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Kailua Hongwanji Mission is doing business as Windward Buddhist Temple (WBT)

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## **It's a WBT Dharma School new year!**

Calling all 'ohana whose keiki want to learn the Buddha's teachings with a sangha of keiki peers!

What: Dharma School

Who: Keiki ages 5-18

Where: Windward Buddhist Temple, during the 9 a.m. service

When: Every SECOND Sunday (September to July)

Sunday, September 8th we will kick off a new Dharma School year. Every 2nd Sunday for the next 11 months we will investigate the concept of INTERDEPENDENCE from a Buddhist perspective.

Some of the questions we will explore:

- How are we interdependent? ...with living and non-living things?...with the past and present?...with people we know and strangers?
- What are some of the ways that we could increase our awareness of our interdependence?
- Why are selfishness and wasting not in keeping with interdependence?
- How might we live in ways that are in harmony with our interdependence?
- How might an appreciation of interdependence affect our personal and collective happiness?

We've planned activities that will allow the students to understand interdependence as a reality, to learn to identify and explain how behaviors either counter or are consistent with interdependence, and to practice contributing positively to efforts that are enhanced by interdependence. Activities include:

- **Stories & mo'olelo** that highlight interdependence
- **Making art with microplastics** we gathered at Kailua Beach
- **Relays & Games** at Kailua District Park
- **Cooking** for our temple sangha
- Taking part in the **after-Obon temple clean up**
- Earth Day **community service** in Ko'olaupoko

Dharma School participation is not limited to temple members and their families. We welcome any and all keiki interested in learning the Buddha's teachings!!

In Gassho,  
Kathi & Annette, Dharma School teachers

# Sept 2019

1	Family Service (Inter-Generational Activity)	Speaker: Rev. Bert Sumikawa M.C.: Stephen Ochikubo
8	Family Service 9:00 a.m. <b>(Dharma School Sunday)</b>	Speaker: Dennis Tashiro M.C.: Merle Tashiro
11	Board Meeting	6:30p.m. @ the temple
13-15	Lay Convention	On Big Island
15	Fall Ohigan (Autumn Equinox) Service 9:00 a.m.	Guest Speaker: Rev. Mariko Nishiyama M.C.: Roy Inouye
22	Monthly Remembrance Service 9:00 a.m.	Speaker: Rev. Bert Sumikawa M.C.: Jennifer Kane
<b>Remembrance:</b> If you'd like to remember a loved one who passed away in the month of Sept. (of any year), you will be given the opportunity to do so during this service. A sign-up sheet will be available at the reception desk.		
29	Family Service 9:00 a.m.	Speaker: Jennifer Kane M.C.: Linda Jaffe

Temple Prep: Sept. 1-15 by Team Ginger (Prudence)

Sept. 22-29 by Team Pikake (Shirley)

## Reverend Mariko Nishiyama

Guest Speaker

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Rev. Mariko Nishiyama was born in Fukuoka, Japan to a temple family. After she completed college and obtained her ordination, she came to Hawaii and was appointed kaikyoshi. Her first assignment was at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin followed by Lahaina Hongwanji. She then returned to the Big Island to serve as resident minister for the "Four Temples Council" (Papaikou, Honomu, Honohina and Papaaloa Hongwanjis). Rev. Nishiyama currently serves as the resident minister at Pearl City Hongwanji.



The end of summer is here when the weather starts to cool down and our children and grandchildren are off to preschool through college. Everything passes quickly so plan on blessing them with your wisdom, compassion and joy of life while spending quality time with them. No matter their age or distance, they will always remember and treasure time spent with their family.

----- Jean Fukumoto

## **Family Promise**

The last session of Family Promise for 2019 was held at the Jikoen Temple on August 11-18.

Mahalo to the following members of the Windward Buddhist Temple Ohana who volunteered to set up and break down the sleep area, prepare & serve dinner and breakfast, sleep over, and do the linens: Dana Arakaki, Keiji and Janet Kukino, Prudence and Allen Kusano, Roy Miyamoto, Ryan Miyamoto, Bob Nishita, Cynthia Rodriguez, Patty Migita, and Ronald and Shirley Yanagisawa.

----- Shirley Yanagisawa

## **Family Promise Fun Run**

The annual Family Promise Fun Run presented by Moku & Monkeypod Kitchen will be held on Saturday, October 26 at 7:00 a.m. at Kailua Middle School. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$20 for Keiki entry. Prices will increase after Sept. 15. If you would like to participate in this activity, please register at [www.familypromisehawaii.org](http://www.familypromisehawaii.org) or call (808) 548-7478.

