

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM PACIFIC BUDDHIST ACADEMY

Dear Hongwanji Members:

We have just received news that could make a big difference in Hawaii's Hongwanji community for generations! Pacific Buddhist Academy has been awarded a \$1.5 million capital improvement project grant by The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, one of the largest private foundations in the nation. We are thrilled by this honor.

The generosity of the Weinberg Foundation brings PBA and our school community a giant step closer to a new school building. The new facility will house features such as a science lab and tea ceremony room which will promote and enhance the learning experiences of PBA students while expanding their cultural understanding. With additional classrooms, PBA will also be able to touch the lives of more students.

The Hongwanji community has provided PBA with its wholehearted support for the past 11 years, for which we are deeply grateful. The "Bodhi Day Walk for Peace" led by the ministers of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii raised community awareness about PBA and our capital campaign. We also sincerely appreciate the kindness and generous donations and pledges that PBA has received from the Hongwanji community. Your support -- in words and actions -- has been very meaningful. As we continue to move closer toward our Capital Campaign fundraising goal, we are hopeful that we can continue to count on you for your support. We will keep you updated with the latest news as progress is made.

Since our humble beginnings in 2003 with just 14 students, PBA has steadily grown to become a truly transformative college preparatory experience, a place where students thrive academically, socially and spiritually. We are proud to say every one of our PBA graduates has been accepted to a college or university, and some are just beginning what will be fulfilling careers in the service of others. Thank you for helping us put "high school in a whole new light" and being part of our students' success.

With gratitude,

Joel Determan
Chair, Board of Trustees
Pacific Buddhist Academy

Artist's preliminary vision of new building



JINJI – MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Rev. Blayne Higa has been relieved from the position of the Minister's Aide (Kaikyoshi-ho), and assigned as a part-time Assisting Minister to Moiliili Hongwanji Mission under State Headquarters with daily supervision provided by the Resident Minister of Moiliili Hongwanji Mission, Rev. Bert Sumikawa effective July 1, 2014.

Rev. Bruce Nakamura, the Resident Minister of Lihue Hongwanji Mission, will be assigned to Kona Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister effective September 1, 2014.

Rev. Kazunori Takahashi, the Resident Minister of Kapaa Hongwanji Mission, will be assigned to Lihue Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister effective September 1, 2014. Rev. Takahashi will be overseeing Kapaa Hongwanji Mission until the new Resident Minister will be assigned there.

CONDOLENCES

Mr. Patrick Shunji Masutomi, a member of Kona Hongwanji Mission, passed away on June 11, 2014. Mr. Masutomi served as the President of Kona Hongwanji Mission from 1998 to 2001. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of AN-NON-IN 安穩院 was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto and presented at the Funeral Service. "AN-NON" means "most peaceful and tranquil one" which is taken from "Hymn in Praise of the Buddha" in which Amida Buddha promises "Those who come from the ten quarters shall rejoice with pure hearts; Once they reach my (Pure) land, they shall dwell in peace and happiness."

Mr. Richard Hiroshi Zukemura, a member of Jikoen Hongwanji Mission, passed away on June 28, 2014. Mr. Zukemura served as the President of Jikoen Hongwanji Mission from 1992 to 1996 and from 2001 to 2002. He has also served as Hawaii Kyodan Assistant Treasurer from 1992 to 1993, Hawaii Kyodan Treasurer from 1994 to 2000, Hawaii Kyodan Assistant Treasurer from 2001 to 2004, and Hawaii Kyodan Honorary Advisor from 2008 to 2014. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of Nyu-Zen-In 柔善院 was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto and presented at the Funeral Service. "Nyu-Zen" means "Gentle Virtue" in recognition of his caring and gentle ways and his significant dedication and contributions to Jikoen Hongwanji Mission and Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

Mrs. Motoe Tada, a member of Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin, passed away on July 5, 2014. Mrs. Tada has served as the President of Hilo Betsuin's BWA, President of Hawaii United BWA, and Hilo Betsuin Kyodan Board. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of Mon-Ko-In 聞光院 was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto and presented at the Funeral Service. MON-KO-IN "One who comprehends the Buddha's Light" which is taken from Hymn of the Pure Land, "The Light shines everywhere ceaselessly; Thus Amida is called "Buddha of Uninterrupted Light." Because beings hear and apprehend this power of Light, Their mindfulness (entrusting) is enduring and they attain birth (in the Pure Land).

