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JANUARY
Memorial
Anniversaries



JANUARY 2016

03	9:30am	Sunday svc
10	9:30am	Monthly Mem svc
11	7:00pm	Lay Conv mtg/khm
13	7:00pm	Kyodan mtg
16	7:00am	Clean SH,Pation/Recycle
17	9:30am	Hoonko
20	6:00pm	LHM Action mtg
23	9:30am	NY Party/installation
24	cancel	Sunday svc
24	1:00pm	VIDSTA mtg
25	6:45pm	Maui Hong Coun - W/m
26	mail	Newsletter
26	7:00pm	WMSC Obon Prac
31	cancel	Sunday svc

Other 2016:

3rd Thursday – Relay for Life
Feb 12,13 Giseikai
Mar 19, 2016 LHM Spring Bazaar
Sep10,11,2016 State Lay Convention on Maui/KHM
Oct 22, 2016 Buddhafest/khm

1 st Year	Harue Matsuda (87)	<i>Shaku Myo-shin</i>
	Edwin Saito (63)	<i>Shaku Jo-tei</i>
3 rd year	Alice Misao Tihada (92)	<i>Shaku Myo-e</i>
7 th year	Masaki Robert Kawahara (80)	<i>Shaku Shin-gyo</i>
17 th year	Ritsuko Hirata (74)	<i>Shaku Myo-ko</i>
	Yoshiko Ikawa (77)	<i>Shaku Myo-ren</i>
25 th year	Wayne Hisato Hirata (40)	<i>Shaku Jo-en</i>
33 rd year.	Shinayo Miyamoto (87)	<i>Shaku Myo-gon</i>

KYODAN DONATIONS \$ 1561 :

Donation: O-saisen, Violet Nishijima, Evelyn Toba, Takuji Sarashina, Kazue Zaan

In Memory of Sam Kadotani: Cora/Rodney/Hal Matsushima, Phyllis Ross, M/M Ron Togashi, Yoshimi Oki, M/M Hidemi Ichiki

In Memory of Yoshiko Yanagawa: Carl & Sandy Yanagawa

In Memory of Yukie & Shizuma Nishino: M/M Mamoru Marugaki

In Memory of Jack Hisashi Taguchi: Tetsuyo Taguchi, M/M Mark Kubota

In Memory of Fumie Shinyama: Christine Nishimoto, Doris Fujii, Shinyama Family, Kay Nishie, Jane & Kyle Agawa, M/M Futoshi Otomo, Haruo & Lillian Nakagawa, Emiko Fujikawa, Doris Fujii, Phyllis Nakamura, M/M James Tobita

In Memory of Sueko Masuda: Keith Masuda, Phyllis Nakamura, Haruo & Lillian Nakagawa

In Memory of Sadako Miyabara: Ed Miyabara, Anita Yamafuji

In Memory of Alice Uchiyama: Thomas & Florence Kunishige

In Memory Reisaburo & Kazuyo Fujiwara: Annette Yamachika

In Memory of Fumie Shinyama & Sadako Miyabara: M/M Neal Fujiwara

In Memory of George Fujiwara: Derrick & Dawn Fujiwara

GOJIKAI \$ 950 :

*Tomie Nagasako, Jica Nohara, Anna Yamauchi,
George Takeuchi, Gordon Cockett*



BODHI DAY DONATIONS \$ 165 :

Pat Endsley, Phyllis Nakamura, M/M Ron Togashi, Kazue Zaan, Emiko Fujikawa, Carol Inaba, M/M Hidemi Ichiki, M/M Derrick Fujiwara

BWA DONATIONS \$ 470 :

Donations: Evelyn Toba, Violet Nishijima, Carol Inaba, Jane Agawa, Emiko Fujikawa, M/M Ron Togashi, Dawn Fujiwara

In Memory of Natalie Sachiko Fujii: Earl Zaan, Hatsumi Kadotani

In Memory of Yoshiko Yanagawa: Phyllis Nakamura

In Memory of Maureen Ariyoshi: Richard & Pat Endsley, Ted & Yaeko Kawamura

In Memory of Sadako Miyabara: Ed Miyabara

NOKOTSUDO DONATIONS \$ 6000 :

