



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

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DONATION FROM JODO SHINSHU HONGWANJI-HA

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii recently received a funding assistance of fifty million Japanese Yen (JPY 50,000,000) from the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha for the undertaking of the Pacific Buddhist Academy's new school building.

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha recently launched the Comprehensive Advancement Project (宗門総合振興計画) which will be executed for 10 accounting years from June 1, 2015 through March 31, 2025 to enrich and promote our organization on the occasions of the Commemoration Services of Transmission of Jodo Shinshu tradition in 2016-2017, the 850th Anniversary of the birth of Shinran Shonin, and the 800th Anniversary of the establishment of Jodo Shinshu in 2023.

One major focus of the Advancement Project is “contributing to the general welfare of society based on the spirit of Buddhism” (仏教の精神に基づく社会への貢献) and, as part of this effort in the Overseas Districts or internationally, this funding assistance of JPY 50,000,000 to PBA for the year 2015 was disbursed recently.

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and Pacific Buddhist Academy are truly grateful for the strong support from the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha.

15th WORLD BUDDHIST WOMEN'S CONVENTION

Theme: *Embraced by the Oneness of Life*

The Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Women's Federation hosted the 15th World Buddhist Women's Convention in Calgary, AB Canada, on May 30-31, 2015 at the Telus Convention Center. There were delegates of Buddhist women from five World Districts—Japan, Buddhist Churches of America, South America, Canada, and Hawaii—totaling 2,000 in attendance.

The Hawaii Federation of the Buddhist Women's Associations was led by Honorary Federation President Tamayo Matsumoto, Federation President Janet H. Honda, Federation First Vice President Irene Nakamoto, Honorary Advisor Bishop Eric Matsumoto, and Minister Advisor Rev. Shindo Nishiyama. There were approximately 100 Hawaii BWA members, relatives, and friends who attended this World Convention. Hawaii's ministers who also attended the Convention were Rev. Tatsuo Muneto, Rev. Jeffrey Soga, Rev. Ai Hironaka, Rev. Tomo Hojo, Rev. David Nakamoto, Rev. Mariko Nishiyama, Rev. Bert Sumikawa, Rev. Jan Youth, and Rev. Shigeaki Fujitani.

Gomonshu-sama Kojun Ohtani of Honzan along with Governor of Hongwanji, Rev. Gyobun Fujino, was among the many dignitaries. Lady Ruzumi Ohtani was unable to attend the Convention but sent a congratulatory message.

There were two keynote speakers: Rev. Nana Yanase of Kyo On Ji Temple in Nara Prefecture, and Rev. Patricia Kanaya Usuki of the San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple in California. Both gave powerful

speeches and listening to their speeches brought many audience members to tears. We have requested Canada Federation for their speeches so that we can share with everyone in Hawaii.

On the Panel of Speakers, Hawaii was represented by Lois Toyama of Jikoen Temple who spoke on how Buddhism helped her to make decisions in her career and personal life. Lois also talked about the teachings on non-dualistic thinking that helped embrace her life more fully.

On Saturday, May 30th, the Convention opened with a Processional which included Hawaii's representatives, Tamayo Matsumoto and Janet Honda, as they carried a candle and flowers for offertory.

Also, for Hawaii's entertainment on Saturday, 25 BWA ladies danced the hula to the music "Lullaby for Children of the World". Thank you to Irene Nakamoto who coordinated the group and Doris Oshiro who taught the hula to the group.

On Sunday, May 31st, before the World Buddhist Women's Association General Meeting, Janet Honda and Irene Nakamoto participated in the White Hat Ceremony and received certificates entitling them as Honorary Calgarians.

The Pacific Buddhist Academy sold hikari onenjus and the orange eyelash leis during the Convention and these items were a hit! Thank you to Fred Nonaka, Alton Miyamoto, and Pieper Toyama who as top salesmen with their winning smiles and personalities sold many items to support the Pacific Buddhist Academy.

The Hawaii Federation BWA would like to thank all the BWA members, relatives, and friends who attended this awesome 15th World Buddhist Women's Convention. A special thank you to JTB Hawaii for their assistance in all the travel arrangements. And lastly, our deepest Gratitude and a big MAHALO to Chair Susan Huntley and Canada Women's Federation for all their planning, production, and hospitality in hosting the 15th World Buddhist Women's Convention!

The 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention will be held on August 30-September 1, 2019 at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis Hotel. Theme: *Live the Nembutsu*. (www.wbwconvention.com The 16th WBW Convention website is not quite ready; so stay tuned.) The Buddhist Churches of America BWA will be the official host. Let's plan on attending this World Convention!



