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Time and Life

Ordinarily, time is measured by the ticking of the clock. However, the length of time seems to differ with each individual, depending on his attitude. For example, when one is happy, an hour seems very short, but when one is unhappy the same hour appears to be very long. Many of us have visited with friends or relatives that we haven't seen for a while, and arrange to meet them at some locality albeit for a limited length of time. When the hour comes to a close, we think, "Oh my, that was so short. Do we have to part now?" That hour seems like a few minutes. On the other hand, while waiting for a sporting event or a movie to start for example, even though it's been a few minutes, it may seem like a long time. We fidget, eat more popcorn or drink more beer, just waiting. A humorous but meaningful lecture hitting the very core of our being that lasts for an hour may seem so short and wish to have it continue for time on end. By the same token, a boring speech that does not meet our expectations even though only 20 minutes, may seem sooo long. Time is relative.

A famous Zen priest Dogen Zenji said, "A life of a hundred years wasted is the sum of days and months deplorably spent. What truly matters is not how long one lived, but the way of life that he lived." Time should be measured by the way it was spent, because it is a continuity of one's creation.

Time moves on and on. Being young or old does not really matter. Some people live in the past which is already gone. No matter how glorious or happy the past has been, it is no longer here.

Some, on the other hand, live in the future, and no matter how bright the future may seem, it has not yet materialized. The most important thing is to live this life moment by moment.

The present moment contains the totality of time – the past, the present and the future. Time itself is life. The eternity is hidden in this continuity of time. Each moment is irreplaceable, and even a single day that has passed cannot be relived. With this realization, let us strive to live the present moment in mindfulness.

Namu Amida Butsu

Rev. Bert Sumikawa

WBT's office hours are MONDAYS from 4 to 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Sumikawa is available for consultation appointments. Memorial services or other services will be by appointment on a mutually arranged date and may be done at the temple or at residences. Please call Rev. Bert Sumikawa at (808) 492-7254 to schedule an appointment or for more information.






March & April 2022

WBT is holding Sunday Services at the temple. **Please be prepared to provide proof of COVID vaccination.**



We will continue to post the services online shortly thereafter via:

- 1) Windward Buddhist Temple website: www.windwardbuddhisttemple.org
(or Google Windward Buddhist Temple)
- 2) YouTube: www.youtube.com/windwardbuddhisttemple
- 3) FaceBook: facebook.com/windwardbuddhisttemple

Date	Service	Speaker/MC
March 6	Family Service	Speaker: Joy Nishida M.C.: Fujikawa Family
13	Family Service	Speaker: Rev. Bert Sumikawa M.C.: Jean Fukumoto
20	 Spring Ohigan (Equinox) Service	Guest Speaker: Rev. Mariko Nishiyama M.C.: Cynthia Rodriguez
27	Monthly Remembrance Service If you'd like to remember a loved one who passed away in the <u>month of March (of any year)</u> , you will be given the opportunity to do so during this service. Please add the name of your loved one to the list at the sign in desk and if you have a photo, please bring it to the service.	Speaker: Rev. Bert Sumikawa M.C.: Shirley Yanagisawa
For the month of March , after service refreshments will be done by Group B (Dana Arakaki, lead)		
April 3	NO SERVICE at WBT. HI Buddhist Council will hold a Buddha Day Service. For more information, please contact Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Headquarters (808)522-9200	
10	Buddha Day Service (Buddha's Birthday) 	Guest Speaker: Irene Nakamoto M.C.: Dennis Tashiro
17	 Eshinni & Kakushinni Day Service (Shinran's wife and daughter)	Guest Speaker: Rev. Kumika Soga M.C.: Shirley Yangaisawa
24	Monthly Remembrance Service & Earth Day If you'd like to remember a loved one who passed away in the <u>month of April (of any year)</u> , you will be given the opportunity to do so during this service. Please add the name of your loved one to the list at the sign in desk and if you have a photo, please bring it to the service.	Speaker: Rev. Bert Sumikawa M.C.: Neil Yamamoto
For the month of April , after service refreshments will be done by Group C (Merle Tashiro, lead)		



REVEREND MARIKO NISHIYAMA

Ohigan Service Guest Speaker
(March 20, 2022)

Rev. Mariko Nishiyama was born in Fukuoka, Japan to a temple family. After she completed college and obtained her ordination, she came to Hawaii. 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 is currently the resident minister of Pearl City Hongwanji.