In Memory of Tomojiro & Haru Furukawa: Stanley Furukawa

In Memory of Yukie & Shizuma Nishino: M/M Mamoru Marugaki

In Memory of June Fujiwara: Derrick & Dawn Fujiwara

In Memory of Reisaburo & Kazuyo Fujiwara: Annette Yamachika

In Memory of Toba, Tanaka & Michikami Family: Evelyn Toba



年頭の辞

新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

私は、2014年6月6日に、前門主の跡を承けて法統を継承し、本願寺住職ならびに浄土真宗本願寺派第二十五代門主に就任いたしました。この法統継承を仏祖の御前に奉告する「伝灯奉告法要」を本年10月1日より、京都の本願寺にてお勤めいたします。この法要を機縁として、多くの人々に浄土真宗のみ教えが伝わることを期待しています。

浄土真宗のみ教えは、今から約800年前に親鸞聖人によって説かれました。そして、今日の私たちにまで受け継がれてきています。親鸞聖人の時代においても現代においても浄土真宗のみ教えは、変わることなく、私たちの生きる依りどころとなります。なぜなら、私たちは、いつ終わるか誰にも分からない命を生きているからです。明日、私が事件や事故にあわないという保証は誰も出来ません。

本年もお寺へお参りし、阿弥陀さまのおはたらきを聞かせていただきましょう。そして、そのことによって、自分自身の姿を省みて、日々のご縁を大切にしながら、南無阿弥陀仏とお念仏申す一年を過ごさせていただきましょう。

2016年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派

門主 大谷光淳



New Year's Greeting

At the beginning of the new year, I would like to extend my greeting to you.

On June 6, 2014, receiving the Jodo Shinshu tradition from Monshu Emeritus, I was inaugurated as the Hongwanji Resident Head Priest and Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha 25th Monshu. To commemorate the occasion together with all of you in front of Amida Buddha and the Founder Shinran Shonin, *Dento Hokoku Hoyo*, or the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition will be observed at Hongwanji, Kyoto, Japan from this coming October 1. With this observance as an opportunity, it is my hope that the Jodo Shinshu teaching will spread to as many as possible.

The Jodo Shinshu teaching was set forth by Shinran Shonin nearly eight hundred years ago and it has been carefully transmitted to us today. Be it Shinran Shonin's time or the present day, the Jodo Shinshu teaching remains unchanged and continues to serve as our spiritual foundation. This is because in this world of impermanence we live our lives never knowing when it may end. No one can guarantee that tomorrow I will not be involved in an incident or accident that will bring about the end of my life.

In closing, let us continue our journey along the Nembutsu path by going to the temple to hear more of Amida Buddha's constant working for our benefit. In doing so, throughout this year, let us reflect on our true selves, come to appreciate all the encounters of our everyday lives, and in gratitude, recite the Nembutsu.

Namo Amida Butsu.

January 1, 2016

OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



Namo Amida Butsu & Happy New Year!

As we begin the New Year, let me express my warmest Aloha and Best Wishes to you for a meaningful and peaceful New Year. The new year 2016 is significant in that it is the beginning of “The Commemoration of the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition” by our 25th Spiritual Leader His Eminence Kojun Ohtani whose vision is outlined in the Proclamation/Letter he issued in June 2014 with the words “The nembutsu teaching that is based on Amida Buddha’s Primal Vow remains unchanged, regardless of the changing times and society. However, the methods for transmitting and sharing it needs to evolve and adapt according to social changes. Now is the time for our Hongwanji institution to utilize our collective wisdom and knowledge for considering approaches to convey the Buddha Dharma to our contemporaries today.”

In Hawaii, our theme and slogan for 2016 reads “...we create a new vision which will plan for the future, and create engagement with our members and the community.” As I reflected, I thought of the Bodhisattva Dharmakara. The Bodhisattva Dharmakara had an aspiration. A new vision, if you will. According to Shinran Shonin, it was a shift from Self Power to Other Power or the attainment of Supreme Enlightenment through the (Buddha’s) Other Power of Great Compassion. This new vision was expressed by the 48 Vows, in particular the 18th Vow, and the Pure Land of Enlightenment to which one and all are welcome. Now that the vision was clear, it had to be made real and known to others. Thus, as we know, the Bodhisattva Dharmakara endeavored to become Amida Buddha or Namo Amida Butsu, an All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion, to share the message of the Nembutsu Teachings. Amida Buddha created engagement with all sentient beings by sending forth the various Buddhas, like Shakyamuni Buddha, to share the message of Great Unconditional Compassion. As we become aware of this Great Compassion, finding ourselves embraced by it, with great joy we join the countless Buddhas of the Universe in praise of the wondrous vision of Bodhisattva Dharmakara/Amida Buddha. His Eminence encourages “jishin kyo ninshin” or to “secure our own entrusting heart to the Dharma, guiding others to the same path.”