INVITATION TO THE "A-BOMBS EXHIBIT FOR PEACE"

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Secretary & Coordinator of "A-bombs Exhibit for Peace"

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Today, I'd like to inform you of our upcoming event, "A-bombs Exhibit for Peace: ~Face the Past to Heal the Present~" to be held in October at Palolo Hongwanji. The organizer is "Hawai'i Conference of Religions for Peace (HCRP)", a Honolulu's non-profit, interfaith dialogue to which I belong for the past 9 years as a volunteer. HCRP's commitment is to have held annual "Peace Prayer" gathering where we invite many religious representatives from 16 different faith traditions for them to meet and offer prayer for peace for 21 years. There are 32 co-sponsors and supporters of the exhibition, which include Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i. Students of Hongwanji Mission School as well as Pacific Buddhist Academy already have been invited in a form of excursion.

Since I was born in Nagasaki and am a second generation of A-bomb survivors, I initiated this peace project under HCRP. This program will be slightly different from other exhibits of this kind. We focus on education, especially for young generation, not only by bringing war-related materials but also by introducing practical approaches to inner peace creation and daily maintenance. The reason is because after a long search for true meaning of peace, I've realized that without having peace within, we are able to make and use any powerful weapons in the future. The human inner maturity, therefore, is a must for global peace, I believe.

Please attend this Admission Free educational event with your family and friends; help spread the word among your associates also. The program is open to the public, totally educational, and non-political. Schools & colleges excursions are welcome; reservation is still open. For details, please visit our Websites/Facebook or write email to the address below. Thank you very much for your support for peace.

Place: Palolo Hongwanji – Inner Temple
1641 Palolo Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96816
(808) 732-1491
Ample Parking Available

Date: Saturday, October 18 – Sunday, October 26 (9 Days)
Time: Monday – Saturday (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.); Sunday (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
Opening Ceremony: Oct. 18 (Sat) at 10 a.m. at Social Hall (Downstairs)
Keynote Speech by Hiroshima A-bomb Survivor
Closing “Peace Prayer” Ceremony: Oct. 26 (Sun) from 4 to 6 p.m. at Inner Temple
Refreshments to Follow at Social Hall

STATE DHARMA EDUCATOR'S CONFERENCE

The Dharma School Teachers of Oahu District will be hosting the State Dharma Educator's Conference on October 11-12, 2014 at Ala Moana Hotel. The theme of this conference is “Engage! The Dharma” and the goals of the conference are engaging various segments of our population: young people, eager learners of the Dharma, and temple leaders, planning for the future is an important link for the fruition of your ideas, and spreading of Buddhism and Mindfulness to further the concept of Peace. For more information and registration, please see the attached packet. The deadline for registration is August 15, 2014.

PBA STUDENTS PARTICIPATE RSG SEMINAR

Ryukoku Sogo Gakuen will be holding the 62nd Religious Education Seminar at Honzan Hongwanji on August 3-5, 2014 and three students from Pacific Buddhist Academy (Chaperone: Mr. Alan Kubota) will travel to Japan to participate in the seminar. The objective of this seminar is to provide religious education to the students of Ryukoku Sogo Gakuen schools, and to develop the sense of awareness as the students of Sogo Gakuen by participating in the various programs with fellow students from other schools. The theme of this year's seminar is “Let us reflect the “path” that we walk together”, and the students will have a discussion on “What do you study at the Buddhist High School?”

BWA EXCHANGE STUDENT

The BWA Student Exchange program was first inaugurated in 1971 as one of the approved World Buddhist Women's Convention resolutions. This year Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations will be hosting one girl from Japan from July 29 through August 6.