



# the Messenger

Embrace Change:  
Action (Open Communication)

## SEPTEMBER 2017

2 Sat	7:30a	Temple/Columbarium Cleaning
	10:00a	First Steps in Understanding Shin Buddhism (BWA)
3 Sun	9:00a	WHM Ohigan Service
		Guest Speaker: Rev Koen Kikuchi, Higashi Hongwanji
	9:00a	Pantry/Food Drop Off
	10:00a	Sangha Strummers
4 Mon		<b>Labor Day Holiday</b>
8 Fri	7:30a	Temple/Columbarium Cleaning
9 Sat	8:30a	Gomonshu Visit to WHM (Oshoko and Message)
	9:30a	BWA Meeting (BWA Room)
10 Sun		No WHM Sunday Service
	9:30a	Hawaii Betsuin Temple Building 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kick-off Service
	2:00p	Confirmation Rites at Hawaii Betsuin Hondo
11 Mon	8:30a	9/11 Memorial Service at Bell Tower
16 Sat	7:30a	Temple/Columbarium Cleaning
	10:00a	First Steps in Understanding Shin Buddhism (BWA)
17 Sun		No WHM Sunday Service
		No WHM Board Meeting
	9:00a	Oahu District Ohigan Service at Mililani Hongwanji
20 Wed	9:30a	Yoga (Social Hall)
21 Thu	11:00a	Hospital Visitation (Project Dana)
		Peace Day Hawaii
22 Fri	9:00a	Monthly Buddhist Service at The Plaza at Mililani
23 Sat	7:30a	Temple/Columbarium Cleaning
	10:00a	First Steps in Understanding Shin Buddhism (BWA)
24 Sun	9:00a	WHM Sunday Service
	10:00a	Sangha Strummers
26 Tue	10:00a	Waialua Monthly Service
27 Wed	9:30a	Yoga (Social Hall)
30 Sat	7:30a	Temple/Columbarium Cleaning



## HAPPY LABOR DAY

## OCTOBER 2017

1 Sun	10:00a	BWA Tsuito-E Service
	12:00p	Lunch in Social Hall
4 Wed	9:30a	Yoga (Social Hall)
7 Sat	7:30a	Temple/Columbarium Cleaning
8 Sun	9:00a	WHM Sunday Service
	10:00a	BWA Meeting (BWA Room)
11 Wed	9:30a	Yoga (Social Hall)
	7:00p	Club Asoka (BWA Room)
14 Sat	7:30a	Temple/Columbarium Cleaning
15 Sun	9:00a	WHM Sunday Service
	10:30a	Board Meeting (BWA Room)
18 Wed	9:30a	Yoga (Social Hall)

### Weekly & Bi-weekly Activities

Mon	9:00a	Calligraphy
	6:00p	Sunset Meditation
	6:30p	Tai Chi for Health
Wed	7:30a	Columbarium Cleaning
	6:00p	Conversational Japanese
	7:00p	Kendo
Thu	7:30a	Hosha Kai (bi-weekly)
	6:00p	Aikido
	7:00p	Dancersize
Fri	8:30a	Quilt Club (bi-weekly)

## ◆ Reverend's Message ◆

### MON-PO (Listen To The Dharma)

When I came to Hawaii, I was very surprised that various religious sects get together several times such as on Buddha Day Service, Interface Ceremony, and Bodhi Day Service.

One day, I had a chance to meet with another Buddhist sect minister. He said, “The Jodo Shinshu teachings are so easy. You just listen to the teachings of the Buddha. You don’t need any hard practices, right? Can you become an *enlightened one* in the future by such an easy practice?”

Actually, our main teaching in Jodo Shinshu is “Listening to the Dharma, the most important practice. Just Listen to the Dharma!” But I don’t think listening to the dharma is such an easy practice. Even though the Nembutsu teachings say, “Just listen to the dharma,” it is hard for me to just listen to it. “Just listen” means I hear it as it is. However, I sometimes think of other things when I am listening to the Dharma, like lunch or my schedule.