In a similar fashion, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii must embrace the vision to transform into a 21st Century internationally minded spiritual organization. A Kyodan which is more in sync with today’s world and times so that it can better meet the needs of all members and the society-at-large, and interactively with innovation, offer the message of Amida Buddha’s All-Inclusive Wisdom and All-Embracing Compassion to all people, all life, and all existence. For this purpose, various Hawaii Kyodan Committees have been challenged with various tasks to bring about a transformation, but the greatest shift or change which must take place, first and foremost, is the one that occurs in each of our minds.

As Jodo Shin Buddhists, let us respond to Amida Buddha’s Unconditional Compassion by reciting the Nembutsu of Awareness, Joy, and Gratitude, and also endeavor in gratitude to foster a more peaceful and harmonious world beginning with my own self and our own Kyodan/Sangha. Our limitations as bonbu are evident, but may we aspire to be that Kyodan/Sangha that the Dharma describes, and makes the Buddha smile in acknowledgement of our efforts to try to be better. Again, in response to Buddha’s benevolence, I, together with our State President Mr. Pieper Toyama, humbly ask for your support and cooperation. May we all go to the Buddha Dharma for guidance! Entrusting in the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light.

In Gassho/Anjali,

Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Change, Vision, and Engagement in 2016

We enter 2016 shaped by the theme: EMBRACE CHANGE: NEW VISION, and this vision for the future is to be borne out of our engagement with each other and our communities. Let me share two thoughts on this theme. First, let us be guided by the Jodo Shinshu concept of Ondobo Ondogyo. This perspective of life is based on the idea that we are all fellow travelers. That lay members and ministers are on the same journey. We make our way by supporting each other, by sharing the joys and burdens of our travels. We engage with each other to set the direction of our journey and how we will travel together. To live the meaning of Ondobo Ondogyo, lay members and ministers must work with each other to set and share a vision of the future. This will mean engagements that are happy and productive as well as engagements that are unhappy and frustrating. Our egos will make sure that our journey together is not perfect. But this is the natural process of engagement that must not deter us from traveling as one Sangha.

Second, as you travel through 2016, find opportunities to engage in the life of your temple that make sense to you in your life right now. Your engagement may be as simple as attending Sunday services or it may extend to participating in a few temple events. It may even include joining a committee to plan an activity or even serving as a chairperson. Better yet, it may grow to becoming an officer of your temple. Set a vision for yourself for 2016 and embrace the changes that you create.

Namo Amida Butsu
In Gassho

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Pieper J. Toyama". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pieper J. Toyama



LAST MONTH'S EVENTS

BODHI DAY SERVICE

Rev. Ai Hironaka, Resident Minister, officiated and delivered the dharma message at this year's Bodhi Day Service

Following the service, members decorated the potted Bodhi tree with hand-written messages.



Violet Nishijima fastens her message on the Bodhi tree.



Dharma School children join in the activity.



PROJECT DANA MAUI

Bento Project



Sylvia Ishikawa points out work stations.

The 2-day event was held at the Wailuku Hongwanji kitchen. It was chaired by Sylvia Ishikawa of Wailuku HM.



Violet Nishijima and Alice Imano start prepping at a work station. Project Dana members from Wailuku HM, Kahului HM, and Lahaina HM participated in this event.



Rev. Shinkai Murakami and 'Noosh' Nishihara are busy at another work station.

More of Project Dana Bento



Emiko Fujikawa and Doris Fujii (foreground) and others count and label bento containers.



Rev. Murakami and ladies start dishing up the bento food.



Carol Inaba delivers bento to Sarah Ginoza. Sarah was a long-time attendee of Craft Day; she still creates many craft items at home.

Lahaina Hongwanji members who participated in the Bento Project: Jane Agawa, Doris Fujii, Emiko Fujikawa, Megumi Hironaka, Alice Imano, Carol Inaba, Phyllis Nakamura, 'Noosh' Nishihara, Violet Nishijima, Shirley Tobita, Kazue Zaan.

