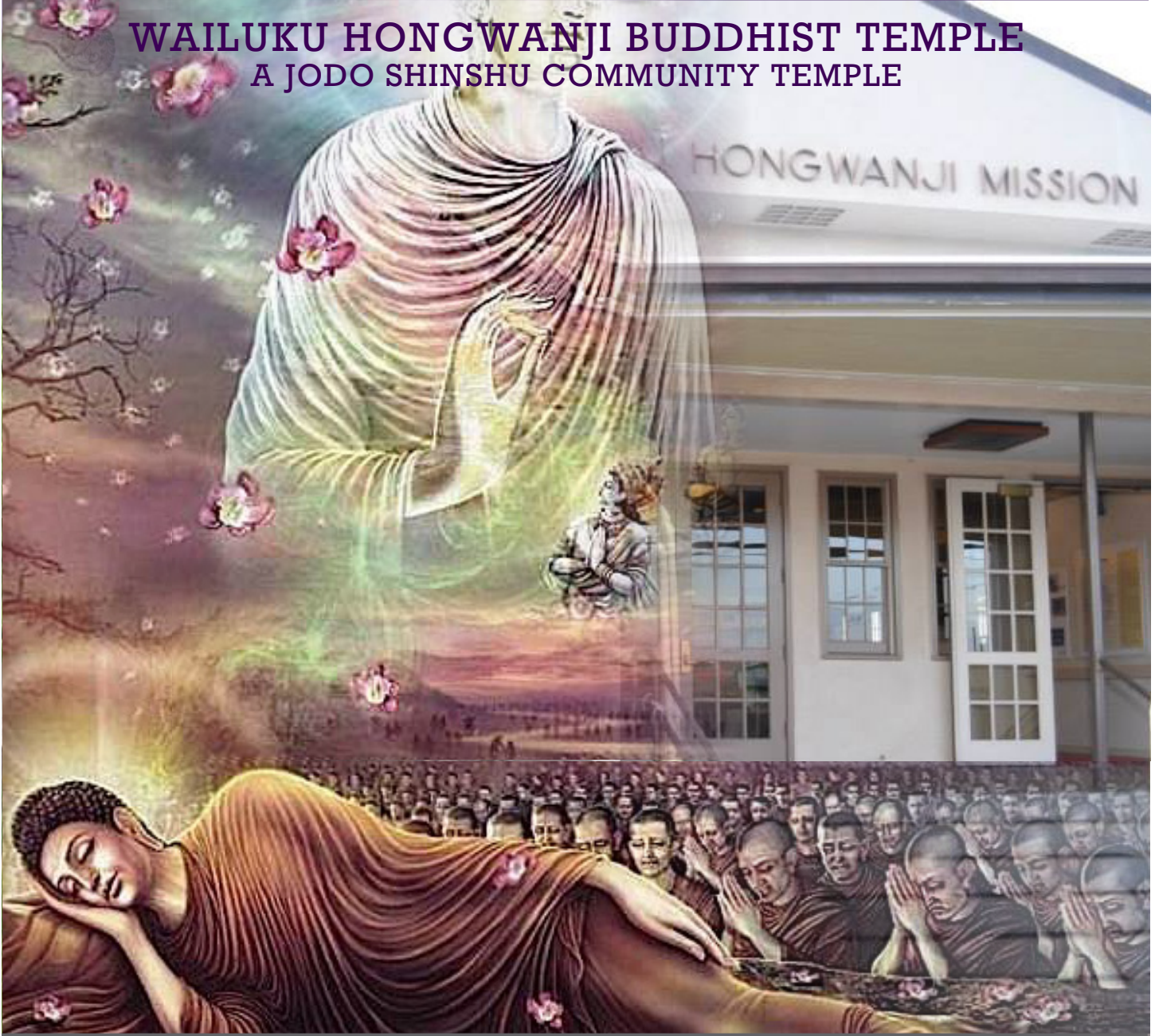




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TEACHINGS FROM THE REVEREND

# Nirvana Day

*Reverend Shinkai Murakami*

Namo Amida Butsu

Do you know what February 12th is? It is not only President Abraham Lincoln's birthday, but also my mother's. However, we observe this day as a special occasion for all Buddhists. What makes it special for Buddhists? It is known as Nirvana Day, Shakyamuni Buddha's Memorial Day.

As you may be aware, Shakyamuni Buddha's original name was Siddhartha Gautama, the son of the Shakya clan. He attained enlightenment after six years of practice at the age of 35. Over the next 45 years, he shared his spiritual guidance, passing away at the age of 80. According to legend, during this time, he delivered more than 84,000 messages to heal and guide people on the path of truth. He traveled to towns and villages, offering his teachings to all until his passing.

