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How do we deal with the question of peace in our lives? Some of us tend to understand it in our minds as some kind of intellectual knowledge. Based on our continuous practice of the nembutsu in everyday life however, we come to reflect upon and deeply experience the nature of being human. Buddhism is really about getting beyond our self-centered consciousness and into the truth and reality of life.

So what's going on inside of us? Do we look inside ourselves when faced with conflicts? Are they just the basis for complaining and have grudges that continue our anger and frustration or are these conflicts opportunities to receive the wisdom by which we can appreciate truth and reality..... that go beyond our ordinary life. The difference comes from how we face our own lives, or rather, from whether we have received the wisdom with which we deal with conflicts in our life. Many people experience that adversity or hardships becomes an important bridge to the Teachings or the Dharma. In fact, bitter remorse can be the cause of entering the life of the Teachings or living the nembutsu life.

You probably have heard this before as they are key aspects of Shin Buddhism, but it is worthwhile to repeat again. It is to say that when we understand that in prosperity or in hardship, every event in life is the practice hall (or dojo) of the Dharma. It is where we can find its truth and reality, and we realize that nothing is useless or meaningless in life. We come to recognize the Buddha in everything in the world. The Jodo Shinshu Teachings is not a religion that prays for elimination of misfortunes from life, for Amida Buddha directs to us the wisdom that turns misfortune into merit.

In essence, opportunities for learning of ourselves or learning within our lives is always there. Buddhist Teachings can guide us through our path of learning. No one has said that this is an easy path, but the opportunity to realize the wonder of life and the boundlessness of life itself can be truly fulfilling.

May peace abound in our daily lives knowing that it is truly supported by the Nembutsu. And peace in our lives relates to the interconnectedness of life itself.....and impacts those around us much more than we realize.

Namo Amida Butsu  
Rev. David Nakamoto



*New Members:*

***Mike and Linda Jaffe***



# November 2016

6	First Sunday Family Service - 9:00 a.m.	Speaker: Rev. David Nakamoto M.C.: Gary Yamamoto
9	Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.	At the temple
13	Sunday Family Service – 9:00 am	Speaker: Bob Nishita M.C.: Roy Inouye
20	Sunday Family Service – 9:00 am	<b>GUEST Speaker: Rev. David Fujimoto</b> M.C.: Merle Tashiro
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27	Sunday Family Service – 9:30 am* Hoomaluhia Botanical Garden – Kaneohe (*Late start time - gates open at 9:00 a.m.)	Speaker: Rev. David Nakamoto M.C.: Allen Kusano
<b>TEMPLE PREP ASSIGNMENTS:</b> Nov. 5 – Nov. 20 TEAM C (Janet) Nov. 26 & 27 TEAM A (Shirley)		

## Reverend David Fujimoto

Guest Speaker on Nov. 20, 2016

Rev. David Fujimoto was born and grew up in Honolulu, Hawaii. He attended Hongwanji Mission School and graduated from Farrington High School and the University of Hawai'i at Manoa with a degree in Psychology. He completed his Master's in Buddhist Studies at the Institute of Buddhist Studies.



Rev. Fujimoto received his Tokudo in 2007 and his Kiyoshi in 2010. He became a full-fledged minister when he received his Kaikyoshi ordination in 2011.

Rev. Fujimoto's prior employment experience includes working as an educator and assistant athletic trainer at Farrington High School; serving as the assistant to the director of the Buddhist Study Center and as assistant chaplain at the Pacific Buddhist Academy.

He was an associate minister at the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin and resident minister at Puna Hongwanji (on the Big Island) overseeing Pahala and Na'alehu Hongwanjis as well. He is currently the resident minister at Mililani Hongwanji Mission.

Rev. Fujimoto is married to Tian Nicole Spidell Fujimoto.

One of the main teachings in Buddhism is selfless giving or *Dana*. We can put this into practice by doing something for others. At Kailua Hongwanji, as with a number of other temples throughout Hawaii, individuals put forth their efforts by volunteering for Project Dana; whose mission is to help the elderly and frail.



Project Dana clients need assistance with transportation, want companionship for a while, or caregiver respite for a few hours. These services are provided by volunteers – like you and me, who can spare a few hours each week to help someone.

If you are interested in volunteering for Kailua Hongwanji's Project Dana, please contact Betty Okamoto at 247-0509.

