



The Messenger

Building Healthy Sanghas: Embracing Generosity & Openness

Calendar of Events

June 2022

05 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
 05 Sun 9:30 am - 10:30am Food Drive
 12 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
 19 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
 25 Sat. 7:00 pm Online Virtual Bon Dance on Zoom
 Please check the WHM website for the link
 26 Sun NO Sunday Service

July 2022

03 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
 03 Sun 9:30 am - 10:30am Food Drive
 10 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
 17 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
 24 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service
 31 Sun 9:00 am Sunday Service

Hybrid Obon Festival Saturday, June 25th

What is meant by a Hybrid Obon? Our hybrid Obon will include a bento fundraiser, dining in the social hall, viewing of the virtual bon dance on a large screen and live dancing. Dine-in seats are limited to the first 70 people who send in their reservation.

If you prefer to watch and dance at home, check our WHM website www.wahiwashinbuddhists.org for the Zoom link for our online virtual bon dance. Our bon dance team has been hard at work practicing, videotaping and coordinating with different WHM groups to make this year's bon dance the best one yet! You won't want to miss our WHM Bon Dance Team and some very special dancers show off their best moves!

In addition, don't miss out on our special Obon bento! We are offering 2 different bento from the restaurant at Mililani Golf Course, "The Clubhouse". Please see the enclosed order form for more information.

If you haven't ordered your Obon Memorial Ribbon yet, it's not too late! Please submit your form and payment by June 11th.



Minister's Message - Father's Day



Bon Dance season is coming this month! So, June is a busy month for our temple. That is why we at times forget one more important day in June - **Father's Day**! So, let's think of Father's Day. What kind of episodes do you remember about your father? I remember my father was so strong and a scary person for me when I was a kid. I think most fathers seem to be severe person in the eyes of a child.

Here are some kanji to reflect on. The first kanji is 男 "Otoko" which means male or man. This kanji was made by two kanji. The upper Kanji is 田 which means rice field and the lower Kanji is 力 means power. Otoko means the male work at rice field to cultivate the rice with power. The Kanji of "Otoko" expresses that the male has power.

The second kanji is 父 "Chichi" which means father. This kanji expresses the crossing of two axes. In those days, fathers were a symbol of fighting males who hunted outside of the home. The kanji of "Chichi" shows us how a father works hard and is an honorable person.

Here is a story of a father from the Hongwanji newspaper. The writer remembers that his father used to carry him on his shoulders in Japanese "Kataguruma" when they went to the Matsuri, like Bon Dance. It was only four or five times, but he still remembers that very clearly even as an adult.

I remember that my father was used to carry me on his shoulders, and I also remember that I used to carry my children on my shoulder. The children liked Kataguruma.

Let's go back to the story. He told the Kataguruma shape is like relationship between Amida Buddha and us. Let's imagine that when your father carries you on his shoulders, what do you think? Do you think your father may drop you to the ground? If you did, you wouldn't allow him to carry you. If you entrust your father, you can enjoy Kataguruma on his shoulders. Your father makes sure not to drop you to the ground. Even if he is tired, he is glad to see your smile.

When we think of the Kataguruma shape as Buddhism, Amida Buddha sustains our life like the father who carries his child on his shoulders. We just entrust Amida's effort and enjoy our life with Amida Buddha.

Namo Amida Butsu

In Gassho,

Reverend Kojun Hashimoto

White Way Radio Program

White Way is a public service radio program of Moiliili Hongwanji. The programs are on KZOO radio 1210AM or Spectrum channel 888 on Saturdays from 7:45am-8:00am.

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4 Dr. George Tanabe
11 Rev. Shawn Yagi
18 Rev. David Fujimoto
25 Rev. Mariko Nishiyama

July 2022

2 Mr. Josh Hernandez Morse
9 Rev. Kojun Hashimoto
16 Rev. Jeffrey Soga
23 Dr. Benjamin Bruch
30 Mrs. Juliet Kono Lee

President's Report



The Mother's Day Drive by and Fundraiser was extremely successful! Thanks go to Dale and all the volunteers that organized and distributed the bentos so efficiently. The bentos were primarily from Gyotaku, very tasty, and very nicely presented. It was recommended that we continue to do this kind of fundraising as it didn't require a lot of resources. Karen Pang and Vivian Murayama also baked yummy desserts to be added to the package!