The late Rev. Ryozo Yamaguchi, former minister of the Paia Rinza Mission, shared a poignant experience from his visit to India. He encountered numerous chil-

dren begging for food or money. Moved by compassion, he gave cookies to a skinny child, and others instantly surrounded him. Despite their hardships, the children cherished the cookies, highlighting the profound impact of Buddha's teachings on those who suffered.

In historical contexts where temperatures soared to 140 degrees during the summer, ordinary people, mandated by kings, had to work outdoors. Despite the harsh conditions, Buddha's teachings provided solace and serenity to those facing daily struggles.

Shakyamuni Buddha's final teaching to his disciples emphasizes self-reliance, the importance of his teachings, and the impermanence of the physical body. He encourages his disciples to follow the Dharma after his death.

Our Issei and early Nisei members left us with a profound guidance and a rich cultural legacy despite the challenges they faced on plantations. Their mantra,

"Kodomo no tame ni" or "for the sake of the children," reflects their commitment to passing down values to future generations. Today, we must cherish and uphold these values, remembering that the basics are the foundation of a harmonious life.

Let us heed Shakyamuni Buddha's words, "Make my guidance your light," and embrace "Nembutsu" as our spiritual guide. On this Nirvana Day, may we recognize Nembutsu as Amida Buddha's precious gift, guiding us toward harmonious and peaceful lives within our families and communities.

Namo Amida Butsu



**ABOVE:** Michael Munekiyo, Debby Inenaga, Shane Komine, Benjamin, and Rev. Murakami at the Ho'onko Service on January 14, 2024.

## SPECIAL SERVICES

### *Coming Together in Harmony: Ho'onko Service at Our Temple*

*Reverend Shinkai Murakami*

In the spirit of shared devotion and community harmony, we recently came together for a heartwarming Ho'onko service at our temple. The ceremony was graced by the presence of our esteemed Dharma friend from Mountain View, California, who serves as the Dharma School teacher at Mountain View Buddhist Temple, CA.

The service was a beautiful representation of interconnectedness, as members from our own community joined in heartfelt celebration. Among those present were Mike Munekiyo, Debby Inenaga, Rev. Murakami, Jodi Komine, Kingston Komine, Shane Komine, Benjamin, and others.

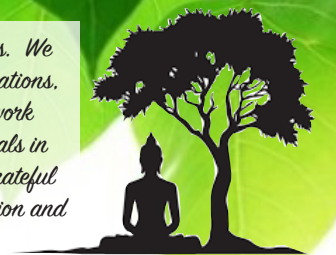
A special connection was highlighted during the service, as Debby and Shane were recognized as cousins, bringing an extra layer of familial unity to our gathering. Such connections remind us of the bonds we share not only in our practice but also in the tapestry of relationships that enrich our temple community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in making this Ho'onko service a truly memorable and harmonious occasion. Let us continue to cultivate the spirit of togetherness and shared mindfulness on our journey of spiritual growth.

May the teachings of the Buddha guide us, and may our temple community flourish in peace and compassion.



*Thank you for your time, effort, and monetary donations. We are so fortunate to have your support! Through your donations, we continue to service multiple temple programs and work towards securing our future by accomplishing many goals in our 2030 Modernization Strategy. We are extremely grateful for any and all donations towards helping our congregation and advancing our community-minded efforts.*



Sharon Higa & Pamela Miyagawa

**KYODAN**

Gordon & June Amaral - *In memory of Kiyoko Inouye*  
 Colleen Fujimoto - *In memory of Edith Omuro*  
 Audree Hashibe - *In memory of Shina & Bunkichi Hotta Family*  
 Hideo & Joyce Kawahara - *In memory of Fumie Hanada, Al Nakatani, and Warren Shimabukuro*  
 Mr. & Mrs. Jon Kihara - *In memory of Edith Omuro*  
 Munekiyo Holdings, LLC - *Shain Group Consultant Services*  
 Wallace Takeo Oki - *In memory of the Oki Family Members*  
 Mr. & Mrs. Walter Omuro - *In memory of Edith Omuro*

Richard Ouchi - *In memory of Patsy Ouchi and Roy Ouchi*  
 Nancy Shimoda - *In memory of Katsue Shishido*  
 David Silva - *In memory of Amy Silva*  
 Lloyd & Sharon Sodetani - *In memory of Katsue Shishido (from Ted Shishido)*  
 Toshiko Sugiki - *In memory of Katsue Shishido*  
 Florence Tanaka - *In memory of Mary Fujitani*  
 Setsuko Yahiro - *In memory of Edith Omuro*

**MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS**

Anonymous – *Altar flowers, Assorted snacks, Craft items, Dessert plates, Plastic straws, 9oz. paper cups, Bamboo chopsticks, Compostable assorted cutlery, 9 inch paper plates, Brown paper packages*  
 Richard & Amy Blue – *Yard maintenance*  
 BWA Ladies – *Bougainvillea hedge trim, and Office support*  
 Cubs – *Temple yard, campus cleanup*  
 Dharma Strummers – *Sunday service music*  
 Jeral & Karlynn Fukuda – *Altar flowers, and gallon ziploc bags*  
 Alvin & Martha Fukunaga – *Altar flowers*  
 Grace Hamasaki - *Office Support*  
 Margaret Honda – *Nokotsudo, flower cleaning, and office support*  
 HOSHA Gang – *Temple cleaning*  
 Eric Ikeuchi – *Repairs and maintenance*  
 Calvin & Teri Kaneda – *Altar flowers & daikon*

Carol Mae Kurisu – *Altar flowers*  
 Machiko Moriyasu – *Altar flower arrangements & Office support*  
 Minae Murakami – *Sunday service organist*  
 Alvin & Charlotte Nakamura – *Miscellaneous kitchen items*  
 Mike Nishimoto – *Yard maintenance*  
 Celeste Rabang – *Office support*  
 Nancy Shimoda – *Nokotsudo, flower cleaning, and office support*  
 Dale Sugiki – *Sunday service organist*  
 Toshiko Sugiki - *Office support*  
 Ed & Joan Tamori – *Altar flowers & yard maintenance*  
 Mary Tokumaru – *Office Support*  
 Sarajeon Tokunaga - *Swiss Colony cookies*  
 Leonard & Pat Tomita - *Antibacterial hand soap*  
 Linda Ann Unemori – *Office support*

**NEW YEAR'S ACTIVITY**

Irene & Claire Araki	Brent Izutsu
Calvin & Kayoko Endo	Calvin & Terri Kaneda
Franklin & Guy Hamasaki	Melvyn & Sylvia Kawashima
Teri Hamasaki	Gail Kushiyama
Sandra K. Hirata	Layne Kushiyama & Allie Hamai
Cary & Sharon Honda	Machiko Moriyasu
Margaret T. Honda	Noreen Saiki
Eric & Cathy Ikeuchi	Yoshio & Michiko Sato
Molly Imoto	Toshiko Sugiki
Amy Izutsu	Lois Tambalo

**NOKOTSUDO**

Sharon Fujioka - *In memory of the Kawabe Family*  
 James & Takane Hashi  
 June Ko - *In memory of Sakae Yoshida*  
 Winona Lau Hee - *In memory of Prudence Ota*  
 Clyde Maeda - *In memory of the Tashiro Family*  
 Wallace Matsuda - *In memory of Takeyuki & Ochiyo Yoshizu*  
 Alan Miyazaki & Family - *In memory of Masato & Tsugi Miyazaki*  
 F.S. Sodetani - *In memory of Douglas & Clara Sodetani, and Senkichi & Ariyo Sodetani*  
 Willie & Sachi Tokishi - *In memory of Tsuruo & Chitoshi Matsui*  
 Gertrude Uyeno - *In memory of Juichi Kadoyama, Ichiyo Kadoyama, and Kenneth Kadoyama*

**DANA AWARD FUND**

S.T. Nunokawa  
 L.K., R.F., S.T., Nunokawa  
 Layne & Shari Manabe

**KUNISAKI SCHOLARSHIP**

James & Takane Hashi

**OFUSE**

B.T. & L.M. Ikehara  
 Sharon S. Otsubo & Jerry S. Imai - *In memory of Yoshiyuki & Harue Imai*

**SOCIAL CONCERNS**

Gail Kushiyama  
 Ritsuko Lana Kato

If you would like to donate to any services or programs, please make checks payable to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission and send to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission at 1828 E Vineyard St. Wailuku, HI 96793.  
 If you would like to volunteer time on any of the upcoming or ongoing projects, please contact the office at (808) 244-0406, Monday-Friday between 8:00am and 12:00pm.

**EDUCATION**



# WAILUKU HONGWANJI PRESCHOOL

144 Kaniela Street, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793 \* Phone: (808) 244-9545  
 Email: [whpreschool808@gmail.com](mailto:whpreschool808@gmail.com) \* Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:30am - 4:30pm

*Jody Vinoray*

## PRESCHOOL IS HIRING! Preschool Teacher Needed

**Contact:**

Wailuku Hongwanji Preschool at (808) 244-9545 or email [whpreschool808@gmail.com](mailto:whpreschool808@gmail.com).