-----Betty Okamoto



## KHBWA NEWS

The 2016-17 Honolulu United BWA Membership/Educational Conference was held on Saturday October 15 at Hawaii Betsuin. 76 BWA members from the Honolulu district (Hawaii Betsuin, Jikoen, Moiliili, and Kailua Hongwanjis), 3 Jr. YBA girls, 16 participants from the Manoa Mosque, 3 Hongwanji guests and 7 community guests attended the event. Kailua BWA members in attendance were Prudence Kusano, Betty Okamoto, Merle Tashiro, Irene Nakamoto and Joy Nishida. The event began with an opening service and an excellent dharma message by Rev. Satoshi Tomioka. He referred to the BWA members as "B.W.A. - Beautiful, Wonderful, Amazing women". At the General Membership Meeting, the Honolulu district BWA, presented \$1000 donations to non-profit groups selected by the BWA members: Project Dana, Ohia Shelter for Women & Children, Ohana Arts and Hale Kipa.

The main portion of the program consisted of one of the Muslim guests, Michele Ouansafi, sharing her journey on becoming a Muslim -- from her Christian upbringing in Vermont, to becoming a Muslim wife and mother of three children and eventually how she came to live and work in Hawaii. The Muslim women shared a presentation on "Common Misconceptions about Muslims", that was very eye opening. This was followed by a panel discussion by four Muslim guests. It was very interesting that many of our Buddhist beliefs (like gratitude) are shared in the Islamic faith.

During and after lunch, the ladies of the Manoa Mosque held a *hijab* (head covering scarf) demonstration. Four BWA ladies were dressed in various types of hijabs. Two of the young Muslim guests drew free-hand "*henna*" (art of temporary tattooing) on many of our BWA members including our very own Merle Tashiro. Japanese and Muslim teas and snacks were shared throughout the afternoon. The Jikoen BWA ladies demonstrated how to use a *furoshiki* (fabric wraps) to wrap gifts and other objects, and taught the art of *origami* (paper folding) to ladies from both faiths. (*The information provided was summarized from United Honolulu BWA President Donna Higashi's Evaluation Report.*)



This event was a great experience for the five of us who attended. We enjoyed meeting members of the Manoa Mosque and learning about being a Muslim woman in Hawaii!

**The last Kailua BWA (KHBWA) meeting of the year will be on November 20 after service.** We will be electing our 2016-17 slate of officers.

--- Joy Nishida---

## Activities Corner

### FAMILY SUNDAY ACTIVITY

Providing Dharma Education is a primary goal of Kailua Hongwanji Mission. We have planned family activities focused on providing fun activities for everyone, especially youngsters. Please join us the first Sunday of each month:

## Nov. 6 - Thanksgiving Cards

Unique cards personalized with your own finger prints!!!



### October's "pumpkin" Activity



### Tai Chi

Tai Chi classes continue at the temple as follows: **Tuesday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Friday 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

**NOTE: No tai chi on Nov 1 & 4.**

If you're interested and have not already signed up for tai chi class, please contact Dennis Tashiro by email at [dhtashiro@gmail.com](mailto:dhtashiro@gmail.com) or call 226-0339.

### IKEBANA

Ikebana classes for the month: **Saturday, Nov. 5 at 1:00 p.m. and Nov. 12 at 10:30 a.m.** at the temple. Please bring a low vase, kenzan, and ikebana scissors (or flower cutting scissors). Cost is \$5 per class plus the cost of the flowers/foilage (\$5-\$8).

Participants need to inform Irene Nakamoto of their attendance so she can purchase and prepare material for the lesson.

### GARDENING

Matts Okamoto, retired agriculture teacher, will have a gardening class on Sunday, **November 13**, 2:00 p.m. at the temple.

At this very popular class, Matts shares his gardening knowledge and tips. There is no sign-up. Everyone is welcome!

### EXERCISING, STRENGTHENING & WALKING



**Tuesdays & Thursdays  
8:30 a.m. at the temple**

### Adult Japanese Language Classes Continue

Beginner class is on Tuesday at 10 a.m. for an hour. Advanced class meets on Mondays at 2:30 p.m. Classes are held at the temple and the cost is \$10.00 per class.

## Photos from October 16, 2016 Dinner & A Movie Night

36 Adults and 11 children enjoyed a Zippy's chili, chicken, hotdogs and a pizza dinner. They watched the movie "Zootopia" and munched on freshly popped buttered popcorn ~ ~ yummm. What fun!



Engrossed in the movie. Note: this theater allowed the kids to bring their blankets to sit/lie on the floor!



Rev. David checks in with the Jaffe children



Our Kiwani's friends ran the popcorn machine to make hot popcorn for our "movie" goers.



The Keith Fujikawa family.



Ethan had fun.

### Family Promise

The last Family Promise session for 2016 will be Nov. 6-13, 2016 at Moiliili Hongwanji Mission.

Kailua is in charge of dinner on Thursday, November 10 and breakfast the next morning (Nov. 11). We are still in need of volunteers as follows:

Volunteers Needed	Job	Date
4	Set up	Sun., Nov. 6 at 1:00 p.m.
4	Dinner	Thurs., Nov. 10
1-2	Sleepover	Thurs., Nov. 10
3	Breakfast	Fri., Nov. 11
2	Take-down	Sun., Nov. 13, 7:00 a.m,

If you are able to help with any of the above, please call Shirley at 341-2925. Thank you for your continued support of Family Promise.