2015 BWA Memorial Service and December Memorial Service



The 2015 Buddhist Women's Association Memorial Service was combined with the December Monthly Memorial Service.

Guest Speaker for the BWA Memorial was Rev. Sandra Hiramatsu of Pearl City, Oahu. Rev. Ai Hironaka officiated; 'Noosh' Nishihara was emcee; Michelle Zoodsma was our organist.

Highlights of Dharma Message:

- Rev. Hiramatsu talked about her personal affinity for "Smiley Face". She asked the Dharma School children to move up to the front pew and said, *"You make me so happy you came today."* The Sensei shared stories about her collection of Smiley Face items and related them to the Buddhist way of life. With regard to the word Hongwanji, she explained that "hon" can be translated many ways, but she likes to use the translation, "deep". She said that "gan" means "wish". *"Everyone's smiley face will be different. Share your wish and smiley face with everyone."*



HAPPY NEW YEAR !
From the Hironaka Family:
Rev. Ai, Megumisan, Kokoro, Hoken, Ayumu, Minori



Installation of new mural in temple.



DHARMA SCHOOL PICNIC at Lahaina Jodo Mission.



"Talking story" with Rev. Masao Kodani, Nembutsu Seminar speaker.



Lahaina Hongwanji visits Kahului Hale Makua

In Gassho

Noosh's New Year Blog

2015 is nearly done as this note is prepared. It seems as though it wasn't too long ago when the 2015 message was written. Here we go again: Out with the Old and in with the New Year. Our Hongwanji Statewide slogan for 2016 is **"Embrace Change: New Vision, Create Engagement"**. Like the Dharma, this slogan will help guide our deliberation, planning and work as we proceed in 2016.

Lahaina Hongwanji is alive and well. The slogan is perhaps serendipitous for our Sangha. We are indeed alive, well and thriving. We have faced periodic challenges, most often in the area of finance. But we've managed to overcome most of these problems through the generosity of our member's donations and the hard work of our immediate Sangha who so willingly give of their time and effort to support our fund raising activities. We can all stand with our heads held high because of what we do at our Temple. Lahaina Hongwanji is an integral, important part of our Westside community. We are actively engaged with the community through the kinds of support we provide to so many Lahaina activities. We shall continue to support these programs. Schools, sporting groups, other Temples, senior programs and the fight against cancer are among the beneficiaries of our help.

Despite our success at keeping the Temple moving forward and meeting the individual needs of the Sangha, we need an infused vision. I have often thought and verbalized the question, "What will our Sangha look like five years from now?" Can we be more effective in spreading the Dharma? Will we be able to improve on meeting the needs of our members? Can we survive financially? How can we ensure that our deteriorating physical structures be best maintained or put to better use? How will we interact with our sister Temples on Maui and Honpa? Can we survive the inevitable change? Many questions, not as many answers to these questions at the present. However, we must all share a common vision, the first step in the process of meeting the future head on.

As this message is written, I must express my personal gratitude to everyone who helps keep our Temple thriving. Our Buddhist Women's Association continues to do wonderful things for the Temple and the community. There are several key individuals who deserve our deepest gratitude because they keep the Temple mechanically hopping, the lawn trimmed, the flower beds manicured, people fed and the Temple and Nokotsudo clean and presentable. Each of your Kyodan Board members put in countless hours of time setting policy, solving problems and getting things done. And, lastly and perhaps most importantly thank you Sensei and Megumisan for your love, concern and contribution to the Temple's good health.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Holiday Season. May the New Year be filled with Peace and Compassion.

In Gassho
Noosh Nishihara

FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE (HOJI) FOR YEAR 2016

HOJI (Family Memorial Service) is originally a general term for any ritual observance. It has however; come to specifically mean a private family memorial service.

The **HOJI** is a system of private memorial observances for members of a given family. Extended members of a family, and sometimes close friends, will gather at a temple or home in memory of a deceased member of the family. Following the service, the family invariably goes out to lunch or dinner or serves pot luck at the home, renewing and strengthening family ties, this custom, along with the Buddhist emphasis on death observances over birth observances, has resulted in the understanding that death is a natural occurrence; no matter how disagreeable it may seem to us. An important by-product of this custom has been the reinforcing of family ties with members beyond ones immediate family and a sense of continuity from generation to generation.