**Working Hours:**

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 4:30pm

**Requirements:**

- AS Degree in ECE/CDA
- 6-12 months classroom experience working with children ages 3-5 years old
- Creativity & Flexibility
- Infant/Child CPR & First Aid Certification

## REGISTRATION

**Regular Session:** August to May    **Summer Session:** June to July

Closed during public school holidays and breaks, except teachers' institute day and teachers' end-of-semester day

**Contact Information:**

Phone: (808) 244-9545  
 Email: [whpreschool808@gmail.com](mailto:whpreschool808@gmail.com)  
 Site: <https://www.wailukuhongwanji.org/index.php/preschool>

## Enlightening Beginnings at Preschool



We are delighted to share the joyous news of yet another successful registration day at our preschool, marking the children's return after the winter break. The enthusiasm and positive energy filled the air as our young learners embarked on a new chapter of exploration and discovery.

This month holds a special theme for our little ones as they delve into the

understanding of jobs within our community and how these roles contribute to the well-being of others. The journey of knowledge took an exciting turn when Captain Mark, representing the Story Book Theatre, graced our preschool with a visit. Accompanied by his giant Whale friends, Harmony and Melody, Captain Mark brought tales that captivated the hearts and minds of our young learners.

In the spirit of nurturing curiosity and compassion, these experiences lay the foundation for a harmonious blend of education and joy in our preschool community. We extend our gratitude to Captain Mark for sharing his time and stories, inspiring our children on their path of learning and understanding.

May the seeds of wisdom planted in our preschool blossom into compassionate hearts and inquisitive minds.



## SPORTS

# Congratulations Sensei Kogasaka!

*Ron Hiyakumoto*

We are thrilled to announce that Sensei Kogasaka has reached the prestigious 7th-degree black belt (shichidan) at the Wailuku Hongwanji Judo Club on January 13, 2024.

Sensei Kogasaka's dedication, leadership, and continuous support have significantly contributed to the success of the Wailuku Hongwanji Judo Club and the judo community on Maui. This promotion reflects his exceptional skill and commitment.

We express our heartfelt gratitude for Sensei Kogasaka's years of service, shaping our judo community. May his journey inspire us to uphold the values of respect, perseverance, and harmony in our Buddhist practices.



6th Virtual Dharma School Gathering

# SHARING JOY TOGETHER: THE GOLDEN CHAIN OF LOVE

Sunday, March 10, 2024 via Zoom

8:45 am Dharma School Educators Session

10:00 am Intergenerational Service

10:40 am Breakout Room Activities

11:30 Group Sharing Session

12:00 End

***All are welcome to this  
intergenerational  
event!!!***

Any questions?  
Contact Debbie Kubota  
dekub88@gmail.com



***Guest Speaker: D. Trinidad Hunt  
Granddaughter of Rev. Dorothy Hunt,  
author of the Golden Chain of Love***

**RSVP Deadline: Saturday, March 2**

Link to register (or use camera to scan code):

<https://forms.gle/1fndRUnD5HN4Cywj7>

Zoom link will be emailed by Friday, March 8

**ADULT ORGANIZATIONS**

# Buddhist Women’s Association (BWA) News

*Gwen Hiraga*

The BWA is delighted to announce its first General Membership meeting for 2024, scheduled on February 11th. Following the church service, we will gather for our annual meeting and Sokai at Tante’s Restaurant in Kahului. Heartfelt appreciation goes to the dedicated Sokai Committee members—Elaine Akashi, Gail Iwamoto Hamai, Phyllis Sato, and Judy Toba Stillwell. If you haven’t already done so and wish to join us, kindly reach out to Elaine Akashi for lunch orders.

In our ongoing commitment to service, BWA members actively prepare Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches for delivery to “A Cup of Cold Water” every first and third Thursday of the month. This meaningful endeavor sees the creation of 80 sandwiches bi-monthly for a truly worthy cause.

As a gentle reminder, BWA membership dues for 2024 can be submitted to Sandra Matsuda. Whether left in the BWA tray at the church office or mailed directly to Sandra Matsuda, dues payment ensures the continued support of our community. The dues are \$25.00 for those under the age of 80 and \$10.00 for members over the age of 80 or turning 80 in 2024.

Wishing a joyful birthday celebration to our members born in February: Stella Kuwae, Yuki Lei Sugimura, and Akie Sakumoto. May this year bring them happiness, peace, and fulfillment.

A heartfelt thank you to the members of the MUBWA for their generous donations to “A Cup of Cold Water”. Donations were collected at the Fall General Assembly. Spam, bath and hand towels, and slippers were delivered to the ACCW van run personnel.



