member!

Barbara Fujimoto of the Hilo BWA will attend our next meeting and will show members how we can use the BWA scarf, both for the convention and for daily use.

The annual HIUHBWA (Hawaii Island United Hongwanji Buddhist Women’s Association) Membership Meeting will be held on October 26, 2024, Saturday, at 9 a.m. at the Hilo Betsuin YBA Hall. Puna will host the educational seminar. K.T. Cannon-Eger will be our presenter, who will share her work and plans for Liliuokalani Gardens.

The temple is asking the BWA to help by providing manpower for the sake tasting. On Friday, Sept 13 at 8:30a.m., help is needed for food preparation and on Saturday at 4:00pm to plate the food. The event starts at 5:00 pm in the social hall. The cost is \$75 and will go to the building fund.

The BWA will do its annual pumpkin pie fundraiser in November.

Our own Puna BWA needs a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer. The President asked us to think of a slate of officers for next year’s BWA. If you are are interested, please attend the next meeting and consider putting your hat in the ring.

Submitted by Naomi Hirayasu



**“Building Healthy
Sanghas-
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Moments”**

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MISSION

- To promote Peace Day in Hawaii - September 21st
- Temple activities to promote peace and



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

2024 PEACE DAY IN HAWAII

International Day of Peace

You're Invited!

“RING YOUR BELLS for PEACE DAY”

Friday, Sept. 20, 2024- 8:30-9:30 AM

Register here: <https://bit.ly/PeaceDay2024>

In the spirit of promoting Peace Day in Hawaii and throughout the world, we invite the world to join us in ringing bells for PEACE DAY,

Friday, September 20th at 9:01 AM.

At 9:00 AM , we will have a minute of silence to honor all those who sacrificed for us to achieve peace.

Immediately following the minute of silence, bells will be rung by representatives at all the respective temples, churches, schools, community organizations, individuals in their offices and homes. You are our future in ensuring peace in the world.

We are also planning to capture the program and all participants on a Zoom Screen, simultaneously, so get your computers ready when you are sent the link to join the event.

Please RSVP by Sept. 16, 2024

You may request a Participation Form to

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*****Join Jake Shimabukuro, “Hawaii’s Ambassador for Peace!”**