# Kailua Hongwanji Food Bank Drive

Kailua Hongwanji is collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the Hawaii Food Bank. **The food drive ends on Sunday, November 13.** We have boxes designated for donations. Monetary donations are also welcome.

**Here are some suggestions:** Rice, Vienna sausage, Spam, corned beef, beef stew, spaghetti, green beans, mixed vegetables, macaroni, soups, beans, cereals, etc...

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## 2016-2017 SOCIAL CONCERNS FUND DRIVE

We celebrate gratitude in the month of November. The Thanksgiving holiday and the *Eitaikyo* observance are reminders of the countless blessings in our lives and how we live deeply connected to the world around us. It is in this spirit of gratitude that we begin our Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive.



Through the generous contributions of Sangha members, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is able to support worthy organizations and programs with funding to continue their work in our community. Your support also allows us to provide compassionate action during times of disaster and the ability to respond to social issues affecting our community.

Because of your commitment to promoting the Buddhist values of compassion and loving kindness, we are able to lend our support to such organizations as Project Dana, The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii, Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii, Family Promise of Hawaii and the various food banks on each island. We also held a separate fund drive to raise over \$44,000 to help support relief efforts in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake in Kumamoto, Japan.

The Golden Chain Grant program was established to promote compassionate action through innovative community service projects. Your generosity directly helps those in need and promotes a more humane world.

Your donations have and continue to make a difference for those in need. You can help with a check payable to **Kailua Hongwanji Mission** (note: "for social concerns fund drive"). A pre-addressed envelope is enclosed for your use. The temple treasurer will then send a combined check to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. The suggested donation is the cost of just one meal per person.

Your kokua is greatly appreciated. Mahalo!

Eric T. Matsumoto  
Bishop

Dean Sakamoto  
Chair, Committee on Social Concerns



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### CONDOLENCE

**Mrs. Amy Reiko Nakanishi**, wife of the late Bishop Thom Nakanishi, passed away on September 18, 2016. The Funeral Service was held on October 3, 2016 at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin officiated by the Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Rimban Rev. Toyokazu Hagio.

Bishop and Mrs. Nakanishi served the following temples: Kona Hongwanji Mission, Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin, Honokaa, Paauilo, Kohala, and Kamuela Hongwanji Missions, Wailuku Hongwanji Mission, Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin (as Rimban), Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (as the 13<sup>th</sup> Bishop), Makawao Hongwanji Mission, and Templo Honpa Hongwanji do Brasi in Brasil (as Bishop).

### LIVE VIDEO OF THE JODO SHINSHU ACCESSION CEREMONY

Hongwanji world headquarters in Kyoto, Japan provides live streaming video of the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition. If you access the web pages while the services are underway, you may watch and hear them as they happen.

<http://hongwanjihawaii.com/2016/10/05/watch-live-video-of-the-jodo-shinshu-accession-ceremony/>

Services start at 2 p.m. **Japan time** on the following dates:

#### 2016

October 1 - 8  
October 20 - 27  
November 4 - 11  
November 18 - 25

#### 2017

March 7 - 14  
March 28 - April 4  
April 11 - 18  
April 25 - May 2  
May 9 - 16  
May 24 - 31

***\*\*Since Japan is 19 hours ahead of Hawaii, services start at 7 p.m. Hawaii time the previous day. For example, if you are in Hawaii and you want to watch the October 8, 2016 service, you need to access the live stream on October 7 at 7:00 p.m. Hawaii time.***

### HAWAII BETSUIN HONDO RESOUNDS WITH CHORALFEST 2016

Choralfest 2016 brought together ninety-eight singers from temples in Hawaii to celebrate the joy of the Buddha-Dharma in song. This year, two participants from Ekoji Temple, outside Washington, D.C., lent extra warmth to the festivities. Held at Hawaii Betsuin on the weekend of September 24 and 25, choralfest featured a stunning Sunday Music Service at which the festival choir, under the musical direction of conductor Nola Nahulu, filled the Hondo with the heartwarming strains of Buddhist choral masterpieces.

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⚓ ***Mahalo*** ⚓

*for your kind monetary donations*

Family of Tsuneo “Mike” Miyashiro – 49 day service  
Kenneth & Loretta Kamei in memory of Richard Ikei  
Bob Ichimura in memory of Joyce Ichimura  
Gary & Annette Tashiro  
Ann Niblock



**Pumpkin Carving Winners!**



“Brains”



Nutter Butter “Ghosts”



Donut “Ghouls”

**Halloween refreshments after the Oct. 30 service!**