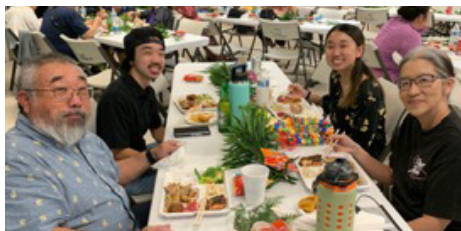
**BWA members Yuki Lei Sugimura, Mary Tokumaru and Toshiko Sugiki with Senator Troy Hashimoto and Makawao BWA members Diane Kosaka and Karen Ishizu.**



**BWA member Sandy Matsuda and husband Wayne served the pupus and drinks.**



**BWA members Norma Jean Tamashiro, Helen Ohigashi and Toshiko Sugiki spend a few minutes to talk story before dinner.**



**BWA members Eric Ikeuchi, Cathy Ikeuchi and Donna Ikeuchi with Donovan having dinner.**



**BWA members Faith Tengan and Sharon Higa at the dessert table.**



**BWA members Molly Imoto and Gail Kushiyama enjoying the pupus.**

## Pumpkin Raisin Bars courtesy of Bette Nomura



- |                          |                    |                     |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 2 cups all purpose flour | 2 tsp cinnamon     | ½ tsp salt          |
| 1 (15 oz) can pumpkin    | 2 cups sugar       | 1 tsp ginger        |
| 1 cup oil                | ½ cup chopped nuts | 2 tsp baking powder |
| ½ tsp cloves             | 4 eggs             | ½ cup raisins       |
| 1 tsp baking soda        |                    |                     |

Oven temperature at 350 degrees. Grease 15”x10”x1” baking pan. In a large bowl, combine all ingredients except the nuts and raisins; beat at low speed until moistened. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed. Stir in nuts and raisins. Pour into pan. Bake 25-30 minutes. Cool. Frost with Cream Cheese Frosting.

**Cream Cheese Frosting:**

- |                                       |   |             |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------|
| 2 cups powdered sugar                 | 1 tsp vanilla                           | 1 tbsp milk |
| 1/3 cup margarine or butter, softened | 1 (3 oz) package cream cheese, softened |             |

Combine all frosting ingredients until smooth. Frost cooled bars. Store in refrigerator.

**YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**

# Sakura 4-H Clubs ~ What's New with 4-H?

*Sammy Takamura*

With a new year, the Sakura Clubs welcome the Malama Dolphins to Wailuku Hongwanji. The Malama Dolphins are made up of six 5th graders and are led by Emi Orikasa and Jill Maki'i. We look forward to hearing all about what they are up to this year.

In January, the Lōkahi Girls were honored with a visit from Chef Carl Yeh of Restaurant Matsu. He talked about the history of sushi and demonstrated how to make California rolls. Then the girls had a chance to become sushi chefs for the day and made their favorite maki sushi. Chef Carl gifted each their own makisu (sushi mat) so they can continue to make sushi for their families at home. Thank you Chef Carl!

As we approach the middle of the 4-H year, the Lōkahi girls will be focusing on their project topic, FOOD, completing their record books and preparing for Teach-in. Keep up the good work!



**Chef Carl teaching the girls about the different sides of nori.**



**The Lokahi Girls making sushi with Chef Carl.**



**Chef Carl Yeh of Restaurant Matsu together with Lōkahi Girls**

## 4-H Registration

Interested in learning more about 4-H or want to join?

Email: [WHMSakura4H@gmail.com](mailto:WHMSakura4H@gmail.com)

- Aloha Girls: Grades 1-2
- Lōkahi Girls: Grades 3-4
- Malama Dolphins: Grade 5

**YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**

## Troops Set Up to Welcome the New Year



**TOP LEFT:** Scoutmaster Celeste got to meet Santa when he came to visit the preschool.

**BOTTOM LEFT & RIGHT:** Troop 40 boys setting up the firework display for New Year's eve.

**BOTTOM CENTER:** Kody teaching Kingston how to lash polls to weights.



## PACK & TROOP CHILD REGISTRATION

**Registration Requirements:**

- Pack Registration: Boys and Girls ages 6-10
- Troop Registration: Boys and Girls starting at age 11
- Registration fee, Uniform, Handbook: About \$108 upon joining
- Annual dues \$15 (due in January)

**Contact Information:**

- Pack Registration: (808) 280-1299 or [cubpack40@gmail.com](mailto:cubpack40@gmail.com)
- Troop Registration: (808) 250-1891 or [msdel7@hotmail.com](mailto:msdel7@hotmail.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Call for Hope: Reunite Animal Fire Survivors

As we usher in the new year, there's a heartfelt plea echoing through the aftermath of the August wildfires in Lahaina and Kula—a plea to reunite families with their cherished animal companions who defied the odds and survived the devastating fires.

