

**DECEMBER 2016**

21 Wed 7:30a Columbarium Cleaning  
 22 Thu 7:30a Hosha Kai  
 25 Sun **No Sunday Service**  
 31, Sat 7:00a Columbarium Cleaning  
 5:00p Ringing in the New Year:

Come ring the Bonsho, offer incense, and enjoy hot tea with the Hashimotos and the new Board members.



**JANUARY 2017**

1, Sun **No Sunday Service**  
 5, Thu 7:30a, Hosha Kai  
 7, Sat 7:00a, Temple/Columbarium Cleaning  
 8, Sun 9:00a, Sunday Service  
 10:00a, BWA Meeting (BWA Rm)  
 10, Tue 10:00a, Waialua Monthly Service  
 14, Sat 7:00a, Temple/Columbarium Cleaning  
 15, Sun 9:00a, Sunday Service  
 10:00a, Board Meeting  
 19, Thu 7:30a, Hosha Kai  
 11:00a, Hospital Visitation (Project Dana)  
 21, Sat 7:00a, Temple/Columbarium/Social Hall Cleaning  
 22, Sun 9:00a, **Ho-onko Service**, Speaker: Reverend Hashimoto  
 10:00a, Sangha Strummers  
 28, Sat 7:00a, Temple/Columbarium Cleaning  
 7:00p, Sakura Matsuri  
 29, Sun 9:00a, Sunday Service

**Weekly Activities**

Mon 9:00a Calligraphy, BWA  
 10:00a Conversational Japanese, BWA  
 6:30p Tai Chi for Health, SH  
 7:45p Mindful/Guided Meditation, Temple  
 Wed 7:00p Kendo, SH  
 6:00p Conversational Japanese, BWA  
 Thu 6:00p Aikido, SH  
 Fri 1:00p Mahjong, BWA  
**Bi-Weekly**  
 Fri 8:30a Quilting, BWA

**NOTES**

There will be no Sunday Service on January 1, 2017. However, the temple will be open on, Saturday, December 31, 2016, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm to allow members to ring the bonsho and offer incense.

### *What is Right Mindfulness?*

I would like to share my thoughts about “Right Mindfulness.” “Right Mindfulness” is the seventh of the Eightfold Path. “Right Mindfulness” means to maintain a pure and thoughtful mind. In Japanese, we call it “Ömoyari.” We think of others and think of how we can feel happiness for each other. Another word is “Hodokosi,” which means offering or service. Of course, true offering springs spontaneously from one’s pure compassionate heart with no thought of any return, wishing to enter into a life of Enlightenment together.



I introduce in Japanese “Muzai No Hichi Se.” In English, we called it “Seven Kinds of Offering.” There are kinds of offering that can be practiced by anyone in everyday life. Listed below are the first four offerings to others.

1. The first is 身施“Shin-Se,” the physical offering. This is to offer service by one’s labor. We call it “Dana.”
2. The second is 心施“Shin-Se,” the spiritual offering. This is to offer a compassionate heart to others. Always place yourself in the other persons’ shoes and think of how you could help solve their problems.
3. The third is 眼施“Gen-Se,” the offering of eyes. A warm glance to others gives them tranquility. This action is like Amida Buddha’s eyes.
4. The fourth is 和顔悦色施“Wagenesshoku-Se,” the offering of countenance. This means to offer a soft countenance with smile to others.

These practices remind us of what Amida Buddha is doing for us. If you do something for others, think what Amida Buddha does for you. When you realize what Amida Buddha does to you, you will understand why you should do the same to others.

The end of the year is almost here, and we are all busy preparing to welcome the New Year by cleaning the house, yard, etc. And thus, we tend to forget offerings to others.

***Please remember “Amida Buddha is always giving great joy to us.”***

In Gassho,



Reverend Hashimoto



## President's Report



The holiday season has begun with so many fun activities! We are so thankful that we have so many people committed to help the temple throughout the year!

The first weekend was spent at a very fascinating Minister's Lay Assistant Workshop. They say that "the more you know something, the more you realize how much MORE there is to learn!" This was definitely the case for me! Our first evening, we had a long lesson in rituals and sutra chanting. I wasn't really looking forward to it but as I learned more, the more interesting it became. I grew up with Wahiawa Hongwanji and felt I knew little more than most people. I wasn't even close! I gained a whole new respect for all that ministers have to go through just to get through the BASICS! Our challenge will be to be able to explain more simply the context of our Buddhist teachings. The rest of the weekend was spent sharing ideas and learning from each other. Reverend Kuniyuki and Reverend Umitani were the primary instructors.



Unlike Christianity and most other religions, we do not have a God or Gods as fundamental to the religion. Having a God implies some rules to be followed and a sense of "duality" where there is judgement. Buddhism is about transforming an individual's mindset so he/she can enjoy this life with all of its ups and downs in a positive way. This life of gratitude is what Buddhism is all about. Shin Buddhism takes this concept further by introducing not only rational thinking, but also compassion. There is even a term in Buddhism for people who are happy with their lives and don't want to get into all the religious jargon. The term is "Myokonin." I think most people are just like that.