IRENE NAKAMOTO

Buddha Day Service Guest Speaker
(April 10, 2022)

Irene Nakamoto grew up in Kalihi and graduated from Farrington High School, University of Hawaii College of Education, and Ohio University. She was an elementary teacher and principal in Hawaii. After retirement, Irene received her Tokudo Ordination in 2003 in Kyoto, Japan and became the Acting Director of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Office of Buddhist Education. She left the position in 2006 to become a caregiver but continued to be active in Hongwanji activities. She is a past president of the Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Association and serves as the Education Committee co-chair.



During the pandemic, Irene holds "virtual" (via the internet) ikebana (flower arrangement) classes for Windward Buddhist Temple members and, currently, instructs in-person ikebana classes for 15 Craigsides residents (her current residence). Irene also keeps active with exercise classes, mahjong games, and her newly acquired interest in Korean dramas.

Irene is married to Reverend David Nakamoto, who served as minister at Kailua Hongwanji (now WBT) from 2010 to 2017.

REVEREND KUMIKA SOGA

Eshinni & Kakushinni Day Guest Speaker
(April 17, 2022)



Reverend Kumika Soga is from the Saga Prefecture in Japan. She graduated from Ryukoku University in Kyoto with studies in Buddhism and completed a correspondence course from the Central Buddhist Institute, also in Kyoto.

In 1984, she received her Tokudo, first ordination, and later that year married Rev. Jeffrey Soga. They relocated to Hawaii in 1985 and began serving the Honpa Hongwanji Missions of Hawaii.

Reverend Kumika Soga received Kyoshi, secondary ordination (certified full-fledged ministry) in 1996. She then served as a Minister's Aid under Rev. Jeffrey Soga at Lahaina Hongwanji, Hilo Betsuin, Papaikou Hongwanji, Honomu Hongwanji, Honohina Hongwanji and Papaaloa Hongwanji. She taught Japanese language at Hilo Betsuin and Wailuku Hongwanji and was a Japanese drill master at Pahaia High School. She currently works at the Sakura House Adult Day Care in Honolulu as an Activity Aid.

Reverends Kumika and Jeffrey Soga have four children (Koshin, Maitri, Michelle and Kirana) and two grandchildren (Kosei and Rui Soga).

🌀 Mahalo 🌀

for your kind monetary donations

Dennis & Merle Tashiro - IMO Taeko Tashiro and
T. Kanda's 104th Birthday Celebration
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MLK Essential Goods Drive

Windward Buddhist Temple served as the windward collection center for the Martin Luther King Essential Goods Drive, which was held on January 17, 2022. The event was sponsored by the NAACP and other community organizations. Non-perishable food collected was donated to the Hawaii Food Bank and feminine hygiene products donated to the Ma'i Movement. A whopping 3,480 lbs. of food items was donated to the food bank!





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2022 HONGWANJI SLOGAN “Connecting with Others”

We are in the third year and slogan of our five-year theme: Building Healthy Sanghas.

2020: Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity and Openness

2021: Building Healthy Sanghas: Nurturing Empathy and Respect

2022: Building Healthy Sanghas: Connecting with Others

2023: Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Joy Together

2024: Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments

Interdependence is an important worldview in Buddhism. In everyday terms, my actions not only affect my life but also affects other people and other things in this world. Therefore, it is important to connect with others in a mutually supportive community, in other words, a Healthy Sangha, so that we understand the people and the world around us which results in actions that will benefit the self and others.

We are fortunate that recently, our religious leader, Gomonsu Kojun Ohtani, provided us with guidance in our interactions with others called Our Pledge. It begins with a simple formula for connecting with others with a “smile and gentle words.” It then informs us on how to maintain our connections with emotional maturity and well-informed actions by “Not being swept away by my greed, anger and ignorance.” It further guides us to good interpersonal relations by “Breaking away from self-centeredness” and to “share in the joys and sorrows of others.” And finally, to “strive to live life to the fullest, with an attitude of gratitude,” knowing that Amida Buddha is always with us, our perfect companion, and source of inner strength and support.

Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki,

Former Director, Office of Buddhist Education,
and the HHMH Commission on Buddhist Education



WBT's Spring Food Drive March 20 - April 17, 2022

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Hawaii Food Bank. A box will be available in the lobby to receive your donations.

Suggested items: canned meats & vegetables, rice, pasta, cereal, etc.

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February 2022 Photos

Left to right:

“Take away goodie bags”

2/13 Guest speaker, Dr. Michael
Cheang, Cindy Osajima (Project Dana)
& Keiji Kukino



Photos of some of our pets
from the pet memorial service