Rescued from burn areas, over 500 cats and various other animals find refuge in the care of the Maui Humane Society and local rescues. Amidst the tragedy, a glimmer of hope persists as these resilient creatures await reunification with their families.

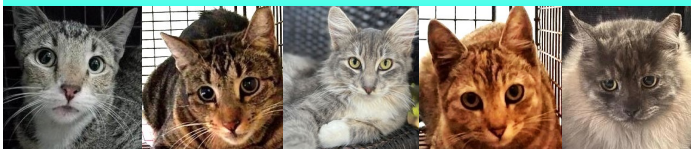
The reunion of over 150 cats and nearly 50 dogs with their families has brought immeasurable joy. For many, the news was unexpected, as they had resigned themselves to the belief that their pets were lost forever, grappling with grief and guilt.

Misinformation has cast a shadow on the survival of life in Lahaina, and it's time for a widespread correction. This article serves as an urgent call to every community, urging them to share the vital information with their congregations.

Attached is a concise flyer containing essential details and links to the Maui Humane Society and the Lahaina Fire Lost & Found Animal (LFLFA) database. Through the power of spreading awareness, each community can contribute to bringing a small miracle to those who have endured profound loss this year.

Let compassion guide our actions as we strive to reunite families and bring hope to those who need it most.

### 100s OF WILDFIRE SURVIVORS



### ARE WAITING TO COME HOME

Hundreds of animals - especially cats - have been recovered from Lahaina and are being sheltered at Maui Humane Society or with other local animal rescues. One of them may be waiting for you!

#### VISIT IN PERSON

**Maui Humane Society (MHS)** Mehamaha Loop, Puunene

**MHS "Annex" Building** (housing Fire Cats) 982 Lower Main Street, Wailuku

#### CALL

808-877-3680 (Main MHS number)

808-446-4587 (MHS Annex number)

#### EMAIL

Reunification@mauihumanesociety.org

#### SEARCH ONLINE

[Lahaina Fire Lost & Found Animal \(LFLFA\) database](#)

search photos of found animals, sorted by colors/breeds

compare lost and found animal photos side by side

file a lost cat form

[bit.ly/LFLFAsearch](http://bit.ly/LFLFAsearch) (or scan the QR code)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Lahaina Buddhist Temples' Disaster Relief

*Luly Unemori*

For anyone wishing to make a dana contribution to support the three historic Buddhist temples in Lahaina that were destroyed by the recent Maui wildfires: Lahaina Shingon Mission (established 1902), Lahaina Hongwanji Mission (established 1904), and Lahaina Jodo Mission (established 1912), please see the donation instruction below, or visit the HAIB Maui support webpage at <https://www.hawaiiibuddhists.org/news/support-maui>. Donations will support the Buddhist temples, their resident ministers and families, and temple members.

#### Lahaina Shingon Mission Hokoji

- GoFundMe link: <https://gofund.me/6317428c>
- Checks payable to "Koyasan Shingon Mission of Hawaii" with memo "Lahaina relief"  
Send to: Koyasan Shingon Mission of Hawaii, 457 Manono Street Hilo, HI 96720
- For further information please contact by email [hikoybof@gmail.com](mailto:hikoybof@gmail.com)

#### Lahaina Jodo Mission

- GoFundMe link: <https://gofund.me/df1b0cf2>
- Checks payable to "Jodo Mission" with memo "Maui fire relief fund"  
Send to: Jodo Mission of Hawaii, 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814

#### Lahaina Hongwanji Mission

- GoFundMe link: <https://gofund.me/ff77a520>
- Checks payable to "HHMH" with memo "Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief"  
Send Checks and cash donations to: Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813
- Online at [www.hongwanjihawaii.com](http://www.hongwanjihawaii.com), click on the "Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief" button under the "Donate" tab





**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Temple Wish List

We kindly request your support in contributing to our temple’s wish list, which includes essential items to enhance our space and activities. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

- Forever postage stamps
- 33 Gal. Trash Bags
- Paper Towels
- Hashi (chop sticks)
- 7” Dessert Plates
- 12oz Bowls
- Napkins
- Coffee: Folgers or Yuban
- Carton Packing Tapes
- 15# Bag rice
- Bottled Water
- 9” Lunch plates
- Blue Painters tape
- Antibacterial hand soap
- 9 oz. Cold cups
- 9 oz. Hot cups
- General Use Masking Tapes (1/2”, 1”)
- Ziploc bags (sandwich, quart, gallon sizes)



**Volunteers helping office staff by stuffing envelopes.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Embrace the Spirit of Ohana: Join Our Temple Community Today!

A warm and heartfelt invitation awaits you to become a cherished member of our temple community. At Wailuku Hongwanji, we believe in the power of togetherness and welcome individuals and families from all walks of life with open arms.