WAILUKU HONGWANJI BWA CELEBRATES ITS 110TH ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, July 5, 2015, the Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association celebrated its 110th Anniversary. It was founded in March 1905 as the Wailuku Hongwanji Bukkyo Fujinkai during the term of the second resident minister, Reverend Tessen Funakara.

Throughout its one hundred ten year history, the women of the BWA have supported the temple, youth, and community in various ways. Its members continue to perform hosha duties and prepare the food for special services and activities. The BWA supplies manpower for Kyodan fundraisers and contributes generously to temple needs and projects. To commemorate the 110th Anniversary, a gift of \$10,000 was made for the Social Hall Renovation Project to install new sliding doors. The BWA donates funds to youth organizations such as the Jr. YBA, Boy Scouts, and Pacific Buddhist Academy, and annually presents awards to Dharma School teachers. BWA members visit adult care facilities at Hale Makua, Kula Hospital, and Roselani Place to present lap blankets and wheelchair and catheter bags sewn by its sewing bee ladies.

A special service officiated by Bishop Eric Matsumoto, assisted by the resident Minister, Reverend Shinkai Murakami and Reverend Richard Tennes of Kahului Hongwanji was held to commemorate the 110th Anniversary. A celebratory brunch honoring the keirokai members followed the service.



Thirty-one keirokai, ranging in age from 80 to 105 years, were recognized and thanked for their years of dedication and service to the organization. They have created a legacy which will be continued by a new generation of women dedicated to supporting the temple sangha and community.

PEACE ON YOUR WINGS - The Honolulu Encore Performance

Dear Bishop Eric Matsumoto, State President Pieper Toyama and the HHMH Sangha & Friends,

Ohana Arts warmly invites the members of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii to attend the Encore Performances of *Peace On Your Wings* to be held on Thursday through Sunday, August 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2015, 7:00 pm on Thur., Fri. and Sat. and 2:00 pm on Sat. and Sun. at the Hawaii Theatre.

This encore show will have newly designed sets, choreography, and lighting and commemorates the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Sadako Sasaki's brother, Masahiro and his son, Yuji Sasaki, a well-known singer in Japan, will be here in Hawaii, as a guest of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Plans are for them to attend the Saturday 2:00 pm. and 7:00 pm and Sunday 2:00 pm shows.

Ticket prices are: \$35, \$25 and \$15(student). Hawaii Theatre then adds on an additional Theatre Restoration Fee of \$3 per ticket, so each ticket then becomes \$38, \$28 and \$18 (student and children).

We recommend that ticket purchasers call by phone or visit Hawaii Theatre to order and purchase their tickets. Hawaii Theatre Box Office is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Their phone number is (808) 528-0506 and their address is 1130 Bethel Street, Honolulu, HI 96817. Tickets purchased by phone or in person at the box office will incur only the Theatre Restoration fee of \$3. Tickets can be held at Will Call or mailed to customers at no extra cost.

Tickets may also be ordered on line at www.hawaiitheatre.com. Online tickets do incur additional charges of a **\$4.50 per ticket "Convenience Fee"** as well as a **\$4.50 per order fee, in addition to the \$3 Theatre Restoration Fee.**

We look forward to seeing many temple members at our exciting encore performances!

Gail Taira (Ohana Arts Board Member and Volunteer)

2015 Lighting Our Way Banquet: Save the Date!

Pacific Buddhist Academy's annual Lighting Our Way Banquet will be held Friday, October 2, at the Waiālae Country Club at 5 p.m. This year's honorees include Satoru Abe, one of Hawaii's best known sculptors and painters; Frederick Nonaka, Hawaii Island landscaper and first Board Chair of PBA; Dr. Robert Peters, early childhood educator and former Head of School at Hanahauoli; and L. Candy Suiso, creator of the successful Searider Productions at Waianae High School. Please stay tuned for further details. For more information, please call 808-532-2649, or write rudiger.ruckmann@pbahi.org

6th ANNUAL PEACE WALK

Join us in remembering the **70th anniversary** of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Japan and the 10th anniversary of the 1600-mile pilgrimage of three Buddhist monks to save humanity from the cycle of nuclear destruction by returning the atomic flame to Trinity, New Mexico. Walk from the Hongwanji Buddhist Temple to the Nagasaki Peace Bell Memorial at Honolulu Hale (1 mile) to express our gratitude for a year without nuclear aggression and hope for continued nuclear peace.