Following that weekend, we had our Veterans Day Parade and our Eitaikyo service. For the first time, Hashimoto sensei gave the invocation for the parade. He did an excellent job of explaining his invocation while members in the parade, including Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Pieper Toyama, President of the Hawaii Kyodan, scattered rose petals as part of the ceremony. Please read the separate article and pictures about the parade.

The Eitaikyo service was a beautiful experience with so many people participating! The slide show by the Summer Youth Program was a hit and many people commented favorably to it.

On the third week of November, Glenn Hamamura and I were privileged to facilitate the Ministerial Training workshop at the Buddhist Study Center. In small discussion groups, ministers discussed the characteristics of the best Dharma talks they've ever heard, and the role of Sutra chanting in Shin Buddhism. They all agreed that Sutra chanting can easily ride the wave of Mindful Meditation that is sweeping the country. Sutra chanting is controlled breathing that enhances health and reduces stress. It is designed to prepare everyone to receive the Dharma talk in a service. Sutras are the words of the Buddha for the benefit of everyone. Singing in harmony and unison provides an experience of unity and interconnection that is beautiful...even though the words are not understandable.

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*A place to use Buddhism to navigate life*

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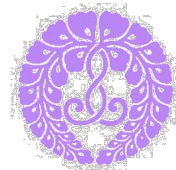
**Hosha** is looking for volunteers with the following qualifications (check the boxes that apply to you):

- Willingness to be on the Hosha team & show up twice a month.
- Able to walk, talk, laugh and work.
- Willingness to share your experience and skills and adapt to what needs to be done.
- Able to work with others and have fun at the same time, esp. at lunch.

You're hired if you have checked 1 or more boxes. Please contact the office @ 622.4320 for information!



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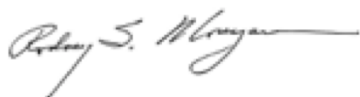
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On Saturday, November 19, a group of us from Wahiawa attended a special seminar at Jikoen Hongwanji. The guest speaker was Reverend Ronald Kobata, the resident minister of San Francisco Hongwanji Mission. He spent some time as a minister in Hawaii as well. He asked the group of 40 to make a big circle and write questions on 3x5 cards. He then randomly picked a card out of a bowl, and began the session. I thought this was an effective way to openly discuss Buddhism and try to answer questions and concerns of the audience. Buddhism was explained very simply and logically. It is the pursuit of the Truth within all of us with gratitude!

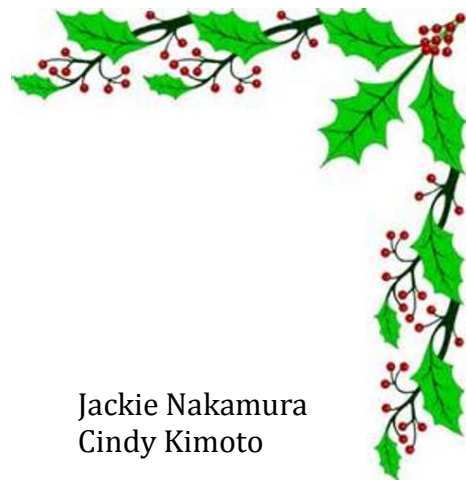
On Sunday, so many volunteers teamed up to clean up the temple and social hall. We were so fortunate that we had so many help that day. We had yummy hamburger curry for lunch, and held a short General Membership meeting. An update of all the yearly activities was given by key board members and a new slate of officers and board members were unanimously elected.

Today is Thanksgiving Day. We are so lucky to have a national holiday devoted to Gratitude! After a very tumultuous campaign and election, let us all come together as one nation to truly give thanks for all the good things we enjoy. Let us live with this positive way of thinking and feeling in life...everyday! Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

Namo Amida Butsu!  
In gassho,



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## 2016 Veteran's Day Parade

The sky was clear and the weather perfect for the largest Veteran's Day Parade in the state of Hawaii. The Wahiawa Lion's Club has sponsored this parade for 70 years and Wahiawa Hongwanji has partnered with them and has been an active participant in all those years.

Over 78 units marched in this 2-hour parade including the various military branches, island schools, their ROTC units and marching bands, and many other organizations. Marchers from the Wahiawa Hongwanji totaled 50+, including Bishop Eric Matsumoto and State Kyodan President Pieper Toyama, as well as 20 or more cheerleaders (those unable to make the uphill walk) who cheered from in front of the temple.

The approximate 2-1/2 mile walk up California Avenue ended at the Wahiawa District Park, where for the first time in the parade's 70-year history a Buddhist minister was invited to open the formal ceremony. For the past number of years Rev. Hashimoto has been doing the benediction to close the ceremony. This year Rev. Hashimoto had the honor of doing the invocation for this big community event.

Members from temples all over the island, including the Betsuin, Jikoen and Mililani, joined the Wahiawa members out on the field to assist Rev. Hashimoto by scattering flower petals during the chanting of the "Sanbujo." The "Sanbujo," used at the beginning of many formal services, welcomes all Buddhas for whom we joyfully scatter these flower petals.



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## *Acknowledgements*

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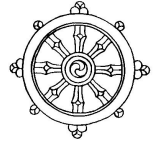
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- During the chant Sensei not only explained each verse in English but also honored in gratitude all ancestors and veterans. It was a beautiful and moving experience that will be remembered by many in the audience especially those seeing this for the very first time.