**Becoming a Member:** By paying annual dues and becoming regular gojikai members, you not only join our temple community but also contribute to the vitality of our shared spiritual journey. These dues support temple services and activities, serving as a meaningful expression of gratitude for those who laid the foundation for our temple’s existence.

**Financial Accessibility:** We understand that everyone’s circumstances are unique. If the regular dues pose a challenge, we encourage you to reach out to us. Your desire to be a part of our community is what matters most, and we would be delighted to discuss a dues rate that works for you. Your presence is invaluable, and we welcome you to visit us at the temple office.

**Ohana, Our Extended Family:** Joining our ohana is a simple yet profound step toward enriching your spiritual journey. We are always excited to welcome new members, and you can explore our vibrant community by attending our services, events, or activities.

**Gojikai Membership Benefits:** As gojikai members, you become an integral part of our temple family, enjoying a host of benefits:

- Special membership rates for temple programs, including preschool and Japanese language school
- Access to facilities rentals, use of tables and chairs, and kitchen facilities
- A voice and vote at general membership and special meetings
- Eligibility to serve as a member of the Board of Directors

Embrace the warmth of community, the joy of shared experiences, and the spirit of ohana at Wailuku Hongwanji. Join us on this enriching journey today!

**MEMORIAL SERVICES**

# February Hoji Memorial Services



**1st YEAR MEMORIAL - 2023**

DAY	NAME
21	Iwao Kanada (GAN SHIN)

**3rd YEAR MEMORIAL - 2022**

DAY	NAME
07	Grace Kinue Uno (SHO DO)
11	Mary Kimiye Wakamatsu (SHO KAN)
28	Kimiko Inamasu (MYO KE)

**13th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2012**

DAY	NAME
18	Yuzen Ige (ZEN SHO)
26	Ruth Teruko Shimada (HO TEI)
26	Mitsue Nakahashi (MYO SHIN)

**17th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2008**

DAY	NAME
16	Patsy Suzuki Yorimoto (TEI SHO)

**25th YEAR MEMORIAL - 2000**

DAY	NAME
01	Tatsuyo Koyanagi (MYO RYU)

**33rd YEAR MEMORIAL - 1992**

DAY	NAME
16	Haru Hirose (JOKO)

**50th YEAR MEMORIAL - 1975**

DAY	NAME
02	Yukie Matsui (MYO EN)
27	Yonosuke Kanada (YO JUN)

To schedule your family member’s memorial service, please contact the main office at (808) 244-0406, Monday-Friday between 8:00am and 12:00pm.

*Kauai Hongwanji Council Nembutsu Seminar*

# Buddhism and Contemporary Music

Sunday, February 18, 2024, 10:00 am (HST)

Zoom & Lihue Hongwanji Mission

Guest Speaker: Reverend Satoshi Ka'imipono Tomioka



Music is an integral part of our lives and can provide us with profound meaning as we navigate through life. Traditional Buddhist songs or *gathas* are composed to praise the virtues of the Buddha, but we can also find the essence of Buddhism in contemporary songs. In this seminar, we will learn about the Buddha's teachings by listening to these songs, with the hope of finding comfort in Amida Buddha's vigorous compassion and eye-opening wisdom.

Rev. Satoshi Ka'imipono Tomioka was born in Shimane, southern part of Japan. He majored in Intercultural Communication at Ryukoku University and received M.A literature Shin Buddhism. His first assignment was at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin in Honolulu (2013-2017) and currently he is a resident minister of Puna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple on the Big Island and overseeing Pahala and Naalehu Hongwanji. He has married to Haruka and they have 2 cats, Kinako and Kuromame. He enjoys playing the ukulele and watching movies.

**Registration Fee:** Free (Registration Required)

Donations can be made to the Kauai Hongwanji Council. Please make a check payable to Kauai Hongwanji Council and send it to Kapaa Hongwanji Mission 4-1170 Kuhio Highway, Kapaa, HI 96746.

**The maximum capacity is 100 people**, first come, first served. We will email you a Zoom link three days prior to the seminar.

**Click below to register!**

"Registration Deadline: February 11, 2024"

<https://forms.gle/HVVa9sXCCRq4ZrSc7>



When you complete the seminar registration, you will receive an automatic confirmation email from Google forms.

**For further information, please contact:**

Kapaa Hongwanji at 822-4667, West Kauai Hongwanji at 335-3195 or Lihue Hongwanji at 245-6262.