Sunday, August 9th at 5pm @ Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI

SCHEDULE

3 PM – Movie showing of “GATE”, 5 PM – Welcoming Remarks, 5:30 PM – Walk Begins
6:30 PM – Aspiration and Ringing of the Peace Bell

DHARMA SCHOOL CAMP AT KOKE’E HONGWANJI CAMP

The Waipahu Hongwanji and Kauai United Dharma School camp was held from June 12 - 14 at Koke’e Hongwanji Camp. 33 students, parents, ministers and volunteers attended the camp and did fun activities such as the Wailua river boat ride, temples visitation, BBQ, and swimming at the Poipu Beach etc. There was also a Dharma school service project in which the students practiced the Vandana & Ti-Sarana and together led its chanting at the joint Sunday Service on June 14. The students also shared their camp experience at the Sunday Service. One of the participants mentioned to her father, “Dad, I made new friends in Kauai even though they are little older than me.”



2015 YBICSE

A group of YBICSE departed from Honolulu to Japan on July 12 to attend the Honzan’s official program that will be held from July 15 to 23. The group will be chaperoned by Rev. Ai Hironaka and Mrs. Debbie Kubota.

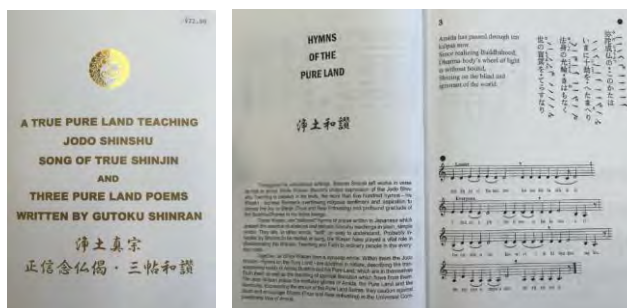
The office of the Bishop would like to express our deepest appreciation to the Hongwanji members, YBICSE participants and their families, Honzan, and many other individuals for their support and cooperation to this program.



HQ BOOKSTORE UPDATE

HQ Bookstore is now selling third-printed white Wasan book, “A TRUE PURE LAND TEACHING JODO SHINSHU and THREE PURE LAND POEMS WRITTEN BY GUTOKU SHINRAN” (\$22.00). Wasan is a collection of Japanese poems written by Shinran Shonin.

This White Wasan Book is mainly used for daily chanting of Shoshinge & Wasan. This book was first printed in 1999 by Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii in order to meet the needs of ministers and members who brought up with English as their native language. Through this book you will know how to read Japanese by Roman alphabet and how to chant the sutra by music note. Moreover you can read its English meaning on the same page. As we reprinted this third edition, we had reviewed its contents and some errors or mistyping were corrected.



If you would like to purchase this white Wasan book, please contact Yoshiko at HQ Bookstore. Call (808)522-9202 or e-mail hqbooks@honpahi.org.

ONE DHARMA: WHAT MAKES YOU BUDDHIST

This was the theme for the 58th Jr. YBA State Convention hosted by United of Oahu on June 19-21, 2015 at Aiea Hongwanji and the Pagoda Hotel. The weekend was filled with workshops (Pieper Toyama’s “Gratitude” workshop, Zumba and Ministers’ Panel), an exciting auction (proceeds went to the Minister’s Training Fund) and business meetings. It all lead up to the evening’s dinner/awards banquet with special guest speaker Colleen Hanabusa.

Congratulations to all 2015 Convention Contest winners:

<i>Mr. & Miss Jr. YBA Oratorical</i>	Ty Yamamoto (Oahu) & Akane Kimura (Oahu) 1 st Place: Alia Fukumoto (Honolulu) 2 nd Place: Kano Hashimoto (Oahu)
<i>Art</i>	1 st Place: Randi Shioi (Honolulu) 2 nd Place: Kenji Suzuki (Oahu)
<i>Essay</i>	1 st Place: Sheera Tamura (Honolulu) 2 nd Place: Allyson Kuwana (Honolulu) 3 rd Place: Koji Suzuki (Oahu)
<i>Model United</i>	The United of Oahu

Every year, United Advisors recognize hard working and committed Jr. YBA members. Congratulations to the following 2015 Outstanding Jr. YBA recipients:

<i>Hawaii:</i>	Michael Gusman, Kelsey Katayama, Shawn Mori
<i>Honolulu:</i>	Alia Fukumoto, Randi Shioi, Sheera Tamura
<i>Kauai:</i>	Mie Miller, Shawna Ogata, Melia Okura
<i>Maui:</i>	Rip Pahukoa, Brennen Wells, Layke Yamauchi
<i>Oahu:</i>	Kano Hashimoto, Katelyn Otani, Ty Yamamoto

Jacob Chang was also recognized for his outstanding job as the Youth Specialist. After seven years in this position he will be moving on to another career. Jacob, you will be missed and we wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Congratulations and Mahalo to the United of Oahu Convention Committee for putting on a successful convention!

Musical Notes
A publication of the HMMH Office of Buddhist Education
Music Committee
July 2015 Issue is now available.
Please visit:
<http://www.hongwanjihawaii.com/music/newsletter/>