And, to realize the impermanence of this world and the importance of the entrust in Amida Buddha in everyday life, since human beings are apt to forget that they are mortal and how important it is to have strong entrust in this busy life.

This printing includes the months of JULY through DECEMBER of 2016. The JANUARY through JUNE memorial service list was printed in the December 2015 newsletter.

July

3 rd year M.S.	Tanaka Nobuko Kathleen (68)	Shaku Sho-sen
7 th year M.S.	Minoru Douglas Zaan (80)	Shaku Jitsu-jo
	Miyamoto Toshio (92)	Shaku Zen-kai
25 th year M.S.	Nakamura Yoshino (95)	Shaku Myo-etsu
	Yoshimoto Tamayo (80)	Shaku Gyoku-an
50 th year M.S.	Sakamoto Katashi (24)	Shaku Ken-sho

August

1 st year M.S.	Tanoue Masae (102)	Shaku Myo-e
13 th year M.S.	Fujimoto Masami (79)	Shaku Shin-jo
17 th year M.S.	Len Y. C. Thomas (90)	Shaku Ho-jo
	Kato Misae (86)	Shaku Jo-san
25 th year M.S.	Yamamoto Stanley Masao (68)	Shaku Sho-zen
	Shigaki George (67)	Shaku Ryo-ji

September

1 st year M.S.	Kadotani Sueo (92)	Shaku Sho-nen
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7 th year M.S.	Kubo Miyoko (85)	<i>Shaku Myo-mi</i>
	Kusuda Tsurumi (87)	<i>Shaku Jo-zen</i>
17 th year M.S.	Agawa Tsutomu Richard (67)	<i>Shaku Jo-ko</i>
	Kawahara Yoshie Valerie (45)	<i>Shaku Myo-ki</i>
25 th year M.S.	Tanaka Yoshio Francis (44)	<i>Shaku Gi-yu</i>
	Umemura Tokuji (54)	<i>Shaku Toku-kai</i>
	Kawabata Sue (92)	<i>Shaku En-ichi</i>
33 rd year M.S.	Kiyonaga Kiyochi (78)	<i>Shaku Sei-tai</i>

October

7 th year M.S.	Ariyoshi Maureen (74)	
	Asako Masuda (97)	<i>Shaku Myo-wa</i>
13 th year M.S.	Hokamura Masako (88)	<i>Shaku Tei-jun</i>
	Yoshino Yoshinobu (78)	<i>Shaku Sho-on</i>
25 th year M.S.	Fujiwara Rose Haruko (67)	<i>Shaku Ke-mon</i>
33 rd year M.S.	Tokunaga John Nobumi (86)	<i>MYOTOKU-IN Shaku Myo-gaku</i>
50 th year M.S.	Michikami Hana (80)	<i>Shaku Ko-etsu</i>
	Matsuda Eju (77)	<i>Shaku Tei-un</i>

November

7 th year M.S.	Michimoto Tokuko (84)	<i>Shaku Myo-toku</i>
17 th year M.S.	Ikawa Hatsue (85)	<i>Shaku Ryo-sho</i>
	Yamada Sadako (83)	<i>Shaku Jo-e</i>
25 th year M.S.	Osato Shigeo (76)	<i>Shaku Syo-byaku</i>
	Osato Yoshio (82)	<i>Shaku Gi-sho</i>

December

3 rd year M.S.	Yamauchi Sumae rena (67)	<i>Shaku Myo-e</i>
7 th year M.S.	Nakamura Kadotani Hanayo (92)	<i>Shaku Myo-ke</i>
	Seki Satomi (98)	<i>JOREN-IN Shaku Ri-sho</i>
13 th year M.S.	Takatsuka Harumi (88)	<i>Shaku Myo-shun</i>
17 th year M.S.	Kadotani Haruo Richard (68)	<i>Shaku Se-gan</i>
25 th year M.S.	Ariyoshi Shino (101)	<i>Shaku Ai-men</i>
33 rd year M.S.	Uemura Suna (79)	<i>Shaku Jo-kai</i>
50 th year M.S.	Ichimura Sadakichi (89)	<i>Shaku Jo-sen</i>
	Nishijima Tsuyo (77)	<i>Shaku Ren-ko</i>
	Iwamura Kiju (87)	<i>Shaku Ko-ho</i>