## PLEASE JOIN US & GEORGE TAKEI AT HONPA HONGWANJI HAWAI'I BETSUIN HONDO SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2024

9:30am Special Service

"What Buddhism Means to Me"  
(Free admission)

5pm "George Takei Reflects on Day of Remembrance"

followed by food & entertainment at Pacific Buddhist Academy  
(Fundraising event - Tickets at \$150)

All proceeds will support social justice initiatives at the temple and other nonprofit organizations (including Spill the Tea)

Event presented by:  
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REFERENCES

**Organization & Project Sign-Up Info**

Interested in joining an affiliate organization, club, association, or looking to volunteer or donate to a project? Below is a list of sponsored organizations and ongoing or upcoming projects at Wailuku Hongwanji and their contact information. We look forward to seeing you and your family, and thank you in advance, for any monetary donations you make to support our efforts!

Altar Flower Donations	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Buddhist Womans Association (BWA)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Building Fund Donation	Payable to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission Send to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission at 1828 E Vineyard St. Wailuku, HI 96793
Boy Scouts	Call (808) 250-1891 or email <a href="mailto:msdel17@hotmail.com">msdel17@hotmail.com</a>
Buddha Reads Book Club	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Choir	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Cub Scouts	Call (808) 280-1299 or <a href="mailto:cubpack40@gmail.com">cubpack40@gmail.com</a>
Dharma School	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Dharma Strummers	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
4-H	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:WHMSakura4H@gmail.com">WHMSakura4H@gmail.com</a>
Gakuen (Japanese Language School)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Hosha Day Clean-up (First Thursday of Month)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Junior Young Buddhist Association (Jr. YBA)	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Judo Club	Call (808) 244-9094 or email <a href="mailto:rhiyakumoto@hawaii.rr.com">rhiyakumoto@hawaii.rr.com</a>
Karate	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Kendo	Call (808) 244-2650 or email <a href="mailto:michael.sone@gmail.com">michael.sone@gmail.com</a>
Office Support	Call the main office at (808) 244-0406 or email <a href="mailto:Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com">Wailuku.hongwanji.mission@gmail.com</a>
Preschool	Call the Preschool at (808) 244-9545 or email <a href="mailto:whpreschool808@gmail.com">whpreschool808@gmail.com</a>
Social Concerns Fund Drive	Payable to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission Send to Wailuku Hongwanji Mission at 1828 E Vineyard St. Wailuku, HI 96793
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February / March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:00am HOSHA BWA ACCW 7pm Troop mtg	2 Gakuen Waiver Day (No school)	3
4 8am Scout Sunday Service	5 Central Maui Hanamatsuri Assn. Mtg. @ KHBT 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	6	7	8 State Minister's Association Meeting 7pm Troop mtg	9 112th Giseikai Legislative Assembly	10 Aloha Luncheon & Living Treas. Recog.
11 8am Nirvana Day Service (DS Class for 4th-9th grades only) BWA Dana, Sokai, & Alzheimer's Assoc. Mtnng w/ Shirley Kan 9:30am-1pm 4-H	12 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	13 6:30pm Cubs Mtnng	14 5:30pm Obon Practice	15 Nirvana Day BWA ACCW 7pm Troop mtg	16 Institute Day (No Gakuen) Newsletter sbmsn due	17 6pm Spring Eitaiyko Service
18 8am Sunday Service (DS Class for 4th-9th grades only) 12:30-3:30pm 4-H	19 9:30a-1:30p Hawaii Kyokukai Annual Wkshp President's Day (Office Closed)	20	21 5pm Kyodan Board Meeting	22 7pm Troop mtg	23 5:30p Gakugei Kai in Social Hall	24
25 8am Family Service	26 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	27	28 Propagation Pgm Grant Cmte Mtg.	29 7pm Troop mtg	1 Gakuen Waiver Day (No school)	2 Hongwanji Day
3 8am Sunday Service	4 Gakuen Waiver Day (No school) 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	5	6	7 8:00am HOSHA BWA ACCW 7pm Troop mtg	8	9 1pm MUBWA Spring Rep. Mtg @ MHM 5pm Cubs Mtnng
10 9am Ohigan Sunday Service 10:00am 6th Virtual State DS Gathering BWA Meeting 10:30am Cubs Mtg	11 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	12	13 5:30pm Obon Practice	14 7pm Troop mtg	15	16 (Tentative: BWA Food Fair)
17 8am Sunday Service After Refreshments, DS Enlightenment Game for all!	18 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	19 6:30pm Cubs Mtnng	20 5pm Kyodan Board Meeting	21 7pm Troop mtg	22	23 9am MUBWA Spring Assembly at MHM
24 8am Family Service 12:30-3:30pm 4-H	25 5:30pm Dharma Strummers	26 Prince Kuhio (Office Open, No Gakuen)	27	28 7pm Troop mtg	29 Good Friday (Office Open, No Gakuen)	30
31 8am Sunday Service BWA Scholarship Due	