The Quarterly Hawaii Kyodan Board Meeting and Oahu Council Meeting had a number of highlights worth noting:

- \$1 million dollars were approved to be taken from the Capital Fund to find an insurance company to do a "Pension Lift out" which will sustain the pension payments for qualifying ministers and their spouses. Since 2014, payments taken from the Capital Investment Fund have been subsidizing the Ministers Pension Fund. This subsidy has been causing a sustained decrease in the subsidy for temple assessments. This measure is an effort to stop this from continuing by allocating funds upfront. Ministers coming on board after 2014 are not included in the pension program but participate in a 401K program. This is a trend similar to most companies today.
- Up to \$10,000 will be granted to fund the replacement of lights and lighting fixtures with LED lights and fixtures on our campus.
- Sangha Day coordinated by Aiea Hongwanji in March was a huge success! Wahiawa Hongwanji is coordinating next year's Sangha Day. We will be looking for volunteers to help put another successful program together.
- Keeping in mind Succession Planning, this year's Lay Association Zoom Convention is considering Workshops to help temples run their operations in a more structured way. Most temples have no knowledge of their own operations. Each succeeding group of officers are left to develop their own way of doing things. This is quite overwhelming. This can be a way to nurture and train younger people in how businesses are run! Stay tuned! This year's Lay Convention is on September 16-17 and done remotely! The Theme is "Reconnecting With the Sangha!"
- Baccalaureate Service and luncheon honoring May Kanemaru was a fun time for all! Congratulations, May!

Obon Season is beginning! We chose not to do our traditional Obon Festival with the community invited. Instead, we will do a Virtual Obon Event on Saturday, June 25 at 7:00 PM. We will have another bento drive-by dinner and will open the Social Hall for the first 70 people to watch via large screen TV and socialize with friends over bento! Other temples are having abbreviated versions of their Obon festival.

COVID inflections have not gone away yet! The infection rates are rising again. Those who have been vaccinated appear to have less severe symptoms. We are using this opportunity to truly understand what "returning to normalcy" is. We should consider many ways to change how we approach creating an environment where we can all learn about each other and from each other about life lessons.

Please watch this very informative video by Sacramento Rinban Rev. Bob Oshita:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QfaVFxSSRmg>

Namo Amida Butsu!

In gassho (gratitude),

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rodney S. Moriyama". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rodney S. Moriyama, President



Baby Blessing Ceremony
for
Brandon and Stephanie Oshiro's daughter
and Skyler's little sister,

Baylie Oshiro

→ blessed →



May
Kanemaru

Leilehua
High School

Class of 2022



Baccalaureate Service May 1, 2022



Mother's Day Drive Thru Bento Pick Up
May 8, 2022

Wahiawa Hongwanji Food Drive

By Carolyn Uchiyama

On May 8th, Mother's Day, Wahiawa Hongwanji held their monthly Food Drive. I viewed cars lining up on California Avenue on the 2nd Wednesday to pick up food items at St. Stephen's Church. I am happy to know that we, at Wahiawa Hongwanji, are continuing the effort to aid those in need.

We collected **123** items and it wasn't only boxes of cereal, saimin, and spaghetti and sauces, but included toothbrushes and hairbrushes. All items are accepted gratefully because we cannot predict what families will need for their sustenance. We also collected **20** pounds of rice.

Wahiawa Hongwanji began our Food Drive on June 20, 2020. Next month will be two full years of Food Drive collection at the temple. Who would have imagined we would be in this COVID situation for this long with no end in sight? Let us persevere to help others through the Food Drive and care for our families and ourselves through mask wearing, physical distancing, and receiving vaccinations and boosters. Let us continue to practice the first of the Six Paramitas – Dana – selfless giving.

Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission Office Hours: By appointment 808-622-4320

www.wahiawashinbuddhists.org

Columbarium Hours: Daily 10:00am - 3:00pm

Father's Day - Obon

We are currently experiencing a volunteer shortage. If you plan to bring a flower offering, we kindly ask that you come back in a week's time to remove your flowers and wash the vase. **All flowers should be disposed of in the GREEN bin outside the columbarium.** If you are unable to return in a week, please call the WHM office at 808-622-4320.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

The BDK-Yoshiaki Interfaith Program at Chaminade University of Honolulu presents an interfaith dialogue...

Do You Know Why?