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Back by Popular Request.....

## **Windward Buddhist Temple (WBT) First Sunday Activity!**

A year ago, on the first Sunday of each month, WBT had special craft activities for the children after service and refreshments. In the process of the children participating, many adults found it enjoyable and were invited to take part. This year, the temple began to focus on Dharma classes for the children, which are now scheduled for the second Sunday of each month, and the first Sunday activity ended.

As time passed, we realized that the adults missed the First Sunday activity. We are happy to announce the return of, the **First Sunday activity, which is now an INTER-GENERATIONAL activity!**

Join us on **Sunday, September 1, 2019** after service, to make large origami paper cranes for International Peace Day which WBT will observe on September 22, 2019. This origami activity is mainly for teens and adults because of the complexity. The paper cranes will be distributed to our neighboring businesses in hopes they will display them as part of International Peace Day.



## DHARMA SCHOOL (2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY)

Providing Dharma Education is a primary goal of Windward Buddhist Temple. (Refer to the front page of this newsletter.)

**September 8, 2019: WBT Dharma School - kick-off**

### EXERCISING, STRENGTHENING & WALKING



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

### 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.**

**NO Tai Chi on September 20 & 24**

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.

### GARDENING

Gardening class will be on Sunday, **Sept. 8, 2019** at 2:00 p.m. There is no sign up – everyone is welcome to attend.



### IKEBANA

**(Flower Arranging)**

This month's Ikebana class is on **Sept. 7 & 21** 1:30 p.m. at the temple. Cost is \$5 per class plus the cost of the flowers/foilage (\$5-8). Instructor needs a count of participants as flowers are purchased for each class.

### MEDITATION

**Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm**

Guided meditation, walking meditation and offering of incense, and chanting of a sutra. Followed by a short "talk story" section. Meditation is conducted by Rev. Dr. Bert M. Sumikawa. All are welcome to participate. There is no fee.



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**August 2019**

## Peace Day in Hawaii 2019 Message

Bishop Eric Matsumoto



As Peace Day in Hawaii (September 21st) approaches and our various Hongwanji Shin Buddhist Temples prepare to spread the important message of peace, harmony, non-violence and reconciliation, and other community organizations also observe remembrances related to World War II in August and September, I would like to share my message and aspiration for this year's Peace Day in Hawaii. I humbly ask that we all take some time to reflect guided by the Wisdom and Compassion of Supreme Enlightenment. May Amida Buddha's Light of Wisdom and Compassion illumine our hearts and minds so we may be able to deeply reflect, come to some life-changing realizations which has the potential of transforming myself and the world and thus contributing to lasting peace and happiness.

As we lament about the suffering from wars including the mass shootings and bombings which are continuing to happen around the world and in our nation too, let us take a deeper look at ourselves and the world. Many times, as we look at situations of our life and world, we focus only on the conditions. However, with the Wisdom of Enlightenment to guide us, let us see the need to become aware of the deeper causes of suffering together with the conditions. Any fix by only addressing the conditions will be good only as long as the conditions do not change, but by addressing the cause of suffering we can snip the suffering at its root. It is, indeed, most difficult for us humans, people, to look at our own selves. My ego does not want to reveal itself even to its own self. With Enlightened Wisdom to guide, we are able to understand that the true cause of suffering in the world is ignorance and the afflictions which arise from it like arrogance, anger, greed, envy, self-centeredness, fear and so forth. Unless, we address the root cause which is ignorance and these afflictions which arise from it, we will continue to be plagued by negatives which in its extreme forms result in so much devastation, destruction and even loss of life which our normal minds cannot even fathom unless one has experienced it or seen it for oneself. Hence, the importance of listening to voices of those who have experienced the worst of humankind.

However, at the same time, we must also hear the voices, the Wisdom and Compassion, of those who have attained the highest levels of attainment, so we have hope, can aspire and begin to walk the path of peace and harmony. Thus, today, regardless of religious affiliation or even if you do not have one, let us embrace Wisdom and Compassion which aspires for the peace and happiness of not only one, a few, or many, but all life, all existence. May we be guided by an All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion known as the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light whose Name is Namo Amida Butsu (the Buddha's Name That Calls Us (to entrust)). May we be guided and our path be illuminated by a Presence which goes beyond our ego as a person, nation, religion, and even as humankind to realize true interdependence and realize the common wish of all life, all existence to be happy, free and safe. May the Buddha's Light of Wisdom and Compassion guide, nurture and inspire us! Please allow me to recite the Buddha's Name Which I Call (in gratitude) to conclude my message.

Namo Amida Butsu.

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