Buddhism provides a teaching for each of us—each person individually and not for the group. So, “Just listen” means how each person hears the teachings of Buddhism. That is why I emphasize, “Please have your own questions about Buddhism and try to find the answers to your questions by listening to the Dharma.”

Let me share the following story.

A minister asked a man, “Why don’t you come to the temple to listen to the Dharma?”

“Sorry, I don’t have time to listen to it. I am so busy at work,” the man replied. “Why are you so busy?” asked the minister.

“I have to work,” answered the man.

“Why do you have to work so hard?” asked the minister.

“Of course, if I don’t work, I cannot eat any more and I will die,” shouted the man.

Then the minister asked the final question to the man.

“Oh, you said if you cannot eat any food, you will die. That tells me if you keep eating the food, you will not die. Is this true?”

“Well, I cannot say I will never die even though I have food,” the man answered.

The minister wanted to tell the man that being “busy” is not a reason that we do not have the time to listen to the teachings. Having food is not perfect salvation to our suffering. The question of how we can live our limited life in our limited time can be found in the teachings. That is why we should listen to the true teachings to solve our problems.

In the book of the teaching of Buddha, “the sun rises in the eastern sky and clears away the darkness of the world without prejudice or favoritism toward any particular region. So Buddha’s compassion encompasses all people, encouraging them to do right and guides them against evil. Thus, he clears away the darkness of ignorance and leads people to enlightenment.”

Listening to the Dharma is preparing ourselves to overcome the problems of life when we have something that we cannot control.

The Eighth Abbot of Hongwanji, Rennyō Shōnin, said, “Don’t give the excuse that I don’t have the time to listen to the Dharma. You should make time for listening to the Dharma.”

So, do not hesitate to come to the temple and please listen carefully to the true teachings with your own questions. In the future, your questions will grow deeper as your understanding grows.

In Gassho,



## President's Report

August was highlighted by active participation every Saturday in the Dharma Light program, which taught the basics of Shin Buddhism led by Dexter Mar, Reverend Hashimoto and Roy Higa. Expecting only 10 or so people as in the past, this topic attracted 25 people. The presentations were very meaningful to all. It reminded me of our continuous learning process and how life mirrors this. No matter how many times you hear the story of Gautama Shakyamuni and Shinran Shonin, there is always something new to learn or realize.



This also reminded me of our shakuhachi workshop with Miyoshi Genzan, and his concert on Sunday, July 30. Accompanied by Francis Okano on the piano, the concert was clearly a very special occasion. There were more than a hundred people who enjoyed the music at the Honpa Social Hall. Genzan-Sensei started learning to play the shakuhachi when he was 5 years old, accompanying his mother who played the koto. His expertise has grown tremendously over the 60 years of playing. He is still learning and teaching. How fortunate we were to have this opportunity! How are we living our lives to share our own experiences with the next generation?

At the Honpa Hongwanji Betsuin service that morning, Rinban (Head Minister) Reverend Toyokazu Hagio gave the Dharma talk. He related a lecture from Professor Masahisa Tabata from Ryukoku University. Prof. Tabata is also a medical doctor and spoke to our ministers association recently about “Shin Buddhist Living and Medicine.” His talk referred to a metaphor of a fertilized egg. If the egg were not fertilized, it would not become a chick. If it didn't receive the warmth and nurturing of its parents, it would not survive. So it is with life.

He mentioned that his daughter had her DNA tested. The results were: 94.1 % Japanese, 3.1% Korean, and 1% Chinese...along with a mixture of many other ethnicities. There are 34 generations in 1000 years. That adds up to 8,589,934,592 ancestors. If any one hadn't survived, his daughter would not have existed. The world has just over 7 billion people...we are all family. We are all destined to be born into the Pure Land. We will return to this delusional world to help everyone else. This is the cycle of life, just as when a chick is hatched, its life is nurtured by so many.