Exploring rituals in sacred spaces



Coptic Orthodox Christianity
Father Paul Isaac
Presbyter
St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church



Islam
Imam Matiullah Joyia
Murabbi/Missionary, Ahmadiyya
Muslim Community Hawaii, USA



Buddhism
Rev. Kazunori Takahashi
Rimban, Chief Minister
Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin

REGISTRATION: <https://tinyurl.com/58t63au7>

For more information, contact: Dr. Malia D. Wong, O.P. / mwong2@chaminade.edu

**Saturday
April 30, 2022
2-4PM**

***FREE Virtual Event**

Join us as we enter into the sacred spaces of three religious traditions and explore how certain symbols and practices support their faiths.



JŌDO SHINSHŪ AND THE MAKING OF AMERICAN BUDDHISM

Shin Buddhism, Modern Buddhism



TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022
7:00 PM
PEARL CITY HONGWANJI

Name: _____

Temple: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Donations are welcome and can be made to the Oahu Hongwanji Council. Please make check payable to Oahu Hongwanji Council. Please mail with your registration to: Pearl City Hongwanji, 858 2nd St, Pearl City, HI 96782

Please note: If this in-person event is changed to hybrid or virtual only due to health concerns, all registrants will be advised accordingly. Questions? Please contact Pearl City Hongwanji at (808) 455-1680.

OAHU DISTRICT

SATELLITE SESSION

In this presentation, Dr. Mitchell will discuss the history of Jōdo Shinshū missionaries to the mainland US and their interactions with Western scholarship on Buddhism. He will discuss the ways in which these missionaries self-consciously promoted Buddhism outside the immigrant group, and how the contributions of Shin Buddhism have been neglected in scholarship on Buddhist modernism.

- **About Dr. Scott Mitchell**

Scott Mitchell is a scholar of Buddhism in the West, Pure Land Buddhism, and Buddhist modernism and is currently the Dean of the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, California, where he has taught classes on American Buddhism and Buddhism and popular culture for the past fifteen years. He is the author or co-editor of a number of books including Buddhism in America: Global Religion, Local Contexts (2016); Buddhism Beyond Borders, co-edited with Natalie Quill (2015); and the forthcoming Oxford Handbook on American Buddhism, co-edited with Ann Gleig. His next book, Mid-Century Modern Buddhism, focuses on the Berkeley Bussei and the origins of American Buddhism in the Japanese American Jōdo Shinshū community. It will be published by Oxford University Press in 2023.



BSC Summer Session 2022

Held in-person and via Zoom

Jōdo Shinshū and the Making of American Buddhism Is Shin Buddhism the foundation of American Buddhism?



Dr. Scott Mitchell, author of *Mid-Century Modern Buddhism*, examines Buddhism in the United States before, during, and after World War II, when Nisei Jodo Shinshu Buddhists reacted to the trauma of racial and religious discrimination by laying claim to an American identity inclusive of their religious identity. In the pages of temple-supported magazines, such as the *Berkeley Bussei*, Nisei argued that Buddhism was both what made them good Americans but also what they had to contribute to America, a rational and scientific religion of peace.

Dr. Mitchell is the current Dean of the Institute of Buddhist Studies. He is a scholar of Buddhism in the West, Pure Land Buddhism, and Buddhist Modernism. He has taught classes on “American Buddhism” and “Buddhism and Popular Culture” for the past fifteen years.

June 20-24, 2022 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

CLASS SCHEDULE

(Times are Hawaii Standard Time)

- Monday, June 20, 2022**
6-8 pm Opening Service and Lecture: “The Buddhist Movement in America”
- Tuesday, June 21, 2022**
6-8 pm Lecture: “Buddhist Modernism, Shin Modernism”
- Wednesday, June 22, 2022**
6-8 pm Lecture: “The Nisei Problem”
- Thursday, June 23, 2022**
6-8 pm Lecture: “Transpacific Buddhist Crossing”
- Friday, June 24, 2022**
6-8 pm Closing Service and Lecture: “The Foundations of American Buddhism”

Free Registration Required (in-person space limited)

Use this link: <http://bit.ly/bscsummersession2022>

Or contact the BSC Office at (808) 973-6555

For more information, select this link: <https://bschawaii.org>, or contact the Buddhist Study Center
Suggested tax-deductible donation, 5 sessions \$50, single sessions \$10. Checks made out to HHMH.

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