He summarized his talk about life and learning:

- Listen as if for the first time
- Listen for you alone...not for anyone else
- Listen as if it were your last chance for listening

Our Obon service on August 6 featured Rev. Ai Hironaka of Lahaina Hongwanji. He related a very touching story of his first coming to Hawaii, alone and anxious. He felt as a twenty five year old, he was old enough to handle the challenge of a new career, new country, a new home, and a new language...beyond regular English that he learned for 12 years in Japan. His story ended with his realization that despite his youthful confidence, the voice of his mother over the phone broke down all pretense and he truly appreciated his mother's love. This is the feeling he wanted to convey as we think about Amida Buddha and Buddhism. In Buddhism, we are accepted as we are. “Just come home...don't worry.” In Jodo Shinshu, there is no requirement from you. You are welcomed as you are.



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## Rod's Thoughts

### Ga-man!

At our calligraphy (shodo) class, Dan requested to learn the kanji for “Ga-man.” It is a word used several times as part of his discussion group with Dr. Alfred Bloom on Thursdays at Kailua Hongwanji. Of course, I’ve heard the word “Ga-man” a lot growing up, but mostly in reference to the perseverance of those interned during WW II.

As part of the lesson, we analyzed the characters and their meanings separately to understand the underlying thinking that went into creating the word. I noticed that Sensei (Takako) had a reaction to the word initially when Dan mentioned it. Further research showed a multitude of definitions and nuances associated with the two characters. The first character can most accurately be described as “ego.” The second character connotes “suppression.” Both characters have numerous variations in the Japanese language such as “egotism,” “inferiority complex,” “superiority complex,” etc.

Sensei said when she was growing up, she frequently heard “Ga-man” when she asked for something, studying for an exam, even just sitting “seiza” over long periods of time. She mentioned that it is also a Buddhist teaching to take the “Middle Path.” “Suppress your desire,” “Be patient,” or in our vernacular, “Suck it up.” This discipline has been instilled in Japanese children for generations. Sensei says, many of her generation have stopped emphasizing “Ga-man” in their children because of how they felt growing up. The consequence has apparently been a noticeable increase in children acting spoiled, being impolite, and forgetting simple gratitude. She felt that there will probably be a shifting of that pendulum soon.

Of course, I immediately reflected on how my children were raised. Because we traveled and lived all over, being strict with them was not an option. I remember my daughter saying we were the meanest parents of all her friends....and we smiled and said, “we hope so!”

So this past weekend, we went over to my daughter’s home for dinner. When we’re there, we urge that they don’t watch TV or play with their I-pads. After dinner, I was reading to No. 2 when suddenly he jumped up and said, “It’s laundry time!” I walked my son-in-law with a large basket of laundry fresh out of the dryer. All four family members attacked the basket and started folding their own laundry. No. 2’s job was to find all the socks, match and fold them. Needless to say, I was quite impressed! (We had never done anything like that ever when our children were growing up.) I guess that the concept of being part of a family and contributing has been sustained to the next generation.

“Ga-man” is “suppressing the ego,” “perseverance,” “patience,” and “delaying gratification.” With so much technology and material wealth today, how appropriate that “Ga-man” becomes a vital part of how children are raised.

Namo Amida Butsu!

In gassho





## Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani's Visit to WHM

on  
Saturday, September 9, 2017  
at 8:30am

Everyone should take advantage of this rare visit by the Gomonshu who is the Head Spiritual Leader of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Organization. This visit is so rare that many people living in Japan have never seen the Gomonshu so "up close and personal," except on TV. Please bring your children and grandchildren for the opportunity to say "hello" and maybe even shake the hand of the "Gomonshu."

Please be at the temple promptly by 8:30am. Gomonshu will be on a very tight schedule and we must be in place for his arrival at 9:00am. There will be a short service and hopefully, some time to "socialize" before his departure at 9:45am.

Only our President, Rod, will be required to wear a suit. Everyone else is asked to dress appropriately for the occasion. Please no jeans and wear shoes.

Most important, do not forget your montoshikisho and nenju.



## Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission



*Embrace Change: Action (Open  
Communication)*

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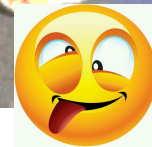
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**Don't  
educate your  
children to  
be rich.  
Educate them  
to be happy,  
so they know  
the value of  
things, not  
the price.**

Fun-filled  
Somen Nagashi  
Day  
July 30, 2017



Catch the somen noodles as it makes its way down the bamboo tubing and fill your bowls using your slippery chopsticks!!



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Josh Hernandez-Morse, headmaster of Pacific Buddhist Academy, shared a story of his younger brother, Nathan, on August 13. He grew up in Cave Junction, Oregon, a very small town of 1800 people. When Nathan was twelve, he was assigned the job of splitting the logs for firewood for the winter. His hands blistered and it was painful, but no one was allowed to help him. This talk was a lesson in gratitude. It's easy to be thankful when given a gift; it's not so easy to think and be thankful for the hard lessons in life as you're growing up. Buddhism teaches us to be grateful always, as each moment, good or challenging, presents us with a life lesson, and we grow with that experience.

Thank you for all the generous contributions to the temple and especially for our Capital Campaign! The month of September will be another very eventful happening with the Gomonsu, head of our Nishi Hongwanji, visiting Wahiawa on September 9. Please come and be part of the celebration!

Namo Amida Butsu!

In gassho,



**Free**  
**"Kuruma Ningyo" Puppetry Exhibition**  
(Former Mililani student working in New York brings it home!)



In Japan, Master Koryu Nishikawa V is the Fifth Generation Master of a 160-year old Kuruma Ningyo Puppetry tradition in Hachioji. He is coming to Hawaii to share his craft in Mililani because he is teaming up with former Mililani student, Tom Lee, a successful puppeteer on Broadway. The public is invited to a free exhibition:

DATE: Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017

TIME: 4:00 – 5:30 PM

PLACE: Mililani Hongwanji

RSVP for reservations by Sept 4<sup>th</sup> to Rene Mansho.

Ph: 291-6151; email: [renemansho@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:renemansho@hawaii.rr.com)

Please stay to talk story with Master Koryu after this unique Japanese puppetry demonstration.

Remember to call for reservations, and it's FREE!

The Buddha was asked,  
"Are you a god?" "No,"  
answered the Buddha.  
"Then are you a  
healer?" "No," Buddha  
replied. "Then are you a  
teacher?" the student  
persisted. "No, I am not  
a teacher." "Then what  
are you?" asked the  
student, exasperated. "I  
am awake," the Buddha  
replied.



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Sunday, September 17, 2017  
Mililani Hongwanji  
(95-257 Kaloapau Street)  
9am

Light refreshments to follow with fellowship and  
Q&A with Mr. Stambul.

Please RSVP as a temple to David Fujimoto at 625-0925  
by September 6, 2017

Each temple is invited to provide  
refreshments.

If you're interested in:



Yoga  
with Karen Hirai

Time: 9:30-10:30am

Place: Social Hall

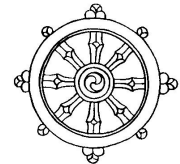
When: Wednesdays:

- ❖ Sept 20 & 27
- ❖ Oct 4, 11, & 18
- ❖ Nov 1 & 8
- ❖ Dec 6 & 18

Take a break remainder of 2017.  
Will be back in 2018.



## BWA News



**Blood Drive.** Thank you BWA ladies and Barry Chun for your help with this project. Some facts: 24 donors registered, 2 were first time donors, and 21 units of blood were collected. One first-time donor was our very own Kano Hashimoto--only 16 yrs old--but donated with permission from her parents. Way to go Kano!! Thank you very much and hope that you will bring some of your friends to the next blood drive.

**Tsuito-E Service** is Sunday, October 1, at 10:00am. Guest speaker will be BWA Federation President, Irene Nakamoto. This service honors all BWA ladies who came before us. Invitations will be going out to all families of those members being honored. All current BWA members are also asked to be present to honor those who paved the way for us. Lunch will be served following this special service.

**Next Meeting** is Saturday, September 9, immediately following Gomonshu's visit. Luncheon at Gyotaku Restaurant after the meeting. Those not signed up yet should call 392.3253 immediately to reserve your seat.



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